

# Life in Faith

*Faith Immanuel 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.*

October 2017

*"The church is holy, then, in the sense that it is daily advancing and is not yet perfect: it makes progress from day to day but has not yet reached its goal of holiness."*

-John Calvin, Calvin's Institutes

**WORSHIP at  
10:30 am**

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As we move towards Reformation Sunday this year which marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses, I've been thinking quite a bit about what it means to be a Reformed Christian. What do we make of all the differences we have with fellow Christians who are Lutheran or Episcopal, Mennonite, Baptist, or Roman Catholic etc.? What about all of the many different denominations that share Presbyterian heritage? Why celebrate the history of our splitting apart?

To be sure there was violence, ugliness and pain for European Christians of all theological outlooks during that tumultuous reformation period. Although we typically think of the theological work that occurred in that period, the reformation influenced the political landscape of Europe. It resulted in wars between Protestants and Catholics and also between different groups of Protestants! There were Martyrs made on all sides, and people were exiled from their homes. The uncertainty of those decades was undoubtedly overwhelming.

But the quote above from Calvin's institutes is why I think Reformation Sunday is worth celebrating. We are reformed and always reforming. Sometimes that work leads to differences of opinion. Unfortunately, in our humanity, that difference becomes conflict, which can then become violent and painful. However, even though Christians in Western Europe were no longer united under Rome, we the Church are still all united under Christ. Celebrating the Reformation reminds us that even when it seems as though the church is splitting itself into pieces and falling apart at the seams Christ has not and never will abandon the Church.

Born out of the conflict, like a phoenix rising from the ashes, came a great deal of theological wealth, an examination of worship practices, and a renewed commitment to actively thinking about what we believe as Christians and who we are as the Church. The Church doesn't look the same as it did before 1517 and likely the Church will look very different after 2017. As long as the Church belongs to God in Christ we can be sure that changes will keep happening. As we look backwards at the Reformation, its memory can be a touchstone to remind us that no matter how drastic or extreme the changes seem we are always cradled in God's care.

Looking forward to another month of changes, celebrations, growth, and joy as we study, learn, and worship together!

Grace and Peace, Rev. Allison Spooner

## SESSION

### Class of 2018

Linda Graham  
Bub Manning  
Joe Stimmel

### Class of 2019

Shirley Cleaver  
Terry Hack  
George Hope

### Class of 2020

Bill Hawk  
Rose Jewell-Jordan  
Jackie Webb

Clerk of Session

Norm Diefenderfer

## DEACONS

### Class of 2018

Carol Gangwish  
Ken Shatto  
SuAnn Tucci

### Class of 2019

Bonnie Hack  
Wendell Jordan  
Sherri Linn

### Class of 2020

Bob Dash  
Barb Hablett  
Anita Klaboe

## A “SENSE” OF WORSHIP (part one)

Roz Presby

After worship on Sunday, several people said to me, “I didn’t know you played the bass! What else don’t we know about you?” Some of you may not know that I have been taking seminary classes for the last three years. This is not a Master of Divinity program (I have not felt any divine nudges in that direction), but a shorter program called Master of Arts in Christian Leadership. I have finished 18 out of the 30 credits, and this semester I am taking a class called “The Theology and Practice of Music in Worship” – a subject near and dear to my heart. I just finished reading a book for that class called *Worship Come to Its Senses*, by Don E. Saliers, and want to share some of his thoughts with you.

When we hear the word “senses” in connection with worship, we usually think of input to our physical senses . . . seeing the light coming through the stained glass windows, hearing the preacher, organ, and choir, tasting bread and wine, smelling Christmas greens and candles (or incense if you’re high church), and touching as we share the peace with our neighbors. But there are other “senses” we should be paying attention to and bringing to worship with us, and if we don’t, we risk our worship becoming dull, dry, stale, and – worst of all – not giving meaning to our lives the rest of the week. These other “senses,” according to Saliers, are awe, delight, truthfulness, and hope.

Awe is that sense of wonder and mystery that comes from experiencing the presence of God both in worship and in life. We might be inspired by a sunset, a sky full of stars, a storm, birth and death, a line in a hymn or prayer, contemplating the meaning of Baptism and Communion, or seeing somebody practicing kindness. Saliers worries that modern American worship has become “domesticated – pleasant, even user-friendly, but missing awe in the presence of God.” Or perhaps the potential for awe is there but we as worshippers have forgotten how to look for it.

Delight is the bubbling over of sheer joy. Saliers says, “At the heart of Christian worship is the astounding claim that God takes delight in the whole creation.” That includes us! WOW!!! Are we delighted in return? The Westminster catechism that says our chief end or purpose is “to glorify God and enjoy God forever.” We can joke about being the “frozen chosen,” but if worship is just part of our routine, we “settle for our duty and miss one of the most essential features of vital worship: sheer delight – delight in God, in one another, and in the very means by which common life is graced.”

[Next month – Truthfulness and Hope.]

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Congregational Life—Shirley Cleaver**

**Worship—Rose Jewell Jordan**

**Mission—Bill Hawk**

**Properties—Bub Manning**

**Outreach—Joe Stimmel**

**Personnel—Jackie Webb**

**Stewardship—George Hope**

## **MUSIC NOTES** *Caleb Flick*

As we look ahead to October we will celebrate Worldwide Communion October 1 and two anniversaries later on.

October 15 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company's concert sponsored by the Stabler Foundation. The musical selections they have chosen this year are aimed to please, and we welcome you, your friends, and neighbors to this 5:30 pm performance.

October 29 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in Europe and this historic event will be celebrated both locally, at Faith Immanuel, during morning worship and Presbytery-wide, at Market Square, in a special service at 4 pm. Members of the Faith Immanuel choir will be performing in a massed choir and it will be a very important day for us and Protestant Christians around the world!

October 29<sup>th</sup> also will be the first performance of the Bells of Faith Immanuel and we look forward to seeing you all then!

### **SECOND SUNDAY HYMN SING** **Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 pm**

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



## **Consecration Sunday, November 19, 2017** **Our guest speaker will be Carol Lytch**

**Potluck Dinner following Worship**  
**Ham will be provided**  
**(Bring a side dish to share)**

**Concert at 4:00 pm**  
**The Vintage Brass**  
**under the direction of James Milbrand**

**Tamara Black, Soprano**

**Caleb Flick, Organ and Piano**

**Music**  
**At**  
**Faith**  
**Immanuel**  
**Church**

**Chancel Choir**  
Wednesday evenings  
At 6:30 pm

**Bell Choir**  
Wednesday evenings  
at 8:00 pm



## COFFEE HOUR

### OCTOBER

- 1—Nurture
- 8—Deacons
- 15—Properties
- 22—Mission
- 29—Congregational Life

### NOVEMBER

- 5—Worship
- 12—Stewardship
- 19—Outreach
- 26—Nurture

### DECEMBER

- 3—Deacons
- 10—Properties
- 17—Mission
- 24—Congregational Life
- 31—Worship



**Faithful Stitches**  
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 OCTOBER

- 1—Kelly Berry
- 8—Norm Diefenderfer
- 15—Bub Manning
- 22—Carolyn Souders
- 29—Cheryl Caplan

### USHERS FOR OCTOBER

- 1—Wendell and Rose Jewell Jordan
- 8—Mike and Barb Legg
- 15—Joe and Ginny Stimmel
- 22—George Hope
- 29—Gary Souders and Terry Hack

### LAY LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 5—Mike Legg
- 12—Bob MacIntyre
- 19—Barb Legg
- 26—Rose Jewell Jordan

### USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 5—Anita Klaboe and Shirley Cleaver
- 12—Randy Knapp and SuAnn Tucci
- 19—Fred and Jean Muncert
- 26—Karen Miller and Sue Skelly

## FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Presents The Tenth Annual Donald and Dorothy Stabler Memorial Concert

featuring

**The Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company  
Joined this year by the Valley Forge Chorale  
Sunday, October 15, 2017—Tickets \$25.00 each**



We are welcoming back the Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company of Philadelphia, under the baton of Salvatore Scarpa, for the 10th Donald and Dorothy Stabler Memorial Concert. This year's concert will feature music from "West Side Story", including favorites such as Tonight, One Hand, One Heart, the rousing finale from "Candide", famous operatic solos and ensembles, and well-known choruses from some of the great Italian operas by Verdi, Puccini, and Mascagni. In addition to fantastic soloists, the concert features the Bel Canto Chorus and full orchestra.

# WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL LUNCHEONS

## 12 Noon in Shaffer Hall

*"All meals seasoned with love!"*

Pork and Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
Apple Sauce  
Rolls-Beverages  
Assorted Desserts

**OCTOBER 18, 2017**



To make your reservation, please sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office at 717-545-4631 by Monday, October 16.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Turkey and Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Sweet Potato Casserole  
Green Bean Casserole  
Baked Corn Casserole  
Cranberry Sauce  
Rolls and Beverages  
Assorted Desserts

**NOVEMBER 15, 2017**



**DECEMBER 6, 2017**  
**2:00 PM**

*Ladies Afternoon Tea*

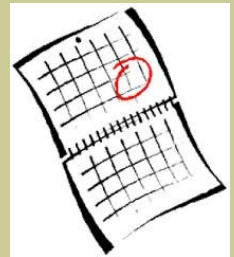
Finger Sandwiches  
Scones and Clotted Cream with Jam  
Homemade Cookies and Pastries  
Tea and Coffee



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Calendars

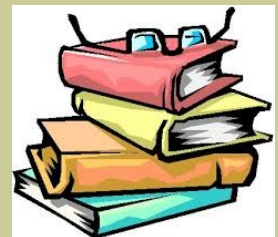


### FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 6:30 PM IN THE PARLOR**

Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale by Lynda Rutledge

Questions, contact the church office at 717-545-4631.





October 15, 2017



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**The festivities will begin on the steps of the Harrisburg Capitol (N. 3rd St.) at 1:00pm with group photos.**

**The CROP Walk begins at 1:30pm.**

### **About the CROP Hunger Walk and CWS-**

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger **at home and around the world.**

### **Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?**

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

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**For those who want to do online fundraising/sponsorship - log in to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) and select Harrisburg as your walk.**



**Mission Project: Samaritan's Purse  
Operation Christmas Child  
In just 3 Easy Steps**

- 1. Find a Shoebox**
- 2. Fill with Gifts for a Girl or Boy (Ages: 2 to 4, 5 to 9 and 10 to 14) No candy or toothpaste.**
- 3. A donation of \$9 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Please make your check payable to: Samaritan's Purse and in memo indicate: Operation Christmas Child.**

**See table in Gathering Area for details.**

**Any questions, contact the church office at 717-545-4631**



**DEADLINE FOR SHOEBOX: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**FOCUS  
on  
MISSION**

**Northwood  
Nursery School  
Of Faith  
Immanuel  
Presbyterian  
Church**

50+ Years of ABCs,  
123s and TLC

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# Northwood Notes

## I LOVE FALL

I love fall! Fall is exciting.  
It's apples and cider.  
It's an airborne spider.  
It's pumpkins in bins.  
It's burrs on dog's chins.  
It's wind blowing leaves.  
It's chilly red knees.  
It's nuts on the ground.  
It's a crisp dry sound.  
It's green leaves turning  
And the smell of them burning.  
It's clouds in the sky.  
It's fall. That's why...  
I love fall.



It is great to be back in school. We had a wonderful first month. The children have all adjusted well and are full of energy and excitement.

October is shaping up to be a very busy month.. We will participate in fire prevention week with a visit to the Linglestown Fire station. Our fall festival will be Friday, October 20th. The children will be making a trip to our pumpkin patch, decorating cookies, face painting, and playing games.

We will finish the month with a Halloween parade, sing songs for our parents, and then head to the parking lot for trunk or treat on Tuesday, October 24th and Wednesday, October 25th.

Thanks to everyone at Faith Immanuel for your prayers and support as together we move forward.

Sincerely,  
Deb Mercurio  
Director



## October Birthdays

Oct 2 William Hawk  
Julie Bowerman  
Oct 4 Nicholas Gillette  
Oct 5 John Mease  
Oct 6 Don Coleman  
Oct 8 Debbie Kissinger  
Oct 10 Linda Graham  
Oct 12 Dorothy Baynham  
Oct 15 Frances Burd  
Oct 18 William Given  
Oct 20 Shirley Cleaver  
Lauren Barrett  
Oct 21 Barbara Hablett  
Oct 23 Brent Saper  
Oct 25 Jean Harden  
Oct 26 Corey Bowerman  
Oct 28 Lois Dean  
Eric Linn  
Oct 30 Christiana Quartey

## November Birthdays

Nov. 1 Sheila Kannegieser  
Nov 2 Charles Zwally  
Billie Hawk  
Nov 3 Tony Phillips  
Nov 4 Kelly Berry  
Nov 5 Merry Ann Kish  
Nov. 6 Melvin Longenecker  
Nov. 9 Dottie Folk  
Bub Manning  
Nov 13 Madelyne Key  
Nov 17 Larry Dinges  
Greg Linn  
Irene Brightbill  
Nov 18 Carolyn Souders  
Lysle Frew  
Nov 19 Alex Caplan  
David Coad  
Nov. 20 Joan Bowerman  
Nov 21 Julia MacIntyre  
Nov. 24 John Bowerman  
Nov 25 Nicolette Sorensen  
Nov. 26 Ken Zimmerman  
Donald Englander  
Nov. 27 Susie Ayi



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

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