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June 3, 2018
Last Day of Sunday School
Sunday School—9:00 am
Worship—10:15 am

Beginning June 10, 2018 Worship—9:00

LEAD PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Stevenson PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP: Rev. Josh Knappenberger DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Dennis J. Duda

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2018 Consistory

President: Wes Koser

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We are a people who have come together through a common faith, a common love. and a common covenant with the triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and together we endeavor to be a community of worship,

education, mission, fellowship, and stewardship.

Elders: Deacons:

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Throughout the Scriptures there is a theme that as followers of God we are called to welcome the "strangers" in our midst. Hospitality is a Christian principle. God expects this of us. Here are ten passages in the Scriptures that make this clear:

- 1. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35).
- 2. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7).
- 3. But no stranger had to spend the night in the street, for my door was always open to the traveller (Job 31:32).
- 4. Let strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another (Proverbs 5:10).
- 5. When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God (Leviticus 19: 33-34).
- 6. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling (1 Peter 4:9).
- 7. If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you (Leviticus 25:35).
- 8. You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt (Exodus 23:9).
- 9. Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospital-

- ity to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (Hebrews 13:1-2).
- 10. You shall allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the sojourners who reside among you and have had children among you. They shall be to you as native-born children of Israel. With you they shall be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. In whatever tribe the sojourner resides, there you shall assign him his inheritance, declares the Lord God (Ezekiel 47:22-23).

Recently I received a phone call from Pastor Inhwan Noh, a Korean Presbyterian pastor who is currently a Pastoral Intern at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Pastor Noh and his wife felt a burden from God to start a new church. Currently they are very small in numbers (less than 5) and meet in his home as a "House Church" much as churches formed in the early first century. They have decided to seek out a new place to meet and they reached out to Faith Church. Would we be willing to give them a home?

Their request was simple. They wanted a place to meet on Saturday mornings at 6:00 A.M. for about an hour for a prayer meeting. They also wanted a space where they could worship on Sundays. I met with Pastor Noh in my office and heard more about his faith story and passion for ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I showed him our facility and together considered some possibilities. The Memorial Room seemed ideal to meet their needs. All we needed to do was find a time that would not conflict with our activities. Initially we thought Sunday afternoon would work best for their worship time but after some consideration Pastor Noh asked if it would be possible for them to meet at 9:00 A.M. during our Sunday School hour. Currently he does not have any children in his House Church but should that change he thought it would be ideal

for the children to attend our Sunday School while the parents worshiped. That was an easy fix. The plan now is for his church to use one of the Sunday School rooms that we are not currently using.

Pastor Noh met with our Consistory at their most recent meeting and shared his testimony, the story of his church, and his passion for ministry to the Korean community. The Consistory voted unanimously to grant Pastor Noh and his congregation the use of our space for prayer and worship.

The Pentecost story is about strangers finding each other, each speaking in different "tongues," each with their own traditions and cultures and yet finding a way to share the same Gospel, the same mission, and the same passion for justice for all of God's people in a hurting world. This is a story of the fire of Pentecost burning brightly at Faith Church. We are about to have "strangers" in our midst but I am confident that as we show true Christian hospitality they will not be "strangers" for long.



WELCOME TO FAITH CHURCH!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, four new families joined Faith Church -

Duane & Joan Jones Bryan & Kate Kane (Will, Alex, Ellie)



Pastor Josh & Angela Knappenberger (Cora) Mike & Melissa Shafer (Sadie, Bradley)

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OUR ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT DEACONS, ELDERS, AND OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY—JUNE 3, 2018 PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Last day of Sunday School—9:00 am Worship @ 10:15 am followed by Congregational Meeting

After the meeting plan to stay for our

Church Picnic

Please bring a side dish and or dessert to share!
Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. If you are able to lend a hand in getting things ready please contact Pastor

Josh @ 484-505-9788.

FAITH CHURCH NIGHT OUT at the IRON PIGS is in the works!

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!!



FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP DESK

My daughter Cora loves bedtime, that's right, she LOVES it. Angela and I have done intentional things to create in her such an affinity for this time of day, but that's an article for another month. In fact, when Cora starts getting tired, she even plays bedtime. We've set up an empty suitcase in our kitchen with a blanket for her "bedtime play."

A few weeks ago, my wife was at a Bible Study, and I was washing the dishes. It was close to Cora's bedtime and true to form she was covering herself up in her suitcase bed, and saying goodnight over and over again.

