

Why I Support Faith UCC

Dear Faith Friends,

Except for a few years when I was a young adult, I have always attended church on a regular basis. I was fairly new to Coopersburg when I began attending Faith and enrolled my oldest daughter in Sunday School. That was more than 46 years ago.

I had only been retired for a few months when the pandemic hit. I was so looking forward to spending more time with the grandchildren, traveling and having much more time at home to devote to my passion for reading and crochet so it came as a bit of a surprise at how quickly I felt trapped. The hardest thing by far in the early days was not being able to get together with my daughters and grandchildren but I also missed church. I was really looking forward to Mission Sunday and to presenting my first Angel Project when suddenly everything non-essential was shuttered. I remain very grateful to Pastor Bruce for offering on-line services, and I did check in most weeks, but there was a lot missing. I longed to be present in our beautiful sanctuary, to sing hymns, to be blessed by the voices of the choir, to be inspired by the message and to worship in person with my faith community. I missed the weekly Faith in Stitches gatherings and oh did I miss my work on the Mission Committee. Mission work is so important to me and I enjoy working on our various projects and contributing to them. I love planning for and helping with our Spring Bingo mission fundraiser and now I also enjoy doing the same with the Penny Party held in the fall. I enjoy our occasional lunches, Pie Sunday and the Souper Bowl Cook-off. I have been experimenting with new soup recipes and am determined to finally win a ladle after having taken fourth place several times. Time will tell if I succeed at this goal or not. If not, I'll keep trying.

During the pandemic shutdown, it would have been so easy to get out of the habit of attending church regularly, but that wasn't an option for me. Supporting our church financially and with my time is vital to my well-being. Being a part of a Faith community feeds my soul. My prayer is that Faith UCC will continue to flourish and grow.

Yours in Faith,

Cindy Talaber