

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.

September 2017

**WORSHIP at
10:30 am**

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“If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” - James 2:15-17

The verses from James above remind us that growing in faith and spiritual practice is intertwined with our missions that seek to serve the needs we see at home and around the world. One is incomplete without the other. I'll admit that I often see mission work in a separate category than faith development, after all we have two separate committees for those things! But even though these functions are very different faith development, worship, discipleship and mission feed one another. When we work with our hands and our feet in serving others we grow in knowledge, faith, wisdom and understanding; and when we worship, sing and pray we are inspired and empowered to work in service to one another.

As I write this Hurricane Harvey is wreaking havoc in Southeast Texas, bringing with it floodwaters and devastation. In the coming weeks and months much will be needed to help bring relief to those caught in the storm's path. Our new congregation has a passion for service and caring that will equip us to help in response to this disaster.

As we seek to develop our identity as Faith Immanuel, dedication to mission has emerged as common ground on which we can build as we continue to grow together. We are working on organizing opportunities to help respond to this disaster in coming weeks. One such opportunity will be a prayer service which will take place on Wednesday September 13th at 6pm. Here we will sing hymns, and pray for all those impacted by Harvey, as well as take an offering for the Lend a Hand disaster response mission who will be sending teams down as soon as possible.

In the next month there will be much to do as we settle in together. May we remember that reaching out to meet the needs of others in this time of need is part of the work we do to build up our community of faith. Moreover, it is part of how we live out lives of discipleship. May the many gifts we have been given spread love, peace and well-being to all those in need.

Yours in Christ,

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

PICTURE THIS! Roz Presby

Our new photo directory is well underway. I have twenty pictures submitted, cropped, and added. If we got a photo for EVERY entry in the directory we'd have about 204. So we're at 10% of our maximum possibility. Locations so far include the beach, the golf course, parties, Stonehenge, and homes. It's a fun mix. **I'd really like to have this in people's hands by the end of September, so don't procrastinate!** Send me your pictures! You can email a digital photo to me at rozpresz@nbn.net or you can give me a picture that I can scan into the computer and return to you. If I'm not here you can leave it at the office. Make sure it's a picture where I can see your face clearly. Try to avoid sunglasses if possible. (Sneak preview – I have the tentative cover posted outside my office.)

My week-to-week schedule is starting to fall into place. Most weeks I will be at the church office all day Wednesday. I will usually be in one other day, which will vary from week to week. You can always get me by email if I am not in.

Education Opportunity: September 10 will be the start of a 12-week series on what it means to be a Christian Community, using Paul's first letter to the Corinthians as our guide. I will be leading the discussion. Note the emphasis on DISCUSSION. I will be asking you to do some reading before each session; the more people who read ahead of time, the more interesting the discussion will be. It's more fun when we learn from each other rather than hearing one person's point of view in a lecture context. *"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another."* (Proverbs 27:17) Stay tuned!

Blessings,
Roz

PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, September 13 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary

We will gather to sing and pray for those recovering from the destruction of Hurricane Harvey. During the service we will take an offering to support Lend a Hand's work.

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*

Hello Friends! Fall is fast approaching and anyone who was paying attention to the show of hands in Reverend Spooner's Children's Message the last Sunday of the August would have seen my hand shoot up to identify Fall as my favorite season. As surely as students return to school and leaves begin to change, September marks a beautiful period of new beginnings in the Music Ministries here at Faith Immanuel.

September 6 will be Associate of Music Ministries Wanda Beaver's first full Sunday as organist and we look forward to the hymn singing and pieces which she will share with us. We will continue to alternate services in part and in whole going forward. September 10 the Chancel Choir will return and present general and communion anthems. September 17 we welcome back Tammy Black who will share a variety of special music with us and I encourage everyone to wish our very own Mr. Dash a Very Happy 80th Birthday! As we go further into the month of September and beyond we look forward to the Bell Choir's return, World Wide Communion, and other special events.

There are a few events for which we should mark our calendars early! They are listed now for your convenience.

- Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company —October 15, 2017 @ 5:30 pm
- Reformation Service @ MSPC—October 29, 2017 @ 4:00 pm
- Consecration Sunday Concert - November 19, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

Starting in 2008 the Donald and Dorothy Stabler Foundation has graciously enabled us to host the Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company. This year they will be joined by the Valley Forge Chorale. This is an event for general music lovers and opera lovers alike.

The Reformation Service is a Presbytery wide event which will be held at Market Square Presbyterian Church to commemorate the 500th Anniversary since Reformation. I would encourage as many as are possible to attend to show our support of the Presbytery who has done so much in enabling Faith Immanuel to come into existence.

Now in it's Fifth Year, the Consecration Sunday Concert began in 2013 featuring the Vintage Brass who has already joined Faith Immanuel in Worship a few times this year. Tammy Black and I will join the Vintage Brass in an eclectic program entitled "Bach to Rock."

I look forward to seeing you at all of these events and more!
Caleb

SECOND SUNDAY HYMN SING
Sunday, September 10 at 7:00 pm

Donations will be accepted for Downtown Daily Bread

**Music
At
Faith
Immanuel
Church**



COFFEE HOUR

SEPTEMBER

3—Congregational Life
 10—Worship
 17—Stewardship
 24—Outreach

OCTOBER

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



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 SEPTEMBER

3—Randy Knapp
 10—Joan Hoffman
 17—Bob MacIntyre
 24—Peggy Manning

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

3—Karen Miller and Sue Skelly
 10—Stewart Robinson and Paulina Marshall
 17—Gene and Carol Gangwish
 24—Holly Dash and Beulah Givens

OFFICE HOURS

September through May
 Monday—Thursday 8:30 to 3:30 pm
 Fridays 8:30 to 2:30 pm

FROM CONGREGATIONAL LIFE....

I would like to introduce myself to Faith Immanuel members.

At the August 7 Session meeting I became chair of the Congregational Life Committee. I never held such a position before and I wasn't exactly sure what the responsibilities were. Now that I know, I know I will NEED HELP.

If you are someone who likes to prepare and serve food after funerals or other special events, please see the sign-up sheet posted in the Welcome Center or email me at mscleav@aol.com.

Thanks!
 Shirley Cleaver

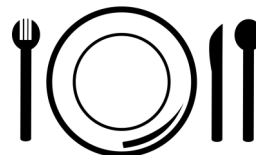
WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

"All meals seasoned with love!"

September 20 at 12:00 noon in Shaffer Hall

Menu:

Ham Pot Pie
 Cole Slaw
 Chow-chow
 Rolls
 Peaches
 Assorted Desserts

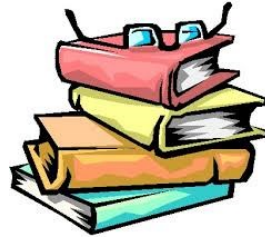


Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office by Monday, September 18 to let Debbie know if you will be coming.

FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

SEPTEMBER 27 @ 6:30 PM—PARLOR

The Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell
September's pick is a WWII novel set in Italy.



OUR PICK FOR OCTOBER 25

Faith Boss Darling's Last Garage Sale by Linda Rutledge

Questions, contact the church office at 545-4631.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

Anyone who is interested in a 10 week study of Philip Yancey's book What's So Amazing About Grace, please contact Shirley McLaren or Rev. Spooner at 545-4631.

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**



This year will feature a medley of "West Side Story" songs, the Finale from Bernstein's "Candide", favorite operatic gems, and Neapolitan songs.

Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 5:30 pm

**Tickets \$25 a person
will be made available closer to the event**

FELLOWSHIP

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Northwood Notes

Welcome

September is here
And so is fall.
So welcome children
Welcome all.
I hope vacation
Was real fun.
And that you're glad
School has begun.



A warm welcome to all of our new church members. I am honored to be the director of Northwood Nursery School of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Northwood Nursery School is a non-profit, non-sectarian outreach program of the church. For 54 years the school has provided a rich learning experience for preschool children of this community, regardless of race, creed or color. I am excited to join with other likeminded Christians in continuing this mission as we get ready to open our doors. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, commitment and continued support of our program as we greet the new school year and together move forward.

Our open house will be Tuesday, September 5th, and our first day of Classes will be Thursday September 7th. The playground is ready and waiting, the hallways are aching for tiny feet to touch their floors and the classrooms are crying for laughter and songs.

We only have one staff change to announce. Donna Leuschner, who has been our 3 year teacher for the past five years, will not be returning. She has been offered a position at Infinity Charter School. We will miss her but wish her much success in her new position.

I am very happy to announce that Peggy Grobinski will be our new 3 year old teacher. Peggy taught at Progress Immanuel for 12 years and we are very fortunate to have her join our staff.

Please stop by our office to say hello. I am looking forward to seeing and meeting many of you when we have our first Wednesday Faithful lunch.

Sincerely,
Deb Mercurio Director

Northwood Nursery School Of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

50+ Years of ABCs,
123s and TLC

Northwood Staff

Deb Mercurio
Director

Amanda Ebersole
Office Administrator

Margaret Grobinski
Teacher
Madison Stadler
Assistant

Julie Stadler
Teacher
Anita Klaboe
Assistant

Cathy Lyons
Teacher
Melissa Gaiski
Assistant

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September Birthdays

Sept. 2	Mildred Martin	Sept 26	Mary Knapp
Sept. 3	Karen Shallcross	Sept 27	Elena Germaine (Stimmel)
Sept. 4	Dominick Christeleit	Sept 29	Sandy Keever
	Howard Snyder	Sept 30	Amy Christeleit
Sept 10	Virginia Henning		Anita Klaboe
Sept 11	Susan Ricci		William Marshall
Sept. 15	Janet Elam		
Sept. 16	Charles Kannegieser		
	Michael Legg		
Sept 17	Bob Dash		
	Shirley McLaren		
Sept. 19	Peggy Keiser		
Sept. 21	Carol Becker		
Sept 24	Brad Phillips		

October Birthdays

Oct 2	William Hawk
Oct 4	Nicholas Gillette
	Barbara Hablett
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 23	Brent Sopen
Oct 25	Jean Harden
Oct 26	Corey Bowerman
Oct 28	Lois Dean
	Eric Linn
Oct 30	Christiana Quartey



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

**Please notify
the office at
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