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SEPTEMBER 1 - WORSHIP—9:00 am
SEPTEMBER 8—9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am—WORSHIP

LEAD PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Stevenson
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OUR VISION STATEMENT

*United with Christ,
we are committed
to sharing the
transformative love
of God's
grace and peace
through service
to our neighbors.*

2019—2020 Consistory

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Puzzle Answers:
ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah;
DOWN 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth,; Generation



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

On June 7 our washing machine broke down. As inconvenient as that was it was still warranty so we figured: “No problem.” A few days later the repairman showed up. “You need some parts that I don’t have on the truck. I’ll order them. It will take a few weeks but I’m going make an appointment with you today to come back and make the repairs. If the parts do not show up by the day before of this appointment please call us.” Sounded like a plan. Still inconvenient but at least the machine would get repaired and there is a laundromat close by. Not a huge problem.

I return from General Synod with a suitcase of dirty clothes. I’m not happy. Another trip to the laundromat.

The day before the repairman is supposed to return arrives. No new parts. We call. Parts are no longer available. We are told they will replace the machine but they need “THREE DAYS” to research our case and approve which machine they will give us. Now we’re getting annoyed.

Three days go by. Nothing has been done to research our case because their “computers have been down” for three days (Seems like things happen in 3-day increments with this outfit. Oddly enough 3 is a Biblical number but there is NOTHING Holy about anything in this story.). I, very “unpastorally,” tell the woman that the fact that their computers were down three days is not my problem and when I hear that excuse she sounds like a student stating that her dog ate her homework as an excuse for not having her homework done to her teacher. BUT ... drum roll please ... the parts to the washing machine that they said were no

longer available arrive at our door step. Two HUGE boxes sitting in our living room. Perhaps we are finally getting somewhere but now we have to wait another week for two repair men to do the job.

Off to the laundromat I go.

The two repair people show up. They get to work. They tear the machine apart tossing the huge metal drum into the driveway. They start to assemble the new HUGE pieces (who knew the drum has two pieces) and suddenly I hear “OH NO! They didn’t ship all the parts! We can’t do the repair today. We’ll order the parts and come back when they arrive. Give them (you guessed it) about 3 days to place the order.”

“What about that big metal drum in the driveway?”

“Oh, you’ll have to dispose of that but all of these parts that they shipped that can’t be used, we’ll arrange for someone to pick them up next Wednesday.” We kick the old piece to the curb with made a scrapper very happy and they NEVER SHOW UP to pick up the new parts. We make another appointment for that.

Patience calls again. She tells them the machine that she wants. They tell her that they need to research it (again, you guessed it) 3 days to research it and make sure that what she is requesting is a comparable machine. They also tell her that there is nothing on the schedule to pick up the new parts that are still sitting in our house.

I could go on but enough of this story. There is plenty more to tell but as I write this it is August 8th, two months after the old machine (only a year old) stopped working, we reached out for repairs, and there is still no guarantee as to when a new machine will be delivered.

This whole thing has reminded me of the words of the psalmist in Psalm 13:

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

The psalmist refers to the injustice of his day. We all have problems. We all have difficulties. We all have miserable moments and all of us have been through far worse than a broken washing machine. We have all, just like the psalmist, had moments when we feel like we have been forgotten by God and His just mercy. There is hunger, homelessness, war, famine, sickness, death, greed, a fragile environment, and regular humanities cruelty towards humanity. *How long O Lord? How long?*

And yet the psalmist ends Psalm 13 with these words:

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Basically, the psalmist is saying that in spite of miserable and understandable hardship and a season when God seems to be silent, inactive, uncaring, and absent he can still trust in God because God has always been reliable in the past.

God may not always work at the pace we would like Him to or respond to our prayers in ways that we would like Him to but he always responds. He is always there when the time is right.

I would suggest that when we petition our God it is not enough to look at the present situation and the future we desire. We need to

look backwards as well. The hope we have for the future is always found in the past. God has been with us in history. Let history assure us of His faithfulness to us in the future ... no matter how long it takes.

