

Faith-A-Gram

Thursday-to-Thursday Weekly Newsletter March 29 – April 5, 2018

Sermon Title for Sunday: *The Good News: He Lives*

Scripture Readings for Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-9, 12-13; Mark 16:1-8; John 20:2-18; Acts 10:34-43

Please see the bulletin insert for Easter flower dedications & memorials.

Our worship participants for this Sunday, April 1 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: Carl & Marilyn Jones

USHERS: Mike Bitner, Allen Kennedy, & Drew Hassara

ACOLYTE: Julia Kofroth

LITURGIST: Eileen Williams

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: NO Junior Church – Enjoy the service!

NURSERY: NO Nursery coverage – Feel free to use the “cry room.”

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: NO Sunday School

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: NO Sunday School

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: NO Sunday School

CLEAN TEAM (Apr 1 - 7): Tim Patschke & Drew Hassara

Our worship participants for next Sunday, April 8 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: Dottie Sheaffer & volunteer needed

USHERS: Dale Dougherty, Charles Parmer, & Fred Helder

ACOLYTE: Jack Rhodes

LITURGIST: Drew Hassara

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: Terry Kofroth

JUNIOR CHURCH: Julie Hassara & Marilyn Jones

NURSERY: Carol Kennedy

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Hassara & Lisa Baker

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Perkowski & Amy Boughter

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (Apr 8 - 14): 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, March 29 – Maundy Thursday

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

NO Bible Study at Faith UMC, 10:00 AM - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY on “After 40: Ready for Action”

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 5:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday Service with sister churches at Emmanuel UMC
with a meal at 6:30PM and the Worship Service at 7:15PM**

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

Good Friday Service at Long Memorial UMC, noon

Stations of the Cross throughout the day at Faith UMC, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Good Friday Service at Long Memorial UMC, 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at Long Memorial UMC, 7:00 AM followed by breakfast

Easter Service at Oregon Community UMC, 9:00 AM

Easter Service at Faith UMC, 10:30 AM (NO Sunday School, Evening Bible Study or Youth Group)

Monday, April 2

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

Topic: “The Struggle to Forgive: Finding a Way Forward”

Tuesday, April 3

Piano Lessons, 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 4

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

Piano Lessons, 9:30 to 10:00 AM & 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Evening Bible Study with Amy Boughter at Faith UMC, 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 5

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Bible Study at Faith UMC, 10:00 AM - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY on “After 40: Ready for Action”

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

Missions ConneXion meeting, 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Faith Singers, 6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Apr 8 Final Joint Intergenerational Lenten Bible Study at Long Memorial UMC, 6PM – *Potluck Meal*

Monday, Apr 9 Faith UMC serves the Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church, 5:30 PM

Friday, Apr 13 Game Night at Faith UMC, 6:00 to 9:00 PM (childcare & dinner provided)

Sunday, Apr 15 Youth Group to Gretna Glen, 3:30-7 PM (Meet at Faith UMC)

Sunday, Apr 22 Assemble Care Packages for Millersville Students, 11:45 AM (lunch included)

Sunday, Apr 29 Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM – *All are invited!*

Wednesday, May 2 Ladies Lunch at Knight & Day Diner, 11:30 AM

Saturday, May 12 Faith Community Day:

Yard Sale, Book Sale, & Bake Sale, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Bounce House & Games, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (weather permitting)

Chicken BBQ, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Monday, May 21 Church Council meeting, 7:00 PM

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

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, NA, & AlAnon

Those struggling with addictions, mental health, finances, etc.

Sherry Guard – transitions as she has moved

Charlotte Garfield – recovering from mini-stroke

Jennifer Rhodes – healing from broken leg

Families of those who have passed

Sheri Jones – healing after kidney transplant

Brian and Tina Grimm

Elwyn Jones (Carl's brother) - had a stroke

Phil Buchanan – strength and healing in legs/back

Dee Bolduc – healing after eye surgery

Becky Rodriguez –kidneys & transitions

Mike, Brenda and Dave Loechner – family, job, health and finding a home

Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back

Harry Buchanan – strength & healing

Linda Eckman – healing and strength

Billy Green – healing and strength

Veronica Eckman – transitions & job hunt

Sandy Patschke – healing for sinuses & back

Eileen Williams – healing for muscles

David Williams

Noah Boughter

Shelda's son Randy – Alzheimer's & Seizures

Shelda's granddaughter Bella's health

Bradley McGowan – ALS

Linda Philbin – multi-focal motor neuropathy

Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions

Parents raising children—esp. new parents

Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung

Youth Ministry

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; Dan Lebo at 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, violence, & harassment

Abusers and their families

Eradication of Malaria, Zika, HIV, etc.

Healthcare

Earth's Environment

Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband's health

Those with cancer: inc. Dean Cooper from OCUMC;

Mary Shenk's friend, Joanne; Cyndi Campbell;

Donna Jackman; etc.

OUR PRAISES:

A resurrected Savior

Love and hope that overcome struggles

Faithful members of Faith UMC who serve in the community and church ministries

Our seniors and the wisdom they carry

Growing weekly Bible Study & Youth Ministry

The courage of advocates for justice around the world

We thank God you are with us today!

THANK YOU to everyone who prepared for or participated in the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt last weekend. So many people were involved behind the scenes as well as the days of the events. Over 35 people helped in some way. We had a lot of positive feedback. If you have any suggestions for next year, please see Carol Kennedy. Thank you for your time & your generosity.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Be sure to take note of the services in “This Week’s Events” section above. Invite a friend!

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR TREASURE CHESTS ON SUNDAY and place them on the altar. This offering supports the Faith UMC Camp Scholarship Fund which provides assistance to kids attending a UMC camp. There are also envelopes in the hall available for this purpose. If you prefer to write a check, make it to *Faith UMC* but write *Camp Scholarship* in the memo. Thank you!

WE ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING: shoe boxes, cookies, snack bars, hot chocolate, teabags, travel tissues, sticky notes, highlighters, and other items to give to college students who are part of the Millersville University Campus Ministry. Wrapping paper would also be useful. **Please bring in those items by Sunday, April 15th** and place them in the box in the hall. **Please stay after the worship service on April 22nd.** We will be enjoying lunch together and filling shoeboxes with goodies for the college students. *Please do NOT donate candy, juice boxes, pens, or pencils. We already have those items available to include in the boxes.*

GAME NIGHT!! COME ONE, COME ALL to what will hopefully become the first monthly social event for adults, a game night! This first event of many will be held on Friday evening, April 13th from 6:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Dinner will be provided as will childcare. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the hall so we know how much food to prepare, bring your favorite games, and expect to have a fun and relaxing evening out with friends. We hope to see you there. Contact Diana Valentine with any questions at 717-435-8577.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY: Oregon Community UMC is leading ways for us to connect directly with Rev. Hill and the Blackfeet UMC Parish in Montana. Next week we will receive an offering on Native American Sunday that we will send to that church for equipment for the ranch and their other ministries. Please make checks payable to *Faith UMC* with *BUMP* in the memo line. **April 14th from 9:30-11AM at Lititz UMC** there is a workshop on Native American History called **The Loss of Turtle Island**. For more info, visit: <https://www.epaumc.org> and Search: “Turtle Island”. Contact Mike Shifflet at 717-419-4863 or mshiffly@gmail.com to register.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Alan Strait is available to take family photos after worship on Sundays. If Sunday morning does not work for you, he is willing to arrange another time or place. If you prefer you may submit your own photo. Please make sure we have your current contact information, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.



IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND EXERCISE? We have been offered a free 45 minute presentation by a local physical therapist. If this interests you please let Carol Kennedy know and we can arrange a date for her to come in.

BIBLE STUDIES:

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AT 6:00PM: We will meet at Long Memorial UMC ([2660 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601](https://www.longmemorialumc.org)) for the final session of the Lenten Series on Apr 8. There will be a *potluck meal* with the lesson. **Please bring something to share.**

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 -- including links to other locations and times. **This week’s topic is: “The Struggle to Forgive: Finding a Way Forward.”** These sessions are a great place to bring a friend/neighbor who is exploring their faith.

A MEN’S BIBLE STUDY led by Ian Solodky is meeting every other Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Long Memorial UMC Parsonage, 2666 Bantam Ln, Lancaster, PA 17601. The **next meeting is April 11th at 7PM**. All men are welcome! This is open to folks from various churches and the community.

AN EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter is meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Faith UMC**. Everyone is welcome—men and women, young and experienced!

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! April 5th we are finishing a Lenten Bible Study, “After 40: Ready for Action.” On April 12 we will return to our series on the great hymns and what they have to teach us about our faith.

THE YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) usually meets at **Faith UMC from 5-7PM** every Sunday. See www.faithumc.us/youth for more info! **We go to Gretna Glen camp from 3:30-7pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month.** Please note that during Lent, there will NOT be regular youth group meetings. The youth and their families will meet as part of the 6pm Sunday Lenten Bible Study (see above). **We will resume our regular meetings on April 15th with a trip to Gretna Glen from 3:30-7 PM** (leaving from Faith UMC).

BUDGET UPDATE:

GENERAL BUDGET: Thank you for your generous support of our ministries at Faith UMC. We rely on your gifts to directly support our ministries and to fund our staff who bring you weekly worship, leadership and pastoral care. You may make donations each week during worship—and if you are away you may mail a check to the church office.

FAITHFULLY FORWARD is our three-year campaign (2017-19) to raise \$250,000 toward the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing Expansion. So far we have raised **\$73,299.37-- and we have over \$146,700.00 in pledges for the total campaign!** Thank you for your generosity.

OTHER NEWS:

TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITY for pre-school teachers or others with experience working with children. Must have clearances. Full or part-time help needed to fill in for children's librarian over the next 8 - 12 weeks. Most lesson plans have been created in advance. \$13 an hour. No benefits. They are flexible. It could be a fulltime person or very part-time. Programs needing coverage are story times, toddler times, preschool gym (no equipment), kids coders, family science, Saturday's, Family Place, and kid gamers. Contact Carol Kennedy for more information.

GRANTS TO ASSIST IN DEFRAYING HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS ARE AVAILABLE. April 30 is rapidly approaching. On that date, the Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year. The application is available on the Conference website. It can be accessed as "Grants to Defray Higher Education Costs." at the following website address:

epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships. All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) April 30 to May 21 will be considered for a grant. Like last year, all applications will be considered. Unless there is some disqualification, grant recipients will be randomly selected.

If you have questions, please contact the Education Society Chairperson, Al Adey at ahadey@verizon.net.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT ANCHORAGE BREAKFAST: This new program is looking for 10 churches, Sunday School classes, UMW, Youth or other groups to present a “Birthday Party” to individuals who attend Anchorage Breakfast program. One Friday each month (date could vary to fit your schedule) from 8:30-9:45 am the group would lead this birthday bash. The sponsoring group will be responsible for cake, plates, napkins and 2-3 people to serve cake. Small gifts or cards are also encouraged but left to the creativity of the sponsors. For more info, contact Sue Grimm Mattox, sgrimm1028@gmail.com or call 717-575-6414.

THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER has many interesting workshops and events coming up in January and February. There are descriptions on the table in the hall or go to www.parishresourcecenter.org for more information or to register.

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.pa21least.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

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

Words of faith and life from Bishop Peggy A. Johnson. <http://bishoppeggyjohnson.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 with the subject line “Soldier.”

Armed Forces Members in the States:

SFC Theron Boughter

2290 New St.
East Petersburg, PA 17520

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Lancaster, PA 17601

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 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 with the subject “Unsubscribe”. Thank you!

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