



# LIFE LINE



## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UMC

OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

OUR FOCUS: REACHING THE NEXT PERSON FOR JESUS AND GOD'S KINGDOM

OUR VISION: DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, MAKING GOD'S KINGDOM REAL

### FAITH STORIES FROM APRIL



New Members from L to R: William Page, RoseMarie Pleskonko, James and Margaret Reasner and Gail and Bill Rollman.

#### What does membership at Faith Church mean to you?

"Sense of belonging."

"Being a member of a church family is very important to me."

"It has brought me back to Jesus."

"It has brought back to me the joy of worshipping."

"A place to grow, serve, give and pray to God."

"Fellowship."



Trevor and Ethan Clark



Arianna Carpenter



Sawyer, Ryder, and Avianna Croyle

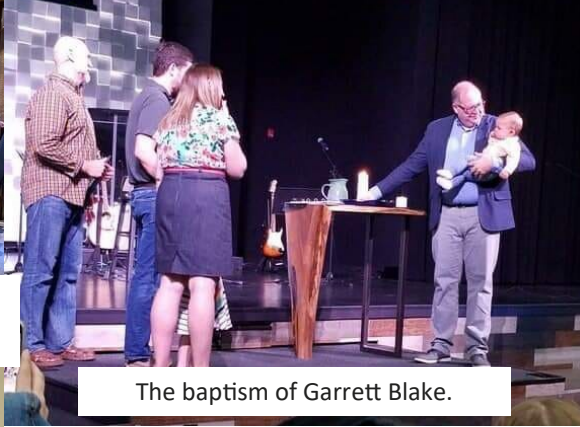
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Maudy Thursday service.



▲ "Stained Glass Windows"  
▼ Voices of Faith & Bell Choir



The baptism of Garrett Blake.



Confirmation outside the classroom.



**FSM EVENTS (PICTURES BELOW)**

We went bowling this past month with the kids. We had a blast. These times together are a great way to make life-long trustworthy friendships. All of April's showers didn't keep FSM from outdoor fun. We just had a cookout up at the Pavilion with games, good food and some live music from our students and some of our leaders. We had GREAT weather and a great time. Over thirty friends gathered that evening for some fellowship and continued growth as a church. We hope to do this another time before school lets out.

*FSM Leader - Christian Calehuff*



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**FAITH CHURCH COUNCIL**

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- Hillary Hofstrom
- Chip Lamade
- Sheila Lomax
- Mike Steinbacher
- Christina Wright
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## THE VIEW FROM HERE

*We are becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus, making God's kingdom real.*



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This is the vision that God has given us as a congregation over the last several years. A vision is a picture of the future that produces passion. We believe that, if we are seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (our mission) by helping folks connect, grow, serve, and go (our process), then we will become deeply devoted followers of Jesus, and the communities we live in will look more like the kingdom of heaven.

Over the next several months, I want to break down that vision in smaller pieces – and share my heart about what that looks like.

### **We are becoming...**

In the last two years: pandemic isolation, economic disruption, and political division have come together as a perfect storm. One of the casualties of this storm has been community. “We” have forgotten what it means to be “we.” While there has been a great deal of talk about me and my and us vs. them, there hasn’t been so much “we.” That’s evident in our classrooms, on social media, and it can even seep into our families and the church.

As your Lead Pastor, our staff and church council have made a commitment to build a culture of “we.” Over the next months and even several years (becoming and building a culture takes time), it is our heart’s desire to:

- Increase the number of meaningful friendships in the life of the congregation.
- Build cohesion and collaboration among staff, council and a growing number of ministry leaders.
- Equip every person who calls Faith Church home to see themselves and live as sent-out missionaries.

We are thinking through ways to help those things happen in the months to come. If you have ideas for how we might build this culture of “we,” seek me out. You will hear me say time and time again, we are in this together.

In Christ, with you,  
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### **QUARTERLY CONVO**

To grow communication among our staff, council and the larger congregation, Pastor Larry wants to invite you to the first **Quarterly Convo**. On May 29, after each worship service, Pastor Larry will share some highlights about the previous three months at Faith. In about 15 minutes, you’ll hear some of the following:

- Kingdom Glimpses – where God’s kingdom is breaking through
- By the Numbers – brief updates about worship engagement, financial support, and deeper connections
- Missional Focus – ways that God is leading us in the next few months
- Prayer – for the church, our mission and our mission field

In addition, we’ll be open to questions you might have (though with 15-20 minutes, we will likely need to get back to you at another time). We hope that the combination of a purposefully brief gathering immediately following each worship service, we can reach the largest number of folks possible with this opportunity to grow together. Location will be TBD, so stay tuned to News and Notes and bulletin announcements.

### **Welcome Our New Director of Worship and Creative Arts!**

Council is excited to announce that we have hired Mason Neiman to serve as our next Director of Worship and Creative Arts. A native of Wyoming, Mason and his wife, Jessica, have recently moved to the area from North Carolina, where Mason recently completed his Master of Divinity degree at Duke Divinity School. They have three children: Naomi – 13, Edith – 10, and Charlie – 8.



As part of the Leadership Team, Mason will have a significant focus on our 9:45 worship service, leading the praise team there. He will also provide oversight to all of our worship experiences by working with pastors, other staff and teams of volunteers. Previous experience as a missionary, high school English teacher, cross-country coach and youth and worship leader will all feed into Mason’s leadership among us. Mason will begin his ministry among us on May 9.

Thank you for your continued prayers throughout the search process. We are excited to see how Mason joins the team that God continues to build in leading us to become deeply devoted followers of Jesus who are making God’s kingdom real.

If you would like to send them a card of welcome, their address is:  
Mason and Jessica Neiman  
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Selingsgrove, PA 17872

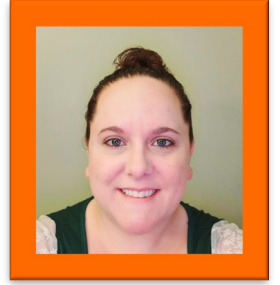




## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### KID CONNECTION - ORANGE SPOTLIGHT

During May our preschoolers will ask questions countless times as they get to know the world around them. It's like they're beginning a lifelong Scavenger Hunt. This is the perfect opportunity for us to not only tell them what they are looking at but who made it as well. We want preschoolers to know that God made everything. We want them to think of God as they explore and get to know this wonderful, colorful world we live in. Even more, we want them to know that the same God who made everything made them and loves them. Our elementary students will learn that we might get knocked down from time to time, but when we put our trust in God, we find the strength we need to get back up again. Jesus showed us how to face life with resilience. No matter what happened, Jesus relied on God to help Him accomplish the mission set before Him. Because of Jesus, we can trust God no matter what. We can bounce back from whatever knocks us down and complete the mission God has for us.



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### KID CONNECTION SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JUNE 2021

Team 1: Betsy &/or Dave Bjorkman, Jenn/Karli Larson, Lori Parke	5/01	Team 6
Team 2: Ryan Tira, Amy Tucker, Kim Rakestraw, Julia/Lydia Edler	5/08	Team 7
Team 3: Danielle or Matt Harris, Carrie Knapp, Cherie Wurster, Jamie Burns & Lilly	5/15	Team 8
Team 4: Susan Ravert, Lisa Good, Tiffany Feigles	5/22	Team 1
Team 5: Rachel/Chris Knipe, Tessa Little, Sandrina Womer	5/29	Nursery/2s&3s Only
Team 6: Brenda Clouser, Chelsea Howe, EvieLynn Perry, Kristi Michael	6/05	Team 2
Team 7: Crystal Miller, Brigitte Wright, Chelsea Burkholder, Chris Meckbach	6/12	Team 3
Team 8: Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Pamela/Riley/Cameron Nelson	6/19	Team 4
	6/26	Team 5

### FAITH CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

5/1-Linda Lloyd/Joni Perchinski	5/8-Hillary Hofstrom/Ashley Wool	5/15-Joni Perchinski/Briana Trick
5/22-Erica Yoder/Kitty Hofer	5/29-Michelle Eckert/Erin Heap	

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS

Throughout 2022 we are encouraging multigenerational worship and family faith conversations by changing our provided Sunday morning offerings anytime there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month. Although people of all ages are always welcome in worship, we are offering worship services specifically designed for whole family participation on these 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Kid Connection classes for prek4-5<sup>th</sup> grade **WILL NOT** meet on these Sundays, but our nursery and toddler classrooms will continue to meet every Sunday year-round. Remaining 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in 2022 - May 29, July 31 and October 30.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

We plan to host Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 19-Thursday, June 23 evenings 6-8:30 pm. This year our theme is Make Waves! Join us for a fun filled week learning that *what you do today can change the world around you*. We'll explore what it means to live confidently because we are loved by God and how that truth shapes us and the world around us. Interested in serving during VBS? Please contact Shannon Perrotta with questions at [sperrotta@faithum.net](mailto:sperrotta@faithum.net) or 570-368-2459.



**REGISTER:** Registration is open May 1! Register online from the church website or scan the QR code here or in the weekly church bulletin. Children **Age 4-Grade 5** are eligible to sign up!

Register here: Simply scan the QR code provided or visit <https://www.faithum.net/vbs>.

**GIVE:** We rely on donations of food and other various items every year for VBS. This year we are in need of individually prepackaged snacks to feed all of our children for 5 days. VBS donations may be placed on the donation table in the church lobby. Another way to give; sponsor the cost of a child to attend VBS by visiting <https://www.faithum.net/giving> or Text VBS to 84321 and select "VBS T-shirts or Greatest Need"

### THE 2022 SUMMER CONFERENCE CAMPS AND RETREATS ARE NOW LISTED ONLINE - REGISTER TODAY!

The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries provides opportunities for authentic relationships with Jesus, experienced in community, and in the beauty of God's creation. The camp directors have been diligently working to prepare summer 2022 camp experiences guided by extensive health and safety policies and practices in response to the coronavirus pandemic. To register your child(ren) and to see a list of all the opportunities check out [https://www.susumcamps.org/!](https://www.susumcamps.org/) To inquire about what scholarships may be available through Faith UMC, please contact the Faith church office at 570-368-2459.

## FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

# FSM

**FSM 6:8 - GRADES 6-8 - SUNDAYS FROM 4:00-6:00 PM**  
**FSM 9:12 - GRADES 9-12 - SUNDAYS FROM 5:30-7:30 PM**



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FSM Team Leader  
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### HELLO FAITH CHURCH!

I want to thank you for all of your support! With your prayers and the interaction with our astounding leaders, the students are growing in their faith. Our next series of lessons will be learning more of who Jesus is and His trustworthiness in all of our life's challenges. Please continue to pray for our team and students.

### ROLLER SKATING FUN

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to Trout Pond Park on Thursday, May 26 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Bring \$ to pay for your skate rental - \$2-\$3.



### LAST MEETING

The final regular meeting for FSM 6:8 and FSM 9:12 will be Sunday, May 29. Be on the lookout for summer activities!



JESUS IS  
THE POINT



### CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation students will be having their ceremony soon. You can expect to see students getting confirmed in worship on May 22 at both the 8:15 and 9:45 services.



### ATTENTION GRADUATES

Faith church would like to honor all of its graduates on June 5. Please submit your name, a recent picture of yourself, and your plans for Fall to the church office by May 27.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE/OUTREACH



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### NATIONAL FOSTER CARE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!

Faith Church is partnering once again with Dwell Orphan Care in honor of National Foster Care during the month of May! We're collecting new children's shoes for their Hope Chest Foster Closet. Bring in new children shoes of all sizes and place them in the bins in the entrance ways to the church. Bring a smile to a young person's face with the gift of a new pair of shoes during May!

### EASTER OFFERING 2022

Faith church has a tradition of blessing others through two major offerings a year. This Easter, our offering will be put towards the **SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS** where your generosity will help meet the cost of prescription medications, funding for medical travel, help supply monthly hygiene kits, and help provide emergency dental procedures and oral surgeries to individuals who could never afford or prioritize dental care over other essential needs. It will also go to **FAMILY PROMISE OF LYCOMING COUNTY (FPLC)** where families are equipped to break the cycle of homelessness. In the coming days, Family Promise has some ambitious goals they are presenting as they believe God wants to expand their ministry. Through your total donation of \$21,450.00 (!) these ministries will be able to reach out and help those who most need help. Thank you Faith Church!

### PLANTING DAY - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us on Saturday, May 14 (Rain date - May 21) at 9:00 am as we plant flowers to beautify the church grounds. Call the church office to sign-up!

**WANTED:** Servants who would like to help beautify the church grounds by caring for our flowers. Members of the Flower Care Team are asked to take turns weekly for watering, deadheading, and some weeding. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Dave at dmiller@faithum.net.



## GROW/SERVE



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### **WOMEN'S GATHERING**

Women from all life stages are encouraged to join us in Faith Café on Wednesday, May 25 from 10-11:00 am for an hour of community and conversation. Come and let's enjoy some time together! This will be the last meeting until fall.

If you have children at home - please don't let that stop you - have them bring something to do and we can set them up with their own little space. If you plan on attending, please call the church office to sign-up! Contacts are Michelle Eckert at 724-309-5742 or Deb Rowles at 570-337-1149.

### **SUMMERTIME GATHERINGS OF FAITH CHURCH**

As we continue to develop a culture of Me to We as a Church I was thinking – do you remember Come to the Table? How we as a church gathered in large and small groupings and experienced community?

So what could it look like if you or I and another family/friend hosted a fun gathering to build into Faith Church community? Maybe host a cookout, game night, or just to hang out. Host for people you know well, are acquaintances with, or people that you would like to get to know! The location/menu/and content would be up to you. Doesn't that sound like fun? What a great way to bless someone else and build into community. Let me know if you need help with ideas.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

# VBS CELEBRATION ON JUNE 26

**WHEN?** SUNDAY, JUNE 26 FOLLOWING THE 9:45 WORSHIP SERVICE  
**WHERE?** REAR PARKING LOT  
**WHY?** CELEBRATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
**WHAT?** FOOD TRUCKS, BOUNCY HOUSES, FUN, FELLOWSHIP



LITTLE MISS CUPCAKES/WHOOPI PIES AND TACO BILLS  
WILL BE SERVING BETWEEN 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM



BOUNCY HOUSES FROM OUTBACK ROOS FOR ALL THE KIDS!

WOULDN'T THIS BE A GREAT TIME TO INVITE SOME FRIENDS TO WORSHIP  
WITH YOU AND THEN HANG OUT AT THE CELEBRATION TOGETHER?

### HELP NEEDED

- Set-up - 6 long tables and chairs for outside (20-30 minutes prior to 9:45 worship)
- Tear-down (1:15-30ish for 20-30 minutes) following the celebration
- If you can help, please contact Deb for details. As my mom used to say – many hands make light work.

## SERMON SERIES



# ROOTED

Connecting with God, The Church and Your Purpose

This series on discipleship combines a series of questions about our faith with practices of faith to root us in God's Word, and in relationship with God and each other. Throughout the series, we will also incorporate the seven rooted rhythms (daily devotion, prayer, freedom from strongholds, sacrificial generosity, serve the community, share your story, and celebration) into worship and small group experience.

### **MAY 1 - HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO US?**

Matthew 6:9-13

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:17-18

### **MAY 8 - WHERE IS GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING?**

Psalms 57

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

### **MAY 15 - THERE IS AN ENEMY**

Ephesians 6:10-20

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son." Colossians 1:3

### **MAY 22 - HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF MY LIFE? PART 1**

Ephesians 2:1-10

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

### **MAY 29 - HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF MY LIFE? PART 2**

Matthew 25:31-40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

### **JUNE 5 - HOW DOES GOD VIEW MONEY?**

Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

### **JUNE 12 - WHY AND HOW SHOULD I TELL OTHERS?**

1 Peter 3:15-16

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

### **JUNE 19 - WHY IS THE CHURCH IMPORTANT?**

Romans 12:9-16

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Colossians 6:2

PRAISE KIDS SPRING MUSICAL

**← TO THE BACK...  
CROSS**  
**A KIDS MUSICAL  
ADVENTURE  
THROUGH TIME**

THE PRAISE KIDS OF FAITH CHURCH  
WILL PRESENT THIS SPRING MUSICAL ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 3:00 PM IN THE FCC.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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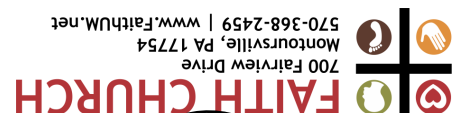
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