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9:00 am —SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:15 am—WORSHIP

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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: peace, weary, fields



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Last month I shared our woes of getting our, still under warranty, washing machine replaced. I am very happy to tell you that about a week after September Focus of Faith was placed into the mail our new washing machine arrived! Now, I can move on.

I attended the U.C.C. General Synod this summer. It was an excellent time to catch up with colleagues that I hadn't seen in a very long time; share stories of our respective ministries, hear and learn from their experiences, attend workshops, do the work of the national church, and enjoy magnificent worship.

Usually I find General Synod to be nothing but an uplifting experience. That was not necessarily the case with this synod. It's not that it was absent of those high moments that I just mentioned above. Unfortunately, that there were some dark moments as well. Now, other synods have also had dark moments but somehow by the end of the synod there seemed to be a sense of resolution regardless of differences. I can't say that about this synod on at least one item.

At each General Synod there is a huge exhibit hall where all sorts of church related organizations can display their merchandise (I always buy a new stole which I have been wearing recently), and literature, and different groups can tell of their story and encourage people of like-minded theological positions. The U.C.C., being such a diverse denomination, has a tremendous number of groups eager to tell their story.

At a recent General Synod one of these groups, more "traditional" in their thinking published and displayed some lit-

erature that some of those on the more “progressive” side of thinking found offensive and hurtful. As a result, a resolution came to the floor that if passed would prohibit such groups from having exhibit space in the future.

I found myself in a quandary. While I tended to agree with the thinking/theology of the more “progressive” group I did not believe that the more “traditional” group should be silenced. “If we silence them, how long will it be before they silence me?” I thought to myself.

It was a long debate and by the end of the day the decision was made to table the resolution and to have the Board of Directors of our denomination deal with it. And so, this resolution had no resolution and people with passionate feelings on both sides felt like Synod was ending with a dark cloud hovering over it. At least that is how I felt. I have attended many Synods, each with a fair amount of “spirited debate” and yet each of them ended in a spirit of love and respect for each other with a commitment to follow the voice of the Spirit as we continued to journey in Faith. As this Synod came to a close, I wasn’t feeling this and it disturbed me immensely. Thank God for Sandy Chapman.

Sandy Chapman was one of three artists who sat in the midst of Synod, listening and waiting, and then presented us with a work that represented what they had experienced. Sandy is a musician, a composer and wrote and performed two songs that captured both the darkness and yet the love and commitment.

The first song was to acknowledge the negativity in the hall so that we could then purge it. Here are the words:

We gather in prayer, sick from descension in the air, feelin’ the darkness spreading its poisonous veil.

We come to escape, conflict and friction fall like rain, pelting our windows with shards of disdain, negativity reigns.

Let's call to mind, islands of love connected by light. The light that's in you, the lights that's in me, pouring out like a sea.

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, come on Let it shine, Do do do, Do – do do

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, come on Let it shine, Do do do, Dooooo

Like the sun in the sky, your sun burns deep inside I'll see yours, you'll see mine

*And we'll shine, ya we'll shine,
Let it shine, come on Let it shine.*

Do do do, do, Do do do do, Dooooo

We send out this call for one and all to join in the cause, voices united sending our love into the dark.

Let go of the “me”, replace it with “we” and what's in between, shining brightly together simultaneously, in solidarity.

Let's call to mind, islands of love connected by light. The light that's in you, the lights that's in me, pouring out like a sea.

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, come on Let it shine, Do do do, Do – do do

Like the sun in the sky, your sun burns deep inside I'll see yours, you'll see mine

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, come on Let it shine, Do do do, Do – do do

Like the sun in the sky, your sun burns deep inside I'll see yours, you'll see mine Let it shine

If you would like to listen to Sandy perform her song at General Synod you can find it on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsBcSVVHMZM>

Move your counter to position 57. There you can listen to her second song that she wrote to purge the negativity.

