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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UMC

OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD
OUR VISION: DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, LIVING INTO GOD'S KINGDOM

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN June!



THE VIEW FROM HERE



Larry L. Leland
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The View From Here

It's the most wonderful time of the year! For a worship and preaching nerd like me, that can only mean one thing – our Worship Design Retreat is coming up soon. This year, members of staff and other leaders will gather on Tuesday, July 16th to pray, brainstorm and plan worship themes and series that will take us from September through August of next year. I ask that you pray that the Holy Spirit lead our preparation for the retreat, and our conversations throughout the day. We want every worship service to honor God, invite us to a deeper relationship with Jesus, form us as a community and give a glimpse of the kingdom.

Each year, we seek to offer a variety of series for our messages. These include walks through books of the Bible, seasonal series around Advent and Lent, and topical sermons on subjects that speak to relationships, key Christian beliefs, current topics and spiritual practices.

Because we believe that we're in this together, we want your insight on what God may want to be speaking to your life, and our common life, in worship this year. In addition to prayer, I ask you to complete a short survey with your ideas for themes and series to focus our planning. You can find that link [here](#) or pick up a paper copy at the Sign-Up Center in Faith Café. Please complete all surveys no later than July 7th.

In Christ,
Pastor Larry

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Part of our worship life this summer will include a series we're calling *At the Movies*. From July 14th through August 11th, we will take a look at biblical themes through the lens of popular films from recent years. Movies that will focus our reflection include:

- Barbie
- Ford v Ferrari
- The Super Mario Bros. Movie
- A Man Called Otto
- Wonder



Two of these movies are wonderful films the whole family (and church family) can enjoy. That's why we're inviting everyone to two Family Movie Nights at the church. On Sunday evening, July 21st, we will show The Super Mario Bros. Movie, and on August 4th, Wonder will be the featured film. Location for the showing will depend on the weather and how technology cooperates. Stay tuned for more information in your bulletin, but plan to bring a chair or a blanket, your family and let's have fun At the Movies.

CELEBRATING PASTOR MARION



We are so excited that, as of July 1st, Marion Handley will be appointed as the Associate Pastor for Faith Church. This moment is both a culmination and a new beginning. It is a culmination of God's work in her life up until this point, as Marion has discerned God's call to pastoral ministry. And it is a new beginning, as she will move from a lay staff to a pastoral role. While she'll be continuing much of the work she's already doing in age-level ministries and congregational care, she will have the additional authority to administer the sacraments, celebrate weddings and will continue to help lead us forward as a congregation alongside Pastor Larry and others.

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERINGS

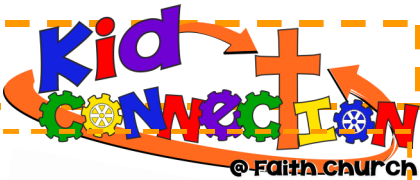
Church Council and Pastor Larry invite you to join us for one of two congregational gatherings this summer, meant to be both information sharing and opportunities for listening about where we are as a congregation, and where we believe God is leading us. Among the topics we will cover are:

- Commitment of staff and leaders to renewing Connect, Grow, Serve and Go as our discipleship pathway.
- Stewardship and Generosity – around both our current expenses and incorporating the mortgage into our budget.
- Denominational Updates and our response – in light of this year's General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, and some of the significant changes that were made.
- Fall Kickoff Information – ministry updates as we look to reconnect in September after the summer season.

The meetings will be held in the sanctuary July 25th and August 19th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please plan now on being part of one of these gatherings.



CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES



Jessica Neiman
Dir. of Children’s
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Start the Party VBS was certainly a PARTY! We had a blast! An event this big does not happen without the help of countless volunteers working both behind the scenes and on the front lines. We would like to extend a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all involved. Whether you donated supplies or funds, decorated, prepared snacks, acted as a crew leader or helper, prepared crafts, helped with crowd control, provided tech, shared your sweet dance moves or any of the other countless ways needed, we appreciate each an every one of you. We believe your hard work helped **186** children experience the love of Jesus and see a glimpse of His kingdom right here at Faith Church.



