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**Faith United Church of Christ**

**5992 Route 378**

**Center Valley, PA 18034**

**Mission Team's Mission Statement**

Our mission is to create opportunities for the congregation of Faith United Church of Christ to serve our neighbors in need (locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally) in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Relevant Bible Verse**

*Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"*

*The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me."* Matthew 25: 34-40

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This booklet has been created in celebration of our 50th Anniversary and provides a listing of Faith's missions. It includes information on each mission, time of year the mission occurs, contact person, and how you can serve. We hope this will assist you and your family in reaching out to our neighbors-in-need.

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Jennifer Munday

Diane Neidermeier

Rev Bruce Stevenson

Cindy Talaber

Cathy Wimmer

**How is money raised for mission?**

Spring Basket Bingo & Basket Raffle

Joyful Noise Collection

Anonymous Donations

Flag Pole Rental for OCWM

Free-Will Offerings

Special Offerings



## *Betty Lou's Pantry*

**BLP** is a ministry providing food for more than 100 families in need each month. It is administered by 12 churches in the Southern Lehigh area. Each church volunteers one month during the year to assist the families as they pick up their food selections on either the second or fourth Saturday of the month.

**Special Dinners** are provided during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays.

**Christmas Gifts**, under the leadership of Faith Church, are provided for all children whose families utilize Betty Lou's Pantry.

### **Time of Year**

~**Every Sunday** donated foods are accepted.

~**Nov-Dec-** Donation of Christmas Gifts

~**Nov-** Scout Food Drive

~**May-** Letter Carrier Food Drive



### **How Can You Serve?**

~**Bring** a food item each week to church and place in the basket in the Narthex.

~**Volunteer** to help during Faith's assigned month.

~**Make** a financial donation to curtail the cost of the special holiday dinners.

~**Participate** in the Scout and Letter Carrier Food Drives by filling a grocery bag with food items and setting it out for pickup on designated dates.

~Say **YES** when the cashiers at the local grocery stores ask if you would like to make a donation to your local food pantry.

~**Select** a family in need of gifts for their children at Christmas time and provide them with what might be the only gifts they will receive during the holiday.

**Contact Person:** Chuck Talboo: Stock Requisition

Cindy Talaber: Christmas Gifts

Mike Ford: Church donations

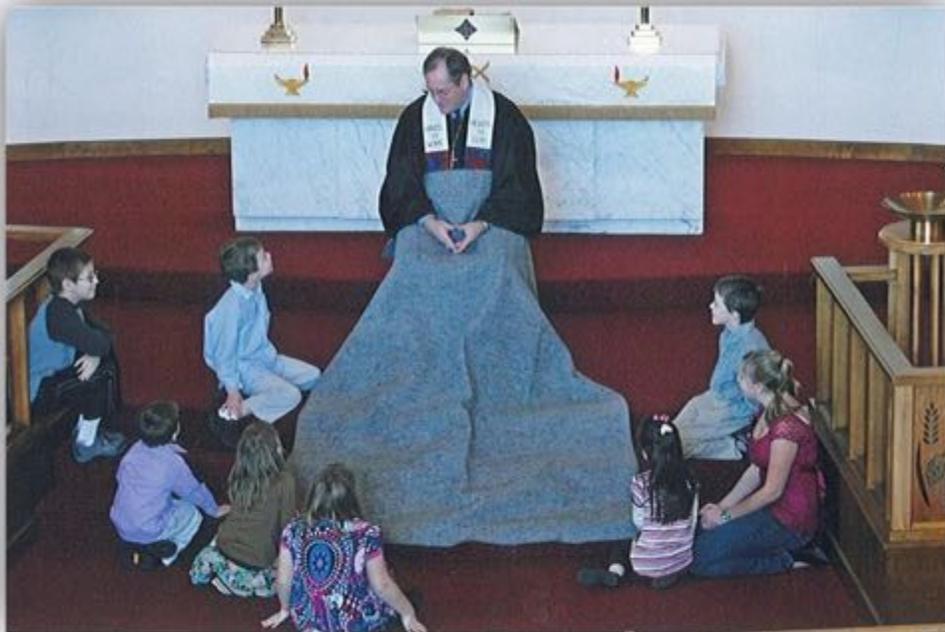


## *Church World Services*

What is Church World Services and what do they do?