We don't always agree on things in the church. Sometimes there are big things that pull us apart and sometimes there are small things but they have the same effect. They erode the fabric of our community. At these moments we cannot walk away from each other. Even in our discouragement and disappointment we are called to remain in community and we do so by finding a melody that acknowledges our struggles and then a second one that enables to purge them.

There will be challenges in our future. Let us commit ourselves to approach them with a melody that preserves our community.

Peace,



The Children and Communion Program will be offered to children in grades 2 next month. Parents and their children need to attend an hour long evening class the 1st 3 Sundays in November. Children will receive their first communion on December 1; the first Sunday in Advent. Registration forms with more details will be handed out during Sunday School.

FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP DESK

There's a line in one of my favorite movies in which a character makes the observation, "A thing is not beautiful because it lasts. It's a privilege to be present in the beauty of that which is fleeting."

Every year, amid the fall season, I'm reminded of the beauty of that which does not last. As summer unfolds the leaves stay green and we all enjoy a sense of stability in the world around us. This stability comes from the simple persistence of the color green. Oh sure, other colors show themselves in flowers and berries, but in most places, green is a constant sight in the summertime—even it is only in the grass.

And then fall arrives, and the green changes to yellow, orange, red, brown, and then all too soon it appears as though all color has left our line of sight. A few years ago, I saw a tree that held all the colors of fall at once; brown hung at the top through red, orange, and finally green at the bottom. What a beautiful sight, and yet if I could go back to that tree whenever I wanted to see those colors, its beauty would be diminished. In the same vein, any photographer will tell you, their art is about captivating that one moment which ended the moment the picture was taken. It is also why we end up saying, "You had to be there." The moment is gone, and you missed the beauty of the experience.

I often wonder if this is part of the reason God created us to learn, grow, change, and die. Like the leaves on the trees, we do not last, and that is okay—it is even good. My daughter grows continuously, and I say, "Where did the moments of her baby-ness go? They were so beautiful." She's growing beyond those moments and the fleeting

moments now are just as beautiful, but one day these moments will be gone too.

We are beautiful because we are frail. We are beautiful because we always change. We are beautiful because we do not last.

In the fleeting moments of beauty, we must not forget the power our mortality offers us. Beauty and power often go hand in hand, and each moment of beauty carries power because of that beauty. I submit to you, Christ's ministry would not have been so powerful if he lived forever. If Christ stayed physically on Earth till the present day, we'd be saying, "Oh yeah, Christ, I'll go see later. He's always going to be there."

As you observe the changing and dying leaves in the weeks to come, take in their beauty and power, and remember the beauty and power God gave you in your brief, but beautiful life.

Pastor Josh



Faith UCC, thank you for your generosity in the Triple G's summer mission collection!

The homeless in our communities often go unnoticed. It is not our fault that we have busy lives with places to go and things to do. Unseen or not, they are still around us. We all know this, but it's hard to imagine how we can help. Homeless kits are an excellent way for us all to give as there is need.

There are only two left in the narthex of the church!

Over the summer the Triple G's were collecting items to make more, and we proudly announce that Faith UCC gave the following:

- 32 shoeboxes
- 20 pairs of new socks
- 85 new combs
- 1 new brush
- 32 bars of soap
- 3 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 3 shampoo/conditioner sets
- 22 washcloths
- 127 packets of individually wrapped snacks
- 65 tubes of toothpaste
- 63 toothbrushes
- 1 pack of flossers
- and 8 individual packets of tissues



Whoa!! That's a whole lot of stuff and for October mission Sunday—4th Sunday of October 20th—during church we're gonna make some homeless kits for members of Faith to keep in their cars, or their businesses, wherever they might find someone in need.

Thanks again! - *Triple G's*

TRIPLE G'S FALL EVENTS!

