

SO THAT THOSE PRESENT MAY APPROACH GOD WITHOUT DISTRACTION, WE ASK THAT CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE TURNED OFF PRIOR TO THE START OF WORSHIP.

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Colson

ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Eleanor Focht, SPC

CLOSER: Virgil Palmer

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Ron Gingrich

FELLOWSHIP: Chuck Waters

DEACON GREETER: Andy Ingram

SOUND TECH: Mike Yen

FLOWER DEACON: Andy Ingram

CHILDCARE: Abbie Olson

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Joanne Rath

USHERS: Lyda Byers, Dick Garber, Dave Weber, Kay Weber

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Liz & Jim Kenny, in memory of their fathers.
Susan Galius, celebrating anniversary.

SECRETARY: Lynda Scheirer

PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. J. Earl Naegele

CUSTODIAN: Sally Heimbach

ELDERS:

Class of 2008—John Gill, Alicia Orbin, Sue Vitale, Mike Yen

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lyda Byers, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Dorothy Nicholas, Virgil Palmer, Alicia Shussett

DEACONS:

Class of 2008—Jack Decker, Terry Eck, Andy Ingram, Diane Millick

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters

Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Marie Heffner, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer

FAITH ON THE ROAD TEAM: Diane Millick, Joanne Rath, Deanna Robinson, Louise Schaefer, Hallie Stewart, Dave Weber, and Chip Colson

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1958 - 2008
THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
50th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
10:30 AM
APRIL 27, 2008

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Grace and glory, hear our prayer for those who live on the margins of life. Strengthen our resolve to follow Jesus in ministry, and grant us grace to see him on the face of our brothers and sisters. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 119 in the 2008 Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE invites us to approach God. Through quietness and meditation may we welcome God's presence.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (from Cantata 147)

J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

Handbell Choir & Organ

TRANSCRIBED BY DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

THE SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

"For Surely I Know the Plans"

G. S. OATEN

For surely I know the plans I have for your, says the Lord,
Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

*THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN #592

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Because God loves us, we keep God's commandments.

WE SEEK TO LOVE EVEN THOSE WE CALL ENEMY.

We seek to free those who are oppressed.

WE SEEK TO COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.

We seek to feed those who hunger.

BECAUSE GOD LOVES US, WE KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

*THE HYMN

“What Gift Can We Bring?”

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
The word is our promise always, forever;
We rest in God’s keeping and live in God’s love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise?

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ANDORATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Please use “debts & debtors”.)
PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

PERFECT LOVE, IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO THINK NICE THOUGHTS; WE MUST ACT TO EMBODY LOVING WAYS. FORGIVE US WHEN WE FIND THAT TOO DEMANDING. IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO APPRECIATE THE THEORY OF PEACE; WE MUST BE WILLING TO GIVE UP OUR OWN HATRED. FORGIVE US WHEN WE MAKE EXCUSES RATHER THAN MAKING PEACE. IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO FEEL COMPASSION FOR THOSE IN NEED; WE MUST BE WILLING TO SHARE OUR FOOD, OUR CLOTHING, OUR HOMES. FORGIVE US WHEN WE IGNORE THE CRIES OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS. HELP US TO LOVE YOU AS YOU HAVE LOVED US AND, IN LOVING, TO LIVE AS YOUR FAITHFUL DISCIPLES. AMEN.

THE KYRIE ELEISON
HYMN #572

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI
HYMN #579

*THE WELCOME AND PASSING OF PEACE
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
JOYS AND CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

THE WORD OF GOD

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

OT – Pg. 3 in the gray Bible, Pg. 2 in the blue Bible

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." 13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

THE PSALM

PSALM 150

OT – Pg. 595 in the gray Bible, Pg. 551 in the blue Bible

(The leader will read the odd verses and the congregation will read the even verses.)

1. Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

2. **PRAISE HIM FOR HIS MIGHTY DEEDS; PRAISE HIM ACCORDING TO HIS SURPASSING GREATNESS!**
3. Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
4. **PRAISE HIM WITH TAMBOURINE AND DANCE; PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGS AND PIPE!**
5. Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
6. **LET EVERYTHING THAT BREATHES PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD!**

*THE HYMN

"When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR #400

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

JOHN 13:1-15

NT – Pg. 102 in the gray Bible, Pg. 101 in the blue Bible

1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord-- and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

THE SERMON

"Making Our Memories Go To Work"

REV. DR. CHARLES E. COLSON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Let All the Church Raise Up with Praise"

FOREST GREEN
ARR. P. M. LIEBERGEN
Anniversary Choir
Handbell Choir
Covenant Brass
Organ

***THE DEDICATION HYMN**

“Join Hearts & Voices”

Join hearts and voices as we lift our gratitude for every gift,
And multiply each gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR COMMON MINISTRY AS THE PEOPLE OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS
ROOTED IN THE SAVING LOVE OF GOD SHOWN IN JESUS CHRIST AND MATURES
AS WE TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE LOVE AND GRACE FOR OUR LIVES.**

**WE INVITE OTHERS TO CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION WITH US
AND TO SHARE IN THE RENEWING EXPERIENCE WE HAVE IN SHOWING GOD’S
LOVE.**

**THUS WE WILL LIVE AND WORSHIP IN A WAY THAT WELCOMES OTHERS TO
JOURNEY WITH US AS WE SERVE AND ARE SERVED, TEACH AND ARE
TAUGHT, LOVE AND ARE LOVED, HEAR AND ARE HEARD AND AS WE ENJOY
OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE & CELEBRATION

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

PRAISE THE LORD! GIVE THANKS TO HIM!

We honor you Lord, as we present these gifts.

BLESS OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES IN YOUR SERVICE.

The Lord has caused His name to dwell in our midst.

HE HAS STIRRED OUR HEARTS AND MADE US GLAD.

For fifty years, He has given us to be His witness for the world.

**FOR FIFTY YEARS, HE HAS GIVEN US TO BE IN LOVING FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE
ANOTHER.**

We remember, O Lord, all the saints who have gone before us and who have made our congregation a blessing. We remember, O Lord, parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, neighbors, co-workers and friends who have made our own lives a blessing. Especially today, we remember Barbara Ferguson, Elaine Jones, and Robert Bush, Jr.

A TIME OF SILENCE

“THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESS, LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT AND THE SIN WHICH CLINGS SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, CALLING TO JESUS THE PIONEER AND PERFECTION OF FAITH.”

Praise the Lord for all his benefits to us! And praise Him for years to come to serve Him faithfully and well.

**PRAISE THE LORD FOREVERMORE!
OH! PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD!**

THE PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL & COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS THROUGH THE CELEBRATION FUND FOR DEDICATION

In the past year, and as a result of previous trust, the Designated Account of the Celebration Fund made possible: reduction of our mortgage in memory of Dr. Gary Nicholas; office computer to the glory of God; worship sound enhancement equipment to the glory of God and in honor of Dorothy Nicholas; pulpit microphone in honor of Betty Dennis; a sanctuary Christmas tree to the glory of God; a sound mixer to the glory of God; and materials for upkeep of the grounds in memory of Ken Mathias and Fred Reed.

In the past year, and as a result of previous trust, the Living Account of the Celebration Fund made possible: programs for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Furthermore, in the past year, additional contributions to the Celebration fund were made in memory of John Ashcraft, Robert Rippon, Barbara Ferguson, Judy Garber, Elaine Jones and Robert Bush, Jr.; and in honor of the marriage of Sally Cole and James Showalter, and the marriage of Beth Bankos and Bruce Kunkle.

Also in the last year, a replacement flowering plum tree was planted in memory of Ralph Smickley.

We are privileged to announce these physical symbols and holy endeavors made possible by faithful witness and present them all to the glory of God and to the service of the Church.

THE LITANY OF DEDICATION

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GIVE UNTO THE LORD GLORY AND STRENGTH; PRAISE HIM FOR THE LIFE HE HAS GIVEN US IN CHRIST.

Honor and majesty are always before the Lord! He surrounds us with his love and his compassion.

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, BY WHOSE POWER, WISDOM AND LOVE ALL THINGS ARE SANCTIFIED AND MADE PERFECT. BE MERCIFUL UNTO US IN THESE MOMENTS OF DEDICATION, THAT WHAT WE DO NOW MAY SHOW FORTH THE HONOR OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AS WE DEDICATE THE SPECIAL ADDITION TO THE BUILDING FUND AND REDUCTION OF OUR MORTGAGE; OFFICE COMPUTER; WORSHIP SOUND ENHANCEMENT EQUIPMENT; PULPIT MICROPHONE; CHRISTMAS TREE; SOUND MIXER;

MATERIALS FOR OUR GROUNDS; AND PROGRAMS FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; AND AS WE RE-DEDICATE A FLOWERING PLUM TREE, MAY THIS DEDICATION BE AN OUTWARD SIGN OF THE INDWELLING OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. AS WE RE-DEDICATE OUR LIVES IN YOUR SERVICE, MAY WE CONTINUE TO BUILD YOUR CHURCH ON THE LIVING STONES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US THROUGH THE LIVES OF YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS IN CHRIST. INSPIRE US TO SHOW FORTH THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN ALL OUR WORDS AND DEEDS.

*THE CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ABBOT’S LEIGH #429

*THE CHARGE

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” WELSH FOLK
MELODY

*THE POSTLUDE

“Marche Royale”

JEAN-BAPTISTE LULLY (1632-1687)

ARR. FOR BRASS AND ORGAN S. DRUMMOND WOLFF

Covenant Brass

Organ

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

*****Latecomers may be seated.

About Today’s Service

Anniversary Sunday is held closest to our date of charter, which is April 27, 1958. In our fortieth year, we began the practice of remembering those of our church family who have died in the past year.

Barbara Ferguson: Date of Death - May 15, 2007

Elaine Jones: Date of Death - March 6, 2008 and also,

Robert Bush (husband of Virginia Bush): Date of Death - April 2, 2008

We also dedicate memorial gifts and gifts to the Celebration Fund during this service.

Announcements

Today Musicians

Anniversary Choir

Sopranos: Betty Dennis, Sandy Gingrich, Marie Heffner, Dianne Macdonald, Beth Mitchell, Penny Pantano, Alicia Shussett, Dorothy Smickley
Altos: Carolyn Benner, Ruth Bieler, Ann Greenwood, Carrie Kane, Deanna Robinson, Rachel Shussett, Laura Warner
Tenors: Doug Boyd, Ed McGee, Jim Robinson, Joe Smits
Bass: Lloyd Benner, Rev. Drew Byers, Jay Kreider, Bruce Kunkle, Bill Perry, George Smits

Handbell Choir

Carolyn Baittinger, John Baittinger, Lyda Byers, Tracey Gill, Lynn Ingram, Jana Masenheimer, Christy Smits, Elaine Smits, Katie Smits
(Sue Vitale)

Covenant Brass

Trumpets: James Henry, Rebecca Rhodes
Trombones: Charles Drum, Robert Peruzzi

Director of Music and Organist

Eleanor E. Focht

Assisting Director

Suzanne Seem

Women of Faith Boutique & Bake Sale

May 4

Following worship next Sunday, W.O.F. will offer a delightful array of delicious items for purchase, along with many of the beautiful boutique items that can be found displayed in Fellowship Hall. Boutique items include shopping bags, stuffed animals, tea towels, note cards, etc.

Who doesn't love a rebate?

A rebate check of \$519.93 from our loan just because of others' investments? Learn more on Sunday, May 18 following worship at a luncheon and program lead by Catherine Lynch of PILP. Contact Alicia at shussett@verizon.net or 610-398-8708 (in the evenings) for more information.

Cash & Carry Scrip

The SCRIP Committee will have SCRIP cards available on a “**cash & carry**” basis. We have started with **\$25 grocery cards** for **WEIS & GIANT**. If this continues to be profitable, we may provide other cards for purchase in this manner. The Sunday bulletin will carry what is available and who you should see to purchase them. Please contact Sally Heimback for more information.

Available NOW: (4) \$25.00 WEIS cards

Adult Education Schedule

The first Sunday of each month we will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 AM for a 10-minute SING-A-LONG & HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

May

May 4, 11, 18—Jack Decker

Come hear the tale of Gilligan's Island from the Christian perspective. How does each character mirror our own personalities? Reflect how we can deal with temptations by watching our Gilligan & friends in short stories. Come have fun during these three weeks!

May 18—ALL Sunday School classes will sing a designated song for Worship Service. Mark your calendars.

May 25—Sunday School Wrap up

2008 Flower Chart

Volunteers needed for altar flowers on Sundays in 2008, specifically bouquets for **May 25th** and **June 1st**. The chart is hanging on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. If you have a special date to honor or remember someone, please sign up for one or both vases on that date. The invoice for the flowers will come directly to you from the florist.

Devotional Fellowship

Spring 2008

Join your friends and make new ones on Thursday mornings for a time of study, prayer and fellowship. We meet from 9:30—11 am and are studying Habakkuk using the Lectio Divina method. Come and bring a friend.

May 1 **home of Amy Waters**
May 8 **home of Sue Vitale**

**Directions are available in the church office, or from Deanna Robinson—
610.395.0669 or DSWRobinson@ptd.net for more information.**

Musical Weekend in May!

Concert Series

May 16—Friday—7:30 pm

Heidelberg Concert Handbell Choir

Jackie Laudenslager, Director

12 individuals ring 6 octaves of handbells and 5 octaves of hand chimes. These talented ringers will play in concert held here in the sanctuary at Faith Presbyterian Church. **All are welcome!**

Parish Life presents

May 17—Saturday—7:30 pm

Russ Rentler

This concert features a local musician and singer who will present original works at a delightful concert to be held here in the sanctuary at Faith Presbyterian Church. Russ plays the dulcimer, banjo, various guitars and mandolins, harmonica and many other instruments.

This performance is sponsored by the Parish Life Committee. **Admission is free.** Come! Invite friends! Enjoy the event!

Vacation Bible School

Evenings of June 22-26

Fellowship Hall* 5-8:30 pm

Come join us in **God's Big Back Yard** for a week of fun and excitement. Jesus taught us to serve, learn fun new ways to serve Jesus, family, friends and the community. Sessions will include food, fellowship and Bible study. Join us from 5-8:30 pm, June 22-26 to find how much fun it is to serve in **God's Big Back Yard.**

If you any questions or you would like to volunteer, please contact Katy Schaefer by email at (kschaef23@gmail.com).

Check out the bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall.

Do you have a question...

...about Faith Presbyterian Church?

...or about the Christian Faith?

Carolyn Baittinger, of our information task force, along with the pastor, will be standing by the communion table immediately following the service and will be glad to speak with you.

Lehigh Presbytery News Bites

OPEN HOUSE & FISHING FESTIVAL - Brainerd Presbyterian Center will hold its Annual Open House and Fishing Festival on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Lehigh Presbytery website:

www.lehighpresbytery.org/specials.html

BRAINERD WISH LIST—2007-2008 - Please see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for a list of items needed by Camp Brainerd.

Parish Life Theatre

Enjoy this family-friendly movie at Faith Church. It will be the final movie of the season. Movies will continue again in the fall on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Come to Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm and be ready to enjoy some popcorn and good fun with your Faith family.

Show time 4:00 pm: Saturday, May 24—"Evan Almighty"

Workcamp trip planned!

This year, the Workcampers will be going to **St. Louis, MI** from **July 12-20**.

What's doing?

May 10: 6:00 pm—Spaghetti dinner and BUNCO night. BUNCO is a dice rolling game that is easy, fun for all, and a great way to spend time with our Faith Family!

June—Car wash

Any questions on these fundraisers, please contact Mrs. Ingram 610-966-0897 or Dan Hemberger 610-844-6524.

Pentecost Offering for Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults

May 11, 2008

Our worship on May 11 will convey the wind of Pentecost as well as the fire. Be prepared to have the wind of the spirit blow through our service reminding us that our worship, every week not just one day a year, is invigorated by God's spirit.

Information about this year's Pentecost Offering will be in the May newsletter, please read to learn how this offering will be used. Envelopes are available now in the pews, or you can use the one that will be included in your copy of The Faith Flyer.

Birthdays this week:

April 30—Flo Bannister

May 1—Alexander Kemps

May 2—James Robinson

May 3—Elizabeth Greb, Natalie Greb

Childcare on Sundays.

Childcare is provided from 9AM to Noon in the Nursery for infants and children up to age 3 during Sunday School time and worship.

Volunteers are needed to assist our paid childcare provider. Young adults are welcome to assist during the 9:15 -10:15 time period. Adult and teen volunteers are needed during worship **time**. For more information see our Nursery Coordinator, Courtney Kennedy; 610.967.3545; (CKENNEDY@CH2M.COM) or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the nursery complex door.

Contributions to help defray the cost of this care are welcome. Please place them in the offering plate and clearly mark them "Nursery Care Provider".

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 our the bulletins days ahead of Sunday Worship. You can review past issues of The Faith Flyer. You can read Pastor Colson's sermons. You can learn about our many committees...and so much more! Questions and/or comments pertaining to our website should be directed to Mark Heimbach at mheimbach@yahoo.com.

Spring Food & Clothing Drive
May 4 to June 1, 2008

On Sunday, May 4 we will begin our annual Spring Food & Clothing Drive.

The Macungie Food Bank has recently closed. This will mean an even greater need for the Emmaus Food Bank

Note: The Morning Call reported on April 5 that Lehigh Valley food pantries are experiencing a 30% to 400% increase in demand because more families are forced to rely on food banks due to high fuel costs and unemployment.

The **FOOD DRIVE** will benefit the Emmaus Food Bank— As before, we are encouraging everyone to donate as much food as possible. Because of spiking food prices food banks are having a hard time keeping up with the greater demand. You can donate a bag of food or bring **one or two non-perishable food items to church each Sunday**. There will be boxes set up at each of the church's entrances for these items.

The **CLOTHING DRIVE** is sponsored by the Lehigh County Conference of Churches and is taken to St. Luke's Neighborhood Center in Allentown.

Please start looking for any spring or summer castoffs that you are willing to donate. The special box for clothing donations will be in its usual spot in Fellowship Hall.

Please see Barbara Newman for further information.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Prayers of joy for **Christy & Brian Keslick**, on the birth of their daughter, **Makayla**, who joined our Faith Family at 6 lb. 8 oz. on 4/10/08.

Dodi Perrin, recovering from surgery. Cards can be sent c/o M. Summers, 2843 Sunburst Drive—Medina, OH 44256

Snowy Doe, recent hospitalization.

Peggy Barabas, undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Stephanie Lillegard, health concerns.

Emma Takacs, Ann Greenwood's granddaughter, recuperating at home.

In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Mike Goodhart, grandson of **Harry & Betty Dennis**

Daniel Bartos, friend of the Bannister family.

Doug Durn, son of **Bob & Brynn Durn**.

Bradley Ellison, great nephew of **Flo Bannister**, serving in the Marines.

Daniel Merritt, son of **Hobart Merritt, Jr.** and grandson of the late **Irene Merritt**.

Doland J. Miller, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**, deployed to the Gulf seas/Iraq area.

Charles VanHeest, grandson of **Dave & Kay Weber**, serving in Iraq.

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

Lehigh Presbytery Churches

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

First United Methodist-Presbyterian Church—Ashland, PA

Bangor/Roseto Presbyterian Parish—Roseto, PA

Please let the office know of any additions or deletions.

Andy Ingram

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 10

Loretta Connor

Mitchell Connor

Mark Heimbach

Matthew Heimbach

Sally Heimbach

Stephen Heimbach

Bonnie Hillman

John Hillman

Hannah Lingold

Judith Lingold

Katherine Lingold

Phoebe Lingold

Ryan Lingold

Bruce Luff

Elizabeth Luff

Samuel Luff

Thomas Luff

Dennis McCracken

Susan McCracken

Pam Mongi

Joe Payea

Laura Payea

Lauren Payea

Laurie Payea

Donald Perry

Helen Perry

Lora Perry

Janie Slamon

Darcy Trop

Karen Trop

Kelly Trop

Two Weeks of Faith

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

This Week

Sunday, April 27

Anniversary Sunday

9:15 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service

50th Anniversary of Charter

Monday, April 28

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 pm—Membership

Wednesday, April 30

Noon—Bible Exploration (7)

7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, May 1

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship

(Amy Waters' home)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 2

4-9 pm—LMMS Concert Rehearsal (S)

Saturday, May 3

3—9 pm—LMMS Concert (S & FH)

Midnight—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Set up for Gilligan's Island (FH)

Next Week

Sunday, May 4

Communion

9:15 am— Sunday School

10:30 am— Worship Service

Suzanne Seem, Guest Organist

11:30 am— W.O.F. Boutique & Bake Sale

11:45 am— Alpha Choir Rehearsal (S)

7:00 pm— Faith on the Road

Monday, May 5

7:00 pm—Christian Education (Office)
7:30 pm—Worship (4)

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 pm—Women of Faith (FH)
7:30 pm—Administration (4)

Wednesday, May 7

Noon—Bible Exploration (7)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, May 8

6:30 am—Pepper (P)
9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship
(Sue Vitale's home)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

6:00 pm—Workcamp Spaghetti Dinner/Bunco night
Midnight—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Insert #1

**The Emmaus Chorale
25 years of singing**

Concert

"It's Spring"

Directed by Mark M. Suter

May 4, 2008

3:00 PM

At

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 Cedar Crest B[vd, Emmaus, PA

Insert #2

Pentecost Offering

For Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

A Tree Grows in Africa

I went to the town of Murang'a, Kenya, to learn about the School Safe Zones program, which provides funding to make schools safe for children. This may involve building fences to keep drug dealers, strangers, or livestock from wandering onto the school

grounds. Other typical improvements are constructing sanitary, gender-appropriate bathrooms, and providing safe drinking water and a daily meal.

The two schools we toured in Murang'a were secure. Clean water and latrines were available. School lunch programs had been implemented, and the children's test scores were up. We went out to the school parade ground and ceremoniously planted trees to commemorate the occasion of our visit. I planted the Church World Service tree. Now, whatever else happens, I can always say that I have a tree out in Africa.

Micah McCoy is working as a Young, Adult Volunteer in Nairobi, Kenya through the World Mission unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA) His placement is with the Church World Service. Read more at his blog: www.micahyav.blogspot.

Simple Abundance

Something that was very attractive to me when I was deciding to do a year with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV), program is its emphasis on simple living. YAVs receive a small stipend each month, and a large portion of that goes into the house's communal pot for food and utilities. We don't have a car and have been exploring the challenges and blessings of trying to get around town on bikes alone. All this, along with not watching any television, has been a great way to facilitate reflection without outside distractions. Coming into this year, I believed that this was a simple lifestyle, but I've been shown that I was wrong.

Working with the Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona exposes me to people every day whose incomes fall well short of covering their basic needs. Would I dare tell these people that I've come to Tucson to live a simple lifestyle?

My realization is that despite the relative simplicity of our lifestyle, we are blessed with overflowing abundance. We have a wonderful, functional home, good food to eat, the support of the church community, and no medical bills or debt to weigh constantly on our minds. This is abundance. We are intentional about living in a way that minimizes distractions so that we can focus on seeing God in the everyday events of life. My hope is to always be intentional about listening to God.

Steve Gillard began working with the Young Adult Volunteers in Tucson, in September 2007. Read Steve's bog: www.stevegillar.dblogspot.com.

Young Adult Volunteers (YAV's) are challenged by the sacrifices of community living, simple lifestyle, and devotion to prayer and service, nationally and internationally. Preferential application deadline is February 1 for service beginning in August/September of that same year. For further information and site descriptions, see www.pcus.org/yav or call (888) 728-7228, ext. 2530.