

# Faith's Blessings

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*"So, let's make the most of this beautiful day...*

*Since we're together we might as well say:*

*Would you be mine? Could you be mine?*

*Won't you be my neighbor?*

*Won't you please...Won't you please? Please won't you be...my neighbor?"*



As I pondered what to share with you for this month's newsletter, the words sung by Fred Rogers' "Won't You Be My Neighbor" crept into my thoughts and I began humming; its words and meaning resonated with me. The reason? In part, because **I** am a new neighbor to this community – not just the congregation but to Somerset. After a week of hauling belongings to and fro between Hanover, Duncansville and Somerset, Allen and I took a "break" and spent some time outside, working on the flower bed in front of the parsonage, planting flowers, mulching, cutting the grass and such but a break nonetheless as we enjoy this type of "work". I fixed sandwiches for us and we sat on the front porch watching the cars go by. We had an unexpected "visitor", a wild turkey; she swooped in very near the porch and by the look on her face, she was as surprised to see us as we were to see her, and she flew off as fast as she flew in. We also were visited by our new neighbors from across the road; I listened as they shared their story of how long they have lived here, where they used to live and the work they were doing on their home and they asked about us. This conversation reminded me of another one along my seminary journey when I was introduced to a neighbor, a member of the community, someone I had never met before. Over the course of an hour, this neighbor introduced herself and her faith. As she spoke about her faith, she glowed as she reflected on the importance of her faith as part of her daily life. I asked questions and, in doing so, learned not only about her faith but my faith as well – even finding things in common. This back and forth sharing, learning and understanding each other is a form of dialogue... something that sometimes gets lost as we hurry in and out of worship on Sundays.

Dialogue is not limited to time or place. Dialogue occurs every day when we interact with others – with our families, with our neighbors, with our co-workers and members of the community when we meet each other at weddings and funerals, school functions and charity fundraising events, and even at the grocery store. We talk to each other, sharing back and forth; we get to know one another and, with that, understand each other.

This is how we find out that we have some things in common – likes and dislikes, histories, and beliefs. This is how we help one another. This is how we celebrate together. This is how we mourn together. This is how we share our frustrations with one another, and lift up one another. This is how we become friends.

God has created a community filled with people of many backgrounds. As Christian members of this community we are called to a discipleship exemplified by Jesus Christ - we are called to see others through the lens of Christ. It is important that we recognize each person as a distinct and unique identity, talk to them and learn about their faiths while sharing the beauty of our faith; listen to the story of their life's journey and share ours; ask them about their joys and sorrows, celebrations, fears, doubts and hopes and tell them about ours. The reality of today's world calls us to focus our attention on ways in which we can live together, with mutual respect and understanding.

May God guide us in our conversations with one another and our neighbors...old and new.

Your new neighbor,

Pastor Kathy



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During the month of June, we lifted the following persons in prayer:

Wendell Heil, Bill Trent, family and friends of Bob Will, Colton Snyder, Debbie Weyand, Jackie Smith, family and friends of Chris Walker, Jane Pugh, Paul Reed, Eric Braesecker, family and friends of Rita Mason

## July 2nd Offering

The July 2nd offering being collected July 14 has been designated for Faith's Relay for Life Team.

The team participates in raising money for cancer research and holds several fund raisers, including the Relay for Life Walk.

Thanks for supporting this cause!

## Day Camp

Faith and Camp Sequanota are hosting Day Camp July 8 -12, from 9 am—4 pm here at Faith.

Counselors from camp and volunteers from the congregation will have Bible study, crafts, games, songs and ladies will be preparing lunch and snacks.

Registration forms are on the table in the narthex and camp is open for kids from kindergarten through 6th grade.

## JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	<b>8</b>  <b>DAY</b>  WELCA 7 pm	<b>9</b>  <b>CAMP</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>ALL</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>WEEK</b>  Community Dinner 5-6:30	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 9 am <b>2nd offering ;</b> SCS 10:30 am  Chicken BBQ	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Caring Workers 10 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Caring Workers 10 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Caring Workers 10 am		<b>2nd offering is for Relay for Life</b>	

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>May</u>	<u>2019 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	8,182.91	39,488.31	8,668.27
Benevolence	833.06	5,536.06	1,224.00
Missionary Support	60.00	350.00	185.00
Building/Maint.	522.00	2,063.00	638.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,001.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	9,597.97	52,438.37	11,475.27

			<u>2019 Proposal</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	78.00	2,935.51	7,650.00
<u>Operating</u>	501.28	4,133.61	15,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>157.74</u>	<u>747.74</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	2,909.38	14,480.20	36,468.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	291.00	2,833.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	45.00	95.00	0.00
Missionary Support	100.00	625.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	1,591.00	0.00
Other	0.00	316.00	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	125.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	436.00	5,585.00	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,712.74	14,408.25	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting	0.00		7,000.00
Windows	<u>261.00</u>	<u>5,281.44.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
Misc. In/Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>405.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,637.40	47,229.36	110,118.00

<u>ASSETS</u>	
General Checking	\$22,542.38
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)	\$1,667.09
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)	\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund	\$12,504.83
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)	\$3,083.60
Memorial Funds	\$12,199.64
Camp Scholarship CD	\$5,911.33
Funeral Meals	\$1,653.00
Mission Team	\$1,779.16

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

**July 7**

Altar Guild	Ruthie & Dani	Reader	Katey Hill
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Greeters	Jeanetta S. & Jan F.
Council Person	Katey Hill		

**July 14**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Greeters	David & Sandy Pyle

**July 21**

Altar Guild	Ruthie & Dani	Reader	Brock Bowers
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Greeters	Steve & Jayme M.

**July 28**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Greeters	Carl & Carol Schrock

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

## Faith Council Minutes

May 9, 2019

Council met May 2, 2019 with 6 members and Pr. Doug Knupp present. Steve Will had opening devotions.

Minutes from last meeting and special meeting of 4-21-19 were reviewed, motion made, 2nd and approved. Treasurer's Report; observations made that council would like to have an itemized listing for separate parsonage and church electrical use as well as separate listings for maintenance for parsonage and church. Council also believed Discretionary Funds are listed as assets under savings. The Community Dinner Fund is in general account and the office has a running tally earmarked. A lawn tractor has been purchased, question raised is it listed under janitor supplies? Council believes price is reflected there. Motion made, 2nd and approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Finance

Tally sheet reviewed

#### Social

Family Banquet June 1 6 pm @ Berlin; \$11/person. Caring Workers preparing for Election Day meal. First Community Dinner June 13, Dave Pugh is buying the hams. Patti asked about getting mats for kitchen, council will price and Purchase

#### Worship

Hannah is back and comments made that Nancy did a beautiful job while Hannah was off; good to hear organ

#### Education

Need a children's Sunday School Teacher

#### Property

Parsonage updates: floors have been sanded and covered with paper awaiting finish. Crew prepping for paint and can begin anytime someone is free. Crew also decided not to install a sliding door, Berlin Lumber will try to sell it. Drywall will be installed. Question raised about mower decks being interchangeable as a spindle seems bent and is causing much shaking. Committee also discussed the service contract with Shane Shaffer, Inc. and felt that we were not getting much benefit from it. A motion made, 2nd and approved to have a letter drafted to cancel the contract and have balance refunded. Property also discussed whether to have floors in fellowship hall buffed at this time, will wait until after election

#### Mission

Any member of Faith's team can be included in Frieden's activities. Pr. Knupp informed us about several things going on and an upcoming trip

### OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Pastor-elect Kathy Stump wanting to move over Memorial Day weekend and things needed to be in place then. Ken will check about products for pest control
- Synod Assembly is June 14-15, Katey going but we need 2 more

### NEW BUSINESS

- Bill Ohler to do a Gideon presentation June 2
- Discussed water testing at parsonage, will have Geo Chemical do it
- Pastor-elect Kathy would like to begin making shut-in visits June 1. We can provide a covenant for the period before ordination
- Worship Committee will be purchasing a set of 5 stoles at approx. cost of \$750 using Memorial Fund
- Pr. Sue Winger willing to come to Faith to speak about Grace Delivered, the mobile ministry for the LHAC. Pr. Knupp related that the conference wants to purchase a trailer to serve food or transport items to be used among the churches. We will extend an invitation for her to visit

### GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Next council meeting June 13, Patti will have devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pr. Doug Knupp

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

