



# 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.*

March 2018

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

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## **Passing the Peace in a Violent World**

*“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us  
who are being saved it is the power of God.” - 1 Corinthians 1:17*

When I was growing up in Church I always hated the passing of the peace part of the worship service. I would get really nervous to shake hands with all the adults. I had a sense that it was important, but I didn't quite understand why.

The past few weeks I've been thinking about the theological significance of this practice, asking the question, “Why do we do this in worship?” Are we just greeting each other and having mini- coffee hour in the middle of worship? If this is just a social time of welcome- why include it in our worship service?

This is a year that more than any other yet has seemed to lack peace. In the wake of yet another school shooting the passing of the peace feels more than ever like futile gesture. How is shaking peoples hands and repeating a simple little phrase going to “pass” actual peace. Is it not a foolish thing to say “Peace be with you” when we know that the world is rife with violence and hatred?

Perhaps it is a type of foolishness, but it's the type of foolishness that Paul describes in 1 Corinthians. It is the foolishness that gives us hope even in the darkest of times. It is the foolishness of a love that reaches out to another person for no other reason than to say, “I see you, I care for you, you are not alone, I want to take your hand in mine and shake it (even though that can be genuinely dangerous this time of year), know that you are loved”. This is what we say when we say “Peace be with you”.

And so then the question becomes, not, “Should we do this in worship?” but “How can we do this outside of worship?” How do we take the practice of sharing in the peace of Christ during that hour on Sunday morning and allow it to change the way we approach each day, each human being we meet? This will look different for each of us. It will depend on your particular gifts. But we are each called in our own way to demonstrate the radical love that Christ so freely shares with all of us, undeserved and unearned. In what ways is God calling you to share the peace of Christ each day?

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

## NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY! Roz Presby

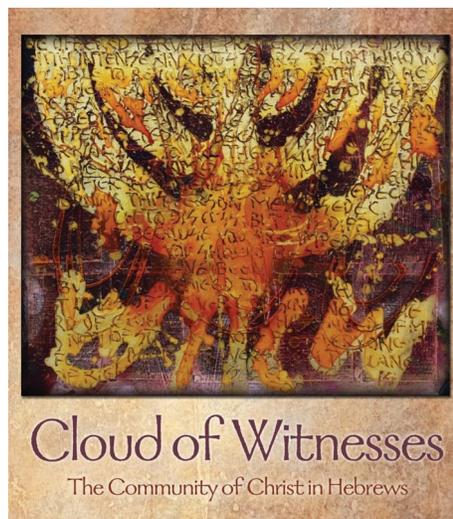
When the Nurture Committee did our adult education survey recently, there was interest expressed in a study group that would meet during the day on a weekday. We heard you, and here it is!

Beginning March 21, a group will be meeting on the first and third Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon. (Three of these dates are after Wednesday Faithful lunches, so many of you will already be here!) We will be examining the Letter to the Hebrews using a study guide recently published by Presbyterian Women.

The Letter to the Hebrews is an important book of the Bible and is significantly different from every other book in the Bible. Its thirteen chapters are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. The study looks at recurring themes rather than going through the chapters in order. We will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of *community*. The community for which the letter was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which we are a part, because we bring those groups with us wherever we go; they have helped to form us into the people we are. The communities in which we study and worship, our family and friends, social and therapy groups ... all are part of us.

Since our study is thematic, not sequential, we may look at some parts of Hebrews in more than one lesson, because they relate to two different themes. We'll also examine passages in other books of both Old and New Testaments, to see how the themes in Hebrews relate to similar themes in other parts of our tradition. There are discussion and reflection questions scattered through each week's reading. You will be able to jot your answers in the spaces provided so we can use these questions as discussion starters.

If you are interested in this study, let me know either in person or by email to [rozpres@nbn.net](mailto:rozpres@nbn.net) so I will know how many copies of the study guide to order. If your schedule does not allow for a midweek study but you are interested, please let me know. If we get enough people we can figure out a time for a second group.



## MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the wonderful special music we enjoyed this winter! Your involvement in worship, contributions of time or financial gifts, and engaging with the various artists we have hosted after each service makes Faith Immanuel a wonderful place to welcome friends and colleagues.

As we turn to March we will have an increase in piano and organ duets, before a music-filled Holy Week begins at the end of March! The Vintage Brass will be with us in worship on Palm Sunday, and I anticipate a trumpeter or two for Easter. The Chancel Choir will also be presenting a cantata "Song of the Shadows" on Maundy Thursday which is March 29 this year. If you are interested in an opportunity to make a short-term commitment to the chancel choir, please consider coming out to rehearsal at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings to sing in the cantata. "Song of the Shadows" is a beautiful, powerful piece, and not too hard. We would love to have you!

Caleb

### **SECOND SUNDAY HYMN SING**

**Sunday, March 11 at 7:00 pm**

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

## **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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.**

**This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.**

**Music  
At  
Faith  
Immanuel  
Church**

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

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



## COFFEE HOUR

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

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

### MAY

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

## WORSHIP SCHEDULES

### 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

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

A February government report predicts that health care spending in the United States will rise again in 2018, a trend that will probably continue for the next decade. An increasing number of individuals and families are responding by joining health care sharing ministries, in which groups of people share each other's health care costs. Some of these plans have behavioral rules and exclude coverage of injuries suffered as a result of immoral behavior. So, bearing one another's burdens and living lives of biblical health and wholeness will be the topics of this installment of *The Wired Word*.

Please join Linda Graham in the Nevada Room on Sunday morning at 9:00 to begin our new curriculum. Linda will have the printed student lesson available for this discussion on a very timely topic. If you are unable to join us for this week's lesson, look for next week's topic in your Friday FIPC email.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

**Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour**

## Cherry Pie Sale Update

A huge "Thank you" goes out to the following that helped with the baking of the cherry pies and being available for pick-up.

Bonnie Hack, Terry Hack (the oven man), Sheila Kannegieser, Joan Hoffman, Mickey Hoffman, Shirley McLaren, Cathy Hartwick, Deb Leader, Bob Dash, and Karen Miller.

Another huge "Thank you" to all that bought the pies. There were 66 small pies and 49 large pies made.

Thanks again, Marge



## FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

**March 21 at 10:45 am—Parlor**

March's pick is American Sniper by Chris Kyle.

**April 18 at 10:45 am—Parlor**

April's pick is Proof of Heaven by Eban Alexander.

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

## WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

*"All meals seasoned with love!"*

The Wednesday Faithful group enjoyed a taste of Spring when we met for lunch in February. Since the snow forced the cancellation of our January meeting, it was nice not to have to worry about the weather this time around. We had a great attendance for February. A total of 75 gathered together to enjoy the food and fellowship with one another.

In March, will be serving another crowd pleaser—Stove Top Stuffing Chicken Casserole, Seven Layer Salad, rolls, and assorted desserts.

**Mark your calendar for March 21 at noon  
and watch for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.**

## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**March 25 from 8:45 to 10:00 am**

**Tickets \$5.00 will be available after worship on March 11 and March 18, and at the church office**

**ON THE MENU:** Sausage Egg Casserole  
Baked French Toast Casserole  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage, Toast  
Mini Danish  
Fruit  
Orange Juice  
Tea and Coffee

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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.

**Change the  
life of a  
neighbor in  
need!**

## **The 41st Annual HELP Ministries Golf Tournament**

Monday, June 4, 2018

Sunset Golf Course, 2601 Sunset Drive, Middletown, PA

**HELP** is a ministry of Christian Churches United of the Tri-County Area, a local non-profit organization made up of more than 100 member churches from Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties representing 17 different faith traditions.

**HELP** seeks to be the place of last resort for anyone needing assistance, and for anyone in an emergency situation. When all other avenues have been exhausted, we're there to provide life-sustaining services and meet basic survival needs.

**HELP** is supported financially by area churches, businesses, local government agencies, individuals, and the United Way of the Capital Region. But the largest fundraising event that enables us to meet these needs is this golf tournament. If you would like to take part in the tournament, registration forms are available in the church office.

**Proceeds will benefit HELP Ministries**

**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.

# March Northwood Notes

## March



Leprechaun, leprechaun, fly across the sea  
And fetch an emerald shamrock for you and me.  
Do not bring a nettle or a thistle for a joke,  
But bring an Irish shamrock, for we are Irish folk.  
And you and I, my leprechaun, will wear the shamrock gay,  
And match it with an Irish smile upon St. Patrick's Day!



The children love the magical month of March. We are hoping March will come in like a Lamb and also go out like one! Hopefully the weather will continue to tease us with some beautiful days.

We will be starting the month celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. March is "Read Across America" month. As a school we are hoping to read 500 books and will celebrate reaching our goal with a pizza party.

The leprechauns never forget to make a stop at Northwood with a wee bit of mischief. Last year, our milk turned green and there were tiny feet everywhere.

Northwood will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Children/grandchildren who are members of the church are welcome to join us. The event is for children 8 and under. Arrive between 10:30-10:45am if you would like a picture with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunt will start at 11:00am, rain or shine.

Registration for the 2018/2019 school year is going well. If you know someone who is interested in enrolling, please give us a call at (717-657-0715) or stop by our office.

I hope everyone has a blessed Easter. Please keep us in your prayers and may God Bless us as together we move 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.

## 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		

## 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		