Mission Sundays , during church, and Fourth Sunday Fellowship, after church, will both be held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Mission Sundays

September—22 Faith Garden

October—27 Prepare Homeless Kits

November—24 Christmas Cards for Bethany Children's
Home

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

September—22 Trampoline Park

October—27 Escape Room

November—24 Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Movie



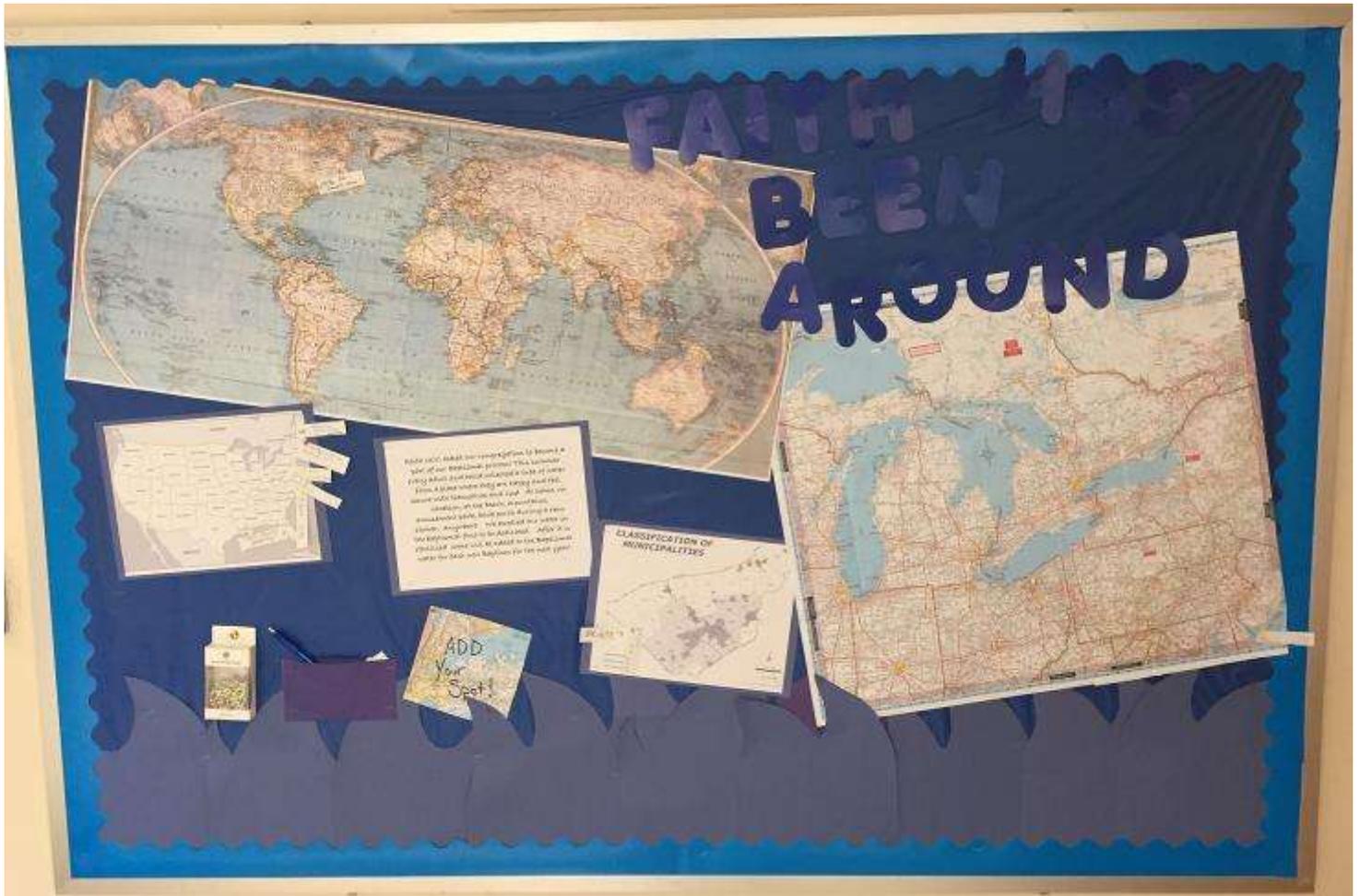




WATER COMMUNION SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

WATER COMMUNION 2019

Check out the bulletin board in the hallway by the office to see from where our Faith members collected their water! Add your collection spot so that everyone can see where your special place is. Pick a map, add your name and a map pin!



