



FAITH

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.



10:15 a.m.—WORSHIP

Sunday School is held during a portion of church.

Watch us on [YouTube](#)

LEAD PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Stevenson
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We are an Open & Affirming Congregation



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

*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.*

2024 Consistory

President—Tom Hovis, Vice President—Bruce Torrence
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

Iceland, Chapter Two

Last month I told you about my family's recent trip to Iceland, how difficult it was for the early settlers had it but they didn't give up. I likened it a bit to how Jesus, in the midst of his hardships and challenges did not give up either.

Well, I'm no Jesus and I think you know that by now but I can be just as persistent. I told you that we all hoped to see the Northern Lights but did not. We all wanted to see the sky ablaze with something like this:



It would have been beautiful but we saw nothing close to this. A true viewing of the Aurora Borealis. Spectacular. However, I did see *something*, and I did take a picture of it to share with you.



Can you see it off in the distance? If you can't don't feel bad. I had to stare at it quite a while before I did. I don't even call it the Northern Lights in this picture. I call it the *Northern Flicker*.

I hope you can see these pictures, particularly the color. If you can't then view them on the church web site.

So, did I see the Northern Lights or just a "Flicker?" I've shared this picture with many who have made the trip to Iceland, Alaska, and Norway to witness them and they insist that what I saw was the beginning of something spectacular. They tell me that I should have just stayed out later! Regardless, I'll just have to be happy with what I saw.

This experience has made me think about prayer. God always answers our prayers but sometimes not the way we would like or want. When we don't

get what we hoped for, dreamt for, or prayed for does that mean that God does not listen or care? No. Sometimes it simply means that God has something else in mind for us.

Was I hoping for a great spectacular display of the Aurora Borealis? Of course. Am I positive that the “flicker” that I did see was but a small display of the Northern Lights? Right now, I can’t be certain, but I’ve decided that I did! 😊 But out in the those cold, cold nights with my family did I witness the magnificence of God’s creation? Yes, I did.

As I stared up at the skies one night waiting for the Northern Lights to appear I witnessed this amazing display of stars. I was reminded of God’s promise to Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the skies. That night I was reminded that I am one of his descendants, adopted by Christ’s love and grace and so are you.



The stars in the sky and my *Northern Flicker* were worth the trip. God gave me what I needed in the way *HE* chose to give it me.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Eric". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Puzzle Answers: planted, seed, watered, God, grow. one, one, anything, only, God, grow



APRIL IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MONTH

**Join us for a Mission Moment of Sunday, April 14th to
learn more about OGHS!**

Make-Your-Own-Salad and Pie Sunday!

Get out your pie plates and find your favorite pie recipe.
It's time for PIE Sunday!

After worship on **April 14** we will be meeting in
Fellowship Hall for a Make-Your-Own-Salad Lunch.

Enjoy spending time with family and friends as you sample the most
delicious pies Faith bakers can make.

All are invited even if you don't bake pies.
There are always plenty of pies!

A Free-Will-Offering will be collected for
One Great of Hour Sharing
See you then!



We lost a friend...Mike Ford passed away unexpectedly over the weekend. Plans will be made for a funeral service and burial in his hometown in Central Pennsylvania. Mike will be missed by so many. He was always willing to step up and help out in whatever way he could. *Rest in Peace Mike.*

Mark Your Calendars
Spring Bingo and Basket Raffle

When you win you may select the Purse or Tote of your choice from a great selection of:

ThirtyOne Vera Bradley Lug Baggalini

Each Special Game will be a Gift Card Basket valued at \$100

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2024
TIME: Doors open at Noon. Play Begins at 1 PM
PRICE: \$25 FOR 25 Regular Games
Specials sold separately \$2 each game or 3 for \$5
WHO: YOU and all of your friends, relatives and neighbors
TICKETS: Will go on sale Tuesday, March 26.

This is the Mission Team's biggest fundraiser that will help support missions such as Haiti Family Sponsorship, Phoebe Home, Pathways, The Allentown Rescue Mission and many more. We really need your support in order to continue Faith's mission work.

How can you help?

~On the day of Bingo we can use **volunteers in the kitchen from (11:30 am-3 pm)**

We could use any of the following donations:

~**Gift Cards** for Special Games and Basket Raffle

~**Lots of Desserts**

- ~3 Regular Coke (12 packs)
- ~2 Diet Coke
- ~1 Sprite
- ~10 dozen bottles of Water (16 oz size)
- ~Door Prizes valued at \$10+
- ~Basket Raffle items valued at \$25

Please let us know if you will be donating any items so we do not purchase duplicates of items. Contact Karen Talboo at cktalboo@gmail.com or 610-282-1552. Thank you.



Mission News

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer for any of our mission activities OR to join the Mission Team our contact information is listed below:

Contact Chuck or Karen at cktalboo@gmail.com or 610-282-1552

Haiti Family Sponsorships Needed

The Mission Team has set a goal of sponsoring no less than 3 families in the Beyond Border's Family Sponsorship Program in Haiti. This year the sponsorship has been raised to \$2,400 over 24 months. If you wish to do a partial sponsorship with some other members of Faith just let us know. We will be happy to match up individuals to complete a sponsorship. We currently have enough sponsorships for 2 families on Laganov Island, Haiti. Can you help us sponsor a third family?

