

Faith's Blessings

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The gift of ministry is a call to live our faith in Christ and to live out our faith in community – in worship, in proclamation, and in unity with one another. It is using our talents, our abilities, our knowledge, and our experience – our gifts from God. One of the joys of ministry that I experience here at Faith is, in fact, witnessing these gifts. This month I would like to share and lift up the gifts of Faith's parishioners who said "yes" when I invited them to write a devotion for our conference's Lenten Devotional (soon to be printed and distributed). I appreciated their thoughtful and Spirit-led reflections as they shared what God was teaching them within their assigned Psalm. With that, I invite you to pull out your Bible, read the Psalms, then read the devotion, and share with each other what God is teaching you.

Psalm 32 - Kristin Brant "Psalm 32 illuminates David's happiness and relief when his sins are forgiven. David felt physical pain and was emotionally drained from bearing the weight of his sin. When he confessed his sins and was forgiven, he found joy and peace and rejoiced in the Lord's love. With freeing his spirit from deceit and with putting his trust in the Lord, he is surrounded by God's unfailing love, blessed with protection from evil, and given guidance through life. He shares his experience of the discomfort of sin and the joy of forgiveness with us so we also may repent and rejoice in the blessing of forgiveness."

Psalm 55 – Wendell Heil "I'm sure that, at one time or another, most of us have felt like this Psalmist. We have been sure that the entire world has turned their backs to us; deceived us; betrayed us; and spoken ill of us. And, to make things worse, these people were supposed to be our friends, our best friends! At this time, probably all we are thinking of is how do we get even? At this juncture in time we need to do some soul searching. Ask ourselves a question: Has the shoe ever been on the other foot? If the answer is "YES", and it probably will be, and if we call ourselves Christians, right then and there we need to pray to God the

Almighty for forgiveness and guidance. friends and re-establish an even stronger bond of friendship. Be a Little Christ to your friends by not only “forgiving”, but by also . Being a Loving and Forgiving God, He will answer your prayer and give you direction, courage, and understanding so you will go to your friends and re-establish an even stronger bond of friendship. Be a Little Christ to your friends by not only “forgiving”, but by also “forgetting”.

The Laurel Highland Conference Lenten Devotional for 2020 contains reflections and prayers written by people from around our community, including our own Katey Hill and myself. I invite you to spend intentional time with it each day as you journey through Lent...read the Psalm, read the devotion, and reflect on what God is teaching you...and don't forget to share!

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy



Meet our New Pianist
Katelynn Judy

Katelynn Judy, also called “Kate,” is a freshman studying music education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She was originally born in the UK and moved to the states when she was four. From the age of six, she grew up in Markleton, Pennsylvania on a farm. Kate has played piano for thirteen years and has always enjoyed playing and making music. She has studied the piano with Nicholas Carroll for a number of years. She has played for weddings and church services over the years. Kate is currently taking ten classes at IUP, and she works at the music library on campus. She also works back home at the HMSHost South Somerset Travel Plaza, but she has always wanted to play for church and continue her career in music.

“THE NEXT TEXT”

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS



Beginning in May:

“Women at the Well” – a Women’s Bible Study Group
Thursdays at 11

Beginning in June:

“Next Text” - Study Group
Thursdays at 2

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND WATCH FOR DETAILS
IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

Lenten Midweek



Soup, Scripture + Bread

The Lenten journey continues...

Wednesday evenings,

beginning March 4th through April 1st,

at 6:30 p.m.

with midweek "dinner church" –

Soup, Scripture reflections and Holy Communion.

Volunteers are needed to provide the soup and/or bread each week; please contact the church office to let us know which week you are able to do so.

Sign-up sheets are also available in the church lobby.

Holy Week Schedule

Mark your calendars for the many opportunities to worship with us during Holy Week and then on Easter Sunday. We hope to see as many of you as possible as we observe the death of Jesus and then celebrate his Resurrection!

Sunday, April 5



Palm Sunday Worship with Palm Processional and Holy Communion ... 9 am

Thursday, April 9



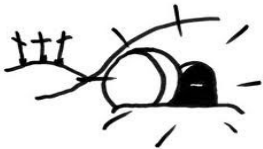
Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar ... 7 pm

Friday, April 10



Good Friday Worship ... 7 pm

Sunday, April 12



Easter Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion ... 6:30 am

Easter Sunday Worship celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior with Holy Communion ... 9 am

And a reminder, Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall will follow Sunrise Service. A freewill offering will be accepted for the Youth in Action fund.

Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands

In Fellowship and Fun



Our Monthly Gathering continues

“JESUS LOVES HIS PEEPS”!

Sunday, March 29th - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH OF ALL AGES....
FRIENDS welcome too!

Hop on over and see eggs-actly what Easter is all about!
Join us for Easter-themed learning about Jesus, His resurrection, and His peeps –
including crafts, games, supper and fellowship!

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

EGG HUNT !!!

It's no yolk!!!



WELCA is hosting this year's annual "egg"-stravaganza on

Saturday, April 11th, starting at 1:00 p.m.

for children and youth through 6th grade.

Mark your calendars and dust off your baskets

so you can be sure to join in on the hunt for

sweet treats and small treasures, Golden Egg prizes, snacks and more!

Collecting Easter Egg Candy and Small Trinkets

Please drop your donations of individually wrapped, nut free candies or trinkets (that can fit into standard 2 inch sized egg) on Sunday Mornings or the Church Office during the week. Monetary donations to help fill the eggs are also welcome.





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 _____



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

Robert Overbeck, Abby Bany, Baby Clark, Sandy Long, Jim Sleek, Reta Powell, Pam O'Kinsky, Jay Anderson, Penny Ritenour-Koontz

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

March 2nd Offering

The second offering, being collected on March 8 has been designated by council for Camp PARC.

Camp PARC provides an outstanding resident camping program for individuals with intellectual disabilities and also for the many volunteers who come each year. The camp was formed in 1960.

Thank you for donating to this camping experience for those who attend each year!

Sequanota Happenings

March 28-29 **Men on a Mission**

Forest clean-up, bridge building, and land reclamation with an overnight of fellowship.

Cost is FREE. Please RSVP with the Camp Office at 629-6627



Save the Date

The Annual WELCA Meeting is scheduled for April 18 at Duncansville. More details will follow as they become available.



WELCA:

By virtue of being a female member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America all of the women who belong to Faith Lutheran are welcome & encouraged to attend our meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm.

PURPOSE

As a community of women, Created in the image of God,
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts,
Support one another in our callings, engage in ministry in action,
And promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Meeting Dates

March 9

April 13

Bold Woman Month

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

Picnic

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

Christmas Party

Painting Party!

Let's Make A Splash! Uptown Painting Party will be coming to Faith on Saturday, May 16 from 1-4 pm to guide us in painting a picture while we enjoy some fun and fellowship. The cost is \$35 and we will be painting a bucket of lilacs. We need to have a minimum of 10 people who want to participate.

Please contact the office to sign up so we can let them know how many supplies they will need. Light refreshments will be available.

Deadline to register is May 1

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	2 Committee Night 7 pm	3	4 Caring Workers 10 am Mid-week Lent Soup/Worship 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 9 am; 2nd Offering for Camp PARC SCS 10:30 am	9 WELCA 7 pm	10	11 Caring Workers 10 am Mid-week Lent Soup/Worship 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	12 Council 7 pm	13	14
15 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	16 WELCA 7 pm	17	18 Caring Workers 10 am Mid-week Lent Soup/Worship 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	23	24	25 Caring Workers 10 am Mid-week Lent Soup/Worship 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 9 am Anointing for Healing SCS 10:30 am Youth in Action "JESUS LOVES HIS PEEPS" 4-6 pm	30	31 2nd offering Sunday is for Camp PARC			Mid-week Lenten offerings are for Youth in Action	

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

March 1

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Allen Stump	Greeters	Dave & Jane Pugh
Council Person	Dave Pugh		

March 8

Altar Guild	Ruth & Dani	Reader	Will Brant
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Greeters	Nancy & Darren Walker

March 15

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Jack Loeffert
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Greeters	Annalina & Will Brant

March 22

Altar Guild	Ruth & Dani	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhoads

March 29

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Greeters	Paul & Ruth Will

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

WE GIVE THANKS TO

- ♦ Gene Hillegas for helping with the sound system!
- ♦ Nancy Walker for sharing her musical gifts at the organ and piano for worship.
- ♦ All who helped in feeding the youth and youth leaders at Snow Camp.
- ♦ All those who help in maintaining the working order of the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems at the parsonage and church.
- ♦ Our "Superstars" who gather monthly to assemble our newsletter.
- ♦ All who helped with the farewell reception for Hannah, Bowie and Oliver.
- ♦ Those who donate the doughnuts for our Doughnut Sundays!
- ♦ Our Youth in Action and youth at heart for making and/or delivering Valentines and treats to the residents at Countryside Personal Care Home.
- ♦ To everyone who worked hard to provide a delicious pancake and sausage supper.
- ♦ Barry "Lynn" Baer for donating the maple syrup for our pre-Lenten supper.
- ♦ All the members of Faith – for your prayers – for the sharing of your gifts, your time, and your talents – and for your support - of our homebound, our hospitalized, our veterans, our youth, our scouts and scout leaders, our visitors, and our campus.