Peace,



Love your Neighbor—A Bible Study

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36 – 40

Most of us know these familiar verses from Matthew but like those who heard Jesus speak those words we don’t always know just who are “neighbors” are or how to love them. This fall Pastor Bruce will offer a 6-part Bible Study exploring those two questions: Who are our neighbors and how do we love them?

Love your neighbor who doesn’t:

Look like you (September 16)

Think like you (September 23)

Love like you (September 30)

Speak like you (October 7)

Pray like you (October 21)

Vote like you (October 28)

Love your neighbor. No exceptions.

Join us Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Room!



You are Invited to Hear our Very Special Guest:

Dr Tony Campolo

Sunday, September 8 at 10:15 am



On the second Sunday of every month the youth of Faith Church gather a special offering called the Joyful Noise. This offering is used to sponsor two children through *Global Ministries* and also supports

the *Beyond Borders* Reading Literacy program in Haiti. It is *Beyond Borders* that has been created by Dr. Campolo. On Sunday, September 8, he will be presenting the message related to this mission as well as introducing a new mission that helps Haitian families become independent. Please join us to hear his entertaining and motivational message. Dr Campolo will also have a book signing after lunch.

We will also be hosting guests from St Johns UCC and Chestnut Hill UCC. Please plan to attend to greet all of our guests and to be part of this very special day!

Lunch will Follow Immediately after Worship

Catered by **The Taste of Soul**

Enjoy Good Food and Good Fellowship

Menu for the Event:

Southern Fried Chicken * Herb Roasted Chicken * Veg Lasagna

Mashed Potatoes * Gravy

Corn * Green Beans

Assorted Desserts

FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP DESK

God says, “Fear Not” fifty-nine times in the Bible. It may not seem like much when you consider the Bible is over one thousand five hundred pages, but the phrase’s use is not confined to one book of the Bible. On the contrary, its use is spread throughout our sacred text and becomes a constant reminder when it shows up.

Such a phrase as “Do not be afraid” is easy for an eternal, immortal, all-powerful being like God to utter in times of humanitarian crisis. But for us who live in times saturated with fear, that phrase becomes a bit harder to say in all sincerity.

Humanity has always existed in fearful times. In the 1910's, the Great War was to be the end of all wars—the end of fearful times. And then World War II happened, and then the Cold War which, not long after, led us to radical religious extremism. In my short lifetime, I have seen leaders of nations gas their own people, battleships sabotaged and destroyed, skyscrapers brought to the ground by jetliners, and homemade bombs set off at finish lines of marathons. I have also lived through cowardly snipers in cities, shootings in movie theaters, and nightclubs. When I was in the Army and stationed in southern Washington D.C., rarely an evening went by that we did not hear shots fired outside of our base’s brick wall.

Now we live with local shootings. It seems just as soon as we start to get comfortable, the next one occurs. There is no rest for this world, which has become weary of violence and fear. The reality is we will always be something or someone to fear. The evil of the world will not stop, and it must be feared.

Amid this evil God says, “Fear not, for I am with you.” It is hard to remember that we are not alone when we are afraid. Just as God is present throughout the Bible, God is in the midst of our fear and showing us hope in our savior. Hope for a day when fear will melt away in the presence of Christ.

As the church, we are that presence of Christ, and we are called to let all that live in the darkness of fear know, “Fear not, you are not alone. God is with you, and, through Christ, so are we.”

Pastor Josh



Join us for **Rally Day** at Faith on **Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 am.**

The Sunday School will be opening the house!! That's right, we will hold an open house and teacher meet and greet to kick off the first Sunday of the Sunday School year. Parents, plan on staying to hear your children's teachers talk about what your children will be up to this

year. See the classrooms as each teacher talks about what they love about their classes. Experience Pastor Josh as he leads a Sunday School Closing, which happens the last ten minutes of every week's Sunday School hour. Stay as we enjoy fellowship with some tasty treats afterward!

We hope to see you and your children at Rally Day Open House 2019!



Greetings friends at Faith UCC,
Thank you to the Youth of Sunday School and those who supported their efforts including the Mission Team at Faith UCC for the very generous donation for our work ending hunger and poverty in the world during this 75th anniversary of Heifer! Your gifts will help many families improve their lives, nourish and educate their children, and have the joy of helping others as they pass on the gift of an animal and training to another family in need. Thank you for being partners in our work since 1978 with donations totaling over \$7,800! That is a lot of families helped!!

