

Faith-A-Gram

Thursday-to-Thursday Weekly Newsletter February 7 - 14, 2019

Sermon Title for Sunday: *The Pressing Crowd*

Scripture Readings for Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

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

Our worship participants for this Sunday, February 10 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski
PRAISE LEADERS: Phil Buchanan & Faith Singers
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Dolly Bankert Haar, Brian Kohler, Liz Hornberger, & Nick Margerum
AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.
GREETERS: Melissa Urban & Faith Meier
USHERS: Allen Strait, Brian Kohler, & Brandon Dubbs
ACOLYTE: Nick Margerum
LITURGIST: Tim Patschke
CHILDREN'S TIME: Terry Kofroth
JUNIOR CHURCH: Ellen Kohler & Diana Valentine
NURSERY: Carol Kennedy
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ellen Kohler & Marilyn Jones
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Perkowski & Amy Boughter
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward
CLEAN TEAM (Feb 10 -16): John Rice, Priscilla Rice, & Allen Kennedy

Our worship participants for next Sunday, February 17 are as follows:

PASTOR: Jason Perkowski
PRAISE LEADERS: Phil Buchanan & Faith Singers
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Dolly Bankert Haar, Brian Kohler, Liz Hornberger, & Nick Margerum
AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: Dennis Meck, Sr.
GREETERS: Doris Bronson & Mary Shenk
USHERS: Dennis Dankenbring, Drew Hassara, & Dale Dougherty
ACOLYTE: Lila Rhodes
LITURGIST: Jennifer Rhodes
CHILDREN'S TIME: **volunteer needed**
JUNIOR CHURCH: Jennifer Rhodes & Diana Valentine
NURSERY: Linda Woodward
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Brooke Dankenbring & Lisa Baker
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Julie Perkowski & Amy Boughter
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rob Woodward
CLEAN TEAM (Feb 17 - 23): Tim Patschke & Drew Hassara

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!

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS: We extend our prayers and best wishes to those who celebrate their birthdays & anniversaries during the month of January. *If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the office so that we can update our records.*

Birthdays: Dennis Dankenbring, Bill Heinaman, Shirley Herr, Cody Knable, Rhonda Leese, Wendy Schroeder, Duane Metz, Berniece Dougherty, Sara Anne Bricker, Jack Rhodes

Anniversaries: Dale & Bernie Dougherty, Shannon & Jennifer Henry

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

Thursday, February 7

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

Faith Singers, 5:30 PM

Friday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 10

Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 AM

Hymn Sing, 10:20 AM

Worship, 10:30 AM

Package items for Lancashire Hall Residents, 11:45 AM

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

Philosopher's Club meeting, 7:30 PM

Monday, February 11

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

Topic: What Your Atheist Friend Wants You to Know

Tuesday, February 12

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 13

Piano Lessons, 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Bible Study led by Amy Boughter, 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 14

AA meeting, 10:00 AM

Piano Lessons, 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Faith Singers, 5:30 PM

Shepherding Team meeting, 6:45 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, February 16 **Chili Cook-off, 12:00 to 2:00 PM**

Sunday, February 17 Finance Team meeting, 11:45 AM

Monday, February 18 Secret Sister Meet & Greet, 10:00 AM – *All women of the church are invited!*

Wednesday, February 20 Chicken Corn Prep, 1:00 PM

Friday, February 22 Chicken Corn Packaging, 1:00 PM

Saturday, February 23 **Chicken Corn Soup Sale, 9:00 to 11:00 AM**

Saturday, March 2 **Tools for Ministry at Lititz UMC, 8:15 AM to 12:30 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 Fellowship Hall & Education Wing

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

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:

2019 General Conference: A Way Forward

Children in detention camps—and their families
Veterans and Service Members
For peace & wisdom in the North Korean, Saudi Arabian, Iranian & Israeli/Palestinian conflicts
Threats of Nuclear War
Violence and wrath—including gun violence
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, politics & fears
All affected by the volcanoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires, and mudslides
President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence
All government & military officials and their staff: wisdom & safety
World leaders & staff
All affected by terrorist attacks
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions
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, finances, etc.
Those suffering from depression, suicidal ideation, and other mental health issues
Persons in nursing homes
All those caring for sick loved ones
Those who have lost loved ones
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
Victims of sexual abuse, violence, & harassment
Abusers and their families
Eradication of Malaria, Zika, HIV, etc.
Healthcare & Environment
Parents raising children—esp. new parents
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung and appointments
Coleman Chapel in transitions
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband's health
Youth Ministry
LifeTree Café Ministry
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa

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

Quinnanne Henny – healing
Rev. Nancy Miller – health and transitions
Charlotte Garfield – strength & transition
Beverly Ruhl – healing
Mark Orellano (friend of Valentines) – healing
Dean Johnson – wisdom & discernment
Peggy Marziano's family – recover from storms
Sherry Guard – work and safety
Brian and Tina Grimm
Erek and Shaughn Perkowski
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back
Becky & Angela Rodriguez – starting over
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back
Harry Buchanan – strength & healing
Linda Eckman – strength & healing
Sandy Patschke – healing after a fall
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
Those with cancer: inc. Joanne; Cyndi Campbell; & Donna Jackman
Rylan Beebe as he heals
Debra Slaymaker-Walker as she heals
Gracie King's family & Warwick students
Rob Woodward – healing after heart surgery
Liz Hornberger's brother Paul & sister-in-law Evelyn in serious car accident
Frankie Lenz – growth & health
Kaye Fisher – cancer
Berniece Dougherty's son Mark - lymphoma
C. Jacqueline Valentine – healing after a stroke

OUR PRAISES:

Sunday School & Bible Study Leaders
The courage of advocates for justice
Missionaries sharing the good news globally
Birthdays and anniversaries
The gift of life that organ donors provide

WEATHER: This winter the weather may impact worship services, meetings, Bible Studies and events. Generally speaking we will work to have the church lot plowed, shoveled and salted and the building open—especially for Sunday Worship Services. Then you can decide if you feel comfortable driving and walking outside. If you are making a change to an event you are leading, please contact Pastor Jason, ASAP so that we can update information.

Weather related changes will be published on the home page of the Faith UMC website: www.FaithUMC.US
Be sure to **right click** in the center of the page and select **“Reload Frame”** if your browser is displaying an old copy of the webpage.

Note: You can still send your offerings in by mail or digitally from the “Offering” link at www.FaithUMC.us

BIBLE STUDIES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages every Sunday at 9:00 AM. Julie Hassara, Ellen Kohler, & Brooke Dankenbring and a team of volunteers lead the Children’s SS. Amy Boughter and Julie Perkowski lead the youth (5-12th grade) and Rob Woodward teaches the adults. We would love to fill these classes as part of the discipleship to go deeper in our understanding of God and the Bible.

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: "What Your Atheist Friend Wants You to Know."** 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!

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER EVERY FRIDAY 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 what Social Justice means for Christians and how to have these conversations with people of various opinions.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP: Led by Mike Shifflet (from Oregon Community UMC) at 7 AM at Lititz Family Cupboard Restaurant

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (regarding issues affecting Native Americans) at Oregon Community UMC led by Mike Shifflet at 8 AM.

THE YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) meets at Faith UMC from 5-7 PM almost every Sunday. Dinner is provided, along with games and a Bible Study. For more info see www.faithumc.us/youth. *We go to Gretna Glen camp from 3:30-7 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month and our next trips are February 17 and March 17. See sign-up sheet. **Permission Slips required.*** Pastor Jason is looking for **adults willing to take turns as chaperones:** helping with games, hanging out and taking turns planning monthly activities. If you are interested, there are sign-up sheets in the hall. **We need chaperones and people to provide meals.**

PHILOSOPHER’S CLUB: A new small group will meet on the **2nd Sunday** of each month **at 7:30 PM** at Faith UMC. Our next meeting is **February 10**. Pastor Jason will lead discussions on a variety of philosophical and theological questions that people raise about God, faith, the meaning of life, morality, the nature of evil, etc. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE ITALIAN MELODIANA ACCORDION: A community member is willing to donate an Italian accordion that is in pristine condition to someone who will enjoy playing it. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jason.

E-GIVING AVAILABLE! Do you wish you could give to the church the same way you do other things in your life? Do you wonder if you could ever use your smartphone to make your recurring contributions? Faith UMC is excited to offer a simple way for you to support the church that is convenient for you. We have launched our Online Giving and Mobile Giving apps with a link from www.FaithUMC.us that says “Offerings” in the toolbar on the left. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP: The Special Session of the General Conference takes place Feb. 23-26, 2019. We seek your prayers as the delegates receive and act upon the report from The Commission on a Way Forward and corresponding petitions. *This conference will make decisions on our rules regarding LGBTQI persons being married or ordained in the UMC.* On Saturday, Feb 23, the conference will dedicate the entire day to prayer and then to prayerful decision making the rest of the conference. This will be available through live-streaming (umc.org) and we invite as many as possible to pray along with the conference delegates, bishops and attendees. For more info please visit: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/the-commission-on-a-way-forward-report-what-you-should-know> And if you have other questions and concerns please call or email Pastor Jason.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: Saturday, **March 2, 2019** (snow date: Saturday, March 23) at Lititz UMC, 201 North Market Street, Lititz, PA 17543. Doors open for registration at 8:15am. This year's cost will be \$10.00. The new registration fee should not be a barrier to your attending. Scholarships are available upon request by contacting the District Office by phone at 717-569-9673. Topics of interest: Discipleship for TODAY, Sharing your Faith in Today's World, Bridging the Generations, Safe Sanctuaries, Discerning the future of your church, etc. **There are over 15 sessions to select to enrich your life and life of your church and all church members should consider attending.** Course descriptions & registration forms are available in the hall. You may also register online at <http://bit.ly/wdtdfm19>.

WISH LIST: Many of the residents living at **Lancashire Hall** do not have family or anyone who comes to visit them so the employees take their own money to purchase the items the residents so desperately need. As part of our missions outreach, we are collecting **personal care items and other miscellaneous items** to help the residents pass their time. There are approximately 215 residents living there so please help us to provide for as many residents as possible. **Donations are needed by February 10th** so they can be assembled and taken to the facility for distribution on Valentine's Day. Items Requested: Shampoo (regular sized bottles), Body Wash (regular size bottles), Mouthwash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Combs/Brushes, Lotion (regular size bottles), Chapstick, Wipes, Deodorant, Slip Resistant Socks, Adult Color Books, Large Print Puzzle Books, Colored Pencils, Crayons (Small Packs), Pens/Pencils, Notepads, Gift Bags for the items. *Help is needed to package the items on Sunday.*

FAITH UMC IS HOSTING A CHILI COOK-OFF on **Saturday, Feb. 16th** from 12-2:00 PM. Sign up and bring a crockpot of your favorite chili recipe to compete against other Chili Chefs or come and sample chili, vote for your favorite, & then spend time visiting with folks. We will need volunteers and donations of bread and desserts. Look for the sign-up sheets or contact Diana Valentine for more info (717-435-8577). You can purchase tickets to vote for your favorite recipe. Hotdogs and chili will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will support the Expansion Project.

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES IN THE CHURCH to come out for the Secret Sisters Meet and Greet on Monday, February 18 at 10:00 AM. Bring a sandwich to enjoy while we work on making cinnamon ornaments and get to know one another. To assist with planning we are asking that you sign up no later than Sunday, February 17. If you are planning on coming, you will need to bring a rolling pin and cookie cutters. Judy and Amy did a test run and the cookie cutters should be no larger than 3 inches in diameter. We will provide munchies and drinks. If Amy gets her act together, we will also be working on creating pastor gnomes!!! You'll have to come to find out!!! Judy and Amy will be making the dough and will have all other supplies for the craft(s). Don't sit home if you don't have a rolling pin. We'll share!! Also, if anyone has a rolling pin that they would be willing to lend us, please make sure your name is on it and leave it in the kitchen. Cookie cutters would also be welcome, but make sure you can identify your own, so you get them back. **THANK YOU!!**

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CHICKEN CORN SOUP SALE will take place **Saturday, February 23rd**. Soup is sold by the pint (\$5) or quart (\$9) ready to take home and reheat or freeze. Pre-orders can be requested by calling the office at 717-560-0321 or signing up in the hallway—and they may be picked up between 9am & 11am. Walk-ins are welcome from 10am until food sells out. *Leading up to the event there are many days of preparation involved. Please sign up in the hall or let Linda Woodward (717-615-1012) know if you are available to help.*

THE SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT: Know of a special birthday, anniversary or person who deserves recognition? Nominate or recommend them to the Shepherding Team members and we will work to ensure that they are recognized on our monthly board. Shepherding Team members include Diana Valentine, Terry Urban, Tom Chapman, Linda Woodward, Rob Woodward, Marilyn Jones, Lorraine Smith, Judy Hurst, Brenda Loechner, & Shelda Costello.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Our lighted sign on the corner of Fruitville Pike & Koser Road requires someone to manually change the letters. Ideally, we would like to have the lettering changed twice a week: on Thursday or Friday with the sermon title and on Sunday with a saying or advertising for a weekend event. If you are interested in helping with this duty, please contact the office.

LETTER FROM THE UDOBO SCHOOL IN DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA:

Dear Reverent Jason,

I am delighted to inform you that the wonderfully generous monetary gift is in our bank [from Faith UMC's Christmas Offering for the Udobo School]. I am always humbled that people so far away who have never even seen our school or our precious children support us so graciously.

I wish that I could bottle up the essence of our staff and children - God's presence is often tangible and there is a tremendous amount of joy here. The parents are so grateful that their little ones are receiving an excellent start to their education! We have a new brother and sister this here and the brother who is only 3 was crying as he was brought into the school, his sister went into her classroom and shouted to her brother: 'come quickly, there is food here'. This little chap who is tiny, always goes to the kitchen before he goes home and tells the cook he is hungry, he is always given something!

I could type a book about them all but I will stop there, please convey our deep gratitude to your congregation, we send prayers of thanksgiving and pray that our God continues to keep His hand over you no matter what the year ahead holds.

Yours in His service,

Anne

Anne Snyders

School Principal

Udobo Pre-Primary School

E-mail address : anneudobo@gmail.com

Contact telephone number : 031-4690029

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.

FERRIS WHEEL CLOTHING BANK in Lititz is a non-profit clothing bank for all ages. In addition to clothing, they also provide personal care items, new socks and underwear, school supplies, laundry detergent, diapers, wipes, and small toys for Easter/Christmas. They will be holding a yard sale in our building on March 30th. To rent a table or donate items please email ferriswheel14@hotmail.com. Look for their postcard in the hall.

ANCHORAGE NEEDS: Are you cleaning out your basement, attic or storage area? Anchorage Breakfast is looking for donations for their upcoming indoor yard sale. Please contact the First UMC Lancaster office at 717-394-7231 to arrange a donation time. Donations are being accepted between now and March 27. The indoor yard sale will be held on Saturday, March 30 at Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church on Fruitville Pike.

THE ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2019 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. List who is sponsoring the flowers and who they are in honor of. The cost is \$18.00 per 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 signup sheet for 2019 in the hall. The goodies do not have to be homemade. Funds are available if you would like to be reimbursed. We can help you with making coffee, etc. Please see Carol Kennedy if you have questions.

STAR CITY DINER PROGRAM: If you eat at the Star City Diner in Manheim and take them your Sunday bulletin, they will make a donation to the church.