From a church newsletter:

MORE than 200 people attended.

Thanks for being apart of this special event!

Watch for next year's date

If you had to be apart from us that day, plan to be *a part* of next year's event!

Haitian Family Sponsorship



On Rally Sunday, Dr Tony Campolo presented us with an inspiring and entertaining message. He also requested that we sponsor Haitian families through Beyond Borders. For only \$1,800 over 18 months you can provide a family with a new home, education for their children, instructions on a new occupation plus much more. If you are unable to cover the sponsorship of one family, several individuals are putting their donations together to sponsor a family. With our current commitments we are able to sponsor 4 families. However, we have family #5 who is not completely covered. In order to cover this family we need an additional \$720 or \$40 a

month for the next 18 months. If you would like to participate in this mission but can only afford \$5 or \$10 a month please let us know. We would very much like your participation.

For those of you who have made a commitment, you will be receiving envelopes that will help remind you to make your pledge. All pledges will be sent to Beyond Borders each month through the Mission Team beginning in November, 2019. Your commitment will carry through until April, 2021. Thank you and blessings to all for considering this mission.

MISSION MOMENT FROM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd—A new opportunity here at Faith Church offered by TREX. Over the next 6 months the Mission Team is challenging you to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags, plastic film and overwrap plastic. If we accomplish this goal by April 15, 2020 Faith Church will receive a lovely bench from TREX that can be used on church property. Many of you have already begun to drop your “bag of bags” into one of the TREX recycle boxes placed around our church building and we thank you.

However, this is not just about getting a Free Bench...it’s about beginning the process of helping to save this Planet Earth that God created as our home. Last Sunday we all had the opportunity to share a vial of water from our favorite vacation spot. Some of the water came from Iceland and Old Faithful. But many of us brought back water from the beautiful beaches of Florida, Avalon and Ocean City and the Outer Banks. But humankind is not taking such great care of these beautiful oceans and they may not be so enjoyable for much longer. In vast areas of our oceans, plastic has collected to the point where they are now calling it the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. And the Atlantic Ocean is not immune to this massive collection of plastic garbage.

According to National Geographic... 9 billion tons of plastic waste end up in the ocean every year. Now you may say, how can our 500 pounds of plastic bags make a difference...but it does. It matters to the sea turtle that gets tangled in a plastic bag and drowns, or a whale that swallows it thinking it’s a jelly fish or to sea birds that die each day from consuming broken down plastic. It is a small step but if we begin to recycle or reduce the use of plastic bags, bottles and containers NOW we can help stop this cycle of pollution.

We at Faith Church have made a decision to no longer use materials that cannot be recycled such as foam plates and cups. Many municipalities do not recycle foam. So, we will no longer be purchasing anything made from foam.

You may have noticed when Dr Campolo visited us for lunch a couple Sundays ago that we used Faith Church's ceramic plates and silver-ware. The extra work of washing these dishes by hand is well-worth trying to do our part to stop this pollution.

At our new hospitality center in the Narthex, coffee is being made available for your consumption. We are inviting you to help yourself during Sunday School and worship. Reusable coffee mugs and travel mugs will become available soon. You will be able to purchase your own travel mug that you can take home and bring back each Sunday. When the new mugs arrive we will no longer be using the foam cups. This is an easy mission. It requires no financial support from you. The only thing you must do is collect plastic bags and wrap and bring it to church each Sunday along with your pantry donations. Not all missions are about helping our neighbors in needthis mission is about being good stewards of God's beautiful creation that we call home... Planet Earth! It is the only home we have and we must begin to protect Earth NOW!



