

Faith-A-Gram

Thursday-to-Thursday Weekly Newsletter Aug 9 - 16, 2018

Sermon Title for Sunday: *Things of the Spirit*
Scripture Readings for Sunday: *Romans 8*

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

Our worship participants for this Sunday, August 12 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

PRAISE LEADERS: Brian Kohler & Faith Singers

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

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

GREETERS: Dave & Melissa Urban

USHERS: Don Campbell, Alan Strait, & Dale Dougherty

ACOLYTE: Faith Berney

LITURGIST: Eileen Williams

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Jason

JUNIOR CHURCH: Ellen Kohler & Allen Kennedy

NURSERY: Laurel Meck

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ellen Kohler & Lisa Baker

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Recess – will be meeting for special activities

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (Aug 12 - 18): Tom Chapman, Veronica Eckman, & Brian Kohler

Our worship participants for next Sunday, August 19 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski

PRAISE LEADERS: Phil Buchanan & Faith Singers

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

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

GREETERS: Doris Bronson & Mary Shenk

USHERS: Dave Urban, Brian Kohler, & Brandon Dubbs

ACOLYTE: Lila Rhodes

LITURGIST: Phil Buchanan

CHILDREN'S TIME: **volunteer needed**

JUNIOR CHURCH: Julie Perkowski & Diana Valentine

NURSERY: Debi Eckenrod

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Carol Kennedy & Laurel Meck

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Recess – will be meeting for special activities

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward

CLEAN TEAM (Aug 19 - 25): Don Campbell, Allen Kennedy, & Bryan Nelson

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, August 9

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Bible Study at Faith UMC with Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

Piano Lessons, 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Faith Singers, 5:30 PM

Scrapbooking Event planning meeting at Faith, 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 12

Sunday School, 9:00 AM for Adults & Pre-K to Grade 4

(Youth Sunday School is on a summer break, but will be doing special activities)

Hymn Sing, 10:20 AM

Worship, 10:30 AM

**Lititz Isaac's fundraiser to support our mission projects – Scooter
for Pakistan & books for children at LUMINA, 11AM-8PM**

Youth Group at Faith UMC, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Monday, August 13

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

Church Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

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

Topic: "10 Minutes to Live: Now What?"

Tuesday, August 14

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 15

Piano Lessons, 8:30 to 10:30 AM and 3:00 to 7:00 PM

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

New Members Class, 7:00 PM (Wednesdays through August 22)

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

Thursday, August 16

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Bible Study at Faith UMC with Pastor Jason, 10:00 AM

Faith Singers, 5:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 18 Clothing Sale at Long Memorial UMC, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 19 *Campus Ministry Sunday – Special offering to support these ministries*

Saturday, August 25 Long Memorial Pig Roast, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 26 Hoss's Fundraiser for Oregon Community UMC

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 Fellowship Hall & Education Wing

Campus Ministry Sunday – August 19th – financial gifts to support ministry to college students

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Help clean the church or complete a variety of tasks—painting ceiling tiles, trimming trees, cleaning chairs, hanging cabinets in closet, etc.

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 –games, meals, chaperoning (*See signup sheet in the hall*)

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

Sound Engineers to run Sound Board and Equipment during worship team practice and Sunday mornings

PRAYER REQUESTS:

OUR CONCERNS:

Children in detention camps—and their families
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, & AIA non
Those struggling with addictions, mental health, finances, etc.
Judy Hurst – healing after knee surgery
Tim Patschke – recovery after surgery
Erik Reinholt – recover after surgery on his leg
Doug Haar—healing after a fall
Charlotte Garfield – strength
Dean – discernment
Beverly Ruhl – healing and transition
Mark Orellano (friend of Valentines) – healing
Peggy Marziani – transition to new home
Edith Ramsey – transition to new home
Sherry Guard – work and safety
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
Becky & Angela Rodriguez – starting over
Mike, Brenda and Dave Loechner – jobs and health
Rene Fox – employment
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Harry Buchanan – strength & healing
Linda Eckman – strength & healing
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. Mary Shenk's friend, Joanne; Cyndi Campbell; Donna Jackman; & Denny Spangler
Jackie Black – recovering from a stroke

OUR PRAISES:

The Loechners finding an apartment
The power of the Holy Spirit
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 Bible Studies & Youth Ministry
The courage of advocates for justice
Missionaries sharing the good news globally
We thank God you are with us today!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: If you are interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church (and Faith/Oregon Community UMCs, specifically) and are considering becoming a member, we invite you to join a new class. Everyone is welcome to join us. We are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at Faith UMC on August 15 & 22.