In gratitude,
Marlene Plain

Special Thanks to our Dedicated Sunday School Teachers!





Our day at the Allentown Rescue Mission

July 14, 2019

Where to begin? I guess if we go back to our Angel Mission Project, I wanted to do something different. I knew it would

involve the Allentown Rescue Mission. I have always referred to this as the “forgotten” mission! Why Forgotten? Because it is only men! Not Women and certainly not children. Christmas is coming and everyone thinks about the children and what they need for Christmas, and let us not forget their mothers. But somewhere are a group of men, struggling, homeless, forgotten...

What would I do to make this Angel Mission project different than just bringing items to the men that they need. Anyone can do that. What they need is a connection—a personal connection, but how to do that....Let’s make them a meal and go and serve them.

(Jesus came to serve and expects us to do the same.) Feeding 80 people—now that’s a job that I could not do on my own, (although Jesus fed 5000+ with just a few fish and a few loaves of bread) So why not ask for help---along comes the CHALLENGE! (You see I love to watch TV game shows—cash cab is one of my favorites--and then there is the “red light challenge”) That’s what we need! We need a challenge.

As I so often do, I don’t ask people, I just go about my way to make things known. What could hurt if I put the challenge out there and no one responds. Would I still try to feed 80 people on my own? I don’t know. Fortunately, I didn’t have to think about feeding 80 people on my own. By the end of the delicious lunch that Caroline Frantz had arranged through her Angel Mission, I had

more than 30 people volunteer to help!

A few weeks later we had a brief meeting to try to pick a date. July 14th worked for those in attendance, so we ran with it. John Barone really wanted to make his Chicken Parmesan. I didn't care what we would make, I just wanted to feed the men. We went with Chicken Parmesan, Pasta and sauce, green beans, Italian Bread, Raspberry Iced Tea and the most delicious and love filled homemade desserts from the delightful bakers at Faith UCC.

We had another meeting trying to finalize little details. Who would go to the grocery store, where could we get the best prices, etc. Giant helped us out by having pasta on sale—buy 8 boxes and they were 66 cents a box. Marge Kichline ordered the bread at Giant and got a great deal at \$1.00 a loaf sliced! Redner's had eggs on sale, so away we went. Kim and Ken Ritter used their knowledge and expertise at securing the chicken at a fabulous price, along with getting the rest of our supplies---green beans, sauce, spices, etc. What a team effort!

Sunday morning arrives and Pastor Bruce is preaching about the Good Samaritan, which followed his previous sermon Who is our Neighbor? More fitting lessons could not have been found. Church is over and the work begins. Although, it never really felt like work. Pots of water were turned on to cook the pasta. Chicken prep had started. Washing and cutting the chickens, pounding the chicken (Tyshonn and Brandon got out all of their frustration), cleaning and cutting the garlic, cracking the eggs and whisking them. Finally, came the dipping and frying, before the baking with sauce and cheese. Desserts needed to be cut and plated. Cookies were wrapped into small “to go” packets, iced tea was prepared, green beans were heating in a roaster, sauce in another roaster and of course dishes and clean up had to be done as well. The entire meal was prepared in 2 hours---talk about team work! John said it was perfect, because the

Preparing the Meal



chicken needed to rest, according to his grandmother! Pastor Bruce brought us all together in the kitchen and sent us off with one last prayer.

I headed home to feed the animals then met the group at the Allentown Rescue Mission. Once parked, I get out of my car with a can of coffee and a can of black beans. As I am headed down the sidewalk I see a beautiful smiling face, waving like crazy, wearing a stylish serving hat, holding the door open Lily Adams. Watching her enthusiasm was priceless. Once unloaded, the food was in the warmers and the tables needed to be prepared. Michele and Bruce Keeler brought the tablecloths—red, white and green, to go with the Italian theme. Tablecloths were in place and Lily put a toothbrush packet and a cookie packet at each place setting. Everyone found a place to fit in the serving line. Tyshonn and John plated the chicken, Brandon added the pasta, a scoop of green beans from Donna, the other Donna added a scoop of sauce to the meat and pasta, Lily and Tracy added the bread, Chuck and Karen served desserts and Kim poured the iced tea. A few more than 5 people at the serving line, but we all fit and we were all blessed that day.

