

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 2019

WORSHIP at
10:30 am

Church Staff

Reverend Allison Spooner
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Easter and Lent at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday, March 6
6 pm Meal of Soup & Bread—7 pm Service

Mid-week Lenten Prayer Services
March 13, 20 & 27; April 3 & 10 at 1 pm

Palm Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 am
Special Music -Vintage Brass

Good Friday, April 19 at 7 pm Choir Cantata

Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am



Sermon Series - Living Fully by Letting Go

Over the last few weeks I have heard quite a bit about the Netflix series *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*. Marie is a Japanese organizing consultant who has written several books on the subject. The idea is simple: giving up the things we don't need and getting rid of the clutter can free us from the burden of all the 'stuff' that weighs us down. In a way the season of Lent is a season of spiritual tidying up. In the early church, Lent was a season of preparation, through study, prayer, and fasting for new Christians who would be baptized on Easter. Today, Lent is a

SESSION

Class of 2020

Barb Dugan
Rose Jewell-Jordan
Jackie Webb

Class of 2021

Linda Graham
Mike Legg
Ginny Stimmel

Class of 2022

Gail Diefenderfer

Clerk of Session
Norm Diefenderfer

DEACONS

Class of 2020

Bob Dash
Barb Hablett
Anita Klaboe

Class of 2021

Carol Gangwish
Mickey Hoffman
SuAnn Tucci

Class of 2022

Wendell Jordan
Shirley McLaren
Gary Souders

season of reflection and self-examination that prepares us for the season of Easter. But tidying up our spirits can be even more difficult than tidying our closets. Often we don't even know what burdens we are carrying and so the first step is to search deep within our hearts, asking the questions: "What are the essentials that make me who I am?" "What fears, resentments, and burdens do I carry?" "What seeds of grace has God already planted in my heart, and how do I create space for those seeds to grow and flourish?" These are the questions we will explore as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross in the gospel of Luke. My hope is that by committing to a season of letting go, we will be able to hear the still, small (and yet persistent) voice of God telling us the fundamental truth of who we are: beloved children of God.

Grace and Peace,
Allison

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring, Sunday, February 3. A total of \$231.00 and 86 cans/packages of food were delivered to the Adopt-a-Family program at the Thomas Holtzman Elementary School for their food bank!

Thank you to everyone that attended the fundraising concert for the State Street Academy of Music on Sunday, February 17, and to all of those who contributed to the Academy's scholarship program.

The total amount raised was \$1,133.00!!

MLK Day of Caring Volunteer Opportunity – A group of Faith Immanuel members participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Caring on Sunday, February 24 at the Susquehanna High School. The volunteer projects included organizing closets, painting the office area, decorating lunch bags for Meals on Wheels, making greeting cards for local children's hospitals, and organizing/assembling classroom school supply kits, anti-bullying kits, and hygiene kits.

The Lithuanian Klaipeda Piano Masters will be Faith Immanuel's mission for the beginning of March. The goal is to provide hardworking, deserving Lithuanian or Eastern European piano students with musical scores needed to pursue their professional musical careers. Klaipeda Piano Masters' director, Gintarass Januševičius will assume the responsibility of purchasing all music, ensuring its transport to Lithuania, and identifying the students who, financially and musically, would benefit from this most. The goal is to collect \$500 for the purchase of this music. See Caleb's article for more information!

During the Lenten season Faith Immanuel will join with thousands of Presbyterian congregations in ministries that transform lives of those suffering from poverty, oppression, hunger, and hopelessness. Monies

collected for **One Great Hour of Sharing** go to 3 programs: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.** We hope you will join us in this mission to help make a difference in the world.

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.

MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

Congratulations are very much in order for our successful Missions Fundraising Concert to benefit the State Street Academy of Music (“SSA”) hosted on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 4 pm which featured students and faculty of SSA. Despite the calls for inclement weather, we had a robust turn out of nearly 100 people from the Faith Immanuel and SSA communities and beyond and raised \$1,133 all of which will be sent to SSA to help support their scholarships fund! It was heart-warming to see the enthusiasm for this concert and local missions project as Faith Immanuel moves in new directions musically and missionally in 2019 and into 2020.

Musical Ministries and Missions team up again in March 2019 for an international missions project. No, we don’t have to go anywhere, but we are poised to make the difference in the lives of a few Eastern European music students. As many of you know, I spent a few weeks at the end of July 2018 in Lithuania taking part in the Klaipėda Piano Masters (“KPM”) summer academy under the supervision of Lithuanian concert pianist Gintaras Januševičius. I previously reflected on my experiences in an earlier edition of this newsletter, but today I ask that you consider making a missions donation earmarked for KPM. Faith Immanuel has pledged \$500 towards the creation of a small scholarship fund to assist deserving young Eastern European pianists in obtaining high quality editions of the musical scores (“sheet music”) which is so vital to their success at every level. I will be sharing more information on Sunday, March 3, during a “Minute for Mission” when this project kicks off. The Carlisle Presbytery has a long standing relationship with the people of Lithuania, and as Allison and I have both spent time there, we look forward to making this project a success!

On Monday, March 11, 2019, at 7:30 pm Faith Immanuel welcomes back the **Eastern Chamber Singers of Eastern Connecticut State University.** Our congregation has ties to the university as voice faculty member, Emily Riggs, is the daughter of Jim and Saralee Riggs, who formerly served Faith Presbyterian as Director of Musical Ministries and Director of Christian Education respectively. The Eastern Chamber Singers most recently performed in Harrisburg in 2016 and we are excited to host them again!

Caleb

Music At Faith Immanuel

Chancel Choir
Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 pm

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



March

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

APRIL

- 7—Outreach
- 14—Nurture
- 21—Deacons
- 28—Properties



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 March

- 3—Peggy Manning
- 10—Norm Diefenderfer
- 17—Mike Legg
- 24—Bob MacIntyre
- 31—Barb Legg

USHERS for March

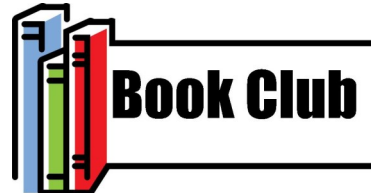
- 3—Randy Knapp and Sue Skelly
- 10—Shirley Cleaver
- 17—Gary Souders and Terry Hack
- 24—Fred and Jean Muncert
- 31—Wendell and Rose Jewell-Jordan

Mid-week Lenten Services at 1 pm

- March 13- Healing
- March 20- Reconciliation
- March 27- Death and Rebirth
- April 3- Solitude
- April 10- Moving from Despair to Hope

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Faith Immanuel



MARCH 20 AT 10:45 AM—PARLOR

March's book is Every Note Played by Lisa Genova.

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

WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

"All meals seasoned with love"

March 20 at noon in Shaffer Hall

Menu: Ham Loaf, Mac and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Broccoli Salad, Rolls, and Assorted Desserts

LET'S GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY!

Mother Nature was not kind to us in February, forcing the cancelation of another Wednesday Faithful luncheon. Since the menu for February is such a popular one, we will serve it in March. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center, or call the church office at 717-545-4631.

Northwood Notes



The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-- Dr. Seuss



It's hard to believe that we are gliding into the month of March already. Although the temperatures are chilly there are warm hearts everywhere at Northwood.

Our students start the month of March by celebrating the one and only, Dr. Seuss. His birthday kicks off Read Across America month! As a school, we have established a reading goal of 500 books for the month. All our students and teachers keep reading logs of the books that we read. If we reach our goal, we will celebrate with a pizza party at the end of the month.

The little, green leprechauns never forget to make a stop at Northwood, bringing mischief and little green feet to everywhere they roam. Students will participate in an "eating of the greens" day where we eat only green food items.

Registration for the 2019/2020 school year is going well. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling, please give us a call at 717-657-0715 or stop by the Northwood office.

Happy Reading,
Nicole Evenhuis
Director

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123s and TLC

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Mar 1 Chelsea Bivens
Mar 3 Keith Graham
Susan Berdanier
Mar 4 John Pollack
Brandon Sapen
Mar 5 Trevor Deiter
Mar 10 Larry Klaboe
Mar 13 Randy Bitting
Jean Sherry
Bill Becker
Mar 14 SuAnn Tucci
Mar 17 Joe Sponaugle
Omar Marshall
Mar 20 Wendell Jordan
Mar 22 John Schmidt
Mark Baynham
Mar 24 Terry Hack
Mar 26 Gary Souders
Jason Stimmel

Mar 27 Joe Stimmel
Gayle McCollum
Mar 28 Leah Robinson
Mar 29 William Dean, II

*Happy
Birthday!*

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

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



Apr 1 Jackie Webb
Apr 2 Mickey Hoffman
Apr 5 Alyssa Walters
Apr 6 Sue Skelly
Apr 7 Tracie Sapen
Apr 8 Bethany Foran (Sapen)
Apr 10 Stephanie Glass
Michael Sweigard
Apr 11 Virginia Goss
Apr 12 Jane Robinson
Frances Finley
Apr 15 Ruth Bailey
Apr 18 Sherri Linn

Apr 22 Tyler Miller
Apr 23 Mary Merritt
Jack Andren
Apr 25 Ellen Pollack
Apr 29 Emily Sapen
Ashley Sapen
Chris Sorensen
Patrick Moran