MISSION PROJECT: You are invited to join us in collecting new or gently used children's books to donate to the children participating in LUMINA. "Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance, also known as LUMINA, is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes. The corporation exists to offer the impoverished in Lancaster County the light of hope: to encourage children and youth through Christian character building, to empower families through life skill education, and to equip those in need with basic necessities and proper clothing for work and school." For more information about LUMINA visit <http://www.luminaoutreach.org/>.

SCRAPBOOKING EVENT: Faith and Oregon Community will be hosting a joint scrapbooking event as a cooperative fundraiser. It will be held **at Faith on November 3rd from 8AM to 6PM.** If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Jackie Black from Oregon Community UMC at 717-572-1521 and join us at Faith UMC for a **planning meeting on Thurs, August 30th at 6:30 PM.** You can also contact Pastor Jason, Julie Perkowski, Amy Boughter, or Rhonda Leese for more info.

WE HAVE ENROLLED IN PARK CITY DINER'S SOS (Sharing Our Success) PROGRAM. Anyone who eats at Park City Diner or Knight & Day Diner AT ANY TIME and shows them a card with our barcode or mentions our name will be helping us earn money toward our ministries. The SOS program will donate 10% of your bill to Faith UMC. There is a flyer in the hall with more info and the SOS card. Please take a few and share them with your friends. Note: Our name on the SOS card is "Faith United Methodist Church of Lancaster." Be sure to mention our full name if you don't have your card with you.

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018 FROM 11:00 AM TO 8:00 PM, THE LITITZ ISAAC'S will host a fundraiser to aid Faith UMC's Mission Fund!! Bring your family and friends to enjoy great food, while supporting our goal of purchasing a motor scooter for missionaries in Pakistan & our VBS Mission Project (Books for children participating in the LUMINA program.) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of your meal (and any gift cards that you purchase that day) will go directly toward this goal. Please come out and enjoy each other's company while supporting these projects! You need to show a flyer (from the hall or online) at the restaurant for us to get the credit.

CLOTHING SALE AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC on Saturday, August 18th 11:00 AM to -3:00 PM: Fill a bag for \$1.00. New and gently used adults and children's clothes - Proceeds to benefit Friday Night Food Ministry Bake Sale too. Items will be individually priced. Money raised from bake sale will go to support the Neffsville Christian Preschool.

CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY: The Eastern PA Conference Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry invites congregations to celebrate Campus Ministry Sunday by highlighting the importance of church and campus ministries that involve and impact college students. The board works with campus ministers at four schools in its bounds: Drexel, Millersville, Lebanon Valley and Albright Colleges. **We will have a Campus Ministry Special Offering on Sun., Aug. 19. Make checks payable to Faith UMC w/ "BHECM" in memo line and we will forward one check to BHECM.**

SUPPORT OUR SISTER CHURCH: Oregon Community UMC will be sponsoring a fundraiser at **Hoss's Steak & Sea Sunday, August 26th.** Pick up a "Cash Cow Card" on our information table and 20 or 25% of your pre-tax bill will be donated to Oregon Community UMC. **YARD SALE at OCUMC** on Sat., Sept. 15 & **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at OCUMC** on Sat., Oct 27

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC sponsored by our Pikes Mission ConneXion will be on Sat., Oct. 13 at Manheim Twp. Park from Noon-7pm. We need volunteers to help with hospitality, food, games, etc. We will have free food from Blessings of Hope, Trivia, Horseshoes, Old-fashioned Picnic Relays (burlap sack and 3-legged races), a concert by Matt Wheeler at 4:30pm, etc. Please invite friends & sign up to help.

ENERGIZING YOUR WORSHIP WORKSHOP AT CORNWALL UMC ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM: Are there ways that you would like to enhance and energize your worship services? Are you struggling to make rehearsals effective, efficient and more spiritually focused? This interactive workshop will allow worship teams, pastors, and tech support crews to develop new skills and approaches to the

planning, rehearsing and leading of worship services. The experts from Ad Lib Music (<https://adlibmusic.com/>) will provide training that is experiential, interactive and allows for discussion in small and large groups. There will be prompts for teams to work on together at their tables, followed by feedback and dialogue with the consultants, and the modeling of best practices throughout the workshop. At the end of the day you will have materials and plans that you can take back and use in your home church. This will include ideas for churches of all sizes and worship styles (traditional, blended, or contemporary). Ideally, we would encourage each church to send a group that includes pastors; members of the choir/worship team; instrumentalists; and those who design liturgy, audio/visual, and artistic aspects of the service.