Between the first and second serving, Lily and Tracy replenished the toothbrush packets and cookie packets at each table. The second group of men started coming through the line. Realizing they were getting a wonderful Italian meal, one gentleman started speaking Italian to John. All of the men were thankful as they went through the line. They saw this delicious full plate of food being handed over to them, and the best was yet to come. When they got down to the end of the line, they could finally see all of the delicious desserts. Knowing they could have more than one was sheer delight. They went to the dining area, ate their food and the vast majority of them came back and thanked us again for the tastiest meal they had eaten in a long time.



All Ready to Serve



Clean up was a breeze. Cisco, one of the kitchen workers who helped us get set up and very quickly put all the leftovers away, is a truly remarkable man. He shared his story of how he ended up at the Allentown Rescue Mission and now works there. He has his own apartment within walking distance and is a true success story. He has a very kind, gentle spirit about him. He talked about how God's seed was planted in him and how it slowly grew. Now he radiates God's mercy as he continues to serve.

We returned to Faith to put all of the roasters and serving utensils back in the kitchen. I asked Lily about her service at the Mission. Her reply sums it all up, "It was the best day of my life!"

Thank you does not nearly convey my gratitude for every one of you that had some part in this service. So many of you baked. I would list names, but I am afraid I would miss someone. You know who you are, and so does God. Thank you for sharing your love through these delicious desserts. Yes, they were delicious---we were afraid to serve anything without it passing at least one inspectors stamp of approval! For those who worked in the kitchen, either giving directions or taking directions, cutting, chopping, pounding, wrapping, cooking, washing, etc, thank you. For those who served the food, thank you. To our youngest helpers, Tyshonn, Brandon and Lily; what a pleasure it was having the 3 of you along with us – helping in the kitchen to prepare the food and serving the food with a smile. The men were so delighted to see the youngsters among us and so was I. What a blessing you are, thank you for joining us. Now we just need to select another date and another menu and we will be set!

In Faith,

Donna Schoenberger



8th ANNUAL FAITH UCC YARD SALE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 • 8 AM TO 2 PM

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

VENDORS WELCOME!

\$10 A SPACE

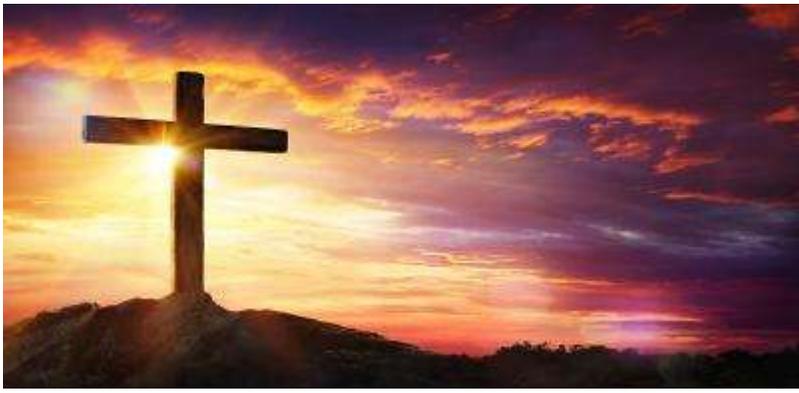
(Vendors provide own tables)

CALL **RUTH** - 610-797-4635 or FAITH UCC - 610-282-3939

FOOD AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE

COME JOIN THE FUN RAIN OR SHINE!!!