Watch the weekly bulletins and emails for more detailed information about what we can and can not accept for this recycling mission.



**Amy (Talboo) & J
& Brooke Bittenbender**
welcomed their son
and brother,
Bryce Alexander,
on August 2, 2019.



Bryce weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was
19" long. Proud Grandparents—
Karen & Chuck Talboo!



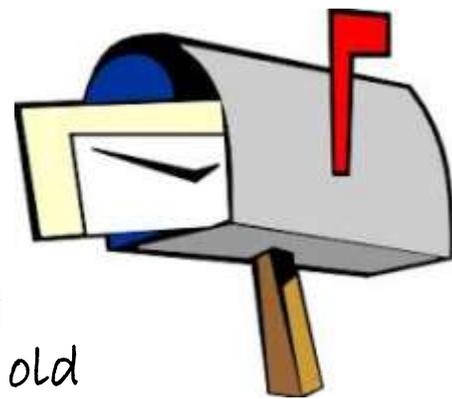
**Megan (Herstine) and Vinnie
Farino** welcomed their daughter,
Mikayla Carmela,
on August 12, 2019.

Mikayla weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was
20 1/2" long. Proud Grandparents -
Deb & Tom Herstine!

*God's Blessings on the arrival of these
precious additions!!*



Dear "Yard Sale Ladies/Team",



Hello sisters-in-the-Lord. I want to thank you for the fun time I had at your annual yard sale. It was especially fun because my husband (of 50 years) came along. Seeing old friends, renewing acquaintances and finding treasures made the day a highlight of my summer.

Yes, a venture like yours takes time, talent, and many helpers. In a society where the volunteer pool is diminishing you "stand out above the rest!"

Thank you from me and the larger community—well done good and faithful servants!

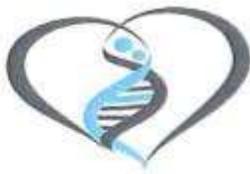
By the way, we're already using many of "the treasures" and others will become gifts to children and grandchildren. Tony is currently painting a night stand table to give to a daughter—your gift of time keeps on giving.

You are loved and appreciated.

With gratitude,

Barbara Lang

(Editor's Note: The Yard Sale Team was small but mighty! They worked like a well oiled machine and raised \$2,800 for our general fund! Thanks from all of us at Faith.)



PITT HOPKINS

RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Charitable Gift Receipt

Please retain this receipt as part of your tax records

September 1, 2019

Faith United Church of Christ Faith United Church of Christ
5992 Route 378
Center Valley, PA 18034

Dear Faith United Church of Christ Faith United Church of Christ,

The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation thanks you for your generous donation. Our research, which began in 2012, is a direct result of your donations. Your gift gives so much more than money — it gives all of our families hope.

The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization designated under the Internal Revenue Code, and this donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. No goods or services have been provided by the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation in consideration of this gift. The PHRF Employer Identification Number is 46-0770142.

Sincerely,

Theresa Pauca
Vice President, Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation

Date of Gift:
6/24/2019

Amount of Gift:
\$250

In Honor Of:
Rylie Maginn

*Dear Faith Friends,
Thank you for continuing
to support Rylie and
our family with love
Heather & Jack
Maginn*

We don't just hope for miracles, we fight for them.

