

Faith-A-Gram

Thursday-to-Thursday Weekly Newsletter May 10 - 17, 2018

Sermon Title for Sunday: Psalm 47; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23

Scripture Readings for Sunday: *Until He Comes Again*

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Faith UMC.

Our worship participants for this Sunday, May 13 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: Brian & Jennifer Rhodes

USHERS: Brooke Dankenbring, Brandon Dubbs, & Drew Hassara

ACOLYTE: Julia Kofroth

LITURGIST: Tim Patschke

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Julie Hassara & Marilyn Jones

NURSERY: Linda Woodward & Faith Berney

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Brooke Dankenbring & Marilyn Jones

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Perkowski & Amy Boughter

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (May 13 - 19): Tim Patschke & Drew Hassara

Our worship participants for next Sunday, May 20 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

GUEST PREACHER: Paul Miller

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: Debi Eckenrod & **volunteer needed**

USHERS: Dennis Dankenbring, Dale Dougherty, & Charles Parmer

ACOLYTE: Jack Rhodes

LITURGIST: Charles Valentine

CHILDREN'S GATHERING: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

JUNIOR CHURCH: Jennifer Rhodes & Laura Gehman

NURSERY: Debi Eckenrod

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Hassara & Jennifer Rhodes

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Perkowski & Amy Boughter

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (May 20 - 26): Tom Chapman, Veronica Eckman, & 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, May 10

Baked Goods Drop-off, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Bible Study at Faith UMC, 10:00 AM - Great hymns and what they have to teach us about our faith

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Faith Singers, 5:30 PM

Education Equality meeting, 7:00 PM at Bethel AME

Friday, May 11

Baked Goods Drop-off, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 12

Faith Community Day:

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

Bounce House, Games, Jump Rope, Face Painting, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (weather permitting)

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

District 22 AFG meeting, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the sanctuary

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Support Group meeting, 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall & kitchen

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Sunday School, 9:00 AM for all ages

Worship, 10:30 AM

NO Youth Group – enjoy time with your mom or other special ladies

Monday, May 14

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

Topic: "In the News: School Shootings"

Tuesday, May 15

Faith UMC is a polling place, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Piano Lessons, 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, May 16

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

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

Men's Bible Study led by Ian Solodky, 7:00 PM at the Long Memorial UMC Parsonage

Thursday, May 17

Baked Goods Drop-off, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Bible Study at Faith UMC, 10:00 AM - Great hymns and what they have to teach us about our faith

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

Faith Singers, 5:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday – wear red to worship as we remember the Holy Spirit pouring out on the people

Sunday, June 3

Sunday Drive Concert, 6:00 PM – Invite a friend!

Monday, June 4

Church Council meeting, 7:00 PM (*postponed from May 21*)

Wednesday, June 6

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

Th to Sat, June 14 - 16

Annual Conference – Oaks, PA

Monday, June 25

Safe Sanctuaries Training for all who are interacting with children or youth, 6:30 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:

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

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

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 volcanoes, 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.
Doug Eckenrod – healing after heart surgery
Linda Woodward
Sandy Sollenberger – BP issues during pregnancy
Beverly Ruhl – healing after mini-strokes
Edith Ramsey – transitions
Sherry Guard – transitions as she has moved again
Charlotte Garfield – strength and healing
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
Veronica Eckman – transitions & job hunt
Sandy Patschke – healing for sinuses & back
Eileen Williams – healing for muscles
David Williams
Noah Boughter
Shelda's son Randy – Alzheimers & 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
All pastors and churches in transition
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
Students and teachers as they finish the year
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; & Denny Spangler

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
Generosity of the people of Faith UMC
We thank God you are with us today!

FAITH COMMUNITY DAY: SATURDAY, May 12th
Craft & Yard Sale, Book Sale, & Bake Sale from 7 am to 2 pm
Bounce House, Games, Make Your Own Jump Rope, Face Painting
from 9 am to 1 pm (weather permitting)
Chicken BBQ from 10 am to 2 pm

FAITH COMMUNITY DAY: SATURDAY, May 12th. Join us and bring a friend. It is going to be a great day! **Something for everyone: Chicken BBQ, Craft & Yard Sale, Book Sale, Bake Sale, Bounce House, Games, Make Your Own Jump Rope, Face Painting.** *In case of bad weather the BBQ, baked goods, books and yard sale items will be moved indoors. The other events will be cancelled.* Proceeds from this event support the church in their ministry to serve the local community—and as they support various ministries and organizations here and abroad. So, thank you for your support of those ministries.

Spaces are available for \$20 for those interested in selling arts, crafts, or yard sale items (clothes, household items, toys, collectibles, etc.). Call 717-577-1838 for more information or pick up a brochure in the hall.

If you don't want a space of your own **we will gladly accept yard sale & book donations.** We are storing them in the 1st room on the left as you come in the first set of doors. If you need help getting items here please contact the church office.

Do you have yard games (corn hole, ladderball, volleyball, etc.) we could borrow? See Brandon Dubbs if you are interested in loaning a game, helping run games, or supervising the bounce house.

Thank you for donating baked goods and side dishes. Doors will be open for you to drop them off from 10 am to 7 pm on Thursday, May 10th and Friday, May 11th. **We need all baked goods by Friday, May 11th.** Please wrap items ready for sale. Example: 3 cookies in a bag, individually wrapped muffins, etc. Please contact Carol Kennedy or Sandy Patschke if you need access to the building other than the times listed. **Side dishes may be dropped off by 8:00 am on Saturday.**

Chicken tickets will be available on May 12th for \$6.00 per half with side dishes and baked goods sold separately. Remember to return your unsold tickets and money from pre-sales to Debi Eckenrod ASAP.

There are many ways you can help. There is a sign up sheet in the hall. Thank you for your support! Questions or comments please see Mike Bitner.

We are always excited for a chance to get to know our neighbors better. So, we encourage you to come out for this fun event, chat with other members of the community, and enjoy the various activities.

HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Alan Strait will be contacting you to make arrangements to get your photo taken. If you prefer you may submit your own photo. Please make sure we have your current contact information, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.



EDUCATION EQUITY: May 10th at 7PM meet at Bethel AME Church to work on advocacy for equity in educational funding. Wed., June 20 at 1pm there will be rally in the PA Capitol Rotunda.

PENTECOST SUNDAY ON MAY 20th -- Wear red to worship as we remember the Holy Spirit pouring out on the people, the Gospel Message being boldly proclaimed, and many being added to the number of believers.

SUNDAY DRIVE is coming to Faith UMC for an exciting musical event on **Sunday June 3 at 6:00 PM.** This trio is known for their family harmony, smooth voices, and humor. Make plans now to join us for an awesome event filled with a life changing message. To learn more about this group and hear a sample of their music go to sundaydrivemusic.com.

BARNSTORMERS GROUP OUTING: Faith UMC will attend the Lancaster Barnstormers game at 6:30 PM on **Saturday, June 23rd. \$14.50 per person includes a ticket and a meal voucher** (jumbo hotdog, chips, and soda.) Children 3 and under are free. If you need help with finances, please contact Pastor Jason. It is also a fireworks

night. The Barnstormers are holding 50 seats together for us so we can all sit in the same area. *Please check your calendars and sign up in the hall.* If you have any questions, call **Diana Valentine at 717-435-8577.**

IMPORTANT!! YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SAFE SANCTUARY AND MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING *ANNUALLY* IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH CHILDREN OR YOUTH.

We will be offering a training program on **Monday, June 25th at 6:30 PM at Faith UMC.** Please make every effort to attend or provide us with a certificate proving that you have attended elsewhere or online. *There is a signup sheet in the hall.*

SUMMER CAMP: REGISTER TO ATTEND A UMC CAMP THIS SUMMER—OR VOLUNTEER AS A COUNSELOR / SUPPORT STAFF. See the posters and brochures in the hall or visit camp websites to learn more. **Families with campers in need of financial support should contact the church office ASAP.**

BOSCOV'S DEPARTMENT STORE – FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS Everyone who purchase a \$5 Friends Helping Friends pass receives a 25% discount for purchases made *only on October 16, 2018.* Faith UMC would keep the \$5 from each pass sold. In addition to selling to friends and church members we are welcome to sell shopping passes in advance and the day of the event at Boscov's. We may also distribute information about our church at the event. If you would like to take the lead on this easy fundraiser or want more information, please contact Carol Kennedy.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Pastor Jason will be away through May 18th through May 25th and Carol will be away May 18th through May 22nd. If there are pastoral emergencies, folks in the hospital or folks in need of care, please contact Rob Woodward (717-989-0037), Carol Kennedy (717-917-5266), or the church office (717-560-0321). They have information to connect you with a pastor on call.

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 @7 PM.** For more info visit www.lifetreecafelancaster.us -- including links to other locations and times. **This week's topic is: "In the News: School Shootings"** These sessions are a great place to bring a friend/neighbor who is exploring their faith.

AN EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter is meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Faith UMC.** Everyone is welcome—men and women, young and experienced! *Note: There is no meeting on May 23rd.*

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

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 are studying the great hymns and what they have to teach us about our faith. *Note: There is no meeting on May 24th.*

THE YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) meets at **Faith UMC from 5-7 PM** almost every Sunday. See www.faithumc.us/youth for more info! We will NOT meet on May 13 (Mother's Day—spend time with your mom or other special ladies). **Youth will be helping at Faith UMC Community Day on Saturday, May 12 from 6AM to 2PM.** We need help in the yard sale (and possibly with the bounce house and other kid's games) which benefits the Annual Youth Winter Rally in Ocean City, MD.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT ANCHORAGE BREAKFAST: The Thursday Morning Bible Study group has decided to help with this new program on **Friday, October 12.** Anchorage is looking for churches to present a "Birthday Party" to individuals who attend Anchorage Breakfast program one Friday each month from 8:30-9:45am. The group would lead this birthday bash, provide cake, plates, and napkins, and 15-20 small gifts or cards for those who attend Anchorage and have a birthday that month. **Diana Valentine is leading the group from Faith UMC in October. Please see her if you would like to help or to donate food/gifts.**

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 **\$78,264.62 -- and we have over \$146,700.00 in pledges for the total campaign!** Thank you for your generosity. We have a long way to go toward the campaign goal, so if you have not pledged toward this please contact Pastor Jason for more information.

OTHER NEWS:

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**.

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.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**

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 with the subject line "Soldier."

Armed Forces Members Abroad:

Please note, DO NOT USE HIS RANK on the envelope

Theron Boughter
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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 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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