WE HAVE ENROLLED IN PARK CITY AND KNIGHT & DAY 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.

BUDGET UPDATE:

ONLINE GIVING: Please see the announcement above about new ways to give online to the ministries of the church. You can set up recurring payments, give a one time special gift, or contribute digitally when you aren't able to attend on a Sunday. Please contact the office if you have any questions. You can log onto our www.FaithUMC.us website and follow the link for info and the log-in.

GENERAL MINISTRY 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 or are unable to attend due to the weather you may mail a check to the church office.

You can still submit a **2019 Pledge Card** to the office regarding your commitment to the General Ministry Budget of Faith UMC and toward the Faithfully Forward Campaign to pay down the loan for Building Expansion. It is helpful for us to know what people are committing to donate in order to plan wisely.

FAITHFULLY FORWARD is our three-year campaign (2017-19) to raise \$250,000 toward the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing Expansion. UPDATE! So far we have raised **\$130,547.19-- and we have over \$149,300.00 in pledges for the total campaign!** So, we are 83% toward meeting our pledges and almost halfway toward our target. **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 on both loans and we are not yet meeting that target.** We have **11 months left to pay off our three year loan...**and then the monthly costs drop significantly. If you are able to help during this final year of the campaign we need you! 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 WAYS TO GIVE: Have you ever considered leaving a **gift to the church in your will or as part of your life insurance policy?** A bequest could leave a legacy to support ministries for decades to come. Also, **retirement plans** with annual **Required Minimum Distribution** may be given to non-profits including churches. There are various ways to give that provide tax benefits as well. See Pastor Jason for info.

OTHER NEWS:

NEFFSVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE on Saturday February 9 from 9-10:30 am and **Winter Fest** immediately following from 10:30-12. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about their preschool program, come for a tour that morning. There will also be many fun winter activities for all to enjoy. This is a free event. More information available on their website: www.neffsvillechristianpreschool.com

A 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SHARE: Long Memorial UMC, 2660 Lititz Pike in Neffsville offers *free groceries* every Friday night at 6pm and hot meals by donation every other week. Please see <http://www.longmemorial.org/> for more information.

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.pa211east.org/Lancaster> or 211.org for more info.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT:

FREE GENTLY USED CLOTHING FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED! First Saturday of the month, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. **Lancaster: Covenant UMC**, 110 N. Mulberry Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603

The Covenant Community Closet clothing ministry provides slightly used clothing that was donated to Covenant Church, and then gives it to those in need of clothing at no charge. There is clothing for men, women, children and infants of Lancaster city and surrounding communities. Individuals and families can come between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM to find great articles of clothing, shoes and accessories for personal use. There are no income limitations or requirements needs. Since all articles of clothing are free, quantities may be limited. Also, all clothing is provided according to personal needs and is not for resale. The Community Closet is held in the Gathering area of the Church and-off street parking is available on the West Orange Street side entrance. For more information, contact the Covenant Church office at 717-393-1561.

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

HOPE MARKETPLACE AT EMMANUEL UMC: February 27th at 6 pm. We will be offering free groceries, a free hot meal, open ears and hearts to all comers. We will offer prayer and contact with service organizations to the community. You are loved. You have value. You have purpose. You are welcome. Pastor Larry Kipp, (717) 475-0665, lkipp19@aol.com

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT EMMANUEL UMC: February 27th at 6 pm. This month's featured film: Homeward Bound. Light refreshments will be served. Fun for all ages! Emmanuel UMC
btownoffice@frontiernet.net

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>

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
P.O. Box 215
East Petersburg, PA 17520

SGT Tim Kuster
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Colorado Springs, CO 80906

SSG Scott F. Eckenrod
7168 Mazarron Dr
Fayetteville, NC 28314-5221

PVT Brady M Nelson
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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!

Faith UMC Office Contact Information:

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<http://www.FaithUMC.us>

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Wednesdays: 9 – 11am & 2pm – 4pm

Thursdays: 1pm – 5pm

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