All of a sudden, she stopped in the middle of her play, and said, "pway, pway" over and over again. *You're already playing but have at it. Play more*, I thought as I scratched my head. In the peculiarity of her words, I watched her intently in the moments that followed her declaration. Tears welled up in my eyes and rolled down my cheek as I watched my not-yet-two and a half-year-old daughter place her hands one on top of the other in the bottom of the suitcase, and she started saying, "Dear God, thank you, **baby talk baby talk**. Dear God help you **baby talk,** cupcake. 'men."

In case you're wondering, God didn't give Cora a cupcake, and I didn't give her one either. Bedtime was indeed coming. The sugar would have kept her awake in her crib.

I remember a public service announcement from my childhood about a father confronting his son with a bag of weed he found in his room. "Who taught you to do this stuff?!" the father demanded of his frightened son. "You alright?" the son shouted back. "I learned it by watching you!"

It's no great secret, or "pastor's kid spirituality" that led Cora to pray on her own. It is the example my wife and I set for her every night as we insist on making prayer part of her bedtime routine.

Children are wired to watch parents and learn from our example. Whether the template we set is good or bad, we do the best we can—we're only human.

The real question is what example do we adults follow? We follow our parents as role models. Beyond our parents, we must look to Jesus. I know what you're thinking, "Wait, Wait, Pastor Josh, Jesus didn't have kids..." Depending on which Da Vinci Code you're referencing, that's true. Jesus didn't have children in the Gospels, but Christ did love those to whom he preached. He also called those people he loved to account for their beliefs and actions. Jesus constantly corrected the Pharisees, and he even used anger in the Temple to drive out the money-changers because those he loved weren't getting his message.

We are called to observe how Christ and his apostles loved and lived through their examples of love. We must live Christ's model not just for the sake of our own children, but for the world around us. It is a world screaming for a strong example of what it means to live in love. Through our faith, let us be that example.

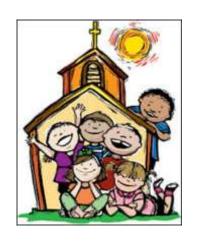
Holy Spirit, Holy S'Mores!

Oh, those Summer nights! It's a glorious thing that God gives us the summer. The sun goes down later than usual, and you can sit at a fire cause it's fun, and not because you need the flame's warmth for survival.

The youth group will be taking advantage of the summer nights of 2018. We will be holding campfires from 7-9 pm on the following dates: June 14th, July 11th, August 7th.

Pastor Josh will offer spiritual growth studies for the older youth as we gaze into the fire, and eat s'mores.

These campfire nights are meant to be family events, so parents are definitely encouraged and invited to come join in!!



Children give God occasions to be proud of all of humanity. Our children at Faith, first and foremost, raised \$1200 in their Sunday School and VBS offering this year. **At Children's Church** in May, they spent it all!

I'm so proud of our kids. The Heifer Project is a fantastic world-wide mission, and many needy families around the world will live and grow and prosper through their generosity.



They bought:

1 Cow • 1 flock of Geese • 1 Bee Hive • 1 trio of Rabbits 2 flocks of Chicks • 3 Schools of Baby Fish • 1 Pig 1 flock of Ducks • 1 Sheep

That's like, a whole farm's worth of animals!

And for a celebration of their giving spirits, the kids ended their time in Children's Church by eating ice cream sandwiches. The ice cream of which, came from cow's milk.



Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, June 10. 2018. Worship Services will begin at 9:00 am.



Summer Sunday School! Beginning June 10th!

The summer is here, but Sunday School isn't going away! During summer worship, Pastor Josh will hold Summer Sunday School. Participating children will follow Pastor Josh after the Children's Sermon to explore Jesus' parables with the curriculum *Tell me the Stories of Jesus*.



High School Graduates:

Spencer Gunkle will graduate from Southern Lehigh High School on June 8th. He will be attending Temple University Fox School of Business in the fall.

<u>Autumn Kandt</u> will graduate from Southern Lehigh High School on June 8th and will attend Michigan State University in the fall majoring in PreMed with a minor in Spanish.

Kraig Koehnlein will graduate from Southern Lehigh High School on June 8th. He will be attending Bloomsburg University in the fall with a major in Marketing and public Relations.