**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF YARD SALE ITEMS
PLEASE NO COMPUTERS OR TV'S
BIG ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH**



The Life of Jesus: Circle of Faith fall of 2019

Starting in September the Circle of Faith will be connecting the Bible to modern life with six in-depth studies using the Deeper Connections: Life of Jesus series. The individual topics include:

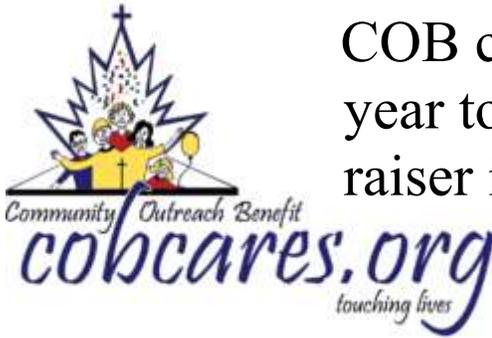
- The Birth of Jesus
- The Baptism of Jesus
- The Temptation of Jesus
- Jesus Calls his Disciples
- Jesus Heals the Sick
- Jesus Casts out Demons

This series is a fresh look at the life of Jesus providing new insight into the first century context of the New Testament. Each lesson gives an introduction from Israel, with a connection of the land itself to the Biblical text. The lessons all highlight important aspects of Jesus' life and ministry and how each apply to our modern application of his teachings.

Whatever stage you are on in your faith journey, expect to learn new things about first century culture, and how important Jesus' life still is to us today. This study will be edifying, informative, and biblically accurate, helping to bridge the gap between the 1st and 21st century understanding of Jesus.

New Circle seekers welcome.

The first session will start at **6 p.m. Sunday, September 15th** at the Talboo home.



COB continues to raise money throughout the year to help our neighbors in need! One fundraiser is the **Mega-Raffle** that will be drawn on **September 21st at 4 pm** at Coopersburg Community Day.

Raffle Tickets cost \$10 and **may be purchased from Cindy Talaber** after worship or on the day of the drawing. Grand Prize is \$5,000, 2nd prize is \$500, and 3rd & 4th prize are \$250.

FALL BINGO will be here soon!

Fall Bingo will be held **November 3, 2019**.
Tickets Go on Sale Sunday, September 22.
Tickets will sell for \$25 for 25 regular games.
Proceeds Will Benefit Church and Mission One
of the most helpful ways to make this event a success is by selling tickets to your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Plan to join the fun!



Save Your Shoe Boxes!

As you are purchasing new shoes for your family please save the boxes for our ***Holiday Hope Chest Mission***. We cannot accept boot size boxes or small children's sizes. Please bring to church ASAP so we may begin wrapping the boxes for this special holiday mission.

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Sept 1 9:00 am	Sept 8 10:15 am	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
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Head Usher: Kevin Long

Financial Secretary: Bruce Torrence

Greeter	Diane Neidermeier	Bonnie Stenroos	Sherry Meluskey	Carol Beck	Shirley George
Ushers	Ken & Tara Koehnlein	Scott & Louise Christman Tom & Brenda Hovis	Deb Herstine Caroline Frantz Donna Schoenberger Sue Walter	Bob & Patti Shelly Joe & Deb Orach	Chuck & Karen Talboo Kevin & Karen Long
Lay Reader	Ken Koehnlein	Karen Talboo	Donna Schoenberger	Michele Keeler	Chuck Talboo
Acolytes					
Flowers	Shelly	Talboos	Koch	Beck	<i>Available</i>

2019 LAWN CREW SCHEDULE

08/26/19	Tom Herstine
09/02/19	Tim Hovis
09/09/19	Dwayne Schantz/Roger Erney
09/16/19	Bruce Torrence/Wes Koser
09/23/19	Joe Orach
09/30/19	Brian Bross
10/07/19	Tim Hovis





FROM THE TREASURER— JUNE & JULY FINANCIALS

	JUNE	YTD
Receipts	\$21,321.52	\$115,897.09
Disbursements	\$17,741.86	\$94,379.65
	\$3,579.66	(\$13,141.36)

	JULY	YTD
Receipts	\$18,292.51	\$133,780.60
Disbursements	\$20,250.39	\$149,256.19
	(\$2,307.88)	(\$15,475.50)

ONLINE GIVING is now available at FAITH UCC! For more details go to www.faithchurchucc.org and click Giving. *You may also have the option of using the BillPay feature through your bank. Please check with your bank for details.*



Bring your tubes of water with you to church on Sunday, September 15th! During the service everyone will come forward and pour their water into the baptismal font. We will dedicate the water and have it sterilized and throughout the year at each baptism we will pour a portion of the water into the baptismal font. This way we will all be participating in baptisms by our actions and our promises.