**C.W.S** has worked for nearly seven decades with one goal: building a world where there is enough for **ALL**. We affirm the power of individuals and communities to take ownership of their future. That means a refugee family who is able to start a new life or someone rebuilding after disaster finds safety with dignity. We meet them right where they are, helping them create solutions they can maintain-and build on.

**Contact Person:** Karen Talboo



## Blanket Month

**February**

February is the month for collecting the offering to purchase blankets for C.W.S. Each blanket can be purchased for \$5. Faith Church's goal is to purchase at least 200 blankets for a total donation of \$1,000. Your mission dollars go a long way when you purchase one of these heavy durable blankets. The blankets are distributed world-wide during all types of disasters. They can serve as a tent or a softer place to sleep but the most important is to keep a victim warm and dry. The offering will be collected on the last Sunday in February.

## Hygiene Kits

**March & April**

Simple Hygiene Kits are distributed when emergencies arise in countries around the world. In many situations these are the only items available to crisis victims. The kit is easily assembled with some basic hygiene needs. A list of items to be included in the kit will be available during March and April. Each kit can be assembled for less than \$10.

## Crop Walk

**September**

CWS also conducts the annual CROP Walk in the fall. Money raised is used to fight hunger.

# Community Outreach Benefit



In late July, St John's UCC in Coopersburg holds a huge block party to raise money for needy members of our community. The recipients have health related issues that are financially demanding. The proceeds from this community effort go directly to the recipients. Members of our church serve as volunteers and Faith Church supports their efforts.

## How Can You Serve?

- ~**Pray** for the recipients renewed health
- ~**Purchase** raffle tickets
- ~**Donate** items for the basket raffle
- ~**Volunteer** to help at the Block Party
- ~**Attend** the event and enjoy the many activities

**Contact Person:** Cindy Talaber



# Dress-A-Girl Around the World

## *Making Pillow Case Dresses*

**Hope 4 Women International** is attempting to provide every little girl who has never had a dress to receive one. From the Americas to Zimbabwe dresses are being given to young girls who are in danger of being abducted, taken from their families, and sold into slavery.



By providing a new dress you may well be changing a young girl's destiny. Village pastors report that a girl wearing a new dress presents an appearance that she is well cared for and may discourage would-be predators. When "The Dress a Girl" label is sewn on the outside of each dress a message is sent that each girl is under the care of an organization, thus giving her added protection from those who would harm her.



Faith Church has made and donated 245 dresses to this worthwhile mission. Of these, 35 dresses were hand delivered to Haiti.

These special dresses are made from cotton pillow cases and cotton fabric. This is an ongoing mission.



## How Can You Serve?

~**Pray** for the girls who will be receiving these dresses that they may have a bright future.

~**Volunteer** your skills of cutting, ironing, and sewing to help make the dresses.

~**Donate** these materials:

Brightly Colored, Durable, Cotton Pillow Cases

1 Yard of Brightly Colored, Durable Cotton

½" Elastic

Extra-Wide, Double-Fold Bias Tape, any colors

**Contact Person:** Karen Talboo

# *Faith's Faithful Knitters*

Each Tuesday evening a group of ladies who call themselves *Faith in Stitches* gather together in the Memorial Room to knit and crochet scarves, hats, mittens, lap robes, and vests. They create lovely items that are donated where the need is greatest. Over the years, these items have been given to Pathways, Betty Lou's Pantry, and to our friends in Appalachia. This past Christmas 157 items were shipped to **CAM in Tennessee** for distribution to one of the elementary schools.

