

Faith's Blessings

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“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

My grandparents introduced me to enjoying the sound of music in a variety of genres – well, more than I would have chosen to listen to myself as a youngster. I remember well the stereo console in their living room – looking much like a piece of fine furniture – the size of a cabinet – sitting in the living room. My grandfather would lift the lid on top, and pull out several record albums from his collection (33s) – soloists such as Bing Crosby, Don Ho, Frank Sinatra and instrumental works – big band musicians as well as orchestras – an Italian director, Montovani was a favorite of his and became a favorite of mine. The music would lightly filter through the house like the scent of freshly baked bread. I enjoyed listening to the full complement of instrumentalists - percussion, brass, woodwinds - rhythm, melody and descant – brought together in harmony. Singing in school and church choirs and playing the flute heightened my love of music while also providing a fuller appreciation for what it actually took for a song I enjoyed to be just that...a song. Without the rhythm of the beat the instrumentalists and singers would not be in sync, without the melody the song would be unrecognizable, and without the descant, the music would be flat and lifeless.

It is the same with the church, the body of Christ. Each of us have a distinct role and relationship to one another and with God. God created us as complimentary creatures and we, as individuals and as members of the body of Christ are a reflection of God's love. God's desire to be in relationship with us is not bound by our physical identities - but by our unique roles as we come together and work together in serving Christ and

community. Paul reminds us of this in 1 Cor 12: “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

The gifts of everyone are needed; without them, something would be missing and we would be incomplete. As followers of Christ, we are called to love one another and embrace one another’s uniqueness. As a community of believers that welcomes all to the table, our minds and hearts must be open to the realization and recognition that the gifts God has given have been given to all and that these gifts are needed as we worship and serve. For an orchestra, all of its musically gifted members are needed for a song to be recognized and enjoyed. And, as Paul writes, a body must have an ear in order that the body may hear.

If we limit ourselves, our community, in the way we discern, share in and assign the work to be done, the work of the people – liturgy - we miss the gifts, the creativity, the time and talents that complete the joyful noise God intended us to make together, in full part harmony.

The work of the people, like an orchestra, takes many hands and hearts – it takes me and it takes you – each of you - and your God-given gifts. I encourage you to lift up the gifts of others and I invite you to prayerfully discern how you might share your gifts in this new year as we serve Christ as one body, in faith.

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy

Please note that sign-up sheets are posted on the small bulletin board in the hallway.

The large bulletin board on the other side of the hallway includes any mail we received and our shut-in list and other miscellaneous information.

February Birthdays

Chrissy Hillegas	Feb. 2	Kathy Trimpey	Feb. 12
Tom Walker	Feb. 2	Levi Friedline	Feb. 13
Jean Shaffer	Feb. 6	Melissa Harding	Feb. 13
Pastor Kathy	Feb. 6	Tara Tweardy	Feb. 13
Dylila Weyant	Feb. 6	Fred Gross 93 yrs.	Feb. 14
Alexis Simmons	Feb. 7	Patti Trent	Feb. 14
Evan Custer	Feb. 9	Billy Bowers	Feb. 17
Gavin James	Feb. 9	Shirley Weimer	Feb. 19
Brad Brant	Feb. 11	Bob Cober, Jr.	Feb. 25
Kaden George	Feb. 11	Audrey Hankison	Feb. 27
Joe Heil	Feb. 11	Nancy Heil	Feb. 2
Kristi Helmick	Feb. 11	Craig Maurer	Feb. 28

February Anniversaries

Josh & Stephanie Walker	Feb. 18
Don & Barb Raupach	Feb. 20

8 years

38 years

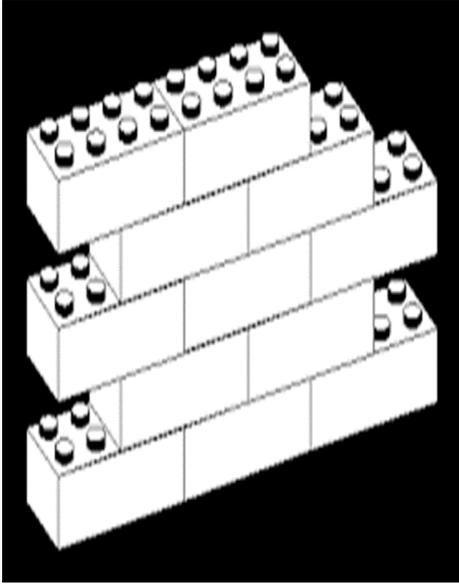
March Birthdays

Tom Hill	Mar. 3	Barbara Will	Mar. 19
Dawn Will	Mar. 4	Philip Keller	Mar. 20
Bella Harding	Mar. 5	Barb Raupach	Mar. 20
Tyler Will	Mar. 5	Brandi Rhoads	Mar. 22
Chad Cramer	Mar. 6	James Yonai	Mar. 22
Mona Barndt 90 yrs.	Mar. 7	Dee Custer	Mar. 23
Elby Walker 90 yrs.	Mar. 7	Pat Stouffer	Mar. 23
Tresa Keller	Mar. 8	Luther Weaver	Mar. 23
Chloe Miller	Mar. 9	Ron Smeak	Mar. 25
Chloe Swanson	Mar. 9	Bruce Schmidt	Mar. 26
Jamye Matolyak	Mar. 10	Doug Sheeler	Mar. 27
Heaven Ball	Mar. 11	Brian Weyant	Mar. 27
Wendy Swanson	Mar. 11	Jeb Friedline	Mar. 28
Nancy Walker	Mar. 11	Missy Lenart	Mar. 28
Zac Weaver	Mar. 13	Karen Schmidt	Mar. 28
Emily Nist	Mar. 15	Matthew Shaffer	Mar. 29
William Cober	Mar. 16	Reta Powell	Mar. 30
Darlene Zerfoss	Mar. 16	Amber Heiple	Mar. 31
Jay Anderson	Mar. 17	Dean Nist	Mar. 31
David Will	Mar. 18	Michalea Shaffer	Mar. 31
Justine Lundquest	Mar. 19		

March Anniversary

Bill & Jan Hoffman	Mar. 14
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10 years



Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands
In Fellowship and Fun

“FAITH BUILDERS”

Our Monthly Gathering continues

Sunday, February 23rd

3-6 pm

(Note Time Change – We Have A lot to “Build”!)

CHILDREN & YOUTH OF ALL AGES and FRIENDS

Join us for block by block and brick by brick-themed learning
on some of the foundations of our faith and worship.

Clifford Spangler will be here to show us how he burns the palms
for Ash Wednesday.

We will also be making communion bread!

Be sure to bring along something YOU have “built” or made using
Legos, artwork, blocks, etc.
for show and tell.

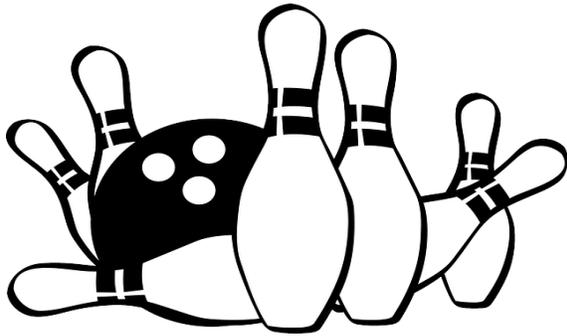
RSVP Sign-up Sheet in Lobby or call Church Office at 814-443-3179

Wacky Bowling

Join us on Saturday, March 7 from 3-5 pm for an afternoon of "Wacky Bowling." Faith will be having a bowling team to participate as a fundraiser for Camp Sequanota!

We will meet at Terrace Lanes for 2 games of bowling (between your legs, laying down, spinning ... wacky). The cost is \$20 for 2 games and shoes and Faith will cover the cost for any youth that attend.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and the deadline is **March 1**. Make your check payable to Camp Sequanota if your fee is not covered by the church and let it in the office.



Bible Trivia ... They did it First

Test your knowledge with the following questions, and let the office know what your answers are.

1. What is the first war mentioned in the Bible?
2. Who was the first person to fall asleep during a sermon?
3. Who was the first hunter?
4. Who was the first murderer?
5. Where did Jesus work his first miracle?
6. What was the first of the 10 plagues of Egypt?
7. Who were the first foreign missionaries?

Good Luck!!



Need help with some household chores?

Complete this form and drop it in the offering plate ... we are ready, willing and able!

The mission team is looking to help our members with any things on their “to do list” such as yard work, minor repairs, painting ... hoping to begin after Easter.

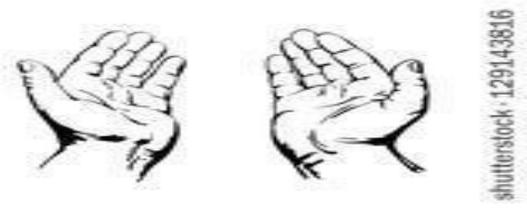
Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Work to be done _____

Don't forget our Canned Goods Challenge ... donate non-perishable food items, paper products and personal hygiene products. Place your donations on the table of your favorite sports team Pittsburgh Steelers or Pittsburgh Penguins and see which team leads the victory for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The week of February 2nd is the last chance to donate!