From the Secretary:

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

2019 ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED! The following dates are in need of sponsors: 9/29, 10/6, 10/20. Please call the office to reserve your date (s). The cost is \$35.



Many thanks for your support of Betty Lou's Pantry! For the last three Sundays of June, the four Sundays of July, and the first two Sundays of August, our regular donations included 401 items and \$175.

MOST CURRENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:

MEAT HELPERS • CEREALS • BOXED POTATOES

Items stocked at the Pantry include:

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| Pork & Beans | Chili |
| Canned Pasta | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Tomatoes | Canned Sauce |
| Kidney & Black Beans | Chunky Soups |
| Canned fruit | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned Chicken & Salmon |
| Beef Stew | Dry Pasta & Spaghetti |
| Spaghetti Sauce | |

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



No one should ever go hungry

**Mark Your Calendars for
December 14 and 21.**

These are the next dates for Faith Church to assist the families at the Pantry.

During the month of December it will also be our responsibility to donate *100 bottles of Liquid Laundry Detergent.*

Now is the time to begin shopping for detergent on sale.

Hold them at home until you see a notification to begin bringing them to church.

There is no place to store them at church or the pantry.

FAITH COLLEGE STUDENTS

Do you remember ever being away from home and thinking that everyone forgot about you? Faith Church has many members who are currently attending college, some for the first time. We need to let them know that they are not forgotten by their friends at Faith.



In the Narthex are mailing boxes that you may use to fill with fun goodies and a wonderful card. The boxes can be packed with as much as you can fit in and shipped for only \$8.

Or...If you wish to make a financial donation we will pack and ship a box for you. **Please see Caroline Frantz with questions or if you would like to make a donation.**

School Supplies Needed For *The Caring Place*

The Mission Team has decided to support a mission for youth in center city Allentown called ***The Caring Place***. We will be collecting school supplies for the after school programs.

The Caring Place is a youth development center that reaches out to the youth in the inner city of Allentown who may be in jeopardy of being entangled in the everyday life of drugs, violence, unemployment and hopelessness. The center provides programs and activities designed to enable young people to overcome the pressures and disadvantages of their environment. The Caring Place offers a safe and loving environment for children ages 6 to 18 years old. Check it out on [Facebook](#).

When school begins the youth will be attending sessions after school. They will be in need of school supplies to help them with their homework and other activities.

Supplies Needed:

Manilla Folders	Pocket folders	Glue Stix
Markers	Crayons	Scissors
Pencils	Spiral Notebooks*	
Loose Leaf Paper*		

****Wide Ruled Paper Only****



This FALL Share a Portion of Your Valuable Time With Music at Faith Church

- Flexible Schedule
- Free Music
- Free Outfit
- Engaging Participants

A Wonderful Night Out from Weekly Routines in a relaxed, creative environment. Instrumental & vocal solo, duo, trio, quartet welcomed.

The CHANCEL CHOIR gathers Wednesday at 7:00 pm and explores new genres and composers for worship. Consider sharing your special gifts of Talent!

Dennis Duda - 215.840.4734
ddduda@verizon.net

**Or ... Attend Community Outreach Music Programs
by international performing artists
hosted at Faith Church**

Vision String Quartet

Haydn Schumann Bacewicz (1951)
Friday, November 15, 2019
at 7:30 pm



Jupiter Quartet

Beethoven Mendelssohn Agocs
(2018)
Friday, April 3, 2020
at 7:30 pm

Presented by Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem. Limited special priced tickets to congregation members. Speak with Dennis Duda after worship.



Finding Joy with Grief
September 9, 10/9 or 11:00 AM
Followed by a light lunch in our garden
Stephens Funeral Home, Inc.

Finding Joy with Grief

Loss will touch each and every one of us, but what can we gain from loss? Join us for a workshop of reflection and growth designed by Nancy Werten & Kim Howie creators of **The Wisdom Coalition**

set for **11:00 am** on
September 12th, 2019

at the **Stephens Funeral Home,**
274 N. Krocks Rd., Allentown, PA.

Learn how tools from Positive Psychology can help you incorporate grief into your life as a partner instead of an adversary. Registration is required. Please RSVP by calling 610.434.6304 by **September 4th.**



Nancy Werten is an award winning television news reporter and anchor with WFMZ TV-69 in Allentown. **Kim Howie** is a Certified Health Coach, author and designer of her signature Pure Energy Program. Together, Nancy and Kim created The Wisdom Coalition, a collaborative community built to help women flourish, thrive and find joy in every aspect of their lives.



TREX Recycling

There is now a place to go with all your plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap, etc and **it's right here at Faith Church!** The Mission Team is leading a campaign to collect **500 pounds** of plastic bags and



wrap, by ***April 15, 2020***. When this is accomplished we will receive a wonderful bench made by **TREX**. Please understand that this mission is not just concerned with receiving a bench. By participating in this program we will be keeping 500 pounds of plastic bags out of our landfills and oceans.

We will begin collecting immediately. There will be collection boxes available at church so you can bring your recyclable wraps with you each Sunday.

All items must be clean and dry with no food residue. These are the items which will be accepted for this mission:

LDPE/HDPE Films
Newspaper Sleeves
Bread Bags
Product Wrap
Cereal Liners
Food Storage Bags
Ice Bags

Pellet Bags
Produce Bags
Dry Cleaning Bags
Grocery Bags
Case Overwrap
Bubble Wrap
Salt Bags

NO plastic bottles and containers that can be recycled with your trash pickup.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jerry Trexler** at
610-390-0340 or **jaypie56@aol.com**



Recycle your Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags and Film Packaging!

Plastics to Collect:

- LDPE / HDPE Films
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Bread Bags
- Product Wrap
- Cereal Liners
- Food Storage Bags
- Ice Bags

- Pellet Bags
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Grocery Bags
- Case Overwrap
- Packaging Air Pillows
- Salt Bags

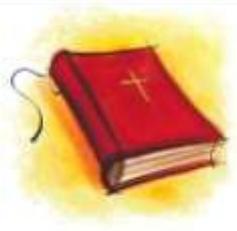


Look for bins and signage near store entrances and drop off collected plastics and wraps.

Your plastic bags and wraps then become Earth-friendly composite decking & railing!

