



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

February 2020

**WORSHIP at
10:30 am**

Church Staff

Reverend Allison Smith
Pastor

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Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. -1 John 4:20

February is Black History month. The idea behind this month is to acknowledge that much of the history that fills our textbooks and libraries is told from a limited point of view and often the perspectives of African Americans and their contributions are overlooked or ignored. And so the month of February is set aside as an intentional time to broaden the scope of the stories we tell about this nation we share as our home. The hope is that this broadening of perspective doesn't end when February ends and through listening, learning and sharing we will begin to break down barriers of race and heal the wounds of racism.

Although Black History month is not a liturgical season, it is directly relevant to the ministry of reconciliation that Jesus calls us to. Throughout the gospels, Jesus calls his disciples and followers to see one another as brother and sister, to love as God loves.

Recently, a planning team made up of Faith Immanuel worship committee members sat down to plan a worship service for Black History month that would highlight this work of reconciliation. We thought we had gathered to plan a worship service, but it soon became clear that the scope of the problem of racism and the need for unity and healing went far beyond one Sunday service. Our conversation involved great vulnerability and required great humility. The reality of the very present problem of racism was laid bare, and yet the hope found in the power of the truth that all people are made in God's image shone brightly. And so we hope that what we do this February in worship will be only a starting point, because there is much work to be done for the sake of the gospel.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is known to all of us as a great activist and a champion of civil rights and racial justice. His work was grounded in his identity as a Christian pastor and theologian. So for our worship service on February 16th we will be sharing parts of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail paired with the Scriptural passages that form the foundation of his work. We will sing, we will pray, we will listen, we will learn and we will worship. Each Sunday in February we will have a portion of the liturgy in our worship service that will serve as a touchstone to keep us mindful and prayerful about the work of reconciliation and unity as we prepare for the service on the 16th. We will also share opportunities to get involved in the community and to respond beyond the walls of the church.

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

I pray that the Holy Spirit will stir a desire to take an active part in ending racism in the heart of our church family just as it did for those of us planning these worship opportunities. I pray that we will be Christ's hands and feet in the world as we respond to the call to be one people in Christ.

Grace and Peace to all,
Rev. Allison Smith

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATION/CORPORATION MEETING will be held Sunday, February 16, 2020, following worship for the purpose of electing officers, electing persons from the congregation to the nominating committee, receiving reports of all organizations and committees of the church, and to conduct any business properly coming before the congregation.



February 26, 2020

Soup and Bread Meal at 6 p.m.

Worship with Communion at 7 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES *Caleb Flick*

"In the bleak midwinter.... long time ago...."

It seems like Christmas and New Year were "long time ago", but given how our newsletter deadline's coincide with these Holy- and holi-days, February is my first chance to recap on a variety of musical things that have been happening in connection with our beloved Faith Immanuel Church!

Our Christmas Eve Service was beautiful from start to finish. Wanda Beaver and I played sparkling and meditative piano duets as part of an extended prelude, the Chancel Choir shared two anthems, the congregation joined in singing familiar carols, and our guest soloists Julie and Charles Reid moved us with their thrilling and beautiful singing!

Immediately after Christmas, I left Newark, New Jersey for Frankfurt, Germany en route (unterwegs?) to the central German city of Einbeck where I and eleven other pianists had been to participate in the international Winter Piano Academy "Feuerwerk" ("Fireworks"). For several days we studied and finished preparing our pieces for a five city tour in the surrounding region. A big thank you to Personnel Committee, Session, and YOU, as a congregation member, for making this possible in part through your generous continuing education allowance which I used to offset costs associated with the trip.

On January 19 we welcomed Heldentenor Issachah Savage and pianist Matthew Bachman, and a little over 100 "Concerts on Colonial" patrons who braved the bleak midwinter weather into our warm sanctuary for an unforgettable afternoon of Opera, Spirituals and Song. Despite the numbers being somewhat impacted by the weather, we still had an excellent collection. To date, "Concerts on Colonial" has raised nearly \$4,000 which has been returned to the "pot" to assist in advertising for the future season and to defray expenses beyond our \$10,000 grant. Our two upcoming "Concerts on Colonial" will have **MISSION** focuses, with the proceeds from Gintaras Janusevicius' recital on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. benefitting Klaipeda Piano Masters in order to assist economically disadvantaged Eastern European music students with the high-quality scores (sheet music) necessary for them to advance their educations and careers. We supported this project last year, and in the weeks leading up to Gintaras' recital, we will be sharing videos of the young women who received these prizes expressing their enthusiasm and gratitude for their awards. The proceeds of the State Street Academy of Music Fundraiser on May 12, 2020 will be used to fund scholarships which will allow ALL music students in the Greater Harrisburg Area to participate in private music lessons including those at risk and the disadvantaged.

As we enter spring in the next few weeks, I hope that you will continue to support our musical endeavors as we endeavor to help those around us!

Caleb

Chancel Choir
Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 p.m.

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

FOCUS ON MISSION

MISSION COMMITTEE:

Souper Bowl of Caring - Super Bowl 54, also known as Super Bowl LIV, is scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2020. Please bring a can of soup or other non-perishable item with a dollar bill wrapped around it to church that Sunday morning and place it in the bin in the gathering area. THESE DONATIONS will go to HANNA's Pantry.

Downtown Daily Bread: Volunteers for Downtown Daily Bread are still needed for Tuesday, February 28, 2020 and Tuesday, April 24, 2020. The time for volunteering is 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center or contact Barb Dugan at (717) 433-0958.

Pill Bottle Donations: We are once again accepting donations of empty, label free pill bottles! Please bring in your pill bottles and place them in the orange container in the Welcome Center. They will be donated to the medical clinic for Christ Lutheran Church at 124 South 13th Street in Harrisburg.

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.

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

Donate gently used clothing to **CommunityAid**. The donation box is in the church parking lot.

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, Keith Graham, Bob MacIntyre, and Ken Zimmerman.

FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER TEAM SIGN UPS

The Faith Immanuel Prayer Team will be asked to surround our church, our community and all of our work for Christ in prayer. The team will receive weekly emails with prayer requests lifted up in worship as well as specific programs, activities and meetings that will happen through out the week. The work of praying is integral to the well being of our church and the integrity of our ministry. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center or contact Shirley McLaren or Pastor Smith. Thank you!

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

LAY LEADERS For February

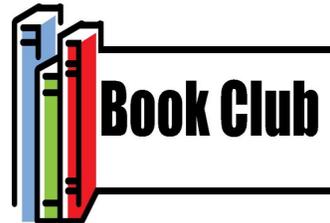
2—Lori Beamer
9—Jack Andren
16—Bub Manning
23—Cheryl Caplan

USHERS for February

2—Joe and Ginny Stimmel
9—George Hope and Paulina Marshall
16—Randy Knapp and Sue Skelly
23—Shirley Cleaver and Marge Barner



Faith Immanuel



FEBRUARY 19 AT 10:45 AM—PARLOR

February's book is The Possible World by Liese O'Halloran.

March's book is This Tender Land by William Kent Kruger.

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

WEDNESDAY FAITHFUL

"All meals seasoned with love!"

February 19 at Noon

MENU:

Ham Loaf
Macaroni and Cheese
Stewed Tomatoes
Broccoli Salad
Rolls
Assorted Desserts

Please make your reservation by signing up at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office by Sunday, February 16, 2020.

February

2—Properties
9—Mission
16—Congregational
Life
23—Worship

March

1—Stewardship
8—Outreach
15—Nurture
22—Deacons
29—Properties



**THE FAITHFUL
STITCHERS** led by
Jackie Webb meet
every Tuesday at
1:00 p.m. in the
library.

Northwood Notes



I have a jolly snowman,
The best I've ever had.
I'm giving him a valentine
That ought to make him glad.
For though he's very handsome
And sound in every part,
I noticed only yesterday
He hasn't any heart.
So quickly with my scissors
And paper red and fine
I've made a fancy little heart:
My snowman's valentine!
Leland B. Jacobs

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

50+ Years of ABCs,
123s and TLC

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Teacher
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I can't believe it is February already! Time flies but when you are with children, everyday is full speed ahead.

We will start the month predicting whether Phil will see his shadow. We will be popping out of our ground hog holes and unfortunately we will see our shadows.

Everyone will be making special Valentine's Day cards for Mom and Dad which we will actually mail in our special "Northwood" mailbox.

Making our own donuts on Faschnaucht Day is always fun. Somehow we will manage to squeeze in Presidents Day activities.

February is also dental health month. The children will be learning about healthy food and taking care of their teeth.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will start February 3rd. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, send them our way. Our number is 717-657-0715.

I hope everyone is keeping warm. Have a wonderful month. Please keep us in your prayers as together we go forward.

Deb Mercurio
Director/Teacher

February BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1	Gail Diefenderfer	Feb 27	Hayley Barrett
Feb 5	Michael Jordan	Feb 28	Betsy Kaneda
	Gail Lindenberg		
Feb 7	Rebecca Weiler		
Feb 10	Pat Bitting		
	Anthony MacIntyre		
	Jonah Key		
Feb 11	Al Gerfen		
	Macarius Croman		
	Anita Anthony		
	Beulah Given		
Feb 13	Emily Key		
Feb 16	Pete Henning		
Feb 22	Anthony Phillips		
	Barb Townsend		
Feb 24	Norm Diefenderfer		
Feb 25	Joyce Fenstermacher		
	Lauren Tucci		
Feb 26	Barbara Legg		

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	Mar 29	William Dean, II
	Brandon Sapen		Robert Finkle
Mar 10	Larry Klaboe		
Mar 13	Randy Bitting		
	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		

*Happy
Birthday!*

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

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