

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.*

April 2018

WORSHIP at
10:30 am

Church Staff

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Spooner**

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*“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them;
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” -Mark 16:8*

The ending of Mark's gospel is frustratingly inconclusive. It is so inconclusive, in fact, that later scribes felt the need to add additional ending material using the resurrection stories of Matthew and Luke as a guide. While the resurrection stories are valuable to us as scripture, the original author of Mark's gospel chose to end his telling of the story with an empty tomb, frightened disciples and not a single appearance of the risen Christ. Instead, the gospel of Mark seems to end in the middle of the action. It ends right before the point of dramatic climax. It ends on a mystery; an unanswered question.

By stopping the story in the middle of the action, Mark's gospel witnesses to the idea that the mystery of the resurrection is too big to fit on the pages of a book. Even more than that, the story of the gospel isn't finished yet. This inconclusive story invites us into the gospel story. We, the Church, are part of an on-going story of resurrection, redemption and reconciliation as the body of Christ in the world.

So as we enter the season of Easter I invite each one of you to consider that the Easter story is not an ancient tale of things that happened long ago. It is not a dusty volume that we take off the shelf once a year in order to live vicariously through the amazement of those ancient disciples. It is a living story that begins on the pages of our Bibles, but weaves its way throughout history and even into our lives in the present moment.

How do we react when we stand before the empty tomb? How does the mystery of resurrection and life change the way we live this day and every day? Where do we see the risen Christ active in our world and in our lives?

Grace and Peace of the Risen Lord be with you in this season of Resurrection and Life!

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

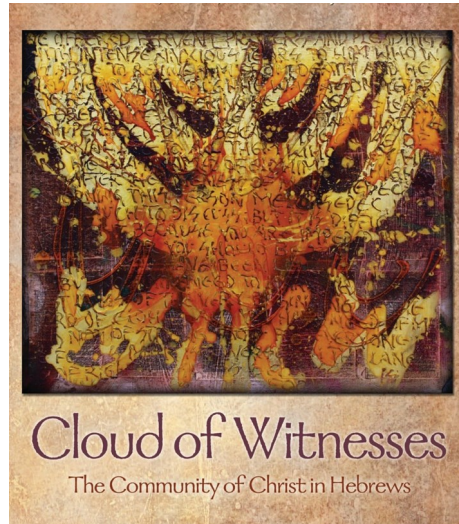
Carol Gangwish
Ken Shatto
SuAnn Tucci

Class of 2019

Bonnie Hack
Wendell Jordan
Sherri Linn

Class of 2020

Bob Dash
Barb Hablett
Anita Klaboe



“Cloud of Witnesses”

A Study of the Book of Hebrews
First and Third Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM
March 21 through July 2018,
(plus May 30 – a 5th Wednesday)

Study Schedule

April 4

In Community with Jesus Christ

April 18 (after Wednesday Faithful)

In Community with the Living God

May 2

In Community with the Living Word

May 16 (after Wednesday Faithful)

In Community with God's Messengers

May 30

In Community with the Tradition of the Past

June 6

In Community with the Reality of the Present

June 20

In Community with the Hope of the Future

July 4 (date subject to change if class members not available)

In Community with the Household of Faith

July 18

In Community with All the Saints

MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who helped make our Lent and Easter seasons at Faith Immanuel so wonderful. The Chancel Choir, Wanda Beaver, Norm Diefenderfer, Sam Shallcross, Rose Jewell-Jordan, Allison Spooner, and Roz Presby worked very hard to ensure that our Maundy Thursday cantata was a success. We thoroughly enjoyed presenting Joseph Martin's haunting "Song of the Shadows" in a special Tenebrae service with Holy Communion, scripture readings, and special lighting. Good Friday was an equally beautiful, simple service.

I invite everyone to stay tuned to their Sunday morning bulletins, the weekly emails from Faith, and other announcements regarding upcoming musical events!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES - On April 12 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, and to let them know we are thinking of them.



If you would like to donate, items can be placed in the Welcome Center by April 10. *Remember the leftover Easter candy.*

Music At Faith Immanuel Church

Chancel Choir
Wednesday evenings
At 6:30 pm

Bell Choir
Wednesday evenings
at 8:00 pm

The 41st Annual HELP Ministries Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE! Plan to golf with us Monday, June 4, 2018

8:30 am shotgun start; registration
Sunset Golf Course, 2601 Sunset Drive, Middletown, PA

To register now, or get more information,
call 717-230-9550 or email sburlew@ccuhbg.org



COFFEE HOUR

APRIL

- 1—Properties
- 8—Mission
- 15—Congregational Life
- 22—Worship
- 29—Stewardship

MAY

- 6—Outreach
- 13—Nurture
- 20—Deacons
- 27—Properties

JUNE

- 3—Mission
- 10—Congregational Life
- 17—Worship
- 24—Stewardship

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

LAY LEADERS

APRIL

- 1—Carolyn Souders
- 8—Barb Legg
- 15—Kelly Berry
- 22—Norm Diefenderfer
- 29—Cheryl Caplan

MAY

- 6—Terry Hack
- 13—Bob MacIntyre
- 20—Shirley Cleaver
- 27—Marjorie Key

USHERS

APRIL

- 1—Joe and Ginny Stimmel
- 8—George Hope and Pete Henning
- 15—Randy Knapp and Sue Skelly
- 22—Stewart Robinson and Paulina Marshall
- 29—Wendell and Rose Jewell-Jordan

MAY

- 6—Gary Souders and Terry Hack
- 13—Shirley Cleaver and Karen Miller
- 20—Fred and Jean Muncert
- 27—Holly Dash and Marge Barner

FAITH IMMANUEL'S LEE ROBERT WEBB MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

Faith Immanuel's Lee Robert Webb Memorial Education Fund offers a \$500 scholarship to high school seniors entering their freshman year of studies at the undergraduate level or students participating in mission trips or charitable work that requires funding (students in middle school through graduate school, including past participants). Applicants must be members of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, active in church activities, demonstrate good citizenship through community service, and exhibit academic achievement in the last two years. Applicants should submit a letter of intent to the church office (addressed to the Nurture Committee) along with a resume highlighting the above qualifications. **Submissions must be received in the church office by April 30, 2018.**



FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

April 18 at 10:45 am—Parlor

April's pick is Proof of Heaven by Eban Alexander

And

Don't forget Wednesday Faithful at noon

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

WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

"All meals seasoned with love!"