## How Can You Serve?

~**Join** them on Tuesday evenings

~**Donate** Yarn

**Contact Person:** Jane VanHorn



# Forget-Me-Nots

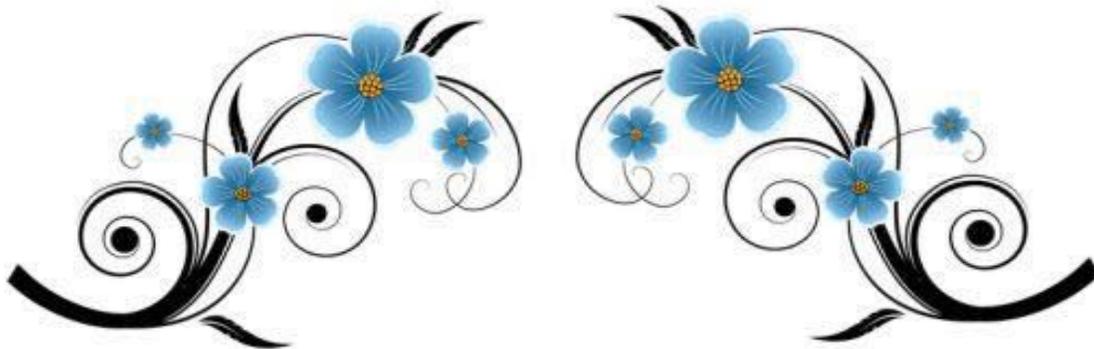
Our **Forget-Me-Nots** are those members of our church that can no longer attend worship on a regular basis. Each Christmas we pack gift bags and deliver them to these longtime faithful members of Faith Church. Donation suggestions will be available in mid-November.

This year we will begin a new mission for our **Forget-Me-Nots**. On their birthdays we will be “showering” each of them with gift cards from Faith to let them know they are not forgotten.

## How Can You Serve?

- ~**Pray** for the well-being of each of our Forget-Me-Nots.
- ~**Donate** items to be placed in the Christmas Gift bags.
- ~**Send** them cards on their birthdays and other holidays.
- ~**Visit** them when you are able.

**Contact Person:** Cathy Wimmer & Marian Barrick





# Heifer International

The children of **Faith Church's Sunday School** classes have been challenged to raise enough money to purchase a **Heifer** through the **Heifer Project**. Each Sunday morning as they enter church for Sunday School they place their offering in a special bank. They have been successful at raising enough to purchase a **Heifer (\$500)** and are well on their way to purchasing many other animals.

## How Can You Serve?

~**Encourage** your children to save or earn a little extra money or change to add to this very special mission.

**Contact Person:** Karen Long



# Helping Hands

This fund is a Pastor's Discretionary Fund used to help individuals or families when they have nowhere else to turn. Sometimes this is a member of our church that may need help with a utility bill or medication. Or it may be a family passing through our area in need of gasoline and a meal. The recipient will remain anonymous and there will be no report on this activity.

## How Can You Serve?

~**Pray** for these individuals that they may be blessed by the Helping Hands donation.

~Use the "**Helping Hands Fund**" envelope to make a generous donation.

**Contact Person:** The Rev Dr Bruce Stevenson



***~Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.***  
*Hebrews 13:1-2*

# Joyful Noise Offering



On the **second Sunday** of each **month**, the children collect a special offering during worship that is to be used for children's missions only. The three missions supported by the **Joyful Noise** offering include:

**Global Ministries** GM is a Child Sponsorship program that is committed to aiding children at risk by providing a practical way for individuals and churches to extend a helping hand. Since the 1950's, this global ministry has been working to safeguard the future of children around the world. Our commitment helps to provide housing, clothing, food, education and basic health care until age eighteen.

Faith Church is currently sponsoring two children. We have pledged **\$660** a year to support these children.

**Robert Clive** is an orphan who now lives on the **Family Village Farm in Tamilnadu, India**. Robert was born Oct 10, 2002.

Our second child is **Yousef Ashraf Nihad** who lives with his family. He attends the **Rawdat El-Zuhur School in Jerusalem, Israel**. Yousef was born March 24, 2009.

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Munday

## *Bethany Children's Home*

**The Shelter Program**, near Reading, PA, is a licensed 24 hour emergency placement for youth ages 10-18. The youth are identified as being in need of a stable environment while a more permanent plan for their child care is developed.

Faith Church has pledged **\$480** to the **Brighter Future Annual Fund**. It not only provides for their basic needs but also for special programs such as Birthday Parties, Christmas Gifts, Spiritual Life, Cottage Trips, Arts, Music and Recreation. These programs provide residents with many “first time” and memorable experiences they would not have had with their families.

