



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 2018

WORSHIP at
10:30 am

Church Staff

**Reverend Allison
Spooner**
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Caleb Flick
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Ministries

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*"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand,
and it gives light to all in the house."- Matthew 5: 15*

I have always been a little suspicious of *evangelism*. All too often attempts at sharing the gospel message come off as predatory and manipulative. Studies have shown that while many in the millennial generation say they believe in God, they are suspicious of the institution of the church. And I wonder if a form of outreach that is well intentioned, yet looks too much like advertising, serves to drive away a generation of people.

And yet, Jesus makes it clear in the gospels that we are to reach out, we are to share the love and peace and hope that comes from Christ and live in community together. And many folks, of every generation, long for connection, to grow meaningfully in faith and to find a foothold in a world that seems to be churning. Where is the line between selling ourselves and sharing ourselves?

By now you have heard that we will be doing a workshop together on *Reaching New People* with Paul Nickerson. What I like about Paul's philosophy of reaching out is that it abandons the attraction model and focuses instead on relationship. This isn't about starting the right programs, it's about making connections that grow into relationships and friendships. These friendships become the support system that one needs in a journey of faith. This journey was never one that Christ intended we take on alone.

In the coming weeks I invite you to continue thinking about what it might look like to share ourselves. How might we set the light of Christ that lives within us up on a lampstand?

I also hope you will join us on October 5 from 6-9 and October 6 from 9-3 where we will work together to answer those questions and turn our wondering into action!

Grace and Peace,

Allison

SESSION

Class of 2019

Shirley Cleaver
Terry Hack
George Hope

Class of 2020

Barb Dugan
Rose Jewell-Jordan
Jackie Webb

Class of 2021

Linda Graham
Mike Legg
Ginny Stimmel

Clerk of Session

Norm Diefenderfer

DEACONS

Class of 2019

Bonnie Hack
Wendell Jordan
Sherri Linn

Class of 2020

Bob Dash
Barb Hablett
Anita Klaboe

Class of 2021

Carol Gangwish
Mickey Hoffman
SuAnn Tucci

Update from the Treasurer

The following is an update on the financial condition of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church as of July 31, 2018.

For the seven months ending July 31, the church's Statement of Activities indicates a loss of \$(38,170.06) in the operating account. There are two primary reasons for this result: our tithes and offerings are \$(23,140) under the year to date projection, and our expenses for utilities and regular maintenance of our property are \$19,888 over budget. After seven months, we have already exceeded the annual budget for HVAC repairs and maintenance by over \$6,000, for lawn care and snow removal by \$3,100, and will exceed the annual budget for natural gas and trash expenses by the end of August.

Categories in which the variances from budget are positive are Office Expenses (\$2,565 under year to date budget) and Mission (\$12,298 under year to date budget). Smaller positive variances also exist in the following categories: Music and Worship, Finance and Insurance, Congregational Life, and Outreach.

In an effort to maintain a positive cash flow in the operating account, Faith Immanuel's Session approved transfers from the Stabler and Building Fund investment accounts totaling \$20,463 year to date. Another \$6,000 draw from the Stabler Fund is planned for this year. The balance in the checking account is \$58,881.57 at July 31, 2018, all but \$1,514.88 of which is earmarked or restricted for activities other than paying for operating expenses.

The sale of the PIPC building netted \$475,441 in October 2017. The balance remaining at July 31, 2018, which includes accumulated interest (\$2,936.38) is \$343,023.56. Another \$80,000 will be spent to upgrade our computer system, install a perimeter access control system, repair the curtain wall and windows, and provide consultant training for effective outreach. The remainder of approximately \$264,000 will be held in reserve for church growth, HVAC capital improvements, and other undesignated needs.

Faith Immanuel's investments have done well so far this year. Net investment income (interest, dividends and capital gains, less fees) totals \$4,627, and increases in market value equal \$8,637. The balances in our investment accounts at July 31, 2018 are as follows:

Money Market (includes PIPC sale, Aaron Fisher, Susan Lloyd)	\$400,899.36
Stabler Endowment (\$200,000 is permanently restricted)	\$256,329.55
Organ Maintenance Fund	\$ 93,640.20
Lee Robert Webb Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 14,098.09

The S. K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund, which is a separate legal entity from the church, has a balance of \$343,313.25, as of July 31, 2018.

Please note that many of our invested funds have restrictions on their uses. In actuality, there are about \$83,000 of unrestricted funds available to offset deficits in the operating account. We must recognize that our regular giving is not keeping up with our operating expenses and work together to either increase our contributions or reduce our expenses.

A complete financial report is available upon request.
Ginny Henning, Treasurer

Hope-Faith Immanuel Shared Ministry Task Force Update:

As you may remember when the original proposal for a shared pastor between Hope United Presbyterian Church and Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church was completed in June of 2016, the proposal included the creation of a task force to meet quarterly to evaluate if the terms of call are being fulfilled as originally agreed upon and to gain the perspective of the pastor and each congregation.

The task force is comprised of two active ruling elders and one lay person from each congregation. The current members of the task force include: Terry Bostdorf (Hope), Cathy Christ (Hope), Barb Dugan (Faith Immanuel), Terry Hack (Faith Immanuel), Rose Jewell-Jordan (Faith Immanuel), Ruth Stover (Hope) and Rev. Allison Spooner.

The task force has been meeting routinely with the last meeting occurring on July 25, 2018. One of the items we evaluate each meeting is the percentage of time that Reverend Spooner spends working with and for each congregation, so we can determine if the financial contribution toward her salary and benefits requires adjustment. The current contribution is 50-50 by each congregation. The task force will keep the sessions advised when there is a need to adjust the contributions.

As the end of Reverend Spooner's designated 2-year term approaches in July 2019, the task force is also responsible to help discern the future of the shared pastor relationship. According to the agreement the possibilities include; 1) renewal of the terms of call for another designated period of time, 2) install the individual as a permanent pastor or 3) open up a search for an installed pastor. At this time the committee is not considering opening up a full search.

At the last meeting a member of the Committee on Ministry from the Presbytery attended our meeting to provide guidance regarding this task.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

If you've been worshipping with us and would like to discern whether or not joining in membership and making an official commitment is right for you, you are invited to a gathering following the service on September 9th. This gathering will be part social, part informational and informal!

REACHING NEW PEOPLE

The Outreach Committee and our Session have invited Paul Nickerson to coach our congregation in re-engaging the community and building new relationships with our local area. We will be working on going outside our church walls to welcome folks to the loving community in Christ that we have here at Faith Immanuel. It is so important that we participate as a whole church in this work. You are invited to start this by joining in a **Reaching New People workshop with Paul Nickerson on Friday October 5 from 6-9 and Saturday October 6 from 9-3**. Please talk to any session member or Allison if you have questions!

**TASK
FORCE
UPDATE**

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**



SEPTEMBER

- 2—Nurture
- 9—Deacons
- 16—Properties
- 23—Mission
- 30—Congregational Life

OCTOBER

- 7—Worship
- 14—Stewardship
- 21—Outreach
- 28—Nurture

NOVEMBER

- 4—Deacons
- 11—Properties
- 18—Mission
- 25—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

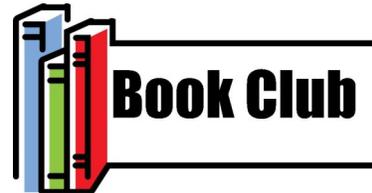
- 2—Carolyn Souders
- 9—Bob MacIntyre
- 16—Shirley Cleaver
- 23—Randy Knapp
- 30—Terry Hack

USHERS FOR
September

- 2—George Hope and Claire Hetzel
- 9—Shirley Cleaver and Karen Miller
- 16—Fred and Jean Muncert
- 23—Gary Souders and Terry Hack
- 30—Mike and Barb Legg

Office Hours Beginning September 4
Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 3:30 pm
Fridays 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Faith Immanuel



SEPTEMBER 19 AT 10:45 AM—PARLOR

September's book is Zamba: The True Story of the Greatest Lion That Ever Lived by Ralph Helfer.

October's book is Station Eleven by Emily St. John Michael.

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

WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

"All meals seasoned with love"

September 19 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 17 to let Debbie know if you will be coming.

MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

Thank you to everyone who has utilized the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center to express interest in the Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs. I will be sending out an email with details shortly, but please plan on Chancel Choir rehearsals to begin September 5 and Bells to begin on September 12. I will be communicating more information about upcoming musical events in the life of Faith Immanuel very soon, but I would like to dedicate this article primarily to discussing my trip to Klaipėda, Lithuania to participate in summer academy and festival Klaipėda Piano Masters (“KPM”) under the direction of Lithuanian pianist Gintaras Januševičius and his wife Brigita Januševičienė. (I have identified a missions opportunity associated with my experiences in Lithuania which I will share, along with some pieces I performed abroad, during a Minute for Mission this fall, and I will provide pronunciations for the Lithuanian names at that time!)

I left on Sunday, July 15 after church, and after thirteen hours of traveling I arrived in the resort town of Palanga, situated on eastern Lithuania’s Baltic coast, on Monday afternoon. I rented a car and drove 150 miles southeast to Kaunas which is Lithuania’s second largest city. There I spent two nights at an Airbnb where the first night my host and her family expressed great interest in my life and America and shared stories about life in Lithuania with me. On the second day I was joined by a fellow KPM participant, Matas Kaženauskas, who attends a conservatory in Kaunas. He showed me all around the many historic and beautiful parts of the 700-year old city, and we spent time playing piano for each other and critiquing the other’s playing. I was struck by the many very beautiful and brilliant qualities in his and the other Lithuanian participants’ playing which centered heavily on the demanding romantic repertoire of Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Prokofiev (among others).

KPM opened with a fantastic recital given by Gintaras Januševičius entitled “Invictus” after the famous poem of the same name by William Ernest Henley which was much loved by Nelson Mandela and speaks of perseverance against all odds. Gintaras has broken his right hand a year or two earlier. During that time he devised a program of pieces by composers who had overcome huge obstacles in their life, and promised himself he would play and share reflections on these works if he made a full recovery. Given the brilliance of playing after teaching piano lessons literally all day and speaking at length before and during the recital, he clearly demonstrated himself to be the master of his fate, and the captain of an unconquerable soul.

Gintaras also proved to be quite the formidable teacher. As a grown man, myself, with not an inconsiderable time spent studying the keyboard, I was amazed by the transformative potential of his insightful, practical teaching in lessons I had on pieces by Mozart, Debussy, and Prokofiev. Perhaps more importantly, the entire structure program, which included daily lectures from Lithuanian and German-based musical and public personalities, provided me with a major boost in musical confidence which I’ve used since my return as a springboard to find better performance opportunities for myself. Other highlights included a dress rehearsal/masterclass performance for Valentina Berman, wife of the great, late Soviet pianist Lazar Berman, as well as a number of public performances in Klaipėda and the surrounding towns of Plungė and Plateliai.

Music At Faith Immanuel Church

Chancel Choir
Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 pm beginning
September 5.

**Bells of Faith
Immanuel**
Wednesday evenings
beginning September
12—Time to be
announced

I am also pleased to announce that for my “great skill and character” I have received a personal invitation with a full scholarship to attend the winter piano academy "Feuerwerk" in Einbeck, Germany. The cultural venue “TangoBrücke”, under the guidance of artistic director Gintaras Januševičius, is the main organizer of this event. The academy does not accept applications, and the 11 pianist-participants and I have been handpicked from festivals around the world to work with Gintaras and to give four recitals in the German cities of Einbeck, Hanover, Braunlage, and Bad Gandersheim.

I would like to thank the Session of Faith Immanuel for graciously covering the cost of my tuition for KPM as my continuing education activity for the year, and Wanda for taking care of all the musicians and musical details the Sundays on which I was gone. I greatly enjoyed my experiences, the positive outcomes and attention I received, and I look forward to sharing more details and music with you soon.

Here’s to a very musical Fall together! Caleb Flick

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

THE IMPASTABLE DREAM: The Mission Committee is collecting pasta for the Perry County Food Bank. The goal is to collect enough pasta and money to purchase pasta to equal 1000 pounds by October 30, 2018. Please leave your pasta donations in the Welcome Center or see Bob MacIntyre to donate money to the cause.

CROP WALK: Mark your calendars for the CROP Walk on **October 21, 2018**. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S. Sign up to be a walker or contribute to someone who is walking. Materials will be in the gathering space soon.

COMMUNITY AID DONATION BOX: Don't forget there is a Community Aid Donation Box located in the church parking lot. Contributing your gently used clothing helps both Community Aid and Faith Immanuel Church!

THE MISSION COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOUR INPUT!

See any of the mission members with your comments/questions. Mission Committee members include Barb Dugan, Billie Hawk, Linda and Keith Graham, Bob MacIntyre and Ken Zimmerman.

October 2018						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND CONCERT
October 21, 2018

Northwood Notes

Welcome to Preschool

We welcome you here,
We welcome you here,
We welcome you to preschool,
We're so glad you're here!



As we inch closer to the start of a new school year, I am anxiously awaiting the sounds of little feet walking down the halls of Northwood. Staff has been hard at work preparing classrooms to welcome students and make them feel at home. As we get ready to open the doors, for my first year as Director of Northwood, I would like to thank Faith Immanuel Presbyterian for your prayers, commitment and support of our wonderful program.

Our open house will be Tuesday, September 4th and our first day of classes will be on Thursday, September 6th. We have four new staff joining us this year. Aimee Hale will be our new Administrative Assistant. Jacquie Buskey and Stephanie Teitelbaum will be our teaching team in our older 4/5-year-old classroom. Julie Stadler and Anita Klaboe will be our teaching team in our 4-year-old classroom. Teaching in our 3-year-old classroom will be Madison Stadler and Suzette Rea. Northwood is blessed to have staff with strong teaching backgrounds joining us in the new school year.

We are still accepting enrollments for the school year, if you know someone who may be interested. I am personally giving ongoing tours, our office number is 717-657-0715.

Nicole Evenhuis
Director

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

50+ Years of ABCs,
123s and TLC

Northwood Staff

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Aimee Hale
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Sept. 2 Mildred Martin
Sept. 3 Karen Shallcross
Sept. 4 Dominick Christeleit
Howard Snyder
Sept 10 Virginia Henning
Sept 11 Susan Ricci
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

Sept 26 Mary Knapp
Sept 27 Elena Germaine (Stimmel)
Sept 29 Sandy Keever
Sept 30 Amy Christeleit
Anita Klaboe
William Marshall

*Happy
Birthday!*

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

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



Oct 4 Nicholas Gillette
Barbara Hablett
Oct 5 John Mease
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 Sapen
Oct 25 Jean Harden
Oct 26 Corey Bowerman
Oct 28 Lois Dean
Eric Linn
Oct 30 Christiana Quartey