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THOSE WHO WILL SERVE IN OCTOBER

(This schedule has been corrected since the printed copy was mailed.)

| | October 6 | October 13 | October 20 | October 27 |
|------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Head Usher: TBD | | Financial Secretary: Bob Shelly | | |
| Greeter | Jane Van Horn | Sue Roberts | Doris Horwath | Marge Kichline |
| Ushers | Mike Ford Wes Koser George Rau Steve Sosnowsky | Tracy Adams Cindy Talaber Heather Koser Linda Torrence | Ken & Kim Ritter Michele & Bruce Keeler | Faye Tirpak Ruth Smith Jerry & Linda Lennon |
| Lay Reader | Jerry Trexler | Cindy Talaber | Mim Allison | Karen Talboo |
| Acolytes | | | | Weiland Hite |
| Nursery | Diane Talaber | | | |
| Flowers | | Erney | | Adams |

2019 LAWN CREW SCHEDULE

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| 09/23/19 | Joe Orach |
| 09/30/19 | Brian Bross |
| 10/07/19 | Tim Hovis |





FROM THE TREASURER— AUGUST FINANCIALS

| | AUGUST | YTD |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Receipts | \$16,950.94 | \$156,091.54 |
| Disbursements | \$19,530.44 | \$173,670.61 |
| | (\$2,579.50) | (\$17,579.07) |

| | Weekly Attendance | Weekly Offering | over/under \$3500 goal |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 8/4 | 58 | \$ 2,442 | (\$1,058) |
| 8/11 | 48 | \$ 2,242 | (\$1,259) |
| 8/18 | 45 | \$ 2,414 | (\$1,086) |
| 8/25 | 48 | \$ 2,052 | (\$1,449) |
| | | | |
| Total | 199 | \$ 9,149 | (\$4,851) |

Faith Friends,

*On **October 5th**, you are invited to an Oktoberfest event for the **Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation**. We are hosting this fundraiser in honor of our daughter, **Rylie Maginn**. This event is a fun night out that includes a raffle, DJ, beer, wine, and a German feast. To register online, please visit*



www.pintsforpitthopkins.myevent.org

or contact Heather at 610-533-3044. We are also in need of baskets for our raffle. All ideas welcome! If you're able to donate a basket, please also contact Heather. We hope to see some of you there! Thank you for your continued love and support.

Sincerely,

Jack & Heather Maginn



From the Secretary:

The **deadline** for **November Newsletter** articles and information is **October 10th**. Please email to faitchurchcv@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: 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 two Sundays of August and the first two Sundays of September, our regular donations included 175 items and \$75.

MOST CURRENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:

MEAT HELPERS • CANNED RAVIOLI • BOXED POTATOES

Items stocked at the Pantry include:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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.**

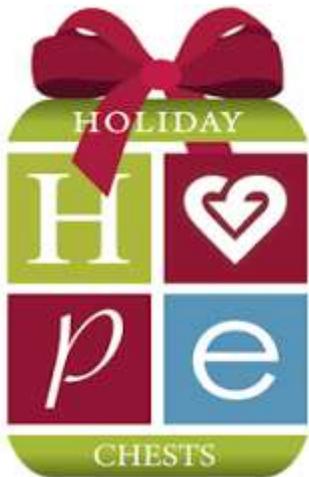
These are the next dates for Faith Church to assist the families at the Pantry.

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.



HOLIDAY HOPE CHESTS

Through the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley

Faith Church will once again be participating in Holiday Hope Chest Christmas Shoe Box Ministry this holiday season. **Wrapped shoe boxes and specific directions will be provided on Sunday, October 27.**

All packed shoe boxes must be **returned to church by Sunday, November 24.** All *Holiday Hope Chests* will be delivered in the Lehigh Valley to less fortunate children.

Please join the fun and make the holiday season a little brighter for children right here in our area!

Our goal is to pack 125 Holiday Hope Chests. We need to wrap another 35 shoe boxes in order to accomplish this. The remaining shoe boxes are all separate tops and bottoms, no hinged boxes. Wrapping paper and tape will be provided. Please see Karen T if interested in helping out. All boxes must be ready for packing by Sunday, October 27.



Fall Bingo

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Help Needed Please!!

We invite everyone to join in the fun! The proceeds from Fall Bingo will benefit the

General Fund and Mission.

How Can You Help?

~**Sell Tickets** to your friends, relatives, and neighbors

~Price is \$25 for 25 regular games.

