



# Life in Faith

*Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church strives to share God's love by cultivating community, caring for creation, and fostering creativity.*

*-Proposed Mission Statement of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church*

September 2019

**WORSHIP at  
10:30 am**

## **Church Staff**

**Reverend Allison Spooner**  
Pastor

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Director of Music Ministries

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Associate of Music Ministries

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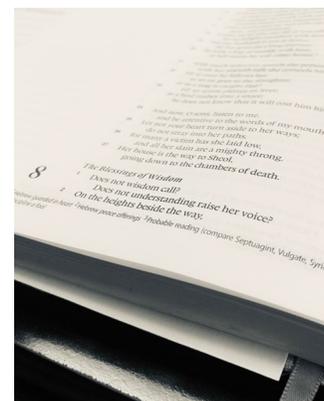
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*“Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?” -Proverbs 8:1*

For the month of September we will be exploring the wisdom literature and poetry of the Bible in worship. The wisdom literature is a section of our Hebrew Scriptures that includes books like Proverbs, Psalms, Job, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes and Lamentations. Our exploration will delve into the ancient times in which these works were written, but I believe we will find that there is rich wisdom for the modern day even in these literary works of ancient civilization.



These days, things are in a constant state of flux.

Technology is always changing and society changes with it whether we give it permission to or not. It's hard for us to learn how to cope with all these developments and keep communities, families and ourselves in tact. For all our knowledge and expertise it seems that many of us feel lost. We have accomplished so much as a people, but seem to struggle to figure out how to lead lives that are fulfilling, joyful and fruitful. It can be hard to know where to ground yourself in a world that is always changing.

And so, like any good Presbyterian, I suggest that we ground ourselves in God's sovereignty; that abiding sense that, though the world is constantly shifting under our feet, God remains constant; always present, always loving, always.

As we encounter God in these ancient texts, we will find truth in the words of Ecclesiastes that “there is nothing new under the sun.” Our ancestors in faith struggled to cope with a changing world as they found themselves at the mercy of powerful empires, struggling to adapt from their tribal way of life, to life in a world of vast empires with diverse peoples. In the midst of marginalization, loss, change, pain, broadening outlooks, and new encounters our ancestors in faith rooted themselves in God.

We struggle with the same problems they did, in ways they could never have imagined. This September in worship let us learn from the wisdom of the past. Let us find our footing in God's abiding care.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Allison Spooner

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

### SESSION

#### Class of 2020

Barb Dugan  
Rose Jewell-Jordan  
Jackie Webb

#### Class of 2021

Linda Graham  
Mike Legg  
Ginny Stimmel

#### Class of 2022

Shirley Cleaver  
Gail Diefenderfer  
Randy Knapp

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

**Back to School Bash:** The Back to School Bash was held on Saturday, August 24 from 11:00 AM – 2 PM at the Susquehanna Township High School, 3500 Elmerton Avenue. The congregation gave generously so that pencil sharpeners, erasers and hand sanitizer became part of free back packs that were distributed to the students at the Back 2 School Bash.

The weather was beautiful that Saturday as Faith Immanuel volunteers (Barb Dugan, Terry Hack, Rose Jewel-Jordan, Linda Graham, and Joe & Ginny Stimmel) helped set up display tables and staffed the Faith Immanuel booth. We played a baseball game with the kids, handed out stickers, pencils, flyers, and talked to parents about upcoming activities at Faith Immanuel. It was great getting to meet new people and the kids were loads of fun!

**Community Aid Donations:** It's will soon be time to get your fall clothing out of storage. As you decide which items you want to keep and which you want to discard, don't forget to donate those items you no longer want to the Community Aid Donation Box located in the back parking lot. So far in 2019 we have received a total of \$55.40 for the clothing you donated. It's a great way to help those in need in our community and to help our church at the same time.

**Downtown Daily Bread:** Volunteers for Downtown Daily Bread are still needed for **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019** and **New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2019**. The time for volunteering is 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center or contact Barb Dugan at (717) 433-0958.

**Food Pantry Update:** The Hanna Food Pantry has moved from the Thomas Holtzman Elementary School and is now operating out of Susquehanna Township High School on Elmerton Avenue! This has been a huge undertaking and was accomplished with dedicated volunteers from the Hanna Foundation, Tree of Life Church, and Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Those volunteers include Susan Anthony, Lori Beamer, Bonnie Hack, Billie Hawk, Leafie Phillips, Sue Skelly, Bob and Joanne Finkle, SuAnn Tucci, and Joe Stimmel. If you are interested in volunteering to help in the pantry please sign up on the sheets in the Welcome Center or contact Susan Anthony.

**Save the Date:** The Harrisburg CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 20. Stay tuned for more details.

**Please don't forget about Faith Immanuel's Ongoing Mission Projects!** See Anita Klaboe or Sue Dinges to **buy Giant Gift Cards** to support the church.

Bring in canned goods or packaged products to church and drop them in the bin labeled for the **Central Pennsylvania Food Bank**.

Donate **personal care items for Downtown Daily Bread**. To volunteer to serve at DDB contact Barb Dugan at [bdugan3208@verizon.net](mailto:bdugan3208@verizon.net) or use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

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

## MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

The focus of my article this month is primarily one of reminders: reminders of wonderful times that we have shared this Summer, and reminders of times coming up this fall!

We had a rather robust line up of guest musicians sharing their talents this summer. I am very pleased we were able to welcome some new musicians into our midsts for special music and to showcase different combinations of musicians than in the past. In mid-July we welcomed German concert pianist Caroline Oltmanns to share a program entitled "Wind" which was very well received. In late August we welcomed 19-year-old Lithuanian concert pianist Matas Kaženauskas to share a program entitled "Far From Reality". His program was also very well received, and we were able to present him with a gift to help him as he begins his post-secondary music training in Germany this fall.

There will be another opportunity to hear Matas perform, this time as a jazz pianist, as part of the First Responders Worship Service and Church Picnic and Concert on September 8.

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm. Bell Choir is slated to begin one week later, but I ask all ringers to check their email, as we may wait until October to start on account of a number of members' schedules.

**On Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 3 pm we will kick-off Concerts on Colonial: A Donald and Dorothy Stabler Memorial Series** with a performance by The Mendelssohn Piano Trio. While officially based out of DC, the group is comprised of musicians with an active presence here in Harrisburg: pianist Ya-Ting Chang, violinist Peter Serotin, and cellist Fiona Thompson. I am excited to welcome these fine musicians to Faith Immanuel, and I encourage you to support this concert with your attendance and invitation of guests. The concert is free and open to the general public. A free-will offering will be taken at the end. It's going to be great!

As we go into the fall, I look forward to sharing more information with you regarding incredible upcoming musical events in these pages and in worship!

Caleb

## Music At Faith Immanuel

**Chancel Choir**  
Wednesday evenings  
at 6:30 pm beginning  
September 11.

**Bells of Faith  
Immanuel**  
Wednesday evenings  
at 8:00 pm beginning  
September 18.

*Concerts  
on  
Colonial*

*Concerts on Colonial*

A Donald and Dorothy Stabler Memorial Series

**Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 3 pm**

The Mendelssohn Piano Trio

(Ya-Ting Chang, piano • Peter Sirotin, violin • Fiona Thompson, cello)

*Sturm und Drang:* Haydn, Beethoven, Brahms

**Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 3 pm**

Consecration Day Celebration

(The Vintage Brass Quintet • Tamara Black, soprano • Steve Christ, clarinet)

*Suites and Treats:* Excerpts from suites of Bach, Poulenc, Gershwin and more!

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7pm**

Silence Optional: Duo Chiaroscuro

(Maria Thompson Corley, piano • Sara Male, cello)

\*\*in conjunction with Northwood Nursery School

*Song and Dance*

The concert for EVERYONE! This 45-minute long program is especially geared towards people on the spectrum or others who might not otherwise attend classical concerts due to difficulties sitting very still.

**Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3 pm**

Hershey Handbell Ensemble

Join the 15-member ensemble as it rings a concert of holiday and classical favorites arranged for 7 1/2 octaves of handbells, 6 octaves of chimes, and other instruments.

**\*\*NEW DATE: Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 3 pm\*\***

Guest Tenor • Matthew Bachman, piano

A unique opportunity to hear one of the great operatic voices of our time who has been praised in the media for his unique gifts in a recital of well known songs, opera arias, and beloved spirituals.

**Friday, April 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm**

Gintaras Januševičius, piano

*The New Colossus:* Works of Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, and Vladimir Horowitz  
Drawing inspiration from the Emma Lazarus program of the same, join the internationally acclaimed pianist as he presents this program as a "musical monument to all who work hard, follow their dreams, and contribute to a society of welcome, opportunity, and appreciation for all."

**Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 3pm**

State Street Academy of Music Fundraiser

Join the faculty and students of the State Street Academy of Music, located at 110 State Street in downtown Harrisburg, in a concert to benefit its mission "to provide high-quality music instruction to the broadest constituency in Harrisburg and the surrounding areas, regardless of age, gender, race, color, creed, national origin or ability to pay."

~All concerts are free and open to the public.~

## WORSHIP SCHEDULES

### LAY LEADERS for September

1—Randy Knapp  
8—Holly Dash  
15—Terry Hack  
22—Marjorie Key  
29—Carolyn Souders

### USHERS for September

1—Shirley Cleaver and Marge Barner  
8—Randy Knapp and Terry Hack  
15—Fred and Jean Muncert  
22—Gary Souders and Sue Skelly  
29—Wendell and Rose Jewell-Jordan

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



## First Responders Worship Service and Church Picnic and Concert Sunday, September 8, 2019



Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church will recognize community first responders at our annual outdoor worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 8. The picnic and concert will follow.

On duty and off duty police officers, firefighters, emergency responders and emergency room personnel from Lower Paxton and Susquehanna townships are invited along with their families. Members of the congregation as well as family members, friends and neighbors who serve or who have served as first responders are also encouraged to attend.

Many faith institutions honor first responders as hometown heroes near the anniversary of Sept. 11. Faith's service will offer gratitude to those who serve with courage, integrity and caring to keep the community safe.

**THE PICNIC AND CONCERT** will immediately follow the outdoor worship service. Jim Milbrand and the Lower Paxton Township Variety Band will be playing.

Look for the (potluck) sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Walk-ins are welcome. **Note: Drinks and a main meat will be provided.**

**We look forward to our friends from Hope joining us as well! Everyone is welcome!** Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. See you on the 8th!

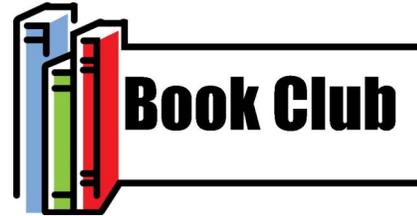
**September**  
1—Congregational  
Life  
8—Worship  
15—Stewardship  
22—Outreach  
29—Nurture

**October**  
6—Deacons  
13—Properties  
20—Mission  
27—Congregational  
Life



**THE FAITHFUL  
STITCHERS** led by  
Jackie Webb...  
Will resume in  
September meeting  
the second and  
fourth Tuesdays of  
the month at 1:00 pm  
in the Library.

# Faith Immanuel



**SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10:45 AM—PARLOR**

September's book is Shelter in Place by Nora Roberts

October's book is Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

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

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## WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

*"All meals seasoned with love"*

**September 18 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 16 to let Debbie know if you will be coming.**

## S.K. ZARFOSS MEMORIAL BOOK FUND

The S.K. Zarfoss Scholarship Application is available on the church website ([www.lifeinfaith.org](http://www.lifeinfaith.org)) under the Education tab. Applications are also available at the Welcome Center. This scholarship helps to support the cost of your education books.

**Be sure to attach copies of your book receipts with the application. Applications must be postmarked October 15, 2019 or earlier.**

# Blessing *of the* SATURDAY Animals OCTOBER 12 | 2 pm

Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
1801 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg

- Companion, working and service animals—all creatures great and small welcome!
- Educational displays from rescue/therapy/animal organizations.
- Dauphin County Library System's MARCO with reading activities.
- Free homemade pet treats, paw balm, pet bandanas and participation certificates.
- Bring stuffed toy animal, if allergies, or photo of endangered species.
- Add photo of departed animal companion to remembrance display.
- Leash to six-feet or less or appropriately secured.

*Bring a lawn chair or blanket!*  
*rain or shine!*



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## Blessing of the Animals

October 2019						
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6	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 27, 2019**

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

50+ Years of ABCs,  
123s and TLC

**Northwood Staff**

**Deb Mercurio**  
Director

**Ricci-Lea Steele**  
Teacher  
**Caleigh Williams**  
Assistant

**Deb Mercurio**  
Teacher  
**Anita Klaboe**  
Assistant

717-657-0715

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nurseryschool.com

## Northwood Notes

When the golden rod is yellow  
And leaves are turning brown—  
Reluctantly the summer goes  
In a cloud of thistledown.

When squirrels are harvesting  
And birds in flight appear—  
By these autumn signs we know  
September days are here.

Briely Ashour

It is always sad when summer starts to say good bye, but for teachers it is an exciting time, It marks the start of our very own “special season.” The hallways are aching for tiny feet to touch their floors and the classrooms are crying for laughter and songs. Nature starts the process of going to sleep, but inside our doors Northwood awakens.

As we get ready to open our doors for our 56th year, I would like to thank Faith Immanuel for your prayers.

There have been a few changes at Northwood this year. We will only be having a 4/5 year old program this year. There will be 2 am classes who will be here Monday-Friday 9:00 to 11:45 am. Our pm program will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:15 pm. I will be teaching the am and pm class with Anita Klaboe. We have 2 new staff members. Ricci-Lea Steele will be the teacher in our older fours class and her assistant will be Caleigh Williams.

We have been very busy getting Northwood ready for the start of school.

Open house will be Tuesday, September 3 and our 1st day of school will be September 5.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

Be sure to stop down and say hello.

Sincerely,  
Deb Mercurio  
Director/Teacher



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



Oct 4 Nicholas Gillette  
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 21 Barbara Hablett  
Oct 23 Brent Saper  
Oct 25 Jean Harden  
Oct 26 Corey Bowerman  
Oct 28 Lois Dean  
Eric Linn  
Oct 30 Christiana Quartey

*Happy  
Birthday!*

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

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