Betty Lou's Pantry

Mark your Calendars for July 13 and 27, 2024.

July is our month to help distribute food to the families at BLP. We need 8-10 volunteers. It's also our month to donate 100 bottles of laundry detergent. Keep watching for sales.

We'll let you know when you can begin to bring them to Faith.

Holiday Hope Chests Shoe Boxes Needed

If you purchase new shoes over the summer save your shoe boxes. We will need 50-60 shoe boxes for our donations to the Holiday Hope Chests. The boxes must be regular sized. No Boot Sized boxes, men's large shoe boxes, or small children's size. Set empty shoe boxes on the shelves above the coat racks. We can use help wrapping the shoe boxes. If you would be interested in helping to wrap the boxes contact Karen.



CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

On April 21 at 3:00 pm, Faith UCC hosts Chamber Music - Lehigh Valley presenting the internationally acclaimed Apollo Piano Trio with guest violist, Misha Amory. They will present a spectacular program of chamber music by Brahms, Faure and Shostakovich. Tickets may be purchased in advance after worship from music director Dennis Duda until April 14 for a special reduced price of \$20 for church members. Single tickets on April 21 will be available at the door for \$35. All students may attend free of charge. Hope to see many of you at this outstanding event.

2024 Lawn Crew Schedule

04/14/2024	Tim Hovis	484-223-9476
04/21/2024	Tom Herstine	610-797-7129
	Vinnie Farina	610-509-5842
04/28/2024	Russ Shelly	610-360-4469
	Tony DiSanto	610-653-3403
05/05/2024	Terry Muth	484-894-4669
05/12/2024	Mirth Crew	610-417-4153
05/19/2024	Owen Hovis	484-223-9476
	Tom Hovis	610-657-1359
05/26/2024	Tony DiSanto	610-653-3403
06/02/2024	Dwayne Schantz	610-797-4994
	Bob Shelly	610-965-7999
06/09/2024	Tim Hovis	484-223-9476
06/16/2024	Owen Hovis	484-223-9476
06/23/2024	Mirth Crew	610-417-4153
06/30/2024	Brett Dill	610-850-2679
07/07/2024	Chuck Talboo	610-282-1552
	Randy Hughes	610-967-5061
07/14/2024	Kevin Long	610-751-4653
07/21/2024	Tom Hovis	610-657-1359
07/28/2024	Brett Dill	610-850-2679
08/04/2024	Tom Hovis	610-657-1359
	George Rau	610-865-1448
08/11/2024	Terry Muth	484-894-4669
08/18/2024	Tom Herstine	610-797-7129
	Vinne Farina	610-509-5842
08/25/2024	Tim Hovis	484-223-9476
09/01/2024	Dwayne Schantz	610-797-4994
	Roger Erney	610-797-7227
09/08/2024	Bruce Torrence	610-282-4081
	Wes Koser	610-841-7077
09/15/2024	Mirth crew	610-417-4153
09/22/2024	Bruce Torrence	610-282-4081
09/29/2024	Tim Hovis	484-223-9476
10/06/2024	Mirth Crew, if need-	610-417-4153

Thanks for helping out on the Lawn Crew!

If gas is needed, please purchase & submit the receipt to the church office for reimbursement.

If you have problems with any of the equipment, please call Tim Hovis @ 484-223-9476 or Tim Hovis @ 610-657-1359



APRIL VOLUNTEERS
Head Usher : Bruce Torrence
Financial Secretary: Bruce Torrence

Date	Ushers	Lay Reader	Flowers
4/07	tbd Tom Hovis	Joan Hassler	Faye Tirpak
4/14	Rose Mirth Deb Herstine	Rose Mirth	Rose Mirth
4/21	Bob & Patti Shelly	Brenda Hovis	Shelly
4/28	Kim Ritter Donna Schoenberger	Barb Maursky	Tom Hovis



FAITH FINANCIALS

February	Month	YTD
Combined Receipts	\$19,897.63	\$35,316.02
Combined Disbursements	\$17,634.47	\$38,530.82
	\$2,263.16	(3,214.80)

Cash Balances:	QNB Checking	\$12,820
	QNB Savings	<u>\$13,967</u>
		\$26,778



Our donations for the last two Sundays of February and the first two Sundays of March included 215 items. In addition, the final total of cereal donations as of February 18 is 322 large boxes of cereal and 54 individual boxes of cereal. THANK YOU for your generous support of Betty Lou's Pantry and the CEREAL BOWL OF SHARING!!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

BAKED BEANS

SPAGHETTI NOODLES

CANNED RAVIOLI

Items stocked at the Pantry include:

Pork & Beans

Chili

Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Pasta

Peanut Butter

Canned Tomatoes & Canned Sauce

Kidney Beans

Chunky Soups

Canned Fruit

Macaroni & Cheese

Beef Stew

Canned Chicken and Salmon

Dry Pasta & Spaghetti

Meat Helpers (Beef, Chicken, Tuna)

Pasta Side Dishes (Rice-A-Roni, Knorr's Rice)

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](tel:610-282-2838) and leave a message, or email bettylouspantry18036@gmail.com —*Mike Ford*

SHOW
8 PM

HONESTLY
a Journey In Faith

Sellersville Theater

24 West Temple Avenue
Sellersville, PA 18960

LAURA
WILLIAMS

POINT YOUR CAMERA
FOR TICKET INFO



"A Prodigy"
Reba McEntire

FRIDAY
APRIL 26th 2024



APRIL BIBLE READINGS

April 1
Exod. 12:14–27 1
Cor. 15:1–11
Mark 16:1–8

April 2
Exod. 12:28–39
1 Cor. 15:12–28
Mark 16:9–20

April 3
Exod. 12:40–51
1 Cor. 15:(29) 30–41
Matt. 28:1–16

April 4
Exod. 13:3–10
1 Cor. 15:41–50
Matt. 28:16–20

April 5
Exod. 13:1–2, 11–16
1 Cor. 15:51–58
Luke 24:1–12

April 6
Exod. 13:17–14:4
2 Cor. 4:16–5:10
Mark 12:18–27

April 7
Exod. 14:5–22
1 John 1:1–7
John 14:1–7

April 8
Exod. 14:21–31
1 Pet. 1:1–12
John 14:(1–7) 8–17

April 9
Exod. 15:1–21
1 Pet. 1:13–25
John 14:18–31

April 10
Exod. 15:22–16:10
1 Pet. 2:1–10
John 15:1–11

April 11
Exod. 16:10–22
1 Pet. 2:11–3:12
John 15:12–27

April 12
Exod. 16:23–36
1 Pet. 3:13–4:6
John 16:1–15

April 13
Exod. 17:1–16
1 Pet. 4:7–19
John 16:16–33

April 14
Exod. 18:1–12
1 John 2:7–17
Mark 16:9–20

April 15
Exod. 18:13–27
1 Pet. 5:1–14
Matt. (1:1–17) 3:1–6

April 16
Exod. 19:1–16
Col. 1:1–14
Matt. 3:7–12

April 17
Exod. 19:16–25
Col. 1:15–23
Matt. 3:13–17

April 18
Exod. 20:1–21
Col. 1:24–2:7
Matt. 4:1–11

April 19
Exod. 24:1–18
Col. 2:8–23
Matt. 4:12–17

April 20
Exod. 25:1–22
Col. 3:1–17
Matt. 4:18–25

April 21
Exod. 28:1–4, 30–38
1 John 2:18–29
Mark 6:30–44

April 22
Exod. 32:1–20
Col. 3:18–4:6
(7–18)
Matt. 5:1–10

April 23
Exod. 32:21–34
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Matt. 5:11–16

April 24
Exod. 33:1–23
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Matt. 5:17–20

April 25
Exod. 34:1–17
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Matt. 5:21–26

April 26
Exod. 34:18–35
1 Thess. 3:1–13
Matt. 5:27–37

April 27
Exod. 40:18–38
1 Thess. 4:1–12
Matt. 5:38–48

April 28
117 Lev. 8:1–13,
30–36
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 4:16–30

April 29
Lev. 16:1–19
1 Thess. 4:13–18
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–
18

April 30
Lev. 16:20–34
1 Thess. 5:1–11
Matt. 6:7–15



SOMETHING
OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel
new growth and make a gift
that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



April Birthdays

3	Rylie Maginn	23	Dee Hutchinson
5	Lisa Allison	25	Nancy Schantz
6	Mary Ellen Long	27	Tyler Schaffer
6	Bonnie Leight	27	Karli Hieter
7	Jill Heineman	28	Tom Hovis
10	Kay Ruser	29	Adam Weidner
11	Adam Heineman		
11	Avery Koser		
12	James Snyder		
12	Chris Miller		
13	Corinne Gunkle		
22	Jan Hughes		
22	Sonya Dill		



Please contact the church office with corrections or omissions to the list.

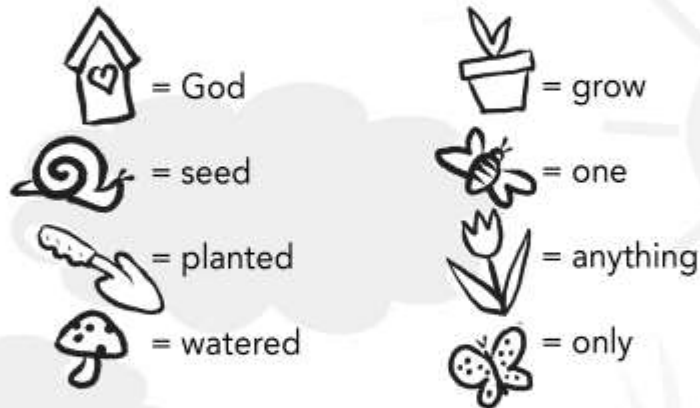


PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____.

So neither the _____ who plants nor the

_____ who waters is _____,

but _____, who makes things _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV