



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.

December 2018

WORSHIP at
10:30 am

Church Staff

Reverend Allison Spooner
Pastor

Caleb Flick
Director of Music Ministries

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**WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS
TO THE FAITH IMMANUEL FAMILY.**



From left to right they are: Gordon Humbert, Sally Humbert, Karen Shallcross, Lori Beamer, Gail Lindenberg, Linda Beck, and Michelle Beck with Rev. Allison Spooner.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:10-11

Service of Lessons and Carols at 8:00 pm

Recital at 7:30 pm

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

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Operation Christmas Child: Thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child! We delivered 15 shoeboxes filled with toys to the Samaritan Purse Program!

Prayer Partners: During Advent you will have the opportunity to select the name of a fellow church member to pray for during the 12 days of Christmas leading up to Epiphany on 1/6.

-----Stay Tuned-----

Faith Immanuel will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Donated food and money will be given to the Adopt a Family Food Pantry located at the Thomas Holtzman Elementary School.

MLK Day of Caring Volunteer Opportunity – Faith Immanuel will be partnering with the Susquehanna Township School District to participate in the Martin Luther King Day of Service which they are hosting.

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.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING
December 11 at 6:30 pm
Meet in the church parking lot

Please join us Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:30 for an evening of traditional Christmas caroling at a nearby neighborhood. Meet in the church parking lot at 6:30, and from there carpool to a nearby neighborhood to sing. Following the caroling, come back to Faith Immanuel for hot chocolate and cookies. Please extend the invitation to neighbors or friends who might enjoy the evening activity. All are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet located in the Welcome Center.

MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

I would like to spend a significant portion of my article this month recognizing folks who contributed to the success of our recent piano purchase. This decision had been a dream of mine for the church at 1801 Colonial Road since the Faith days. The merger of PIPC and Faith yielded several factors which proved that the time was right to make an investment of this nature in our resources and music department.

At a very foundational level, the Samick grand which had graced the sanctuary since the late 1990s was in a state of complete mechanical failure. We had spent thousands of dollars in the last three years alone repeatedly tuning the piano (as the tuning only "held" for about 48 hours) and making other mechanical repairs. Our technician wrote a letter to session essentially declaring the piano a "total loss" and your resident Claims Adjuster and Director of Musical Ministries concurred.

A major contribution to the strength of our musical ministries is Wanda Beaver. Faithfully accompanying the choir each week, always having many suggestions ready for special services (we are planning Christmas Eve as the newsletter goes to press!), and providing music for concerts and other special events, Wanda's talents have allowed us to use the piano in all of these settings much more frequently than might otherwise be the norm in a church setting. Obtaining a piano that would work well with the choir, and the organ or a brass group was a must.

A door opened when I learned that the sale of the PIPC organ had netted considerable funds, and that I would be on the Task Force along with Bob Dash, Terry Hack, Bill Hawk, Ginny Henning, Bub Manning, and Allison Spooner to help determine the disposition of these and other funds. In addition to concurring that the entirety of the proceeds of the PIPC organ should be applied to the musical ministries in general (and, ultimately, to the purchase of a new piano) we identified other semi-restricted funds which could be used for musical instruments, so that soliciting outside funds would not be needed, nor would we need money from the general fund.

Through a series of discussions involving Session, Finance Committee, Worship Committee, the Task Force, and the personal efforts of many, a decision was reached to form a final search committee who would be authorized to make a purchase. Susan Anthony, Wanda Beaver, Elise Kelly Berry, George Hope, Dianna Plack, and I made trips to Philadelphia and Washington, DC. After auditioning pianos which would meet our needs, we selected a beautiful previously owned Steinway Model "D" which had been meticulously well maintained in a private home outside of Washington. We were very blessed to find this piano, which Wanda, Allison, and I had first identified back in the Spring, now at a price which we could afford.

We welcomed the piano into its new home early in November. It made its debut in worship on November 11, with Wanda and I offering a number of piano "four hand" pieces, piano and organ duets, as well as pieces for two pianos, and in accompanying the choir. Dianna Plack made a very beautiful presentation on November 18 and beautifully and skillfully showed off the pianos many different facets, playing pieces ranging from gentle and expressive, to exciting and virtuosic.

Music At Faith Immanuel

Chancel Choir
Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 pm

**Bells of Faith
Immanuel**
Wednesday evenings
at 8:00 pm.

As we go forward, this piano will allow us to increase our range of musical offerings not only in worship, but also in terms of the quality of events that we are able to offer as concerts to the greater community. (More information on this in future newsletter articles, no doubt!) In the meantime, I wish to reiterate my thanks to everyone named above, as well as to Bob Dash, for his contributions to the Musical Ministries always, and in particular, for his drive and enthusiasm in the piano project. His rental of a different Steinway "D" for the Consecration Day concert not only fulfilled a particular need for a fine musical instrument at the time, but it was also very useful in allowing us to see how such an instrument would function and perform in our space.

The piano will continue to settle into its new home. For the next several weeks, there will be some completely routine, to-be-expected, work performed on it during this time to ensure that this instrument is truly a generational purchase which will yield missional benefits for many years to come.

A final special "shout-out" is also required for the Bell Choir, who performed on November 11, with great rhythm and excitement. We are pleased to welcome the Legg's as new members, and still have room for one more! Perhaps you will consider joining us in the spring?

In the meantime, Advent and Christmas are around the corner, and we will look forward to sharing our music with you during this season!

Happy Holidays! Caleb Flick

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY—Join us on Mondays at noon for study and discussion on the Scripture for next week's sermon! My hope is that by taking some time to look at the Scripture passage and discussing it with one another your experience of worship on Sunday morning will be deeper and more meaningful. **On Monday, December 3, we will be meeting at 12:30 pm at Colonial Park Diner.** Join us for lunch and study.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER DECEMBER 15



Join us for some fun at the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 15. Individuals and couples welcome!

We will begin our evening at the home of Larry and Sue Dinges at 5:00 for hors d'oeuvres. Progress to the Squires Restaurant (Colonial Golf and Tennis Club) 4901 Linglestown Rd., Hbg.) for a banquet dinner. The cost is \$30 per person—checks payable to Bob Dash.

Finish the evening at Faith Immanuel for dessert and the gift exchange.
The deadline to save your seat is Wednesday, December 5.

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

LAY LEADERS FOR December

2—Bonnie Hack
9—Linda Graham
16—Marjorie Key
23—Rose Jewell-Jordan
30—Carolyn Souders

USHERS FOR December

2—Fred and Jean Muncert
9—Wendell and Rose Jewell-Jordan
16—Stewart Robinson and Paulina Marshall
23—Holly Dash and Marge Barner

Christmas Eve

Joe and Ginny Stimmel

30—Randy Knapp and Sue Skelly



DECEMBER

2—Worship
9—Stewardship
16—Outreach
23—Nurture
30—Deacons

JANUARY

6—Properties
13—Mission
20—Congregational
Life
27—Worship

WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

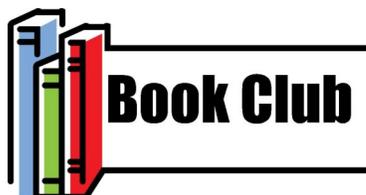
“All meals seasoned with love”

Wow! The old saying “if you build it they will come” should be changed to “if you cook it, they will come!” We had a record attendance of 103 at our Wednesday Faithful Thanksgiving Feast. The smell of turkey filled the air and you could tell everyone was anxious to enjoy all the Thanksgiving favorites offered. At this time of year, we are reminded of how very blessed we are to be able to enjoy a wonderful lunch with our church family, and friends.

THE LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA is a special event held the first Wednesday in December. We will gather at 1:30 pm in Shaffer Hall to enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, scones, and homemade cookies and pastries. We also have a special treat this year; Caleb has graciously agreed to entertain us on the piano.

OUR NEXT WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL LUNCHEON will be held on Wednesday, January 16 at noon. Marge will be making her famous Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Faith Immanuel



DECEMBER 19 AT 10:45 AM—PARLOR

December's book is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

January's book is Skeletons At The Feast by Chris Bohjolan.

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



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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Northwood Notes December



Peppermint Stick

I took a lick
Of a Peppermint stick
And oh it tasted yummy!

It used to be
On the Christmas tree
But now It's in my tummy!



Northwood is closing out the month of November with grateful hearts as we continue to discuss all the things in our lives that we are thankful for. We celebrated Thanksgiving with our school family at our annual Thanksgiving Feast and then got to do it all again at home with our home families.

As we creep into the month of December Northwood students and staff will be sharing in some wonderful traditions. We will welcome a visit with Santa Clause himself! Students will have the opportunity to tell the big guy what they would like for Christmas and take home a picture keepsake.

We will continue the magic with our annual Polar Express day. Students will sample the magic of the movie with hot cocoa and popcorn. This day would not be complete without jammies! Both students and staff will show off their comfy cozy side with warm snuggly jammies.

Before closing out the school month of December, students will perform in our annual Christmas Program. On December 21st, all our students will join for a beautifully, fun holiday performance. Students are working on old favorites like "Jingle Bells" and fun new songs like "Peppermint Stick". We invite those at Faith Immanuel to come and enjoy the student performance.

Happy Holidays!
Northwood Staff



Dec 4 Kyle Bowerman
Dec 6 Pat Bivens
Claire Aston
Dec 8 Wendy Coad
Virginia Geiger
Dec 9 Jeanne Wilders
Dec 10 Marjorie Barner
Dec 13 Andrea Linn
Cherie Pepperman
Dec 14 Claire Durand
Janet Kreiser
Lori Beamer
Dec 17 Virginia Stimmel
Dec 18 Phyllis Moran

Dec 22 Kyle Klaboe
Dec 24 Beckey Hahn
Chris Pollack
Dec 26 Fred Muncert
Dec 29 Thomas Jordan
Dec 31 Arlene Fry



Jan 1 Claire Hetzel
Jennifer Gillette
Stark Weiler
Jan 2 Madeline Gillette
Gunnar Sorensen
Jan 3 Alexander Schubauer
Jan 4 Robert Brightbill
Jan 5 Rod Tunno
Jan 7 Joan Hoffman
Bob MacIntyre
Jan 8 Larry Hahn
Jan 9 Penny Luckenbaugh
Jan 10 Azure Graham
Jan 11 Patti Sites
Jan 12 Audrey Allen
Jan 13 Catilyn Klaboe
Jan 16 Sally Humbert
Jan 17 Stewart Robinson
Jan 18 Kristine Linville
Jan 20 Michael Bertsch

Jan 22 Jan Bowerman
Heather Kaneda
Jan 24 Richard Reidell
Jan 25 Stephen Bertsch
Letitia Schubauer
Jan 26 Paulina Marshall
Pat Reidell
Jan 28 Christopher Key
Jan 29 Dillon Linville

*Happy
Birthday!*

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

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