

# Faith-A-Gram

Thursday-to-Thursday Weekly Newsletter January 4 - 11, 2018

**Sermon Title for Sunday: Grace Breaks Chains and Opens Eyes**  
**Scripture Readings for Sunday: 1 John 1:1-10, Ephesians 1:15-23, John 21:15-19, Psalm 23**

*The altar flowers are given by Marie Chapman in celebration of Tom's birthday.*

**Our worship participants for this Sunday, January 7 are as follows:**

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

GUEST PREACHERS: Shannon Weaver & Ian Solodky

PRAISE LEADERS: Phil Buchanan & Faith Singers

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Dolly Bankert Haar, Bryan Nelson, Brian Kohler, & Liz Hornberger

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr. & Bryan Nelson

GREETERS: Alan Strait & Sydney Dohring

USHERS: Mike Bitner, Allen Kennedy & Erik Reinholt

ACOLYTE: Julia Kofroth

LITURGIST: Fred Helder

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: Tom Chapman

JUNIOR CHURCH: Julie Hassara & volunteer needed

NURSERY: Carol Kennedy

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ellen Kohler & Jennifer Rhodes

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: **NO** Sunday School – Youth & leaders are on a retreat in Ocean City, MD

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (Jan 7 – Jan 13): Tim Patschke & Drew Hassara

**Our worship participants for next Sunday, January 14 are as follows:**

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

PRAISE LEADERS: Phil Buchanan & Faith Singers

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Dolly Bankert Haar, Bryan Nelson, Brian Kohler, & Liz Hornberger

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr. & Bryan Nelson

GREETERS: Dave & Melissa Urban

USHERS: Brian Rhodes, Allison Bricker & Tim Patschke

ACOLYTE: Jack Rhodes

LITURGIST: Terry Kofroth

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: Terry Kofroth

JUNIOR CHURCH: Jennifer Rhodes & Laura Gehman

NURSERY: Linda Woodward & Faith Berney

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Hassara & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Perkowski & Amy Boughter

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (Jan 14 – Jan 20): Fred Helder & Brian Kohler

Remember: if you are unable to serve this week, you are responsible for finding a substitute and for informing the church office. **We are not responsible for finding a substitute.** Thank you!

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:**

### **Thursday, January 4**

AA meeting, 10:00 AM  
Bible Study at Faith UMC, 10:00 AM  
Faith Singers, 6:30 PM

### **Friday, January 5**

*Marathon* – Youth Rally in Ocean City Maryland - **meet at Faith at 4:00 PM**

### **Saturday, January 6**

*Marathon* – Youth Rally in Ocean City Maryland

### **Sunday, January 7**

Sunday School, 9:00 AM for children & adults (**NO** Youth Sunday School)  
Worship, 10:30 AM  
Refreshments & fellowship, 11:45 AM  
*Marathon* – Youth Rally in Ocean City Maryland – **return to Faith at 3:00 PM**  
(NO Youth Group tonight)

### **Monday, January 8**

Faith UMC serves a Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 5:30 PM

Lifetree Café, – 7:00 PM at General Sutter Inn

**Jan. 8 Topic: “Make the Most of Your Life: A Perspective That Will Change Your Life...Forever.”**

### **Tuesday, January 9**

Piano Lessons, 3:00 to 4:30 PM

### **Wednesday, January 10**

Piano Lessons, 9:30 to 10:00 AM & 3:30 to 7:00 PM

**Ladies Lunch at Knight & Day Diner, 11:30 AM**

### **Thursday, January 11**

AA meeting, 10:00 AM  
Bible Study at Faith UMC, 10:00 AM  
Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 6:00 PM  
Faith Singers, 6:30 PM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, Jan 18** Church Council meeting, 7:30 PM

**Saturday, Feb 3** West District Equipping Church Leadership Workshop at Faith, 9 – 11 AM

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:**

Faith UMC General Fund – Ongoing support of the ministries of Faith UMC

Faithfully Forward Capital Campaign (3 Year Goal: \$250,000) – Support new Fellowship Hall & Education Wing

***PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN PLEDGE CARDS – extras on Info Table***

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:**

See signup sheets in the hall or look for ministry opportunities list and fill out the form.

Help clean the church

Help prepare the altar – changing candles, paraments (cloths), and preparing communion monthly

Help with Youth or Children's Sunday School, Junior Church, Nursery or Children's Time Message

**Adult Volunteers to help with youth group meetings – leading games, providing meals, or chaperoning**

***Look for a signup sheet in the hall where you can indicate when and how you would like to help***

Lifetree Café – Monday evenings – people needed to help engage with guests or to teach

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

For peace & wisdom in the North Korean, Iranian and Israeli/Palestinian conflicts  
Threats of Nuclear War  
Gun violence, mental health, and wrath  
All affected by the hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, mudslides, and shootings  
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, politics & fears  
President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence  
All government & military officials and their staff: wisdom & safety  
World leaders & staff  
All affected by terrorist attacks – domestic and international  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions and the needed peace  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
Security and immigration reform  
Prisoners & Prison Leadership  
Schools & Education Reform  
Members of AA  
Those struggling with addictions, mental health, finances, etc.  
Sheri Jones – healing after kidney transplant  
Brian and Tina Grimm  
Elwyn Jones (Carl's brother) - had a stroke  
Hattie Manning (Jennifer Rhode's sister-in-law) - final stages of lung cancer  
Phil Buchanan – strength and healing in legs/back  
Dee Bolduc – healing after eye surgery  
Becky Rodriguez –kidneys  
Judy Chapman – healing after surgery  
Mike Loechner – family, job, & health  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back  
Harry Buchanan – strength & healing  
Family of Howard Eckman – passed away this week  
Linda Eckman – healing and strength  
Veronica Eckman & Billy – transitions & job hunt  
Sandy Patschke – healing for sinuses & back  
Eileen Williams – healing for muscles  
David Williams  
Noah Boughter  
Mary Shenk's friend, Joanne – cancer  
Cyndi Campbell – cancer  
Shelda's son Randy – Alzheimers & Seizures  
Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health  
Bradley McGowan – ALS

Linda Philbin – multi-focal motor neuropathy & bronchitis  
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions  
Parents raising children—esp. new parents  
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung  
Youth Ministry  
Youth Rally at OCMD this weekend  
LifeTree Café Ministry  
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber & the United Campus Ministry at Millersville; David Piltz & Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Paul Clark at Albright; Lebanon Valley College  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Persons in nursing homes  
All those caring for sick loved ones  
Those who have lost loved ones and are dealing with grief  
Gas pipelines—Lancaster & by Sioux property  
Police Officers and their families  
Individuals & families of those harmed in interactions with police  
Victims & families involved in violent crime  
Wisdom and peace regarding sexuality & race  
2019 General Conference: A Way Forward  
Victims of sexual abuse and violence  
Abusers and their families  
Eradication of Malaria, Zika, HIV, etc.  
Healthcare  
Earth's Environment  
Community Organizations to partner w/ Faith Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband's health  
Cancer: Delaine Davis, Bobbi Ann Stone, Dean Cooper from OCUMC  
Family of Drip Faucett on his death—inc. step-daughter Jody Norton

### OUR PRAISES:

Sheri Jones' successful kidney transplant  
Love and hope that emerge even in times of disaster, evil, fear, and hatred  
Faithful members of Faith UMC who serve in the community and church ministries  
Our seniors and the wisdom they carry  
Our youth and children  
Growing weekly Bible Study & Youth Ministry

**WEST DISTRICT EQUIPPING CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:** February 3 from 9am-11am at Faith UMC for training church leaders in their roles on Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Nominations, Church Council, etc. Please let Pastor Jason know if you are available to attend. We also need about 10 people to come out and help sign in guests, provide refreshments, and greet & guide guests who attend. **This training is FREE!**

**THE ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2018** is available on the bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone, there are directions on the chart. The cost is \$18.00 week.

**DO YOU ENJOY REFRESHMENTS AND VISITING WITH FRIENDS AFTER CHURCH?** Please volunteer to help provide & serve refreshments on the first Sunday of a month. **There is a new sign-up sheet for 2018** in the hall. Please see Carol Kennedy if you have questions.

**WAYS TO SERVE:** We still need help for various roles in the church—including the Altar Guild, the Clean Team, and Trustees to work on repair projects around the church, etc. If you have time and would like to sign up for specific one-time tasks or are willing to be on a rotation to help with ongoing projects please contact Pastor Jason. There are additional ways to be involved in the ministries of our church. Please see the descriptions on the **yellow sheets on the Information Center** and let us know what interests you.

**SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:** Please let Pastor Jason or Carol know if you are available to take on one of the following tasks:

- Get together with a group to help put away Christmas decorations—and put on shelves in attic
- Re-tar around ventilation on the roof
- Vacuum/dust vents around the church
- Repair PVC ventilation pipe for furnaces—leaking condensation
- Hang decorative signs and paintings that have been donated to the church
- Remove cabinetry (to be donated, sold or installed elsewhere) from the closet in the fellowship hall and reorganize that closet.
- Reorganize the storage space in the room next to Pastor Jason's office.
- Put feet on chairs and tables.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & JUNIOR CHURCH:** Contact the office if you're willing to join the rotation to present a short 3-minute message to the kids during the worship service (Kid's Time) before they go to Jr. Church.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** We need some adults to rotate as the **Assistant Teacher** with Julie Perkowski **during Youth Sunday School at 9am or Pastor Jason on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm.**

### **BIBLE STUDIES:**

**LIFE TREE CAFÉ LANCASTER** is a place for people to discuss how faith and life intersect. You can buy dinner or just enjoy the conversation. We meet at the **General Sutter Inn** in Lititz on **Mondays @7pm**. For more info visit [www.lifetreecafelancaster.us](http://www.lifetreecafelancaster.us) -- including links to other locations and times. **This week's topic: "Make the Most of Your Life: A Perspective That Will Change Your Life...Forever."** These sessions are a great place to bring a friend/neighbor who is exploring their faith.

**JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER** every **Thursday at Faith UMC at 10:00 AM** led by Pastor Jason. Each lesson is independent of the others—so come when you can! We start back up on January 4.

**THE YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade)** meets at **Faith UMC from 5-7PM** for regular youth group most every Sunday. See [www.faithumc.us/youth](http://www.faithumc.us/youth) for more info! We go to Gretna Glen camp from 3:30-7pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Permission Slips are needed for all trips off site (like Gretna Glen). Forms are available at [www.faithumc.us/youth..](http://www.faithumc.us/youth..) ***We need chaperones and folks to provide a meal for youth on Sunday evenings. No meeting Jan. 7.***

**YOUTH RALLY 2018: Marathon in Ocean City Maryland -- January 5-7, 2018.** The youth will meet at Faith UMC on Friday at 4pm and will return by 3pm on Sunday. **Packing List:** a packed dinner for Friday on the road; a breakfast item, snack or drink to share; spending money (optional); money for lunch on Saturday & Sunday; warm clothes (in layers—it is warm in the convention center and cold outside); pajamas; toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc); coat, hat & gloves; medication with clear instructions to be given to chaperones. Church

**Permission Slips and Health Forms are needed--and there is a SPECIAL HEALTH FORM on the Youth Rally Website that you must fill out. *Copies are also in the hallway.***

### **BUDGET UPDATE:**

**UDOBO PRESCHOOL:** Every year we donate the entire Christmas Eve Offering to the Udobo Preschool in Durban, South Africa. Folks gave over \$1,150.00 as a Christmas Eve Offering. Combined with other collections throughout the year, **we are able to send \$1,400.00 to the Udobo School this year.** Thanks for your generous gifts!

**GENERAL BUDGET:** You contributed over \$144,000 for the ministries of Faith UMC in 2017. Thank you for your generous support of the work that we do together to reach our community and to serve our people.

**FAITHFULLY FORWARD** is our three-year campaign to raise \$250,000 toward the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing Expansion. So far this year we have raised **\$62,352.86 -- and we have over \$144,420.00 in pledges for the total campaign!**

### **OTHER NEWS:**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP BUT DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN?** People can **dial 2-1-1** on their phone or 855-501-6785 for help. You may also visit: <http://www.pa211east.org/Lancaster> for more information.

### **EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT:**

**LOCAL CHURCH & CONNEXION EVENTS!** Be sure to check out the SW District Website for up-to-date events happening in our churches. <https://www.epaumc.org/category/local-church/local-church-events/>

### **WEBSITES OF INTEREST:**

Faith United Methodist Church: [www.FaithUMC.us](http://www.FaithUMC.us)

West District of EPA Conference: <https://www.epaumc.org/districts/west/>

Words of faith and life from Bishop Peggy A. Johnson. <http://bishopeggyjohnson.blogspot.com>

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church: <http://www.epaumc.org>

The United Methodist Church: <http://www.umc.org>

The World Methodist Council: <http://worldmethodistcouncil.org/>

LUMINA (Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance): <http://www.luminaoutreach.org>

LifeTree Café – Lancaster: <http://www.lifetreecafelancaster.us>

### **Members and Friends in Prison -**

Dennis Spangler, Box A, Bellefonte, PA 16823

### **Our Military Members**

Please keep these persons in prayer. We encourage you to write letters or send cards to these men to thank them for their service. If you have an armed forces member you would like to include on this list, or you would like to make a correction, please contact the church office at 717-560-0321 or email [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com) with the subject line "Soldier."

### **Armed Forces Members in the States:**

**SFC Theron Boughter**

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East Petersburg, PA 17520

**SGT Tim Kuster**

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**Submissions to Faith-A-Gram** will be accepted until Wednesday night. Articles received later will not be included in that week's e-newsletter. **Please note** that not all submissions will be accepted. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject submissions. To submit something, place it in the Office mailbox or email [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com) with the subject line "Faith-a-Gram Submission."

**Please Note:** We are still accepting email addresses for the Faith-a-Gram email list. If you know of someone who is interested in it, please leave a message at the church office (717-560-0321). If you do NOT wish to receive this e-newsletter any longer, please send an email to [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com) with the subject "Unsubscribe". Thank you!

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