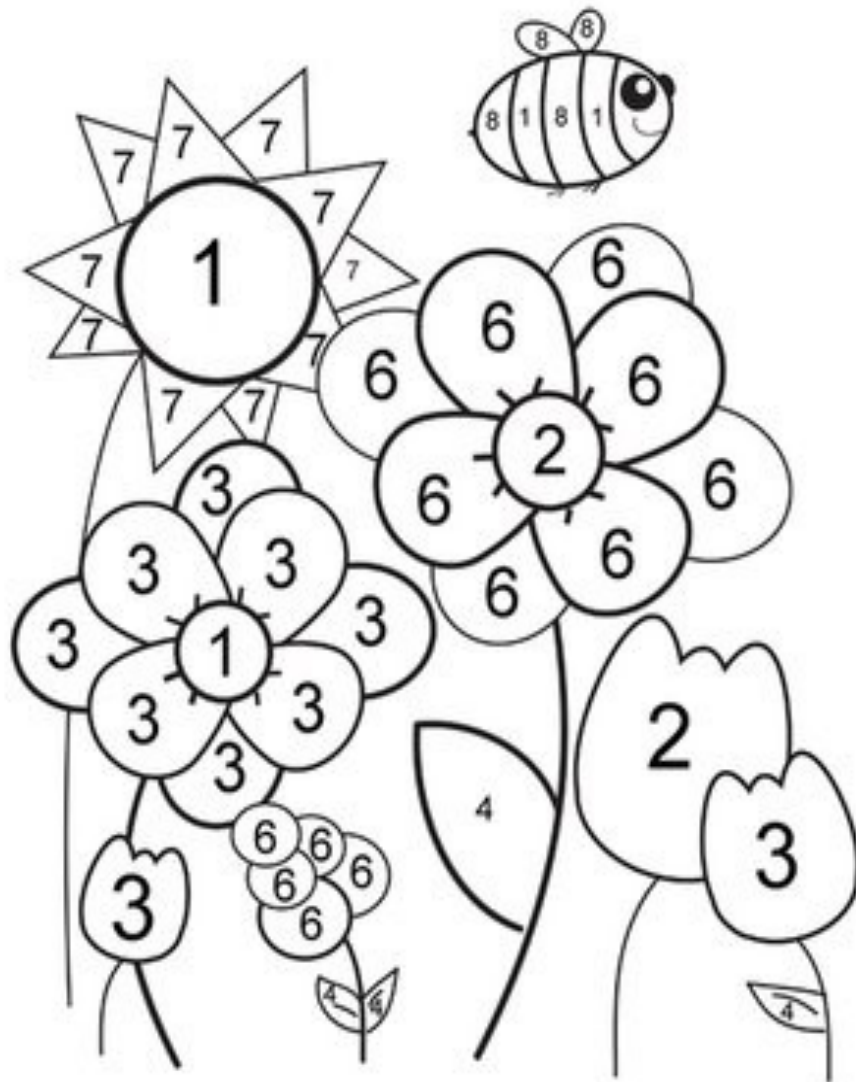
We give Thanks to God – for all these gifts –
shared in serving Christ and community
in community with one another.

Answers to last month Trivia Questions "They did it First"

1. What is the first war mentioned in the Bible? The war of the kings of the north, led by Chedorlaomer, king of Elam (Genesis 14)
2. Who was the first person to fall asleep during a sermon? Eutychus, who dozed off and fell out of a window during Paul's sermon (Acts 20:9)
3. Who was the first hunter? Nimrod (Genesis 10:9)
4. Who was the first murderer? Cain (Genesis 4:8)
5. Where did Jesus work his first miracle? Cana (John 2:1-11)
6. What was the first of the 10 plagues of Egypt? The river turns to blood (Exodus 7:14-24)
7. Who were the first foreign missionaries? Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13)

Color by Number Spring

SPRING



1- yellow 2- red 3- pink 4- green
5- blue 6- purple 7- orange 8- black

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