KID CONNECTION SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2024

- Team 1: Jenn Larson, Lauren Reeder, Vanessa Johnston
- Team 2: Ryan Tira, Amy Tucker, Kim Rakestraw, Stephanie Matlack
- Team 3: Danielle or Matt Harris, Carrie Knapp, Cherie Wurster, Jamie Burns & Lilly
- Team 4: Lisa Good, Tiffany Feigles, Taylor Stark, Kim Winters, Linda Richards
- Team 5: Rachel and Chris Knipe, Jenna LoCricchio, Erica Blake
- Team 6: Brenda Clouser, Chelsea Howe, EvieLynn Perry, Kristi Michael, Brittany Ring
- Team 7: Robyn Smelko, Brigitte Wright, Chelsea Burkholder, Chris Meckbach , Amber Bowes
- Team 8: Andrea Lucas, Julie Vogel, Pamela/Riley/Cameron Nelson, Rebecca McDaniel

- 7/07 Team 3
- 7/14 Team 4
- 7/21 Team 5
- 7/28 Team 6

FAITH CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE JULY/AUGUST 2024

- July 07: Kelly Howell, Hillary Hofstrom
- July 14: Katie Farley, Sub Needed
- July 21: Joni Perchinski, Kitty Hofer
- July 28: Ben Clark, Erica Yoder
- Aug. 04: Erin Heap, Michelle Eckert
- Aug. 11: Katie Farley, Erica Blake
- Aug. 18: Joni Perchinski, Nicole Duarte
- Aug. 25: Ben Clark, Hillary Hofstrom

SUMMER CAMPS 2024

Registration is open for our 2024 UMC Summer Camps and Retreats! 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. To register your child or teen and to see a list of all the opportunities check out www.susumcamps.org! To inquire about what scholarships may be available through Faith UMC, please contact Marion Handley.



FAITH PRESCHOOL 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Faith Preschool still has room in the afternoon 4 year old class for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who will be 4 by September 1, 2024 and fully potty trained are eligible. Please share this information with anyone you know who has an eligible child! If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please email the preschool director, Heather Ramsey, at hramsey@faithum.net.

Faith Preschool Online Registration
700 Fairview Drive, Montoursville, PA
Thursday, March 7th, beginning at 6:00pm

Call 570-368-2491 for more information or visit the preschool tab at www.faitnum.net



FAITH CHURCH STAFF

- Larry L. Leland, Lead Pastor.....lreland@faithum.net
- Jim Anthony, Preschool Custodian.....jim_anthonysr@comcast.net
- Christian Calehuff, FSM Team Leader.....fsm@faithum.net
- Diane Dunlap, Office Assistant.....diane.dunlap@hotmail.com
- Marion Handley, Director of Age-Level Ministries & Cong. Caremhandley@faithum.net
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- Beth Jones, Director of Harvest of Hope.....harvestofhope@faithum.net
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- Deb Ottenmiller, Director of Group Life & Assimilation.....dottenmiller@faithum.net
- Jessica Neiman, Director of Children’s Ministries.....jneiman@faithum.net
- Mason Neiman, Director of Worship & Creative Arts.....mneiman@faithum.net
- Jody Robinson,Business Manager.....Finances -treasurer@faithum.net
-Office- office@faithum.net

FAITH CHURCH COUNCIL

- Jim Carpenter - Chairperson
- Lisa Vrabec - Recorder
- Ben Clark
- Rachel Knipe
- Scott Konkle
- Chip Lamade
- Sheila Lomax
- Susan Marshall
- Paul Zimmerer

OUTREACH



Beth Jones
Dir. of Harvest of Hope
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Our shelves are a little bare! The Harvest of Hope backpack program has had a full year of sorting, checking, packing and distributing needed weekend food to 120 students in the Montoursville School Districts. We rely heavily on donated food to help us keep up with this need. Throughout the months of July and August, we are asking our Faith Church family if they could supply some of the items that are most in demand throughout the year. Specifically, we are asking for the following entrée items:

- SOUP (12 oz. cans)
- CANNED PASTA
- BOXED MAC AND CHEESE (6-8 OZ)
- CANNED CHILI

These can be dropped off in one of the two wooden bins near the main entrances of the church. Thank you so much for your generous support of this ministry!



FAITH CHURCH SENDING MISSIONARIES TO WEST VIRGINIA



Mason Neiman
Director of Worship & Creative Arts
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Faith Church is sending 16 missionaries - yes, missionaries- to Guyan Valley, WV July 7th -13th to work with the Appalachia Service Project. The team consists of adults as well as high schoolers and middle schoolers. Although they are not yet sure of the exact work they will be doing, they will most likely be doing demolition, painting, dry walling, or other building repairs and, of course, showing the love of Jesus Christ. This is a group that has said, “Yes Lord, send me!”



What can we do as a congregation? This will be hard work and the team will need encouragement. To do that you can write a letter to the team or to individuals. You can write one letter or multiple letters (you could even write a letter to each of our missionaries for each day they are there).

Write your letter of encouragement, gratitude, and love. Put the missionary's name on the envelope and the day you want them to open it. Then drop it into the designated mailbox in the church office.

And pray for them as they prepare, travel, and serve.

The team consists of:

Mason Neiman	Dan Mathers	Daniel Swift	Rick Webb
Naomi Neiman	Dottie Mathers	Michelle Eckert	
Edith Neiman	Rachelle Zhu	Loisa Hofstrom	
Lisa Konkle	John McKissick	Kristine Conklin	



Back Row: Chris Reeder, Dan Swift, Dave Rinker, Rick Webb, Naomi Neiman, Mason Neiman
Front Row: Rachelle Zhu, Tyler Williams, Louisa Hofstrom, Michelle Eckert, Kristine Conklin

Not pictured: Edith Neiman, Lisa Konkle, Dan Mathers, Dottie Mathers.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES



Marion Handley
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What is congregational care?
Congregational care is...
...anyone who considers Faith Church home caring for another person who is already connected to the church!
...the meal you drop off for a friend who had surgery, delivered a baby, or just had a rotten day.
...the snowy sidewalk you shoveled just because you saw it needed to be done for your neighbor who is also your brother in Christ.
...visiting a friend in the hospital and praying together for healing.
...sending a card in the mail to brighten someone’s day.
...calling someone who is grieving a recent loss.
...babysitting for free so that a parent can go to an important doctor’s appointment.
...visiting with someone living with dementia so that their caregiver can have some respite.
...members of the Congregational Care Team gathering to pray for our homebound folks and wrapping packages for them for Christmas.
If you would like to join the Congregational Care Team or if you have an unmet need that you would like to share, please contact Pastor Marion at mhandley@faithum.net.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MEETING AUGUST 18TH

The Faith Church Congregational Care Team will meet in Room 10 on August 18th following the 9:45 worship service. Our Congregational Care Team has the privilege to serve by supporting our church family through celebrations, health challenges, times of grief and other transitions. Contact Marion Handley, mhandley@faithum.net or call the church office for more information.
8/18, 10/20, 12/15, 2/16, etc

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER GAME NIGHTS

Throughout the summer young adults are welcome to participate in game night to connect with others and find out what ongoing small group Bible study options will be available beginning in the fall. Whether you are only in town for the summer or live in the area year round, we hope you’ll join us! We’ll gather from 6:30-8:30 pm on July 11th and August 8th at the church pavilion for food and games. Food and games are provided, but we invite everyone to bring a board game, card game, or group trivia game of their choice as well as a favorite snack. Questions, contact Marion Handley mhandley@faithum.net.



FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

REMIND APP

Get text reminders each week.
Join at www.remind.com/join and enter code(s) below:

- for FSM 6-8: FSMsix8
- for FSM 9-12: FSMnine12

WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Web: <https://www.faithum.net/engage-with-us/students/faith-student-ministries>
Instagram: @faithumc1
Facebook: facebook.com/faithmontoursville

Summer 2024

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6.2 End of School Celebration 5-7, Parent meeting 5:30

6.16 FSM “Growing Together” 5-7 combined HS & MS

6.19 Open Gym “Prayer & Play” 10-12

6.23 - 6.27. VBS “Connecting with kids” student community service

6.30 VBS celebration “Connecting with kids” 9:15 student community service

6.26 FSM & FUSE “Unite” pool gathering 2-4

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7.3 Open Gym “Prayer & Play” 10-12

7.10 FSM & FUSE “Unite” pool gathering 5-7

7.14 Growing Together 5-7 combined HS & MS Team Meeting 11:50

7.17 Open Gym “Prayer & Play” 10-12

7.28 Growing Together 5-7 combined HS & MS

7.24FSM & FUSE “Unite” pool gathering 5-7

7.31 Open Gym “Prayer & Play” 10-12

August

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8.5-6 FSM & FUSE “Unite” transform mission / working hands & feet

8.6 FSM & FUSE “Unite” pool gathering 5-7

8.11 FSM Kick-off Pool Party diving into fellowship

8.25 FSM “Growing Together” 5-7 Parent meeting 5:30

OUR AMAZING 2024 GRADUATES

Elise Beishline

Montoursville
Attending Penn State
Schreyer Honors
College, majoring in
Electrical Engineering



Jordyn Brezan

Montoursville
University of Illinois,
majoring in Animal
Science and Pre-
Veterinary Medicine



Gable Crebs

Lycoming College
Elementary Phys Ed
Teacher and Assistant
Wrestling Coach, St.
Benedict School in NJ



Chandler Davis

Columbia County
Christian School
Working with his
grandfather, custom
woodworking business



Elijah Duarte

Montoursville
Basic training, July,
study environmental
science at Mansfield
University



Katelyn Emick

Montoursville
East Stroudsburg
University, majoring in
Communication
Sciences for Speech
Language Pathology



Wyatt Fry

Montoursville
Workforce, trade school
for construction or
mechanical engineering



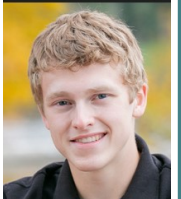
Katelyn Good

Montoursville
Messiah University,
majoring in Psychology



Noah Hepler

Montoursville



David Larson

Montoursville
Entering the US Navy,
studying nuclear
engineering



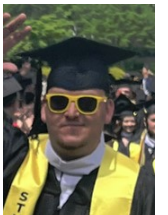
Kayla LeFever

Montoursville
Attending Lock Haven
Univ, pursuing a BA in
Psychology, followed by a
Masters degree in Dance
Movement Therapy



Austin Loe

Lycoming College
BA Business and
Entrepreneurship



Ryan Matlack

Montoursville
Attending
Commonwealth
University – Bloomsburg,
studying Early Childhood
Education



Riley Nelson

Montoursville
Juniata College, majoring
in Math and Physics with
teaching certification,
minoring in Spanish



Jayden Phillips

Montoursville
Penn State University,
majoring in
Criminology



Ian Plankenhorn

Lycoming College
Quantitative Economics,
minor in Business
Administration
Beginning with Hartman
Group



Katie Plankenhorn

Penn College
Graduated last August
with BS/MS in Physical
Assistant Studies
Works with UPMC Family
Medicine, Pine Street



Sean Ravert

Montoursville
Penn College, Automotive
Program, followed by
Automotive Restoration
program



Jacob Reeder

Lock Haven University
Degree in Exercise
Science – accepted into
Masters of Athletic
Training Program at
LHU.



Ericka Shaffer

Montoursville
Lycoming College,
majoring in Environmental
Science



Chase Snyder

Montoursville
Marywood University,
majoring in Aviation
Management



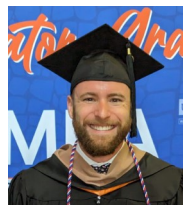
Gabe Stark

Muncy
Lock Haven - Physical
Education/Exercise
Science to be a phys.
Ed. Teacher and
football coach.



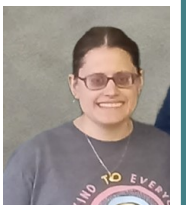
David Tanney

University of Florida
MBA



Elizabeth Taylor

Eastern University
M.Ed: Special Education
and Certificate -
Reading Specialist



Alexa Tira

Montoursville
University of Maryland,
majoring in Government
and Politics on an
International Relations
Track



congratulations
Class of

2024

GROW/SERVE



Deb Ottenmiller
Dir. of Group
Life
and Assimila-
tion
dottenmiller@

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC AT INDIAN PARK

What: Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

When: August 18th at 10:00 am

Where: Indian Park Pavilion 5. Set GPS for 101 Park Road 17754 [Fairfield Greenhouse]. Then go past the greenhouse and take a left onto John Hazel Drive. Pavilion 5 is on the right.

Next to the pavilion is the new playground, areas to play horseshoes or yard games. Restrooms are close by. Bring a chair, and a serve-ready side or dessert to share directly to pavilion. The Church will provide chicken, bottled water and all paper products. The pavilion and a large tent will be available to sit under to get out of the sun.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Please sign up on your Connect Card for one of the following.

1. Arrive at the church at 9:00 am to help assemble paper products, baskets, etc. and then take over to the pavilion.
2. Pick up 200 pieces of chicken from Giant at 9:30 am and then deliver to the pavilion. The Church will reimburse you.
3. Following the picnic, help to clean up and take leftovers to the church.
4. 2 people needed to hand out bulletins at pavilion - arrive by 9:30 am.
5. A few people to help organize the food on tables for the picnic. This will be before/after worship. We will eat following the service.
6. Several hearty folks to arrive by 9:30 am to generally assist our congregants to get to the pavilion and get comfortable.

DONATION NEEDS:

Please indicate your donation plans on your Connect Card.

1. 300 bottles total, of water on ice, brought to the pavilion by 9:30 am. Any increment is welcomed!
2. 3-5 small bags of ice, to wrap around the food the congregants bring.
3. 2 boxes Gallon freezer bags.

Dudes and Foods July 20th

Are you a dude? Do you like food? Well do we have a combo for you! On Saturday, July 20th from 8:00-9:30 am, all men are welcome to the church for a hearty breakfast with the guys—and to support one another as we are able. There will be no tomahawk or axe-throwing this time but stay tuned!

If you dig it, there will be opportunities to check out or join other men's groups as well. We hope to see you there! (beards optional) Please register at the Sign-Up Center so we know how much to make. Event Sponsored by Faith Church Group Life. Questions? Contact Deb @ dottenmiller@faithum.net.

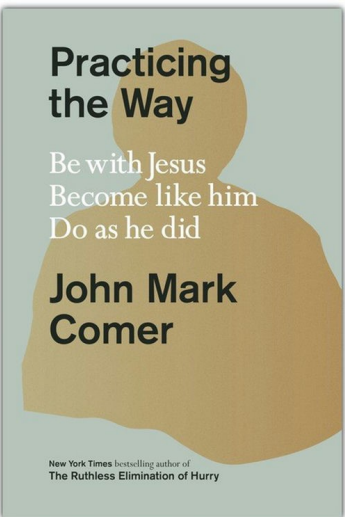


GRIEF SHARE BEGINS AUGUST 28TH!

The next class of GriefShare will begin on August 28th. This groups is designed to help and encourage people after the death of a loved one. At Griefshare, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. We welcome you to join us. The classes will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm from August 28th—November 20th in the FSM Room in the Brushy Ridge Road wing of Faith Church. You can register and get more information by using the QR code.

GriefShare®

SUPPORT GROUP



COMING
FALL 2024

Practicing the Way Church-Wide Study coming in October. Check out the August and September newsletters as well as your bulletins for information about this study and other Fall Group Life opportunities.

NEW SERMON SERIES

New Series Beginning July 14th



- July 14 - At the Movies: Barbie
- July 21 - At the Movies: Ford v Ferrari
- July 28 - At the Movies: The Super Mario Bros. Movie
- Aug. 04 - At the Movies: A Man Called Otto
- Aug. 11- At the Movies: Wonder

STAFF OPENING/OFFICE COVERAGE NEEDED

With Jody Robinson transitioning to part-time as our treasurer, as she has taken on more responsibilities with her work at First UMC Muncy, the Church Council is seeking a 25-30 hour/week Secretary/Communications Coordinator. A job description can be found at <https://www.faithum.net/careers-at-faith-church> and resumes can be submitted to Pastor Larry. In the meantime, Jody will continue with as many of her Office Administrator responsibilities as possible. However, to assist with the transition, we are looking for volunteers to provide coverage when Jody is not in the office. Primary responsibilities for those who will serve in this way are answering the phone and taking messages, welcoming folks to the church and perhaps pointing them in the direction of a staff member. Specifically, we are looking for coverage, beginning July 1st for the following shifts:

- Tuesday afternoons 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday mornings 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday afternoons 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Thursday afternoons 12:00-4:00 p.m.

If you are willing to serve the church in this way during this season of transition, please contact Pastor Larry at lleland@faithum.net so that we can get these first few weeks arranged. Also, please recognize that there may be some gaps in the summer where the office’s availability will be limited. While other staff will cover the best that they can, with vacations and different working schedules, there may be times when the phone or door will not be answered. Thanks for your grace!

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-3:30 pm and Friday-8:00 am-Noon
(Closed Daily 12:30-1:00 pm for Lunch)

PHONE #: 570-368-2459 EMAIL: office@faithum.net

WEB: www.faithum.net FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/faithmontoursville

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If you would like to receive the newsletter (in color!) via email, please contact the church office.

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