Go to trexrecycling.com to see participating retailers.
800-BUY-TREX





SEPTEMBER BIBLE READINGS

September 1

1 Kings 8:22–40
1 Tim. 4:7b–16
John 8:47–59

September 2

2 Chron. 6:32–7:7
James 2:1–13
Mark 14:53–65

September 3

1 Kings 8:65–9:9
James 2:14–26
Mark 14:66–72

September 4

1 Kings 9:24–10:13
James 3:1–12
Mark 15:1–11

September 5

1 Kings 11:1–13
James 3:13–4:12
Mark 15:12–21

September 6

1 Kings 11:26–43
James 4:13–5:6
Mark 15:22–32

September 7

1 Kings 12:1–20
James 5:7–20
Mark 15:33–39

September 8

1 Kings 12:21–33
Acts 4:18–31
John 10:31–42

September 9

1 Kings 13:1–10
Phil. 1:1–11
Mark 15:40–47

September 10

1 Kings 16:23–34
Phil. 1:12–30
Mark 16:1–8 (9–20)

September 11

1 Kings 17:1–24
Phil. 2:1–11
Matt. 2:1–12

September 12

1 Kings 18:1–19
Phil. 2:12–30
Matt. 2:13–23

September 13

1 Kings 18:20–40
Phil. 3:1–16
Matt. 3:1–12

September 14

1 Kings 18:41–19:8
Phil. 3:17–4:7
Matt. 3:13–17

September 15

1 Kings 19:8–21
Acts 5:34–42
John 11:45–57

September 16

1 Kings 21:1–16
1 Cor. 1:1–19
Matt. 4:1–11

September 17

1 Kings 21:17–29
1 Cor. 1:20–31
Matt. 4:12–17

September 18

1 Kings 22:1–28
1 Cor. 2:1–13
Matt. 4:18–25

September 19

1 Kings 22:29–45
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15
Matt. 5:1–10

September 20

2 Kings 1:2–17
1 Cor. 3:16–23
Matt. 5:11–16

September 21

2 Kings 2:1–18
1 Cor. 4:1–7
Matt. 5:17–20

September 22
2 Kings 4:8–37
Acts 9:10–31
Luke 3:7–18

September 23
2 Kings 5:1–19
1 Cor. 4:8–21
Matt. 5:21–26

September 24
2 Kings 5:19–27
1 Cor. 5:1–8
Matt. 5:27–37

September 25
2 Kings 6:1–23
1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
Matt. 5:38–48

September 26
2 Kings 9:1–16
1 Cor. 6:12–20
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

September 27
2 Kings 9:17–37
1 Cor. 7:1–9
Matt. 6:7–15

September 28
2 Kings 11:1–20a
1 Cor. 7:10–24
Matt. 6:19–24

September 29
2 Kings 17:1–18
Acts 9:36–43
Luke 5:1–11

September 30
2 Kings 17:24–41
1 Cor. 7:25–31
Matt. 6:25–34



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

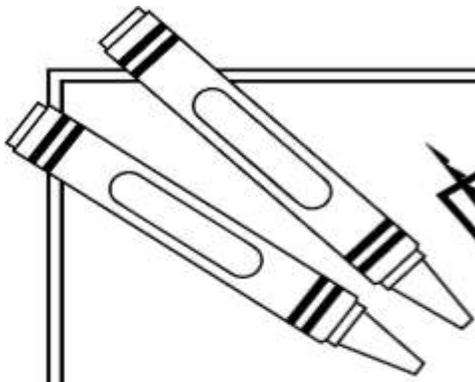
1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

September Birthdays

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Anna Tilley | 17 Cindy Talaber |
| 01 Dan Thompson | 17 Kate Jellison |
| 02 James Tilley | 18 Donna Herndon |
| 03 Iris Shelly | 20 Tam Christman |
| 03 John Barone | 21 Carrie Fosbenner |
| 03 Greg Thompson | 21 Wendy Thompson |
| 03 Adriana Muth | 22 Romaine Zeiner |
| 03 Tim Long | 23 Cathy Wimmer |
| 05 Evelyn Hovis | 23 Diane Talaber |
| 05 Pauline Kemmerer | 24 Craig McCormick |
| 06 Nathan Smith | 26 Susan Roberts |
| 06 Paul Stebbings | 26 Erin Gollie |
| 09 Tim Holschwander | 27 Abby Muth |
| 09 Patti Shelly | 28 Michael DiSanto |
| 10 Carol Beck | 28 Damyn Allison |
| 10 Olivia Muth | 29 Ruth Smith |
| 14 Howard Barrick | 29 Eric Fosbenner |
| 14 Evelyn Trumbauer | |
| 14 Virginia Haller | |
| 14 Patricia Bley | |
| 14 Gavin Kennedy | |
| 15 Angela Knappenberger | |



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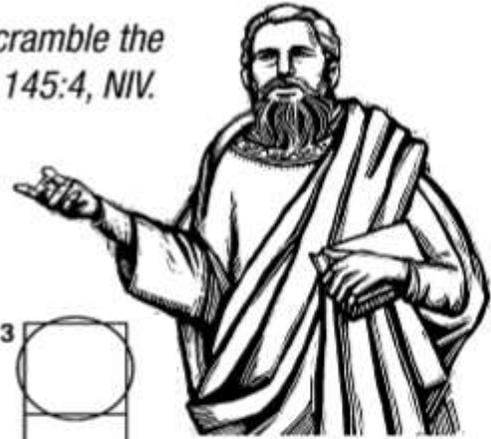


PUZZLE

Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



ACROSS

- 2. David's grandfather
- 5. Jacob's grandfather
- 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

- 1. Judah's grandmother
- 3. Joseph's grandfather
- 4. Solomon's grandfather
- 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV