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ALTAR FLOWERS:

The Millick family, in celebration of Andrew's birthday.

Bunny Ashcraft and family, in memory of John.

ELDERS:

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lisa Decker, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Lynn Ingram, Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett, Joe Smits

Class of 2011—Ron Gingrich, Sue Vitale, Tom Lawall, Jim Millick

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Class of 2011—Darlene Dourney, Zona Farmer, Don Piper, Hank Rath

**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2009
10:30 AM**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of kindness, inspire us to reach out to our sisters and brothers. Inspire us to remake systems that wound your children. In doing justice and loving kindness, may we walk humbly with you in the ways of peace. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE: *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME

*SONG FOR ASSEMBLY: *"For Surely I Know the Plans"*

Come gather my friends and see,
The Fruits of the Spirit lived out:
As we see Jesus in One and all,
We rise to administer grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, thank you for your Spirit which sustains our world,
for connecting us more surely than any world wide web,
for binding us together more closely than any cable could.

**THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE CHURCH WITH ALL ITS
DENOMINATIONS,
WITH ITS PEOPLE OF EVERY COLOR, NATION, AND CULTURE.**

Thank you for beautiful music of languages and our ability to learn them.
Thank you for the beauty of worship in many forms.

THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTY OF THIS WORLD WHICH FEEDS OUR SOULS.

Thank you for the beauty of compassion which moves us to action
when we see our brothers and sisters in need,
whether they be next door or on the other side of the globe.

**MAY WE, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, JOIN WITH PEOPLE AROUND THE
WORLD
TO PRAISE YOU AS WE SHARE BREAD AND CUP TOGETHER.**

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*HYMN #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all thing so wondrously reigneth.

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustainteth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

FORGIVING GOD, WE CONFESS WE ARE A FEARFUL PEOPLE. TOO OFTEN, WE WALK THROUGH THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR WORLD AFRAID THERE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR US. ON OUR JOURNEY WE COVET WHAT LITTLE OUR NEIGHBORS MAY HAVE. RATHER THAN WORKING AND PRAYING WITH OUR PARTNERS TO SPREAD THE JOY AND THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND AROUND THE WORLD, WE OFTEN HOARD THE GOOD THINGS YOU HAVE GIVEN US. RATHER THAN DEVELOP CARING AND PRAYERFUL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG OURSELVES AND THOSE WITH WHOM WE MINISTER, WE GIVE IN TO OUR FEARS AND MAKE IDOLS OF SCARCITY AND WANT, AS IF OUR FEARS, RATHER THAN YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL. HAVE MERCY ON US. GENTLY EASE OUR GRIP, AND OPEN OUR HANDS AND OUR EYES, SO THAT WE, TRUSTING IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, MAY WALK HAND IN HAND WITH OTHERS AS WE SEEK TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE PRAY IN JESUS' NAME.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #572: KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #592: DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

MATTHEW 5:17-19—¹⁷ ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 8:2-10

²Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. ³He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

HYMN #333: “Seek Ye First”

Matthew 6:33

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, alleluia!

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not

much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

SERMON: *"Gifts Given to Do What?"*

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY: *"Invitation to the Table"*

MARY KAY BEALL

Senior Choir Anthem

*DEDICATION HYMN: *"Freely, Freely"*

Freely, freely, you have received. Freely, freely give.

Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.

*PEACEMAKING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, who fed your people manna in the wilderness, who sent Jesus Christ to show us your way, and who, by your Spirit, leads us still;

GUIDE OUR FEET IN THE WAY OF PEACE.

Send us to tell that you are the God above all false gods, the only source of hope and security.

GUIDE OUR FEET IN THE WAY OF PEACE.

Send us to bear witness to the oneness of the human family around the world.

GUIDE OUR FEET IN THE WAY OF PEACE.

Send us to witness to the strength of your love.

GUIDE OUR FEET IN THE WAY OF PEACE.

ALL: BLESS THE GIFTS FOR PEACEMAKING WE OFFER THIS MORNING; AND IN ALL THAT WE DO, IN ALL THAT WE SAY, KEEP US FAITHFUL AS WE TRAVEL ON TOWARD YOUR FUTURE. O GOD, GUIDE OUR FEET IN THE WAY OF PEACE; THE WAY OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER. AMEN.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHGUIDING VISION OF FAITH CHURCH

WE HAVE GOD, CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS. WE ARE CALLED TO OPEN OUR EYES AND OUR HEARTS TO CHRIST, AND TO JOURNEY WITH HIM ON THE ROAD FROM EMMAUS. THE ROAD WE TAKE IS A PRAYERFUL ONE; IT IS A ROAD OF DISCOVERY AND SURPRISE. IT IS WALKED HAND-IN-HAND WITH OTHERS.

WE ARE INCLUSIVE OF ALL WHO TRAVEL ON THE ROAD AND ALL WHO SEEK TO JOIN US. TOGETHER, WE JOYFULLY PRAISE GOD AND PASSIONATELY SEEK GOD'S WORD AND WILL FOR US. WE ARE CONTINUALLY LEARNING, SHARING AND SINGING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG.

WE WORK AND PRAY WITH OUR PARTNERS TO SPREAD THE JOY AND THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL, BOTH IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND AROUND THE WORLD. AS WE DEVELOP CARING AND PRAYERFUL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH THOSE WITH WHOM WE MINISTER, OUR WAY IS LIT BY “GOD SIGHTINGS” – THE UNEXPECTED WAYS IN WHICH WE ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGHOUT OUR DAY. AS WE SERVE GOD, WE BEGIN TO LIVE GOD’S WORD AND WILL. WE SEEK TO KNOW GOD’S VOICE, TO HEAR GOD’S SONG, AND TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. WE STRIVE TO LEAVE THE PATH WE TRAVEL WELL-LIT AND INVITING TO OTHERS.

AS WE TRAVEL, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES ALONG THE WAY. WE GIVE OF OUR TIME, OUR TALENT AND OUR TREASURES. WE GIVE WITH JOY, AS JESUS TAUGHT. AS WE GIVE, OUR HEARTS ARE LIGHTENED AND ONCE AGAIN, A NEW SONG POURS FORTH.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ROAD IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, AND ARE EAGER TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING ALONG THE WAY. KNOWING OUR OWN BROKENNESS, WE CRY WITH THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVED, SHARE WITH THOSE WHO ARE BURDENED, ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE FEARFUL. WE LIFT ONE ANOTHER UP IN OUR JOURNEYS, AND LOOK AHEAD TO THE TIME WE CAN SING JOYFULLY TOGETHER ONCE MORE.

WE WALK HAND IN HAND WITH JESUS CHRIST, IN WHOM WE FIND STRENGTH. HIS STRENGTH GIVES US THE COURAGE TO BE HONEST, TO SHARE OUR STRUGGLES AND FEARS WITH ONE ANOTHER, TO LIVE INTO HOPE AND CONTINUE FORWARD ON THE ROAD TO CLAIM THE JOY, GRACE AND PEACE THAT IS OURS THROUGH HIM. WE DARE TO EMBARK ON THIS JOURNEY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WITH GOD, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN WE CAN EVER IMAGINE. (EPHESIANS 3:20)

*HYMN #513: *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The custom at Faith Church is to hold the Bread and Cup until every one is served, and partake of it together.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

On this day of World Communion Sunday, Matthew 8:11 tells us that "people will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God." This table set before us does not belong to anyone but the Lord. All who believe in God and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to come and eat with Christ and all his people.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to save us and redeem us, and be the messenger of your will.

PEOPLE: HE IS YOUR WORD, INSEPARABLE FROM YOU, THROUGH WHOM YOU MADE ALL THINGS AND IN WHOM YOU TAKE DELIGHT.

Leader: We praise you, O Lord, for how you sent him from heaven into Mary's womb, where he was conceived, and took flesh.

PEOPLE: BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE VIRGIN, HE WAS REVEALED TO US AS YOUR SON.

Leader: Jesus walked among the people, healing the sick, tending the brokenhearted and teaching others the kingdom of God.

PEOPLE: HE ALSO TAUGHT US TO LIBERATE THE OPPRESSED, STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO FACE INJUSTICE, AND LIVE IN THE WAYS OF PEACE.

Leader: We thank you for how, in fulfillment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering those who place their hope in you.

PEOPLE: IN DOING SO, HE WON FOR YOU A HOLY PEOPLE.

Leader: We recall, O God, how of his own free choice, Jesus was handed over to his passion in order to make an end of death, to shatter the chains of the evil one, and to trample underfoot the powers of hell.

PEOPLE: WE THANK YOU FOR HOW HE GAVE HIMSELF TO LEAD US INTO YOUR LIGHT, TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES OF DEATH, AND TO MANIFEST THE RESURRECTION.

Leader: With gratitude and thanks we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with people of faith from all times and places, for you alone are holy.

**SING: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: By your Spirit make us one in Christ, so we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. We thank you Holy Spirit, for all the ways you help us to know who you are calling us to be. Help us to walk together the journey of discipleship in every circumstance of our lives.

On this World Communion Sunday hear our prayers for ...

As your people, your body, your church, sent to minister in the world, may we proclaim your justice, joy and peace and walk with others as we build your kingdom in the world.

PEOPLE: THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ALL HONOR AND GLORY ARE YOURS ALMIGHTY FATHER, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Leader: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given God thanks and praise, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my body given for you.

In the same way, when the supper had ended, he took the cup, and again gave God thanks and praise, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this, remembering me.

(It is the custom of Faith Church to hold the Bread and Cup until everyone is served, and to join in it together. When all have received the Bread the pastor will offer the ancient Hebrew blessing for the bread. When all have received the Cup the pastor will offer the ancient Hebrew blessing for the Cup.)

Leader: Having been fed by Christ, we pray the kingdom prayer of Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying,

ALL: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY, OUR DAILY BREAD; AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

Leader: God you are our hope and our joy, we thank you for feeding us and for hearing our joys and concerns. Your Son, Jesus said, "Peace be with you, my peace I leave with you." Guide us by your Holy Spirit that we may have wisdom and courage to work for peace and reconciliation in the world. Let us begin by standing now and offering one another the Peace of Christ.

*CLOSING HYMN #433 *"There's a Spirit in the Air"*
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7

*There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere;
"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world."*

*Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!*

*When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.*

*When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home;
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.*

*There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere;
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.*

*CHARGE

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into your hands.

PEOPLE: TAKE US, RENEW US, REMAKE US. WHAT WE HAVE BEEN IS PAST; WHAT WE SHALL BE, THROUGH YOU STILL AWAITS US. LEAD US ON. TAKE US WITH YOU.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Sent to Share the Spirit's Blessing"*

*POSTLUDE: *"We All Believe in One True God"*

Those who are able are invited to stand.

Latecomers may be seated at this time

COMMUNION NOTES

This morning we continue the practice of including children throughout the entire worship service including Communion. Parents have the responsibility to determine when their children are ready to receive this Sacrament.

Announcements

This morning in worship...

During worship this morning, we are using the **Guiding Vision for Faith Presbyterian Church**. This vision statement is the result of several years of prayer, and Bible study, as well as conversations and interaction with the congregation. A draft was presented earlier this year. In response to comments and feedback during our summer 'Vision Reflection' gatherings, several changes were made to clarify the statement from a faith perspective. In the coming months we will continue to pray about and live into this vision statement, as we learn how to continually discern God's will. Since we will always be listening for God's new word to us, this vision statement is dated September 2009, reflecting the word we have heard as of this time.



Pastor on leave

Roberta will be on leave for Interim Training from tomorrow through October 12. For pastoral needs between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on a Monday through Thursday, contact the church office—610-967-5600.

After hours, please contact Carolyn Baittinger, Moderator of Deacons—610-967-2858; or Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session—610-966-0897, who will make the appropriate connections.



Alpha Choir Rehearsal

The next rehearsal for the Alpha Choir will be on Sunday, October 18, at 11:45 am in Room 7.

Please contact Eleanor Focht with any questions or concerns, at (610) 782-9386 or at eeforgan@aol.com.



Church Secretary on vacation

The church secretary will be on vacation next week. If you have notes for her, please leave them in her mailbox in the church office. She will be back in the office on Monday, October 12.

Activity at the DevonHouse

Attention Parents: Our next visit to the DevonHouse is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 10:00 AM. Our visiting schedule is the first Wednesday of every even numbered month.

The DevonHouse is an Assisted Living facility located at 1930 Bevin Drive in Allentown (behind Perkins, next to the South Mall). This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to visit with the older members of our community, and also for the older members of our community to visit with our children!

If you and your children are interested in participating in this visit, please contact Ann Lowell (610) 398-8267.



First Thursdays Sunrise Devotional

Join us the first Thursday of each month, at 6:30 am in the parlor, for a brief devotional to start the day. There is no commitment to attend every month. Drop in if you need prayer, support or just want to try it out. The group meets at 6:30 am sharp and closes promptly at 7:00 am.

Come if you have a question about your faith, want to talk more about Sunday's sermon, are wondering about something, or need prayer or support. For questions see Janie Slamon or Louise Schaefer. **Next meeting, November 5, at 6:30 am.**



Lend a Hand—Give a Can

The Mission Committee is extending the food drive thru Thanksgiving. During this difficult economic time, there are even more families in need. Please consider adding a few canned goods when you shop this week and bring them into Church. All donations are now being delivered to the Emmaus Food Bank.



Daybreak – October 12

Needed: 1-2 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each. If you can help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Cookies need to be in the church kitchen by noon.

Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The rewards of helping with this Mission service cannot be measured. Daybreak is a drop-in center for people recovering from mental illness. Donations of homemade cookies are always welcome, even preferred. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated. *NOTE: Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them.* Drop them off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 2:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, speak to Barbara Newman (610-967-3682) or Jean Scott (610-966-5487). Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others."

There is another way you can help Daybreak!

Travel-sized toiletries are needed, shampoo, conditioner, etc., like the ones you get at a hotel. Note cards are also needed. Those who would like to donate can do so by placing items in the box in Fellowship Hall.

For more information on this, please talk to Laurie Payea (610-366-9099).



Membership Conversations

We will be holding a series of Membership Conversations this fall, beginning with a "**Meet and Greet**" session on **October 18th** after Worship. We invite anyone that has decided to take part in these conversations as well as anyone *just thinking* about going through the process of joining the church to attend this casual meeting. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Ann Lowell at 610-398-8267.



Reflecting on Our Time, Treasure and Talents

This week's readings in Chapters 8 and 9 of Matthew seem to have common theme - Jesus has power in both word and deed. Here we see Jesus' marvelous compassion for those in need. And then we come to a turning point, in who Jesus sends to bring healing and teaching. At the end of Chapter 9 Jesus, knowing the limits of time and space prevent him from reaching everyone, asks the disciples to pray for God to send other "laborers" out into the field. What a shock it must have been to the disciples when the "laborers" Jesus plans to send are them. How do you hear Jesus calling to you to go out and "labor" for those who need the compassion and teaching of Jesus? What gifts or talents of service, generosity, compassion, or any of your other talents, will Jesus send you to use for others?



My Time with God

Preparing to Feast with God

My Time with God is a great resource for couples, families, Bible studies or small groups hungry to spend time with God and one another.

There are at least three different times during the week when you can meet with a group to discuss what you are discovering.

Wednesdays at noon

Sunday mornings at 9 am

Thursday mornings 9:30 am with the Devotional Fellowship Group

Contact Sue Vitale or Roberta Kearney with any questions you may have.

Copies of *My Time with God* are available in the church office at \$10 per copy. When picking up a copy please leave a note in the box (for Sue Vitale) with your name on it.

Devotional Fellowship Group
Thursdays...9:30—11 am

Study Material: *“My Time with God”*

Locations of the meetings:

Oct. 8 Deanna Robinson
Oct. 15 ... Lynn Ingram
Oct. 22 ... Sue Vitale
Oct. 29 ... Susan Moring
Nov. 5 TBA
Nov. 12 .. Susan Moring

We welcome any who would like to join us for one or more of the sessions. Directions available in the church office or contact Deanna Robinson (610-395-0669) at DSWRobinson@ptd.net



My Time With God - Week #3

For this week we are reading Matthew 10:41—14:12



Fairly Traded Coffee

The Mission Committee is offering the congregation the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee. Both **“regular”** and **“de-caf”** drip coffee is available for \$7.00 per bag. Now, for your further coffee enjoyment, we also offer **“whole bean”** and **“hazelnut crème”** flavored, at the same price of \$7.00 per bag.

Fairly traded coffee is served at our fellowship hour following worship if you'd like to get a taste before buying. Please look for the display on the table in Fellowship Hall. If paying by check, please write “Fair Trade Coffee” on the memo line.



CROP Walk

The annual CROP walk takes place this year on October 11th. At this time Faith Presbyterian Church does not have a coordinator for the event, so if you would like to participate you may do so by contacting St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at Ott & Walnut Streets, Allentown...(610) 435-6512.

Coming Soon!

Watch for a new Parish Life adventure for all Faith women!



Concert Series 2009-2010

A Gift to the Community

Organ Plus

Organ plus instruments,

Guest Organist

October 18, 2009

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Reception

Sounds, Sights, and Snacks

January 31, 2010

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Heidelberg

Concert Handbell Choir

Jackie Laudenslager, Director

April 25, 2010

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Concert featuring

Young Musicians

To be announced at a later date.

Free will offering.

Information: please contact Eleanor Focht

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faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org.



Birthday blessings!

October 6—Donna Hill, Donald Perry, Nancy O'Leary

October 7—Tiffany Lillegard, Ellen Bender, Andy Millick, Melanie Shimer

October 10—Bob Durn, Chris Comoglio, Brad Mitchell, Wendy Homlish

We're on the Web!

Our Faith Presbyterian Church website (<http://www.faithchurchemmaus.org>) is an incredible resource for access to our church news and information—available 24 hours a day. You can check out the bulletins days ahead of Sunday Worship. You can review past issues of The Faith Flyer. You can learn about our many committees...and so much more! Please direct questions and/or comments pertaining to our website to Mark Heimbach at mheimbach@yahoo.com.



Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

The **Rath** family, on the death of **Edna Rath**, **Hank's** aunt.

Ruth Murray, mother of **Laurie Payea**, recovering from surgery; and **Larry Murray**, Laurie's brother, who is dealing with health issues.

Ann Greenwood and her family, on the death of her granddaughter **Emma Takacs**, daughter of **Ann (Mick) Takacs**.

Melanie Shimer, as she recovers from a broken leg.

Dave Weber, as he undergoes another round of chemo.

Lorraine Whaley, sister of **Kathy Hemberger**, on her recent cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The grandfather of **Chad Gorr**, as he continues his ongoing battle with ALS.

Blanche Ring, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, under-going treatment for cancer.

All **church members** & their families who are experiencing job loss and economic uncertainty.

We respect your privacy. If you have a joy or a concern you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact your deacon, or call the church office (610) 967-5600.

In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Bethany Kauffman, niece of **Jim & Penny Pantano**, serving in the Middle East.

Charles Van Heest, grandson of **Kay & Dave Weber**.

Doland J. Miller, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**

Amanda and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.

Lucas Whittington, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.

Lehigh Presbytery Churches

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, Easton

Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

This Week

Sunday, October 4

Secretary on vacation

WORLD COMMUNION

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service: Peacemaking

11:30 am—Stewardship Mission Fair (FH)

Monday, October 5

Pastor Roberta on Interim training leave thru 10/12

7:00 pm—Worship

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 pm—W.O.F.* (FH)

7:30 pm—Admin

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 am—Play Group Activity (DevonHouse)

Noon—Bible Exploration (5)

6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)

7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 8

9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship Group (Robinson)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

**Women of Faith*

Next Week

Organist on vacation

SCRIP ORDERS DUE

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service: Workcamp

5:00 pm—Youth Group

7:00 pm—Youth Choir (S)

Monday, October 12

2:30 pm—Daybreak

7:00 pm—Camp Brainerd Town Hall Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 pm—Calendar Planning (FH)

7:00 pm—Session (FH)

Wednesday, October 14

Noon—Bible Exploration (5)

6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)

7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 15

9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship Group (Ingram)

7:00 pm—Parish Nurse Breast Cancer Awareness Event (S)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

Faith Presbyterian Church SCRIP Program

The **Building & Grounds Committee** has plenty of **projects** that need funding. The profits from the **SCRIP PROGRAM** will help offset these costs.

We received **13** orders in **September** totaling **\$3,120.00** for the **GREAT LAKES SCRIP** and **WEIS** programs which generated **\$167.70** to help offset the costs of various **Buildings & Grounds Projects**.

The **total** for **2009 (9 months)** is **\$1,820.08**.

The next date for orders is October 11, 2009.

For a complete list of retailers or for more information check the **table in the Fellowship Hall** or www.glscrip.com.

Please contact Sally Heimbach (**610-965-2102** or **sheimbch@ptd.net**) with any questions or concerns.

Mission Fair: Building the Kingdom

Passport to Using Your Gifts

As we travel, we give of ourselves along the way. We give of our time, our talent and our treasures. We give with joy, as Jesus taught. As we give, our hearts are lightened and once again, a new song pours forth.

Taken from: "A Guiding Vision for Faith Presbyterian Church: Journeying with Christ"

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the lifestyle of discipleship. The invitation is made to all of us to offer our time, talents, and financial support to the church. Our committee's main purpose is to teach and live the principles of stewardship, which are more than just financial giving. Helping folks to recognize and to respond to our many blessings and gifts is the work of our committee. We truly are an abundant people in time, talent and gifts.

If you can say yes to any of these questions...

- ❖ Do you enjoy supporting charities with your money?
- ❖ Do you enjoy contributing financially to a worthwhile cause?
- ❖ Do you enjoy giving money away, when you know that you've made a difference?
- ❖ Are you looking for a way to put your gift or talent to use but need some help?

...you might have the gift of giving! You may not have the time or energy to be deeply involved in church activities, but want to give of your wealth to the church. If you do have time to share, there are ways you can help others in the congregation to grow their gifts, and find places to use them, by assisting the Stewardship Committee.

DEACONS

The DEACONS take to HEART the care of the extended family that is Faith Presbyterian Church. We work at unconditional love for this friendly, caring, church family so as to create a church in Christ's image, equipped and ready to minister to others.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH THE DEACONS

DO YOU FEEL MOVED TO PRAY WHEN SOMEONE IS IN NEED?

*Consider being part of the **prayer chain***

EVER GET THE URGE TO SHARE YOUR BAKING TALENTS?

Consider **baking** for and/or helping to host fellowship time

ARE YOU GENERALLY VERY ORDERLY?

*Consider **organizing meals** for someone in need*

COMFORTABLE WITH BASIC COMPUTERS SKILLS?

*Consider keeping the **Cradle Roll** Chart current*

OFTEN IN ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP?

Consider **bringing to church**, someone who is unable to drive

NEVER AT A LOSS FOR WORDS?

Consider **inviting new folks** to Fellowship Time and introducing them to others

SHARE YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS !!!

PARISH LIFE

1. Congregational Gatherings: Picnics, Potluck Dinners, Bonfires, Bus trips
2. Women of Faith: Night time group, "NEW" Daytime group
3. Parish Nursing: Body, Mind and Spirit, Health Education, Provide Durable Medical Equipment, Personal Health Concerns, Information on monthly health issues in Faith Flyer

What would you like us to do?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education at Faith Church involves people from three to 103. Our Church School program is a supportive, caring, Christian community that provides a loving, nurturing environment for learning. Our educational program emphasizes the Bible through reading, stories, prayer, art, drama, and music. It teaches Christian values and provides an opportunity for family spiritual growth.

- Do you love reading stories to children? You might like to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher. Bible stories are an integral part of our curriculum.
- Do you like talking in front of people? You might like to volunteer as an adult Sunday School leader.
- Do you enjoy talking on the phone? You might like to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher recruitment coordinator.
- Do you enjoy helping children feel welcome and secure? You might enjoy being a shepherd for a particular age group.
- Do you enjoy interacting with teenagers? You might like to help with one of our youth group programs.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

An important function of Administration is the preparation of the annual budget that is presented to the Session, and then to the congregation at the Annual Congregational meeting. We start to prepare the budget during the summer months by asking all committees to start planning their programs and costs for the coming year. They are asked to give the Administration Committee a listing of these costs, and if possible, an estimate of the month the cost will be due. A final yearly total is tabulated by summing up the requests of all the committees, including salaries. Once the data is collected and organized, the Stewardship and Administration Committees get together to come up with a realistic figure that will lead to a balanced budget.

During the year, the Administration Committee meets monthly and reviews the Treasurer's reports to monitor the budgets of each committee.

The Administration Committee is responsible for seeing that the Church property has sufficient coverage of Liability and Fire Insurance and a Workman's Compensation policy for its salaried personnel.

The Administration Committee is also responsible for the audit of the Books of the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary at the end of each fiscal year.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Mission at Faith Presbyterian Church is truly a giving of our time, talents and treasures. We are always open to new ideas where we can further our outreach to the local community and throughout the world.

Where do you fit in the puzzle?

Mission Committee members: Lisa Decker (elder/chair), Lyda Byers, Jack Decker, Bob Durn, Ron Gingrich, Sally Heimbach, Kathy Hemberger, Lynn Ingram, Diane Millick, Barbara Newman, Louise Schaefer, and Darcy Trop

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Do you enjoy caring for God's gifts?
Are you handy or creative?
Do you enjoy the outdoors?

The Building & Grounds Committee provides the congregation with a church facility that is clean, safe, and in good repair so the members can worship and enjoy fellowship in pleasant surroundings.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Rm 2
If interested contact: Jim Millick (Elder), Darlene Dourney (Deacon), or Joe Smits (Converger)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We assist the pastor in worship planning, oversee music programs, undertake special worship projects, and provide worship assistants, Communion servers, ushers and greeters, sound technicians. Current members of the committee are Eleanor Focht, Ron Gingrich, Sally Heimbach, Robin Mathias, Adreck McDonald, Dodie Perrin, Melanie Shimer, John Stewart, and Sam Wilber. We welcome you to join us in this ministry.

There are numerous opportunities to express your interests and offer your gifts in worship of our Lord. Consider the following:

- If you sing in the shower, try our choir loft next.
- If you are looking for a new outlet for your love of music, try bells, instrumental solos, or accompaniment.
- If you enjoy playing with electronics then join our sound technician crew.
- If you have an interest in leading in praise and prayer we encourage you to be a worship assistant.
- If you like to greet and serve others you are needed as an usher/greeter.

- If you enjoy planning or participating in other forms of worship your enthusiasm and imagination are wanted.

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful.

1 Corinthians 12:7-8

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of Faith Presbyterian Church is responsible for selecting a new class of four elders and four deacons each year. These elders and deacons serve a three-year term. In addition, the Committee selects four members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for the next year. The Committee consists of two elders, one deacon and four congregational members.

Do you have any suggestions of congregational members whose gifts could be valuable in serving on the Session or the Board of Deacons?

Would you consider using your own God-given gifts and talents in serving as an elder or deacon?

MEMBERSHIP

Embrace your God-given gifts by contributing to our ministry!

- ▶ Do you like to meet and chat with people to make them feel welcome?
- ▶ Do you like to discuss the effectiveness of advertising?
- ▶ Do you have experience or interest in website maintenance?

If any or all of the above are true, then the Membership Committee has an opportunity for you!

To help people get a sense of who we are, we monitor our advertising in local newspapers, the phone book, and through our church website (www.faithchurchemmaus.org).

We enjoy welcoming visitors to our Faith family. We foster "Membership Conversations" to engage people in discussion about their faith in Jesus Christ as they consider membership in the church. With the Board of Deacons, we are attentive to what is going on in people's lives. When appropriate, we make contact regarding our member's connection to their Faith community.

We constantly encourage people to join us in worship or during Fellowship time. We enjoy greeting with a smile and a HANDSHAKE!

2009 Membership Committee Members: Ann Lowell (chair), Carolyn Baittinger, Doug Boyd, Mark Heimbach, Lynn Ingram, Liz Kenny, Adreck McDonald and Don Piper