



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
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Dennis J. Duda

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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
Secretary- Joan Hassler

Elders

Kim Ritter
Joan Hassler

Melissa Shafer
Jean Hanville

Tom Hovis
Bruce Torrence

Church Treasurer: Deb Herstine

Liaisons:

Worship & Music—Joan Hassler
Christian Ed—Tom Hovis
Fundraising—Tom Hovis
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Memorial & Enduring Gifts—Bruce Torrence
Property—Tom Hovis
Mission—Kim Ritter
Justice—Melissa Shafer
Day Care—Pastor Bruce Stevenson



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

If you're like me, every now and then you stumble across something be it a song, a saying, or something in an article you read that you find meaningful and want to pass it along. Such is the case this month. I came across this and want to share it with you.

I asked God to take my habit away. God said "No, it is not for me to take away but for you to give it up."

I asked God to grant me patience. God said "No, patience is a byproduct of tribulations. It isn't granted. It is earned."

I asked God to give me happiness. God said "No, I give you blessings, happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain. God said "No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said "No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked for all things that I may enjoy in life but God said "No, but I will give you life that you may enjoy all things."

Then I asked God that I may love others as much as He loves me. God said, "Finally you get the idea."

Loving others as much as God loves us is the beginning of Faithful Living. That's what this reminded me of and I wanted to share it with you hoping it would remind you of the same.

Peace,



Youth Bowling Party!

We're having a bowling party for Faith Youth on Sunday June 2!

When: June 2, 12:30 – 2:30

Where: Earl Bowl, Quakertown

Cost: FREE!!!



Native Plants In My Garden

Sunday, June 2, 2024

6 - 7:30 pm at Faith UCC

You are invited to attend a presentation hosted by Faith UCC Justice Committee and given by Penn State Master Gardener, Consuelo Almodovar on NATIVE PLANTS!!

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

There will be an activity for children! Please register the age(s) of your children so we can plan accordingly.

The first ten people to register will take home a NATIVE PLANT!



Looking to recycle unused gardening containers? We are looking for gently used gardening containers for our June 2 Native Plant program (5 inches or larger).

Please leave them in the designated box in the narthex.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th

**Please plan to attend the
meeting to elect
members of Consistory.**

*Parish Administrator Sandy David will be on vacation
Thursday, June 6 through 13th*



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Come celebrate your Fathers!

AN ODE TO DADS

**God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.**

**The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.**

**The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.**

**Then God combined these qualities, when there was
nothing more to add, He knew his masterpiece
was complete, and so, he called it
... Dad.**

**Puzzle Answers: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in
him shall have eternal life**

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!



Amanda Gunkle graduated with a BS in Health Sciences from Thomas Jefferson University in December of 2023. She is currently working on a Masters degree to become a Physicians Assistant also at Jefferson. She should graduate with her MS in August 2025.

Noah Jellison is graduating from Southern Lehigh High School on May 31st. He will be attending the Lehigh University College of Business with an anticipated major in Marketing.



Sadie Schaffer is graduating from Quakertown Community High School June 4th with Honors. She will be attending Widener University majoring in Engineering with Honors.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!



Mission News for June

Betty Lou's Pantry

Mark your calendars for July 13 and 27, 2024. On July 27 we are still in need of 1 volunteer for July 13 and 4 volunteers for July 27. If you can help out please contact Chuck or Karen.

OR if you would be able to fill-in if a volunteer is unable to be there at the last minute let us know.

Laundry detergent is still being collected through July 21. Please leave detergent on the shelves to the right of the door as you enter church. Thank you for the donated detergent already on the shelf. We are responsible for donating 100 bottles for the month of July. Keep up the good work!

One Great Hour of Sharing and Strengthen the Church

If you have not had an opportunity to make your donation to OGHS and/or STC we are still taking contributions for both.

Envelopes can be found in the Narthex so your donation can be directed to the correct place. Thank you to those who have made your donation.

Beyond Borders Family Sponsorship

The good news is that Faith Church has sponsored 2 Haitian families through Beyond Borders. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. This cohort has already begun and we will receive a report and pictures when graduation takes place. Your generosity will go a long way to improve the lives of both families.

2024 Lawn Crew Schedule

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/Tom	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	TBD	
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
	Vinnie 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	610-417-4153

Thanks for helping out on the Lawn Crew!

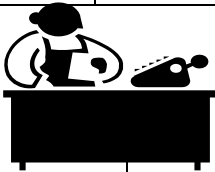
If gas is needed, please purchase & submit the receipt to the church office for reimbursement.

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



JUNE VOLUNTEERS
Head Usher: Melissa Shafer
Financial Secretary: Wes Koser

Date	Ushers	Lay Reader	Flowers
6/2	Cindy Talaber Iris Shelly	Cindy Talaber	Sue Roberts
6/9	Doris Horwath Deb Herstine	Rose Mirth	Rose Mirth
6/16	Karen & Chuck Talboo	Karen Talboo	Kim Ritter
6/23	Cindy Talaber	Cindy Talaber	Cindy Talaber
6/30	Elaine & Jerry Trexler	Barb Maursky	Rose Mirth



FAITH FINANCIALS

April	Month	YTD
Combined Receipts	\$17,901.96	\$75,920.56
Combined Disbursements	\$19,365.25	\$80,977.75
	(\$1,463.29)	(\$5,057.19)

Weekly Attendance

Weekly Offering

4/7	57	\$2,604
4/14	62	\$2,490
4/21	48	\$1,285
4/28	63	\$1,384
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Betty Lou's Pantry

Thank you for your generous support of Betty Lou's Pantry.
The food items most needed at this time are:

PEANUT BUTTER SPAGHETTI SAUCE MACARONI & CHEESE

Contributions of these items are greatly appreciated:

Hearty Soup, Chili, Beef Stew	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti Noodles	Macaroni & Cheese
Meal Helpers (Beef, Chicken, Tuna)	Tuna Fish
Black Beans & Kidney Beans	Canned Tomato Products
Canned Fruit & Applesauce	Vegetables
Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghettios)	Boxed Potatoes
Canned Meats (Chicken & Salmon)	Cereal
Pasta of All Kinds	Side Dishes & Rice
Baked Beans	Condensed Soups

Monetary donations are always helpful

If you or anyone you know in the Southern Lehigh area are in need of food please call **610-282-2838**. Also, an email message can be left at bettylouspantry18036@gmail.com.

Distributions are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 am. Adjustments are occasionally made to this schedule.

WATER COMMUNION

As we carry on the traditions of friendship and community with each other, the Worship Committee would like to continue the practice that allows each of us to renew our baptism in a way that is special and unique to each of us.

We're sure all of you have special locations that make you feel happy and safe, or just able to forget your worries and have fun. So while you are on vacation or just enjoying time at home, we would like you to take one of the tubes (available in the narthex) with you and collect some water from your special place. This could be at your favorite beach, the ocean, mountains with streams or lakes, a favorite fishing hole, golf course, or hiking trail. Maybe a luxurious bath or hot tub! Perhaps standing on a porch during summer rains or getting splashed going down a water flume at an amusement park. It could be something as simple as the hose you use to water your flowers and your garden, the tub where you bathed your children when they were young, or your kitchen where you have prepared many meals. Whatever or wherever you feel happy, grab some water AND make SURE that someone takes a picture of you collecting your water. Please turn your picture into the church office by Sunday, August 25th.

On Sunday, September 15th bring your water to church and we will celebrate "**Water Communion.**" During the service that day everyone will come forward and pour the 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. Children as well as adults are encouraged to participate.





JUNE BIBLE READINGS

June 1

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

June 2

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

June 3

Eccl. 2:1–15
Gal. 1:1–17
Matt. 13:44–52

June 4

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

June 5

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

June 6

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

June 7

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

June 8

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

June 9

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

June 10

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

June 11

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

June 12

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

June 13

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

June 14

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

June 15

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

June 16

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

June 17

Num. 9:15–23; 10:29–36
Rom. 1:1–15
Matt. 17:14–21

June 18

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

June 19

Num. 11:24–33 (34–35)
Rom. 1:28—2:11
Matt. 18:1–9

June 20

Num. 12:1–16
Rom. 2:12–24
Matt. 18:10–20

June 21

Num. 13:1–3, 21–30
Rom. 2:25—3:8
Matt. 18:21–35

June 22

Num. 13:31—14:25
Rom. 3:9–20
Matt. 19:1–12

June 23

Num. 14:26–45
Acts 15:1–12
Luke 12:49–56

June 24

Num. 16:1–19
Rom. 3:21–31
Matt. 19:13–22

June 25

Num. 16:20–35
Rom. 4:1–12
Matt. 19:23–30

June 26

Num. 16:36–50
Rom. 4:13–25
Matt. 20:1–16

June 27

Num. 17:1–11
Rom. 5:1–11
Matt. 20:17–28

June 28

Num. 20:1–13
Rom. 5:12–21
Matt. 20:29–34

June 29

Num. 20:14–29
Rom. 6:1–11
Matt. 21:1–11

June 30

Num. 21:4–9, 21–35
Acts 17:(12–21) 23–24
Luke 13:10–17



POLLINATION CELEBRATION NATIVE PLANT SALE

June 22, 2024
10 am—2 pm

BURNSIDE PLANTATION
1461 Schoenersville Rd,
Bethlehem, PA 18018



FAMILY FEAST



Serve protein-packed waffles
for a family breakfast on
FATHER'S DAY
or any special occasion.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Waffle maker
- Blender
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 6 eggs
- Cooking spray
- Diced strawberries
- Powdered sugar



What you do:

1. With adult help, preheat the waffle maker.
2. In the blender, add oats and cottage cheese. Crack eggs in a separate bowl, then add to the blender. Pulse to combine the mixture. Then blend on medium speed for 10 seconds.
3. Coat the waffle maker with cooking spray. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter onto the iron and close.
4. Carefully remove the waffle when it's golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter.
5. Top with strawberries and powdered sugar. Makes about 6 waffles.



June

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| 01 Amy Schafer | 18 Diane Jenny |
| 02 Amy Grammer | 18 Brenda Snyder |
| 02 Joel Ritter | 19 Amanda Y |
| 03 Ruth Cressman | 24 Karen Talboo |
| 05 Alyce Featherman | 25 Jennifer Schaffer |
| 05 Roger Erney | 26 Monica Campbell |
| 05 Alison Stebbings | 27 Deb Orach |
| 05 Miles Stebbings | 27 Adam Bouc |
| 06 Adele Gasda | 27 Andrew Weidner |
| 08 Jean Cambiotti | 28 Rodney Koch |
| 08 Carol Eisenhart | 30 Damon Eltz |
| 09 Ellen Stetler | |
| 09 Sara Hovis | |
| 09 Morrison Hite | |
| 12 William Steele | |
| 12 Brooke Bittenbender | |
| 13 Nicole Schaffer | |
| 16 Gertrude Steinbach | |
| 17 LaVerna Diehl | |



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



FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." *John 6:40, NIV*