Registration Fee: For each team, fees are \$15 per person for the first four people; \$10 per person for the next four people; \$100 max for groups up to ten people (which allows free admission for two people). Teams with more than ten can contact the District Office and will have those individuals waitlisted to ensure space for as many churches as possible. **We would like to take a large team from Faith & Oregon Community UMC. See Worship Leader Phil if you are interested in going!**

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL CRAFT, SKILL OR HOBBY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? Many of the churches in Lancaster County offer a handmade area as part of their holiday open houses and programs. Faith could also do this by offering our guests at the Breakfast with Santa the opportunity to purchase a handmade gift for that special someone they wish to remember during the holiday season but are so hard to shop for. We know that Breakfast with Santa and the Cookie Sale are successful events, and perhaps this endeavor could also add some funds and interest to our church. Marilyn Jones would love to secure some help with this to determine some guidelines (several heads working together are always best). If you would you be willing to join in trying this new endeavor please contact her. Of course, we will need everyone's help to secure handcrafted items to offer our guests at reasonable prices. Perhaps we could offer gift wrapping on the side so the gift is ready to be presented with its own gift tag. Contact Marilyn Jones at joneslncstr4@aol.com or by phone (717) 519-8792 to share your ideas.

SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of volunteers to help with the sound system at Thursday practices and on Sunday mornings. *Training will be provided* on how to use the sound board and equipment. See Pastor Jason.

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 signup sheet in the hall. Please see Carol Kennedy if you have questions.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY AT ANCHORAGE BREAKFAST: The Thursday Morning Bible Study group has decided to help with this new program **on Friday, October 12** by providing birthday cake, plates, napkins, and 15-20 small gifts or cards for those who attend Anchorage and have a birthday in October. **Diana Valentine is leading the group from Faith UMC. Please see her if you would like to help or to donate food/gifts.**

BIBLE STUDIES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Adults and Children (and youth are on break for the summer) at 9am every week

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 or to watch video clips of topics, visit www.lifetreecafelancaster.us. **This week's topic is: "10 Minutes to Live: Now What?"** 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**. We are currently studying a variety of life application topics. Everyone is welcome—men and women, young and experienced!

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.

THE YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) meets at Faith UMC from 5-7 PM almost every Sunday. For more info see www.faithumc.us/youth. Youth Group meets this Sunday *and the rising 5th graders are invited to join us!*

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. **So far we have received \$91,684.74 in offerings & fundraisers toward our \$163,492.00 annual ministry budget.**

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 **\$100,830.08 -- and we have over \$146,700.00 in pledges for the total campaign!** So, we are over halfway toward meeting our pledges. **However, we actually need to raise \$8,686 per month for the first three years of the campaign to successfully pay our monthly principal and interest and we are not yet meeting that target.** Thank you to all who generously supporting this project. We have a long way to go toward the campaign goal, so **if you have not pledged and are able to do so, please contact Pastor Jason for more information.**

OTHER NEWS:

A NEW FOOD PANTRY opened at the Emerald Foundation (2120 Oregon Pike, Lancaster PA)! Autumn's Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 3:00 -7:00 pm. Please see the poster in the hall. Don't hesitate to call Leraunt van Loon with any questions at (717) 799-9416.

THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER has many interesting workshops and events coming up. There are descriptions on the bulletin board 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:

WEST DISTRICT BISHOP'S DAY at Ruhl's United Methodist Church, 4810 Elizabethtown Road, Manheim, PA 17545 on **Thursday, September 27**, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Clergy and Laity are invited. Light refreshments/fellowship from 6:30pm - 7pm. We will promptly begin at 7pm. **RSVP by Friday, September 21.**

YOU'RE INVITED ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE Pastor Tom Fries, Leola UMC, invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 29 - November 8, 2018. This trip that will expand your knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to the land as the "Fifth Gospel." This is truly an adventure in faith and to walk where Jesus walked is the experience of a lifetime. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Pastor Tom for brochures that contain detailed information. Also, feel free to ask any questions. Rev. Tom Fries: leolaumc@gmail.com Phone: 717-656-7600

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 Abroad:

Please note, DO NOT USE HIS RANK on the envelope

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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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