



# Life in Faith

*Faith Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community committed to worshipping God, growing in Christ, and, emboldened by the Holy Spirit, extending Christ's love, grace and mercy to all.*

April 2017

**WORSHIP at**  
**10:30 am**

## **Faith Church Staff**

**Reverend Allison Spooner**

**Caleb Flick**  
Director of Music  
Ministries

**Debbie Kissinger**  
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**Virginia Henning**  
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## **UPDATE ON FAITH AND HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIANS NEW PASTOR:**

*We are happy to report that on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 the Carlisle Presbytery voted to approve Allison Spooner to be ordained as a Teaching Elder.*

*Her installation and ordination service will take place on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 5:00 at Derry Presbyterian Church. This will be a very special service for Allison as well as our congregation. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.*



**Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30 am**

**Welcome Reverend Allison Spooner**

Vintage Brass, under the direction of Jim Milbrand

Faith's Chancel Choir will be augmented by members of the Progress Immanuel Choir.

**Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm  
with Communion**

**Easter Sunday Worship at 10:30 am**  
Trumpeter Will Landon - Chancel Choir

## ON LINE GIVING

### SESSION

#### **Class of 2017**

Virginia Henning  
George Hope  
Karen Miller

#### **Class of 2018**

Rose Jewell Jordan  
Randy Knapp  
Bob MacIntyre

#### **Class of 2019**

Cheryl Caplan  
Gene Gangwish  
Joe Stimmel

Faith Presbyterian Church has an arrangement with Vanco for automatic payments from participating members to be made directly to Faith Church's account at M&T Bank. This will allow you to specify the amount you want contributed to Faith at whatever frequency you wish such as weekly, monthly, or one time only. It can be designated for regular offerings toward our general operating budget or toward our Debt Reduction. You can also specify donations for flowers, Downtown Daily Bread, Amy Azar, or even Per Capita and Initial Envelopes.

The biggest advantage to this approach is that your offerings will automatically be paid to the church, whether you are away on vacation or business, or otherwise unable to attend church. There is no cost to you, except, of course, your offering. Your entire contribution will be credited to your records by our Financial Secretary.

The small cost for this service is paid for by Faith Church. We are charged a base fee of \$25.00 per month, 25 cents per transaction, and 0.75 % of the total dollar amount contributed. Currently this service is costing us about \$30.00 per month. The more people who use it, the more economical it is for the church.

Please consider whether switching to Vanco would be right for you. You can sign up for it on our church's website LifeinFaith.org by clicking on the "Giving" tab at the top of the Home Page. Changes to your offering amounts or frequency can be made at any time.

George Hope, Chair of Finance

### DEACONS

#### **Class of 2017**

Sherri Linn  
Ken Shatto

#### **Class of 2018**

Carol Gangwish  
Dianna Plack

#### **Class of 2019**

Bob Dash  
Wendell Jordan



**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** - On April 20 the Deacons will be busy putting together care packages for our college students. Each package will be filled with goodies to help the students get through final exams.

A sign-up sheet with suggested items to donate is located in the Welcome Center. Please have your donations in by April 16. *Remember the leftover Easter candy.*

## MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

April is shaping up to be a big month at Faith, and the Music Ministries are hoping to ring and sing it in in style!

The Bells of Faith will perform two beautiful Lenten numbers, “Go to Dark Gethsemane” and “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”, on April 2. We will welcome our newly called, ordained, and installed pastor, Allison Spooner, on April 9 which is Palm Sunday. As has been our tradition, we welcome back the Vintage Brass, under the direction of Faith member Jim Milbrand. Faith’s Chancel Choir will be augmented by members of the Progress Immanuel Choir. Organ, Brass, and Choir Music will all be presented in a variety of combinations!

The Season of Easter begins April 16 with Easter Sunday. Will Landon, a trumpet major from Messiah College currently in his junior year, will join us to present both special music and trumpet descants for the hymns and the Chancel Choir will have Easter music to present.

April 23 we welcome baritone Jonathan Hays. He is a Central Pennsylvania native who grew up at Pine Street Presbyterian. Jonathan is a graduate of the Yale School of Music, on faculty at Dickinson College in Carlisle, and has performed locally, with the Harrisburg Symphony, and throughout the country.

The joyful music of April, which celebrated the welcoming of our new pastor and Easter, will continue into May.

Caleb

### **NOTE:**

**Beginning February 28 through April 11 the Bells of Faith and the Chancel Choir will meet on Tuesday nights.**

## **SECOND SUNDAY HYMN SING**

**Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 pm**

**Donations will be accepted for Downtown Daily Bread**



**“Parables of Jesus” Part 11  
An Autobiography of God  
40+ Beloved Parables**

**Wednesday mornings from  
9:30-11:00 am—Library**

**Questions, contact Karen Schmidt or the church office.**

**Music  
At  
Faith  
Church**



## COFFEE HOUR

### April

2—Nurture  
9—Deacons  
16—Properties  
23—Mission  
30—Congregational Life

### May

7—Worship  
14—Stewardship  
21—Outreach  
28—Nurture



**Faithful Stitchers**  
led by Jackie Webb  
meets the 2nd and 4th  
Tuesdays of each  
month at 1:00 pm in  
the library.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULES

### LAY LEADERS FOR APRIL

2—Linda Graham  
9—Kelly Berry  
16—Carolyn Souders  
23—Cheryl Caplan  
30—Bob MacIntyre

### USHERS FOR APRIL

2—Gene and Carol Gangwish  
9—Gary Souders and Jackie Webb  
16—Fred and Jean Muncert  
23—Randy Knapp and Anita Klaboe  
30—Karen and Kyle Miller

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON APRIL 23.**

## WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

*“All meals seasoned with love!”*

In March, our “Spring Brunch” was cancelled due to the inclement weather. Since the menu for the brunch is such a popular one, we decided to carry it forward to April.

Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. You can also make your reservation by calling the church office at 545-4631 by Monday, April 17.

### MENU:

**Brunch Frittata**  
**Sticky Bun French Toast Casserole**  
**Broccoli Salad**  
**Sausage Links**  
**Fruit Tray**  
**Assorted Desserts**



## One Great Hour of Sharing

*Is our direct response to God's call in Isaiah 58.*

### Bring the homeless poor into your house

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)*

You provide food, shelter, and education to refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria and helped the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon rebuild 40 homes in Homs, Syria, for those who wish to restore the Syria they love.

### Share your bread with the hungry

*Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)*

You engage in sustainable agriculture and water projects as well as initiate and support programs like Joining Hands, Peru, and Earth Care Congregations that creatively work to address long-term care of the earth to end hunger and poverty for the most vulnerable.

### Loose the bonds of injustice

*Self-Development of People (SDOP)*

You partner in projects like Jobs of Nails, which has already assisted over 7,000 people with access to jobs and education as they establish new lives after prison, thus reducing the probability of repeat offenses.

## THREE WAYS TO GIVE

Through your congregation

Text OGHS 20222 to give \$10 now

[presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)

**OGHS envelopes are available in the pew racks.**



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# Northwood Notes



Spring! How beautiful is the  
Spring! How wonderful is the  
Spring! How majestic is the  
Spring! How fantastic is the  
Spring! How tantalizing is the  
Spring! How glorious is the  
Spring! How melodious is the  
Spring! How joyful is the  
Spring! How breathtaking is the  
Spring! How uplifting is the  
Spring! How happy is the  
Spring! How magnificent is the  
Spring! How colorful is the  
Spring! How tasteful is the  
Spring! How memorable is the  
Spring! How flavorful is the  
Spring! How sweet is the  
Spring! How beautiful is the  
Spring!



Spring to me is everything the poem says but so much more. It is longer days, warmer days, a new beginning. For teachers it is a wonderful time **to reflect on where we started the school year and evaluate how much has been accomplished.** Watching the children of Northwood grow and bloom brings true joy and it is a blessing to be part of the lives of these children.

New seasons bring many changes. We will be celebrating spring with new songs, planting seeds, nature walks and learning about recycling. Hugging a tree on Arbor Day will all be part of our new month. The Easter Bunny will make a stop at Northwood on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The teachers and children will be preparing for our annual Art Show which will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00. In conjunction with the Art Show we will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair and will also be having a Bike-A-Thon to raise money for Caitlin's Smiles. This organization provides bags of smiles for children undergoing cancer treatment. We will use the proceeds from our Bike-A-Thon to purchase books at our book fair. Last year we donated \$1,100.00 in books to this worthy cause.

We are looking forward to a very busy month!

May God bless us as we enter into the "Season of spring" Have a wonderful Easter. As always, thank you for your prayers and support for our program.

Sincerely,  
Deb Mercurio Director

## April Birthdays

Apr 1 Jackie Webb  
Apr 5 Alyssa Walters  
Apr 7 Tracie Sapen  
Apr 8 Bethany Foran (Sapen)  
Apr 10 Stephanie Glass  
Apr 11 Virginia Goss  
Apr 12 Betsy Moser  
Jane Robinson  
Seve Guarneschelli  
Apr 15 Ruth Bailey  
Apr 16 Barbara Tirone  
Apr 18 Sherri Linn  
Apr 21 Kristen Guarneschelli  
Apr 22 Tyler Miller  
Matthew Shreffler  
Apr 25 Ellen Pollack  
Apr 29 Emily Sapen  
Ashley Sapen  
Carol Hundley  
Chris Sorensen  
Patrick Moran

## May Birthdays

May 2 Joan Douglas  
May 3 Scott Pollack  
May 7 Amanda Klaboe  
May 8 Chris Fenstermacher  
Steve Snyder  
May 13 Erin Glass  
May 14 Gavin Kopp  
May 18 Erna Tunno  
May 22 Cheryl Caplan  
George Hope  
Allison Shreffler  
May 23 Gina Deiter  
May 26 Megan Rivera (Keever)  
May 27 Olivia Sorensen  
May 28 Douglas Shreffler



**We're sorry if  
we missed your  
birthday.**

**Please notify  
the office at  
717-545-4631.**