During the month of January we lifted the following persons in prayer:

Hunter Slater, Zia Smith, Robert Overbeck, Kimberly Clark, Mathias Clark, Misti George, Dottie Walker

Altar Flowers and Communion Bread

Sign-up sheets have been posted if you can provide flowers or bread for our worship.

Flowers can be purchased through the florist or you can provide your own.

Thank you for helping with this part of our worship service.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

February 2nd Offering

The second offering, being collected on February 9, has been designated for the SAM Van.

Free rides are provided to medical appointments in the area, as well as some in the Pittsburgh and Altoona areas.

Thank you for once again supporting this outreach.

Council Updates

At the council meeting on Jan. 9, officers for the council elected are:

President	Carl Schrock
Vice President	Steve Will
Secretary	Jane Pugh
Treasurer	Chris Brant

Other council members are Dave Pugh, Patti Trent, David Miller, Gene Hillegas, Jim Long and Sandy Pyle.

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to speak with a council member.

We thank these members who are willing to serve .

Caring Workers

The group will be taking the month of Feb. off. Watch your bulletin for the date they will return in the new year.

Altar Guild Meeting

A meeting of the current altar guild members is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23. We will meet in the front of the church immediately following worship. This brief meeting is to ask and answer any questions the members may have about preparing for worship services. Hope you all can attend!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 4:30-7 pm and join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. On the menu are pancakes, sausage, beverages and dessert!

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board ... what could be better? NO cooking and NO clean-up! See you then.

Calling All Youth ...

Your help is needed to help us host the Pancake Supper. Serving, dishes and clean-up are where you are needed. This is a service project for February and we would really appreciate if you can help! Let Pastor Kathy know or make a call to the office to let us know you will help.



Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lent Worship

Our Ash Wednesday Worship is scheduled for Feb. 26 at 7 pm. Holy Communion and imposition of ashes will be observed.

Mid-week Lent Worship will begin March 4 and continue each Wednesday through April 1 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be having a soup/bread meal with worship. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board if you will be attending and if you would like to provide soup or bread for these worship services.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2nd offering is for SAM Van					1 Snow Camp
2 Worship 9 am; Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	3 Committee Night 7 pm	4	5 Choir 7 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am (Youth to Countryside Personal Care Home)	10 WELCA 7 pm	11	12 Choir 7 pm	13 Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	17	18	19 Choir 7 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am "Moments of Grace" Healing Svc. SCS 10:30 am Altar Guild to meet after worship Youth in Action "FAITH BUILDERS" 3-6 pm	24	25 Pancake Supper 4:30-7 pm	26 Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm	27	28	29

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of February:

February 2

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Greeters	Patti Trent &
Council Person	Steve Will		Katey Hill

February 9

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Greeters	Gene & Elaine Hillegas

February 16

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Greeters	Tomalee Will &
			Nancy Walker

February 23

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Greeters	Chris Brant Family

February 26 (Ash Wed.)

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Greeters	Ryan & Brenda Maust

**Please remember that if you cannot be here and have
a "job", find a replacement!**



Thank You so very much! We were able to collect 3 scarves, 21 hats and 57 pairs of gloves for our “Gifts of Warmth.” The items were donated to the Children’s Aid Home and a Thank You card is on the bulletin board.

WE GIVE THANKS TO...

All those who provided special music on Christmas Eve – namely Annalina, Will, Hannah, the choir, and Andy!

All who helped “undeck the halls”.

All who helped in serving Christ and community by donating canned goods in our “Steelers vs. Penguins” collection.

Levi and Mark Friedline for their continued help in keeping Faith a “snow free” zone!

Our choir and all who helped with the Hymn Sing – what a joyful sound!

Clifford Spangler and Carl Schrock for cleaning our hand-held candles from Christmas Eve Worship.

Chris Brant and Brenda Maust for their hard work in preparing end-of-year reports.

Gene Hillegas and Carson Gross for repairing our crucifix.

The property committee for keeping the heat pumps running – very much appreciated on these cold days of winter.

All the members of Faith – for your prayers – for the sharing of gifts your time and your talents – for your support - of our homebound, our veterans, our youth, our visitors, and our campus.

We give Thanks to God – for all these gifts –
shared in serving Christ and community
in community with one another.

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