## *Beyond Borders*

Faith Church has pledged **\$480** yearly to the **School Not Slavery** movement that is growing throughout Haiti. Many areas in Haiti are lacking quality schools or may have no school at all. Beyond Borders is attempting to eradicate child slavery by providing all children with an education.

The **Light of Light Foundation** is working with Beyond Borders in rural areas in Haiti to train adults to take responsibility in their communities and to ensure that every child in their region will have access to quality education.

### **How Can You Serve?**

~**Save your loose change** because it really can make a difference in a child's life.



# Operation Christmas Child

## October & November

OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Gift-filled shoe boxes are collected and delivered in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations around the world. Every day boys and girls worldwide suffer from war, poverty, diseases and natural disaster. OCC makes it possible for millions of these children to experience God's Love through shoe boxes filled with gifts and creates an opportunity for sharing the Gospel. In 2009 Faith Church began packing shoe boxes. Our numbers have increased from only 31 boxes the first year to 592 in 2014. Since the beginning of our participation we have packed over 2,000 boxes.

### **Such a Simple Gift...**

Our boxes have been distributed in the following countries:

Haiti

Bahamas

Baltics & Balkans

Nigeria

Angola

Zimbabwe

Ukraine

Malawi

Bangladesh

Lithuania

Iraq

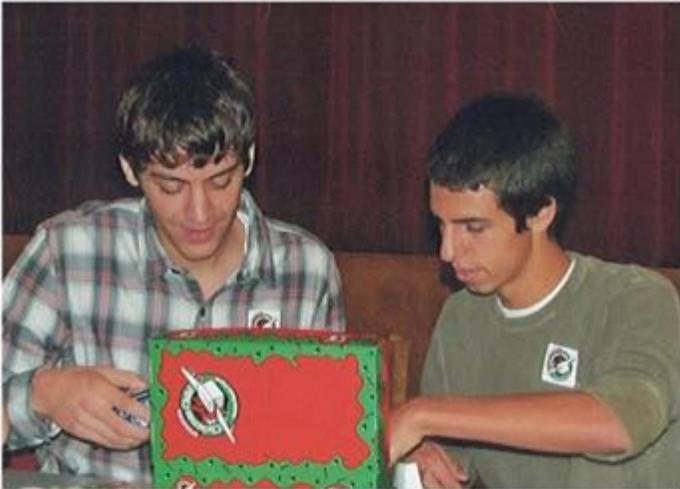
Restricted Areas

## How Can You Serve?

- ~**Pray** for the children who receive a shoe box.
- ~**SAVE** shoe boxes when you buy new shoes.
- ~**Pack** your own shoe boxes in October and November.
- ~**Collect** items such as new toys, washcloths, soap, T-shirts, school supplies, flip flops to be used at our packing party.
- ~**Join us** at the OCC Packing Party in mid-November.

**Contact Person:** Chuck Talboo





*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## *Our Church's Wider Mission*

**Sharing** is an essential part of what God calls us to do as the people of God's Church. We are called to share our joys and concerns. We are called to share our time and talents. The church was founded with sharing at its core.

**In the United Church of Christ**, one of the ways we are invited to share is through our offerings to **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)**. OCWM is the way that the United Church of Christ helps distribute services, resources, and expertise to all within our faith community who have need.

The Financial support your church shares, through OCWM, gives us the opportunity to have a common funding source that helps us all to do those things that we could not do as effectively by ourselves.

***OCWM helps OUR church BE the Church.***

### *UCC Special Offerings*

As part of the OCWM, the United Church of Christ collects offerings for four special causes throughout the year. Along with other UCC churches across the country, Faith Church participates in these special offerings, setting a goal of being 4-for-4 each year.

## *One Great Hour of Sharing*

**Palm Sunday**

### **Giving Help, Hope and Life**

Supports partners in more than 70 countries with ministries that fund development projects, feed the victims of famine, provide services for displaced people, and respond to natural disasters. These ministries are the responsibility of Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

## *Strengthen the Church*

**May**

### **Faithfully Building the Body of Christ**

Supports church growth and leadership development in the conferences and through the national offices of Local Church Ministries.

## *Neighbors in Need*

**October**

Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including ministry carried out by the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) and by the national offices of Justice and Witness Ministries

## *The Christmas Fund*

**December**

### **Remembering Those Who Serve Our Church**

Provides financial aid to retired and active ministers and their surviving spouses and children who face overwhelming financial demands, this ministry is carried out by the Pension Boards.

## **How Can You Serve?**

Make a generous donation to each Special Mission.

# Pathways

## *Lehigh County Conference of Churches*

Pathways is an ecumenical service that provides basic necessities for the needy in the Lehigh County. Faith Church collects personal hygiene items, laundry and baby supplies for this mission.

During each basket bingo, donations of personal hygiene items are collected from those attending and then delivered to Pathways.

### How Can You Serve?

~**Place** your donations in the bin that can be found in the Narthex. Pathways has a special need for the small hygiene items that are available in a hotel room.

**Contact Person:** Karen Talboo

## Supporting Other Missions

Frequently opportunities present themselves when we need to reach out to our neighbors-in-need. Listed below are some of these missions:

- ~Blankets for the Homeless
- ~Coat and Clothing Drives
- ~Donations of Gift Cards during Natural Disasters
- ~Supporting our Troops



## *Phoebe Ministries*

Faith Church has pledged **\$600** yearly to the ministries of Phoebe Home. The following services are provided:

Memory Support

Brain Fitness

Adult Day Services

Independent Living

Skilled Nursing Care

Rehab Care

Our donation to Phoebe is extremely important because **NO ONE** is ever turned away if their funds run out.

**Contact Person:** Donna Barone



# Race for Rylie

In June of each year a 5K race is held at Lake Nockamixon State Park to raise money for research to find a cure for **Pitt Hopkins Syndrome**. Rylie is a member of Faith Church and that is why we have become involved with this activity.

## How Can You Serve?

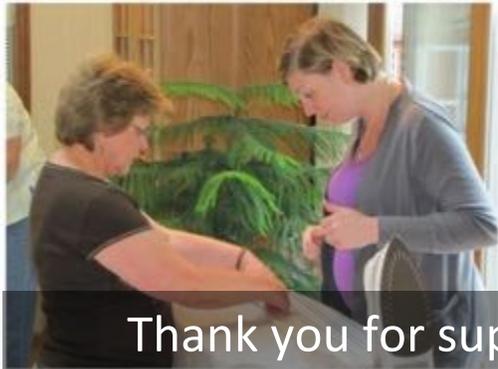
- ~**Pray** that a cure is found for Rylie
- ~**Run** in the race
- ~**Volunteer** your time to work during the race
- ~**Donate** money for research



## **Summary of Faith UCC's Mission Donations for 2014**

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Bethany Children's Home</b>           | \$480                    |
| <b>Betty Lou's Pantry</b>                | 2,315 Food Items & \$778 |
| <b>Beyond Borders</b>                    | \$480                    |
| <b>Blankets for the Homeless</b>         | 30                       |
| <b>Coalition of Appalachian Ministry</b> | \$530                    |
| <b>Coat Drive St Luke's Center</b>       | 30+                      |
| <b>Community Outreach Benefit</b>        | \$200                    |
| <b>CWS Blankets</b>                      | \$1,257                  |
| <b>CWS Hygiene Kits</b>                  | 50                       |
| <b>Dress-A-Girl Dresses</b>              | 245                      |
| <b>Global Ministries</b>                 | \$660                    |
| <b>Neighbors in Need</b>                 | \$200                    |
| <b>OCWM</b>                              | \$6,000                  |
| <b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>         | \$350                    |
| <b>Operation Christmas Child</b>         | (materials) \$827        |
| <b>Pathways</b>                          | \$424                    |
| <b>Phoebe Home</b>                       | \$600                    |
| <b>Race for Rylie</b>                    | \$100                    |
| <b>Strengthen the Church</b>             | \$200                    |
| <b>The Christmas Fund</b>                | \$200                    |

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Thank you for supporting  
the mission ministry of  
Faith UCC.



Together may we continue to reach out to our Neighbors In Need.