Ben Muth will graduate from Southern Lehigh High School on June 8th and plans to attend Penn State majoring in Agricultural Business Management.

Eben Bold, grandson of Cheryl Bold and son of Jef Bold, will graduate from Los Alamos High School in Los Alamos, NM on June 2nd. Eben was student body president and participated in many theatrical performances. He will be attending the University of Southern California majoring in Economics with a minor in Theater.

College Graduates:

Sarah Lynn Berghold graduated from Kutztown University on May 12th with her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and an Autism Endorsement. She plans to obtain a job in a public school teaching either general education or special education in a K-4 setting.

Gavin Gunkle graduated from University of Vermont in May with a B.S. in Computer Science.

Abigail Muth graduated Cum Laude from Temple University in May with a B.A. in Advertising with a concentration in Art Direction and a minor in Art.

Congratulations to all the graduates! Please plan to join us for worship on **Sunday, June 17th, 9 am** at which time we will celebrate your accomplishments with you!



We Lost a Friend

Longtime Faith member, choir member, and newsletter helper, **Arlene Beck** passed away on May 2, 2018.

Please keep LaMar, Carol, and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers.



THOSE WHO WILL SERVE IN JUNE

Head Usher—Mary Ellen Long Financial Secretary—Bob Shelly

| | June 3 | June 10 9:30 am | June 17 | June 24 |
|---------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greeter | Evelyn Hovis | Jean Rau | Shirley George | Anna Tilley |
| Ushers | Joe & Deb Orach Jane Van Horn Deb Herstine | Don & Tootie Koch | Kim Ritter Joan Hassler | Steve & Sandy Sosnowsky |
| Lay Reader | Chuck Talboo | Cathy Wimmer | Joan Hassler | Sandy Sosnowsky |
| Acolytes | Morgan Webb Noah Ritter | Alex Kane Will Kane | Avery Koser Noah Jellison | Damyn Allison Weiland Hite |
| Flowers | Scholl | Keeler | Licariac | Walter |
| Nursery | Diane Talaber | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Lawn Crew | Long/DiSanto | Schantz/Shelly | Tim Hovis | Sosnowsky/ Scholl |



PUZZLE ANSWER: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



LAWN CREW SCHEDULE

Please coordinate a time schedule with each other for the week. If you are able to fill in a blank, call the other person and let them know. Thanks!

| 05/28/18 | Steve Sosnowsky 610-967-3669 | |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | NEED VOLUNTEER | |
| 06/04/18 | Kevin Long | 610-282-3077 |
| | Tony DiSanto | 610-866-9096 |
| 06/11/18 | Dwayne Schantz 610-797-4994 | |
| | Bob Shelly 610-965-7999 | |
| 06/18/18 | Tim Hovis | 484-223-9476 |
| 06/26/18 | Steve Sosnowsky | 610-967-3669 |
| | Glenn Scholl | 610-965-6726 |
| 07/02/18 | Joe Orach | 610-346-7977 |
| | NEED VOLUNTEER | |
| 07/09/18 | Brett Dill | 610-351-0032 |
| | Jack Maginn | 610-346-8084 |
| 07/16/18 | Chuck Talboo | 610-282-1552 |
| | Randy Hughes | 610-967-5061 |
| 07/23/18 | Dennis Frantz | 610-691-8714 |
| | Kevin Long | 610-282-3077 |
| 07/30/18 | Scott Christman | 610-282-4928 |
| 08/07/17 | Brett Dill | 610-351-0032 |
| | Jack Maginn | 610-346-8084 |
| 08/14/17 | Tom Hovis | 610-282-3450 |
| | George Rau | 610-865-1448 |
| 08/21/17 | Terry Muth | 610-838-8048 |
| | Glenn Gunkle | 610-838-1266 |
| 08/28/17 | Tom Herstine | 610-797-7129 |
| | NEED VOLUNTEER | |



FROM THE TREASURER APRIL FINANCIALS

| APRIL | | YTD |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| Receipts | tbd | tbd |
| Disbursements | tbd | tbd |
| | tbd | tbd |

| | Weekly Attend. | Weekly Offering | |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 4/1 | 199 | \$ | 6,348 |
| 4/8 | 86 | \$ | 1,756 |
| 4/15 | 85 | \$ | 2,649 |
| 4/22 | 85 | \$ | 2,342 |
| 4/29 | 93 | \$ | 2,155 |
| Total | 548 | \$ | 15,479 |

Special Offerings:
OGHS—\$186
Betty Lou's Pantry—\$75
Helping Hands—\$5



Sunday, June 17th, 9 am

Join us as we honor Our 2018 Graduates!



From the Secretary:

The **deadline** for **July/August Newsletter** articles and information is **June 10th**. Please email to faithchurchcv@gmail.com or place them in the Secretary's mailbox in the conference room.

ALTAR FLOWER dates available! July 29, August 5, September 30, October 21, November 25. Call the office to reserve your dates. The cost is \$34.





Thanks for your continued support of Betty Lou's Pantry. For the last three Sundays of April and the first two Sundays of May, our regular donations included \$70 and 237 items.

ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

CANNED PASTA • BAKED BEANS CHUNKY/HEARTY SOUPS BOXED POTATOES • CANNED TUNA

Items stocked at the Pantry include:

Pork & Beans Chili

Canned Fish (salmon) & Meat Canned Pasta

Peanut Butter Canned Tomatoes & Canned Sauce

Kidney & Black Beans Chunky Soups

Canned fruit Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Tuna Canned Vegetables
Beef Stew Dry Pasta & Spaghetti

Spaghetti Sauce Canned Tuna

Monetary Donations are a particularly effective way to help the Pantry. A donation of \$10 will buy over 60 lbs of food through Second Harvest. If you are in need or know of someone in the area who is, please call **610-282-2838** and leave a message, or email **bettylouspantry18036@gmail.com** — *Mike Ford*



Please Join Us for Father's Day, Sunday, June 17 after 9 am Worship for Donuts with Dad!



Let's Celebrate Our Wonderful Fathers!



Faith UCC's 2018 Vacation Bible School will be July 16-19th from 9am-11am. This year's theme is ∼

JUNGLE RIVER ADVENTURE

Get ready to canoe down the Jungle River and enjoy an experience of a lifetime as you learn from Paul to seek God's perfect plan for your lives.

We are in need of volunteers to make our adventure a success! Please contact Heather Maginn at 610-533-3044 or hmaginn77@gmail.com if you're able to help out! A Registration form is included in this newsletter and also available in the Narthex.



7th ANNUAL FAITH UCC YARD SALE & NEW CRAFT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 8 AM TO 2 PM

LOCATED @ 5992 ROUTE 378 CENTER VALLEY, PA (1/10th of a mile before 378S meets 309N)



VENDORS ARE WELCOME!

\$10 A TABLE FOR A LARGE OUTSIDE SPACE
CRAFTERS NEEDED FOR INSIDE SPACES
\$10 A SPACE

(Vendors and Crafters provide own tables)

IF INTERESTED

CALL FAITH UCC - 610-282-3939

OR RUTH - 610-797-4635

FOOD AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE

COME JOIN THE FUN RAIN OR SHINE!!!













If you can help throughout the season contact Becky at 610-554-2224.

COMMUNITY NEWS



St James Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 13 from 3—8 pm. Contact Kathy Whetsell at 610-737-4242 to sign up.

Fundraising for the Community Outreach Benefit, CobCares.org this year will consist of personal/bs donations, grant writing, restaurant fundraisers, a golf classic at Wedgewood on July 25, the \$10,000 raffle and a 5K walk/run at DeSales on Oct 20. Please note that the raffle drawing this year will take place on



Sept 15 at 4PM at Coopersburg Community Day Main Stage. Please go to www.cobcares.org for more info and registrations for events. This year we are proud to be helping Navy Veteran Melody Clayton, who suffers daily from a myriad of issues, Melissa Day, young mom and breast cancer patient and Melissa Rizutto, young mom paralyzed after spinal surgery. We hope that as past supporters of COB you will continue to help us to help them. Questions, contact Nancy Carr at nancy_carr@me.com or 484-201-3405 or through the website.

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at Links on Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July weekend and Labor Day weekend. Contact Ed Hepner at heppies11@aol.com or 610-730-4449. Volunteers and participants are needed for the golf classic at Wedgewood on July 25....registration form on website or contact Joan Keenan at jmkeenan88@gmail.com or 516-971-3381.



June 1

Prov. 23:19–21, 29—

24:2

1 Tim. 5:17–22 (23–

25)

Matt. 13:31-35

June 2

Prov. 25:15–28 1 Tim. 6:6–21 Matt. 13:36–43

June 3

Eccl. 1:1–11 Acts 8:26–40 Luke 11:1–13

June 4

Eccl. 2:1–15 Gal. 1:1–17

Matt. 13:44–52

June 5

Eccl. 2:16–26 Gal. 1:18—2:10 Matt. 13:53–58

June 6

Eccl. 3:1–15 Gal. 2:11–21 Matt. 14:1–12

JUNE BIBLE READINGS

June 7

Eccl. 3:16—4:3 Gal. 3:1–14 Matt. 14:13–21

June 8

Eccl. 5:1–7 Gal. 3:15–22 Matt. 14:22–36

June 9

Eccl. 5:8–20 Gal. 3:23—4:11 Matt. 15:1–20

June 10

Eccl. 6:1–12 Acts 10:9–23 Luke 12:32–40

June 11

Eccl. 7:1–14 Gal. 4:12–20 Matt. 15:21–28

June 12

Eccl. 8:14—9:10 Gal. 4:21–31 Matt. 15:29–39

June 13

Eccl. 9:11–18 Gal. 5:1–15 Matt. 16:1–12

June 14

Eccl. 11:1–8 Gal. 5:16–24 Matt. 16:13–20

June 15

Eccl. 11:9—12:14 Gal. 5:25—6:10 Matt. 16:21–28

June 16

Num. 3:1–13 Gal. 6:11–18 Matt. 17:1–13

June 17

Num. 6:22–27 Acts 13:1–12 Luke 12:41–48

June 18

Num. 9:15–36 Rom. 1:1–15 Matt. 17:14–21

June 19

Num. 11:1–23 Rom. 1:16–25 Matt. 17:22–27

June 20

Num. 11:24–35 Rom. 1:28—2:11 Matt. 18:1–9

June 21

Num. 12:1-16

Rom. 2:12-24

Matt. 18:10-20

June 22

Num. 13:1-3, 21-30

Rom. 2:25—3:8

Matt. 18:21-35

June 23

Num. 13:31—14:25

Rom. 3:9-20

Matt. 19:1-12

June 24

Num. 14:26-45

Acts 15:1-12

Luke 12:49-56

June 25

Num. 16:1-19

Rom. 3:21-31

Matt. 19:13-22

June 26

Num. 16:20-35

Rom. 4:1–12

Matt. 19:23-30

June 27

Num. 16:36-50

Rom. 4:13-25

Matt. 20:1-16

June 28

Num. 17:1-11

Rom. 5:1-11

Matt. 20:17-28

June 29

Num. 20:1-13

Rom. 5:12-21

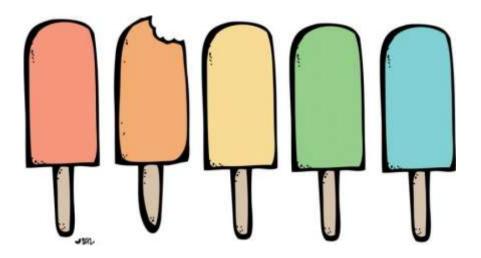
Matt. 20:29-34

June 30

Num. 20:14-29

Rom. 6:1-11

Matt. 21:1-11





Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame

What you do:

- Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
- Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
- Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best ____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
- 4. Place your picture message in the frame.
- 5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



01 Amy Schafer

02 Amy Grammer

02 Joel Ritter

03 Ruth Cressman

05 Alyce Featherman

05 Roger Erney

05 Deanna Melideo

05 Alison Stebbings

06 Miles Stebbings

06 Adele Gasda

08 Jean Cambiotti

08 Carol Eisenhart

09 Ellen Stetler

09 Sara Hovis

09 Morrison Hite

12 William Steele

12 Brooke Bittenbender

13 Nicole Schaffer

16 Gertrude Steinbach

17 LaVerna Diehl

17 Diane Haas

18 Diane Jenny

18 Brenda Snyder

19 Amanda Y

24 Karen Talboo

25 Shirley George

25 Jennifer Schaffer

26 Monica Campbell

27 Deb Orach

27 Adam Bouc

27 Andrew Weidner

28 Rodney Koch



Please call the church office with any omissions or corrections.



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

| | enemies | will | be | Judas |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| hate | а | Father | to | serpent |
| you | and | you | will | crucified |
| cursings | be | my | sons | and |
| sin | Golgotha | daughters | says | the |
| Lamentations | prison | Lord | Almighty | lost |