



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.*

February 2018

WORSHIP at
10:30 am

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Spooner**

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*"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
-1 Thessalonians" 5:11*

The season of Lent is quickly approaching with Ash Wednesday, which will occur on February 14th this year. The six-week season of Lent is one of preparation, prayer and reflection which culminates in Holy Week with our celebration of Easter. In the early church, those who wanted to join the church had to go through two years of study and preparation (how's that for a new member class!) before being baptized at the Easter Vigil. The season of Lent became their final period of preparation before their baptisms.

In later centuries the season was marked by a time of fasting. The practice of giving something up for Lent looks back on the Lenten fasting tradition. There is nothing wrong with giving something up for Lent, but I wonder sometimes if this practice truly helps us to prepare for Easter, or if it mostly just ends up helping us shed a few pounds before spring!

This year you are invited to engage in the season of Lent in a new way, by joining in a congregation wide engagement in prayer during the season of Lent to prepare for the remembrance of Jesus' death and the celebration of his resurrection. You are invited to commit to be a Lenten prayer partner.

Prayer is an integral part of Christian life and practice. Lifting another person up in prayer for specific needs they have shared with you can be a moving experience. Likewise knowing that your needs are being lifted up in prayer by another can take a great deal of weight off your shoulders. During Lent all of the prayer partners will be invited to meet in person together at the church. We will have a chance to talk, share our experiences and even pray for our prayer partners in person.

It is my hope that in engaging in this intentional prayer practice we will grow together as a church community, bearing one another's burdens and lifting one another up. I also hope that we will grow together in faith and awareness of the work God is doing in us and through us.

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

BE SHARP! Roz Presby

“Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.”
(Proverbs 27:17)

This is one of my favorite nuggets of wisdom from Proverbs. It reminds us that our journey of faith is not meant to be a solo trip. We can (and should) worship with the whole community and read the Bible on our own, but for many of us the missing piece is the practice of engaging in study and discussion with others. There is no substitute for this! You have the time to dig deeper and ponder God’s truth. You get the benefit of the group’s collective wisdom and experience and in the process, deepen your own faith and understanding and grow as a disciple. A long-term study group is also a source of ongoing mutual support for faith challenges we face in our daily lives.

When the Nurture Committee recently surveyed the congregation on future education interests, there was interest in a weekday study group, and in the possibility of studying a book of the Bible in depth. We are working on this; stay tuned!

Adult Sunday School is also ongoing; the class meets from 9:00 to 10:00. We are currently looking at Biblical themes in the C. S. Lewis classic, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. (This is one of my all-time favorite books!) Suggestions for future study topics are always welcome.

Blessings,
Roz

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT February 18, 2018

One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Resources and Changing Lives

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

Faith Immanuel Winter Special Music

- February 4** **Katelyn McClinton, violinist**
- February 18** **Amy Yovanovich, mezzo-soprano**
- February 25** **Christyan Seay, tenor**

Plans are underway for the Chancel Choir to present a cantata entitled “Song of the Shadows” by Pamela and Joseph Martin on Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018. If you are interested in participating please see Caleb Flick or drop by choir rehearsal at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings (subject to change to Tuesday evenings beginning in Lent). All are welcome and practice CDs will be available!

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you in church and presenting an impressive array of guest musicians!

Thanks, Caleb Flick

**Music
At
Faith
Immanuel
Church**

Chancel Choir
Wednesday evenings
At 6:30 pm

Bell Choir
Wednesday evenings
at 8:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY HYMN SING
Sunday, February 11 at 7:00 pm

Donations will be accepted for Downtown Daily Bread



COFFEE HOUR

FEBRUARY

4—Properties
11—Mission
18—Congregational Life
25—Worship

MARCH

4—Stewardship
11—Outreach
18—Nurture
25—Deacons

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

LAY LEADERS FOR February

4—Marjorie Key
11—Bonnie Hack
18—Bob MacIntyre
25—Mike Legg

USHERS FOR February

4—Wendell and Rose Jewell-Jordan
11—Stewart Robinson and Paulina Marshall
18—Shirley Cleaver and Karen Miller
25—Fred and Jean Muncert

LAY LEADERS FOR March

4—Rose Jewell-Jordan
11—Peggy Manning
18—Linda Graham
25—Rose Jewell-Jordan

USHERS FOR March

4—George Hope and Pete Henning
11—Gary Souders and Terry Hack
18—Mike and Barb Legg
25—Holly Dash and Marge Barner

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2018

IN SHAFFER HALL

Lenten Prayer Partners @ 5:30 pm

Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Worship @ 7:00 pm

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 18

The scouts from Troop 256 will be taking part in the worship service.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

We will once again participate in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” on February 4, 2018. This year, Faith Immanuel will be supporting “Adopt a Family.” Adopt a Family is a program based at the Holtzman Elementary School. The program supports families in need who reside in Susquehanna Township by making available food, clothing, household items, school supplies, and books. We are asking everyone to contribute to the program by donating a nonperishable food item with a monetary gift attached. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 717-545-4631.



FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

February 21 at 10:45 am—Parlor

February’s pick is The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Mitch Albom.

NOTE: Since the book club was cancelled in January, we will also be discussing The Whip by Karen Kondaz at our February meeting. Questions, contact the church office at 717-545-4631.

WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

“All meals seasoned with love!”

February 21 at 12:00 noon in Shaffer Hall

MENU:

Ham Loaf

Mac and Cheese

Stewed Tomatoes

Broccoli Salad

Rolls

Assorted Desserts

Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office by Monday, February 19 to let Debbie know if you will be coming.

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

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KEEPING OUR CHURCH BUILDING SECURE...

Please be aware when our doors to the church are locked, they sometimes do not shut properly. When leaving the building, please check to be sure doors are secure behind you. Also, if you have unlocked doors, please be sure they are locked and secure before leaving.

Thank you!



WINTER WEATHER

WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WORSHIP SERVICE/PROGRAMS

Tune into the following Radio/TV Stations for cancellations during inclement weather.

RADIO:

WHP 580
97.3 WRVV
Bob 94.9
KISS 99.3
WLAN FM 96.9

TV:

WGAL 8
WHTM-ABC 27
WHP-CBS 21
CW 15

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER!

In the event of snow or ice the church office will be following the closing schedule of Central Dauphin School District, unless circumstances make it impractical to do so. If you are unsure whether or not we will be here in the office due to the weather please call ahead to double check! (717) 545-4631.

February Northwood Notes

Valentines, valentines, how many do I see?
Valentines, valentines, count them with me.
I have red ones, orange ones, yellow ones, too.
I have green ones, purple ones, and some that are blue.
Valentines, valentines, how many do I see?
Count them with me! 1-2-3-4-5.....



February may be a short month but it certainly has its share of holidays!

The children will be busy making groundhog headbands. We will be popping out of our ground hog holes and unfortunately we will all see our shadows. The good news is, time goes by so quickly here, we won't even notice.

A favorite activity this month is making Valentine boxes and bags for all of the cards we will get from our friends. Also, we will be making special cards for Mom and Dad.

Some of the classes will be learning about the Chinese New Year and while doing so trying some Chinese foods and treats. This year is the year of the dog.

We will find time to squeeze in President Day activities.

Registration for 2018-2019 opens to the public January 29th. If you know anyone interested in registering please call the Northwood office at 717-657-0715.

I hope everyone is staying safe and keeping warm. Have a wonderful month. Please keep us in your prayers and may God bless us as together we go forward.

Sincerely,
Deb Mercurio
Northwood Director

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

50+ Years of ABCs,
123s and TLC

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*Happy
Birthday!*

We're sorry if we
missed your birthday.

Please notify the office
at 717-545-4631.

February Birthdays

Feb 1	Gail Diefenderfer	Feb 27	Dele Coleman
Feb 5	Michael Jordan		Carl Baynham
Feb 7	Rebecca Weiler		Hayley Barrett
Feb 10	Pat Bitting	Feb 28	Betsy Kaneda
	Anthony MacIntyre		
	Jonah Key		
Feb 11	Al Gerfen		
	Macarius Croman		
	Anita Anthony		
	Beulah Given		
Feb 13	Emily Key		
Feb 16	Pete Henning		
Feb 20	Derek Christeleit		
Feb 22	Anthony Phillips		
	Barb Townsend		
	Parker McCaffrey		
Feb 23	Paulette Murphy		
Feb 24	Norm Diefenderfer		
Feb 25	Joyce Fenstermacher		
	Lauren Tucci		
Feb 26	Barbara Legg		

March Birthdays

Mar 1	Chelsea Bivens	Mar 27	Joe Stimmel
Mar 3	Keith Graham		Gayle McCollum
	Susan Berdanier	Mar 28	Leah Robinson
Mar 4	John Pollack		Carol Sweigart
	Brandon Sapen	Mar 29	William Dean, II
Mar 5	Trevor Deiter		
Mar 10	Larry Klaboe		
Mar 13	Randy Bitting		
	Jean Sherry		
	Bill Becker		
Mar 14	SuAnn Tucci		
Mar 17	Joe Sponaugle		
	Jane Shallcross		
	Omar Marshall		
Mar 20	Wendell Jordan		
Mar 21	Kristen Guarneschelli		
Mar 22	John Schmidt		
	Mark Baynham		
Mar 24	Terry Hack		
Mar 26	Gary Souders		
	Jason Stimmel		