Well folks, once again, Mother Nature was not on our side! The 11.9 inches of snow that fell in the Harrisburg area on March 21 broke the 1964 record of 7.5 inches, and forced the cancellation of another luncheon. We are so hoping that we will turn the corner in April and get some much desired warmer weather!

We are carrying our March menu over to April, serving Stove Top Stuffing Chicken Casserole, Seven Layer Salad, rolls, and assorted desserts. A sign-up sheet, to save your seat, is located in the Welcome Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 18 at Noon

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Faith Immanuel Music Sunday

"Praise Him Singers"

Concert at 4:00 pm

**Look for details in the next issue of
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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.

THANK YOU

Dear Congregational Family:

Ken and I are so very thankful for God's guidance in bringing together such a wonderful community of faith and friendship that we now all share.

Without the many prayers and the actual nourishment of great and plentiful food that has been sustaining us over the past several weeks, we surely do not know how we would have dealt with my surgery and the rather frustratingly slow recovery.

The many cards have also been uplifting as well as full of joy and laughter...the best methods of healing!

I continue to get stronger daily and am slowly easing off the pain, but of course my biggest struggle -- as always -- has been learning patience and giving in to God's control and not my own control.

One would think I would learn this, but it seems to be my most difficult struggle. However, I do continue to work on it daily and when I actually do succeed in being patient and recognizing that I'm not in control, I have a really good day!

Hopefully, I'm planning on being in church for Palm Sunday and Easter. This time of Lent has flown by without my full realization that Easter is almost upon us. It will be a very joyful time to welcome the Risen Christ!

Love to all our congregational family and thanks again for all the prayers and great food.

Jane and Ken

Palm Sunday Breakfast

A big "Thank you" to all that came and shared in the Palm Sunday breakfast. We hope you had a satisfying meal. And last but not least, a big "Thank you" to the following who helped with the breakfast and the clean-up.

Shirley Cleaver
Mickey Hoffman
Joan Hoffman
Gene Gangwish

Karen Miller
Bonnie Hack
Terry Hack
Carol Gangwish

Lori Beamer
Cathy Hartwick
Shirley McLaren

Thanks again, Marge

April Northwood Notes

April

Spring, spring is coming soon,
Grass is green and flowers bloom,
Birds returning from the south,
Bees are buzzing all about,
Leaves are budding everywhere,
Spring, spring is finally here!



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

New Seasons bring new opportunities. We will be celebrating with new songs, planting seeds and learning about recycling. Hugging a tree on Arbor Day will be part of the fun!

The teachers and children will be preparing for our annual Art Show which will be held on April 26th from 4:30-7:00pm. Our theme is an “Enchanted Forest”. The halls will be filled with art work that the children have done throughout the year.

We will also be holding a Bike-A-Thon on April 19th and 20th. The money we raise will be used to purchase books for Caitlin’s Smiles. This organization provides “Bags of Smiles” for children undergoing cancer treatment.

It is going to be a very busy month.

We are still registering for September 2018. If you know anyone interested in attending Northwood, please contact the school office at 717-657-0715.

May God bless us as we enter into the “Season of Spring”. I hope everyone has an Easter filled with joy.

Thank you for your prayers and support as together we move forward.

Sincerely,
Deb Mercurio

**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.

April Birthdays

Apr 1	Jackie Webb	Apr 25	Ellen Pollack
Apr 2	Mickey Hoffman	Apr 29	Emily Sapen
Apr 5	Alyssa Walters		Ashley Sapen
Apr 6	Sue Skelly		Carol Hundley
Apr 7	Tracie Sapen		Chris Sorensen
Apr 8	Bethany Foran (Sapen)		Patrick Moran
Apr 10	Stephanie Glass		
	Irene Lehr		
	Michael Sweigard		
Apr 11	Virginia Goss		
Apr 12	Jane Robinson		
	Seve Guarneschelli		
	Frances Finley		
Apr 13	Karl Christeleit		
Apr 15	Ruth Bailey		
Apr 16	Barbara Tirone		
Apr 18	Sherri Linn		
Apr 21	Kristen Guarneschelli		
Apr 22	Tyler Miller		
Apr 23	Mary Merritt		
	Jack Andren		

May Birthdays

May 1	Joseph Weaver	May 26	Megan Rivera (Keever)
May 3	Scott Pollack		Ronald Linville
May 7	Amanda Klaboe	May 27	Olivia Sorensen
May 8	Chris Fenstermacher		Nancy Travis
	Steve Snyder		
May 10	Rusty Keiser		
May 13	Erin Glass		
May 14	Gavin Kopp		
	Megan Stewart		
May 15	Dorothy Runkle		
May 18	Erna Tunno		
May 21	Barbara Longenecker		
May 22	Cheryl Caplan		
	George Hope		
May 23	Gina Deiter		
	Peggy Manning		
	Sam Shallcross		
	Beryl Bannerman		
May 25	Meredith Tucci		