~**Donations** are needed for these items:

~Monetary Donations are very helpful

~Door Prizes \$5-\$15 Value (Gift Cards are a favorite)

~Basket Raffle Items \$20 and up (Suggestions are available)

Or make a donation and we will make a basket for you.

~Baked Goods

~Hot Dog and Hamburger Rolls

~**Help is Needed to Set Up:**

~Set up in Fellowship Hall on Sat, Nov 2 at 9:00 am

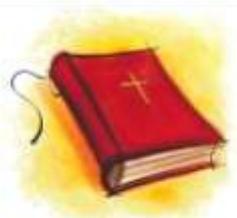
~Work in the kitchen on Sunday

~Work the floor during bingo

~Clean up after bingo starting at 2:30 PM

If you need tickets, have questions or would like to help make this fundraiser another huge success please contact Karen Talboo at cktalboo@gmail.com or 610-282-1552.

Please See Flyer enclosed in the Focus for more details.



OCTOBER BIBLE READINGS

October 1

2 Chron. 29:1–3; 30:1
(2–9) 10–27
1 Cor. 7:32–40
Matt. 7:1–12

October 2

2 Kings 18:9–25
1 Cor. 8:1–13
Matt. 7:13–21

October 3

2 Kings 18:28–37
1 Cor. 9:1–15
Matt. 7:22–29

October 4

2 Kings 19:1–20
1 Cor. 9:16–27
Matt. 8:1–17

October 5

2 Kings 19:21–36
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Matt. 8:18–27

October 6

2 Kings 20:1–21
Acts 12:1–17
Luke 7:11–17

October 7

2 Kings 21:1–18
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Matt. 8:28–34

October 8

2 Kings 22:1–13
1 Cor. 11:2 (3–16) 17–
22
Matt. 9:1–8

October 9

2 Kings 22:14–23:3
1 Cor. 11:23–34
Matt. 9:9–17

October 10

2 Kings 23:4–25
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Matt. 9:18–26

October 11

2 Kings 23:36–24:17
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Matt. 9:27–34

October 12

Jer. 35:1–19
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Matt. 9:35–10:4

October 13

Jer. 36:1–10
Acts 14:8–18
Luke 7:36–50

October 14

Jer. 36:11–26
1 Cor. 13:(1–3) 4–13
Matt. 10:5–15

October 15

Jer. 36:27–37:2
1 Cor. 14:1–12
Matt. 10:16–23

October 16

Jer. 37:3–21
1 Cor. 14:13–25
Matt. 10:24–33

October 17

Jer. 38:1–13
1 Cor. 14:26–33a
(33b–36) 37–40
Matt. 10:34–42

October 18

Jer. 38:14–28
1 Cor. 15:1–11
Matt. 11:1–6

October 19

Jer. 52:1–34
1 Cor. 15:12–29
Matt. 11:7–15

October 20

Jer. 29:1, 4–14
or Jer. 39:11–40:6
Acts 16:6–15
Luke 10:1–12, 17–20

October 21

Jer. 44:1–14
or Jer. 29:1, 4–14
1 Cor. 15:30–41
Matt. 11:16–24

October 22

Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12
or Jer. 40:7–41:3
 1 Cor. 15:41–50
 Matt. 11:25–30

October 23

Lam. 2:8–15 *or* Jer.
 41:4–18
 1 Cor. 15:51–58
 Matt. 12:1–14

October 24

Ezra 1:1–11 *or* Jer. 42:1
 –22
 1 Cor. 16:1–9
 Matt. 12:15–21

October 25

Ezra 3:1–13 *or* Jer. 43:1
 –13
 1 Cor. 16:10–24
 Matt. 12:22–32

October 26

Ezra 4:7, 11–24
or Jer. 44:1–14
 Philem. 1–25
 Matt. 12:33–42

October 27

Hag. 1:1–2:9
or Jer. 44:15–30
 Acts 18:24–19:7
 Luke 10:25–37

October 28

Zech. 1:7–17 *or* Jer.
 45:1–5
 Rev. 1:4–20
 Matt. 12:43–50

October 29

Ezra 5:1–17 *or* Lam.
 1:1–5
 (6–9) 10–12
 Rev. 4:1–11
 Matt. 13:1–9

October 30

Ezra 6:1–22
or Lam. 2:8–15
 Rev. 5:1–10
 Matt. 13:10–17

October 31

Neh. 1:1–11 *or* Lam.
 2:16–22
 Rev. 5:11–6:11
 Matt. 13:18–23

**HARVEST*** *Trail Mix* *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.

**What you need:**

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

October Birthdays

04 Brittney Campbell

06 Bob Grammer

07 Amanda Gunkle

08 Karen Long

08 Ashley Arnold

12 Doris Horwath

12 Brylie Kepner

14 Ian Long

16 Kellan Maginn

16 Patience Stevenson

16 Duane Jones

16 Grace Uninsky

17 Dorothy Miller

17 Kraig Koehnlein

18 Larry Weidner

19 Ben Muth

20 Joyce Butz

21 Doug Jenny

21 Logan Koch

22 Debby Herstine

23 Jean Rau

24 Wayne Biery

24 Brandon Davis

24 Addison Dill

25 Jane Lenner

25 Deb Biery

26 Hunter Steele

27 Ron Demkee

27 Charles Castetter

27 Anthony DiSanto Jr

28 Susanna Berghold

28 Tyshonn Barone

28 Trevor Campbell

30 Debra Miller

31 Mim Allison



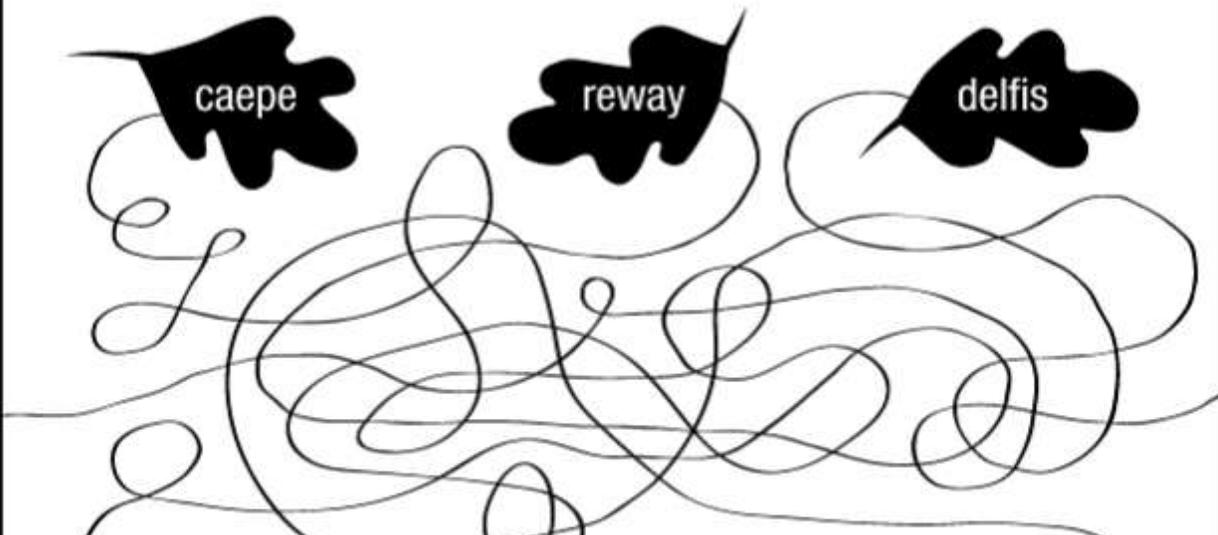
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PUZZLE

Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV