

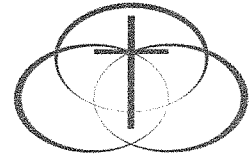
The Faith Flyer



Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.—Sanctuary & Drive-in—Live Stream of 10:30 a.m. service
 Sunday School for all ages: 9:00 a.m.— Follow us on social media

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February 2026 Worship at a Glance



1st Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Communion (self-contained units)
 OT: Psalm 15
 NT: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Message Lesson: Romans 8:1-7
Sermon Series: Identity
 Sermon Title: Forgiven

8th 6th Sunday of Epiphany
 OT: Psalm 112:1-9
 NT: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
 Message Lesson: 2 Corinthians 2:16-21
Sermon Series: Identity
 Sermon Title: Made New

15th Transfiguration Sunday
 OT: Psalm 2
 NT: Matthew 17:1-9
 Message Lesson: Matthew 5:14-16
Sermon Series: Identity
 Sermon: Called

22nd 1st Sunday of Lent
 OT: Psalm 32
 NT: Romans 5:12-19
 Message Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon Series: Restless Hearts
 Sermon: Heart Disease



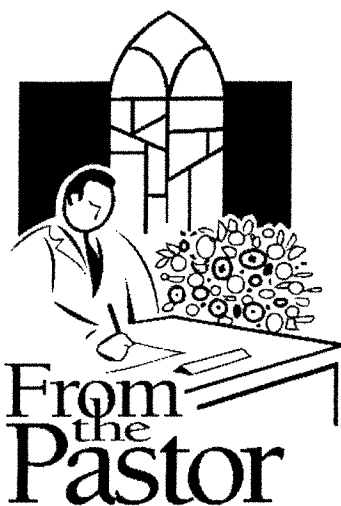
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 15th—7 p.m.

This is a special service that marks Lent as an opportunity for repentance and spiritual renewal. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and marks the first day of Lent, the six weeks of reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. During the service, Pastor Jonathan will administer the imposition of ashes to all who wish to receive. The application of ashes on the forehead of Christians signifies repentance and serves as a reminder of the pain and suffering of Jesus Christ for our sins.

2026 Lenten Bible Study Mondays at 7 p.m.

How Jesus Saves
 By Joshua McNall

How does a first century crucifixion lead to salvation? How do we understand the death of an innocent man—who is God's own son—as good news? These questions drive our Lenten Study. We will be studying *How Jesus Saves* by Joshua McNall. McNall, a theological scholar, breaks down atonement (the fancy theological term for what Jesus's sacrifice means) for lay people. Join us Mondays during Lent (February 23-March 30) at 7 p.m.



Dear Friends in Christ,

"We all know this won't last until March." Joanna's words were a bit hurtful, if perhaps clairvoyant. We were talking about some changes we wanted to make with the New Year. Joanna knew perfectly well that New Years' resolutions rarely last very long.

Did you make resolutions? Statistically speaking, by the time you're reading this, about 80% of us have already given up completely on our resolutions. Maybe we wanted to lose weight, but the call of Dairy Queen was too strong. Maybe we wanted to be financially more responsible, but the Amazon sale was too easy. Maybe we wanted to read more, but we actually ended up playing some mindless game on our phone. When our

resolutions depend on our willpower, let's be honest—they fail quickly. Maybe the problem is we're focusing on the wrong things.

A colleague recently began having a recurring dream. In the dream, he kept finding a room in his house that he had never known was there before. The dream repeated enough that he began praying through seeking what God may be telling him. With the help of another Spirit-filled person, he began to see the dream as an invitation. God was inviting him to see more of what God had in store for him. Therefore, his New Years' resolution wasn't to lose weight or spend money better. Those depended on him. His resolution was to experience more of what God had in store for him. That resolution depends on God.

Perhaps your resolutions have faded away. We are about to enter Lent—a season where many people choose to give up something in Lenten devotion. I encourage you to stay away from self-serving goals that depend on you. Losing weight, decluttering your house, and skipping that every day unnecessary expense may be nice, but they miss the bigger picture. I encourage you to make the choice to go deeper into what God has in store for you. Maybe you will find something new—like a new room in the house—that God wants to share.

Go deeper this year.

Pastor Jonathan

O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.



A Candy Cane at Christmas

As told by the Children of Faith

Do you know what a legend is? A legend is a story handed down through generations, it is believed to have a historical basis although there is no proof - a myth. It's about a candy maker from Indiana who wanted to invent candy that was a witness to Christ. Does anyone know what kind of candy it could be? A Candy Cane! Let's examine the candy cane and see how it is a witness to Christ.

In *Matthew 16:18*, God says: "On this rock, I will build my church!" The candy cane was made from a hard candy because the church is built on a solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation. *Psalms 31:3* - "For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me."

The candy man then made the candy in the form of a letter J for Jesus! *Matthew 1:21* "She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."

If you turn the J upside down you have a staff. *John 10:11* says "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The candy cane also represents a staff with which the Good Shepherd reaches down to the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like sheep, have gone astray. *Isaiah 40:11* - He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

The candy maker made the cane white to represent Jesus' innocence. Jesus was perfect. He was tempted in every way, just as we are, yet he was still without sin. The large red stripe is for the blood Jesus shed for our sins on the cross. *Ephesians 1:7* - In Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

The flavor of the cane is peppermint which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is an aromatic plant from the mint family and it was used in the old testament for purification and sacrifice. Jesus is the pure lamb of God come to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world. *Psalms 51:7* - Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

It also reminds us of the spices brought by the wise men when they come to visit Jesus. *Matthew 2:11* - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

So, the next time you see a candy cane, hear the sermon it preaches: "Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd is the sinless rock of ages who suffered and died for our sins."

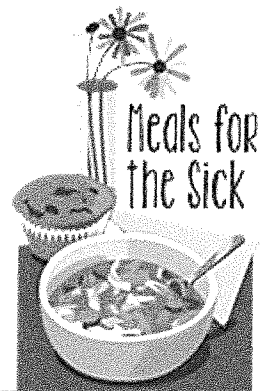
And now you know the legend of the Candy Cane and we hope that you share the legend with others!

Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry

Submitted by Marcy Wagner & Cindy Plance, co-chairs

Our Faith GMC Caring Hearts & Hands food ministry is able to offer frozen main dishes, quarts of soup, and some desserts to you, a close friend, neighbor, or family member when additional meal help would be appreciated because of illness or recovery.

The frozen foods are kept in the chest freezer in the ice room/Peter Room. Please make sure to sign out and note the food items taken so that we can be certain to always have an ample supply and variety available.



Adult Sunday School
BEACONS OF FAITH
by Barb Hilty

The Beacons of Faith adult Sunday school class began a new study in January 2026. Appropriately for the first of the year, the group started a 16-week study of "Beginnings," a volume of *IMMERSE: The Reading Bible Experience*. In a departure from using customary Christian study guides, participants will read daily scheduled passages from their *IMMERSE Bible (NLT)* which offers a fresh new experience for reading God's story.

IMMERSE Beginnings will take the class members through the first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch, also known as the Torah. Starting with God's Creation, we will read of the human rebellion and then follow the ancient nation of Israel from its earliest ancestors to the moment it is poised to enter the Land God promised them.

With no chapter and verse notations and no cross references, footnotes, commentaries, or section headings in the *IMMERSE Bible*, students can read through whole books of Scripture with no distractions and be drawn in to discover the complete story. This method of study encourages us as we seek to understand the Bible's teaching and to better live out its story. Class discussion helps us work through our weekly Bible readings.

All are welcome to be a part of our time of prayer, fellowship, discussion, and laughter. We meet each Sunday at 9 AM in the Moses Room, which is the third room on the right on the first floor of the education wing (back from the social hall). If you'd like to join us in our journey of faith, please let Barb Hilty know so that a copy of *IMMERSE Beginnings* can be reserved for you.

Our "Shut-In" members love hearing from their church family. If you would like to send them a card or make a visit to them please contact the church office for a current listing of all of our shut-in members.



Articles, notes of thanks, and information for the March newsletter should be submitted by the **deadline of Tuesday**,



Faith GMC Mourns the Loss of Three of Its Faith Members

We extend our sincerest condolences and our prayers to...

Family and friends of Ronald Weaver (11-30-25)

Family and friends of Margaret Ventura (1-9-26)

Family and friends of Harry C. Loughner (1-10-26)

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

Monthly Saturday Prayer Group 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Consider attending Faith Church's prayer group that meets each month in the first room to the right when you enter the Narthex using the front doors. This is a time for fellowship, an opportunity to share joys and concerns, and to join together in intercessory prayer. Carrie Bortz facilitates the meeting, but the goal is for the Holy Spirit to be present and guide the group. As we pray, there is the opportunity for everyone to pray aloud if they feel led to do so, but it is not required of anyone.

The next Prayer Group meeting will be Saturday, February 7th from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

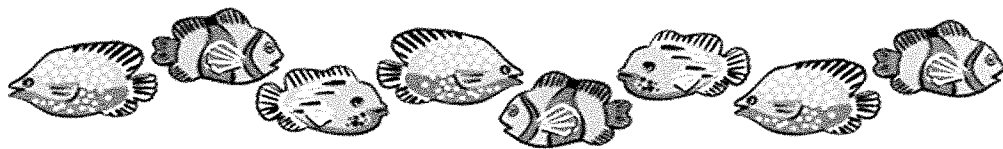
KITCHEN MINISTRIES

by Joann Emanuele



The 2026 Lenten Fish Fry begins on February 20. Last year was a major success thanks to all the available volunteers. As of this writing, nothing is ironed out yet. There may be a few changes this year. One of these is the hours of operation. We found out last year that the crowd dies off at 7:00 pm, so I think our new hours will be 4:00-7:00. With that in mind we won't need 2 shifts of help. There will be sign-up sheets set out in February after details are figured out.

Stay tuned...



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Submitted by Cindy Plance

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry. The recipients of the shawls, lap blankets, and baptismal blankets appreciate your efforts.

We can still use additional 3 ft. x 3 ft. lap blankets and prayer shawls made in the designs and colors of your choice.



Laundry Detergent Collection

Imagine having to decide between providing food, paying the rent/mortgage, keeping the utilities turned on, or having clean clothes. Having clean clothes moves down on the list. If we donate 220 containers of laundry detergent (liquid, pods, or powder), every family will not have to make that decision. Knowing that laundry detergent is expensive, **during the months of February and March**, Faith Church will be collecting laundry detergent for the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry.

Things You Can't Buy With SNAP Benefits

Toilet paper—**laundry detergent**—toothpaste—toothbrush—dental floss—soap—diapers—tampons & pads—deodorant—hair-care products—cleaning supplies—lotion—sunscreen—lip balm, etc.

Faith Church in collaboration with the area churches of First Presbyterian of Murrysville—Mother of Sorrows—Calvary Lutheran—St. Albans—St. John's—St. Mary's—Emmanuel Lutheran—Newlonsburg Presbyterian—Delmont Presbyterian provide the items that can't be purchased with SNAP benefits. The ten churches listed have divided those above items for their individual congregations to collect throughout each year for our neighbors who come to the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry.



Help Faith Church Support Our Neighbors

Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted through Sunday, May 3rd. These donations will be boxed on Sunday, May 10th and available, if needed, to those

attending the May 18th Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go food distribution. As a result of your donations, this past October, our church was able to hand out 20 boxes of food when the Food Bank ran short. The Westmoreland Food Bank is anticipating 150 families to attend the Monday, May 18th Grab & Go that our church will host in our parking lot.

Any boxed food not handed out on May 18th will be shared with the Delmont Food Pantry—Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry—Friends Thrift Shop.

Did you know that food insecurity has increased 40% in Westmoreland County since 2022? Over 41,690 of our neighbors are facing food insecurity.



New Church Directories for 2026

New 2026 Church Directories are available in the Gathering Area. Please contact the church office if you would like a directory mailed to you.

NOTE: This directory is different from the photo directories. The Church Directory is updated EACH year with the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our members. No pictures are included.



Updates From the Worship Ministry Team

Submitted by Karen Morris, Chair

A second podium was added when you enter the main doors in order to help cut down on the congestion when people are signing in, getting prayer requests, and picking up worship bulletins. You may **use either podium** before entering the sanctuary or checking out the Action Table.



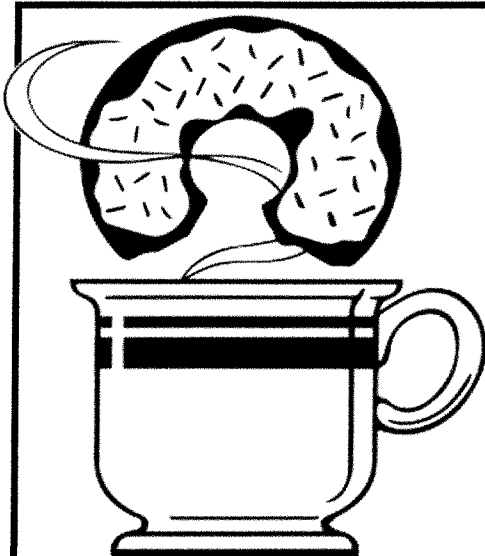
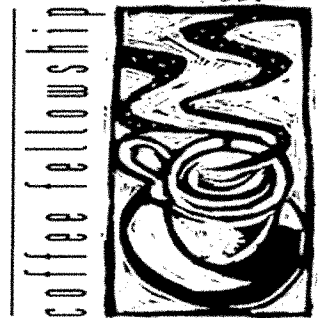
Ushers Still Needed

The request for additional ushers for the second worship service as well as for funerals remains. If you are interested in helping for either the 2nd worship service and/or funerals, please speak with Dave Hilty.

Sunday Morning Fellowship & Service Hour 9—10:30 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

Faith members, friends & visitors are encouraged to join the group that gathers together to share news, joys, and concerns. Why should you consider stopping by?

- ♦ Grab a hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.
- ♦ Enjoy tasty treats.
- ♦ Visit with new & old friends.
- ♦ You arrived early for the 2nd service.
- ♦ You are hungry & thirsty after the 1st service.
- ♦ You have dropped off your child for Sunday School.



We continue to extend the invitation to bakers to consider sharing a favorite recipe with the Coffee & Fellowship Hour participants who meet together each Sunday morning from 9—10:30 a.m. to enjoy fellowship in the social hall. If you want to contribute but don't wish to bake—purchase something tasty to share so that we can continue to enjoy a variety of yummy treats.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. Any questions may be directed to Karen Morris.

In-person attendance week ending 1/11/26 = 155
OUR GIFTS; Tithes, offerings, & gifts received for the week ending 1/11/26

OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!
2026 Annual Operating Budget: \$355,556.71

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,837.63	NEED TO DATE	\$13,675.26
RECEIVED 1/1-20/26	\$20,159.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$20,159.00
(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS+		\$ 6,483.74	

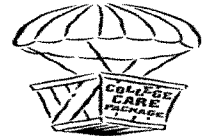
CAMPERSHIP GOAL 7/1/2025— 6/30/2026:	\$ 10,000.00
BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2025	\$ 9,310.03



CARE BOXES FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

For over 23 years, Faith Church has been preparing and sending care boxes to our college students twice a year, and three years ago we included active military service members.

Over the years, we have learned that the following items are a hit with the **college recipients**: gum—instant soup—
instant coffee—instant hot chocolate—single serve size macaroni & cheese—microwave popcorn—
snack packs of jello & pudding—candy—ramen noodles—nuts—beef jerky—markers—USB flash
drives—mechanical pencils—post-it notes—pens.



Military care packages can contain comfort and hygiene products such as sun-
block—lip balm—snacks—nuts—cookies—beef jerky—trail mix—non-melting
candy—drink mixes in single-serving packets—devotional materials. *At the current time, we do not
have any active military service members receiving a care box.*

Please NO liquids, aerosols, or pressurized products.

The last day to bring in items will be Sunday, February 22nd. Packing of the boxes will occur in
Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 1st.

Recipients of the Spring college care boxes are: Morgan Hott, Chloe Walton, Sam Norris, John Glunt, Jordan Glunt,
Timothy Pease, Henry Patts, Katelyn Patts and Tyler Patterson

Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry

This emergency food pantry, housed in the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, is supported with donations by area churches and groups, and is staffed by community volunteers. Loaves & Fishes provides a three-day supply of food to those who need it on an individual and emergency basis. This emergency food pantry serves the Murrysville, Export, and Delmont areas. The Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church office can be contacted at 724-327-0061 for more information.

Non-perishable food donations for the Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry are being accepted at Faith GMC.

The food donations currently needed are:

Canned tuna—canned vegetables—canned soup—cereal—pasta—jars of spaghetti sauce—macaroni & cheese box
mixes—spices

The collection bin is located in our church's Gathering Area for your donations.

2026 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submitted by Joy Spang, Outreach Facilitator

February	Donate laundry detergent for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry "Souper" Bowl Sunday—2/8/26 (second offering taken; soup luncheon following second service) Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donate items for College & Military Care Boxes
March	Donate laundry detergent for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
April	Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
May	Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Participate in the Westmoreland Food Bank "Grab & Go" food distribution on 5/18/26
June	Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donate items for the Blackburn Center
July	Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donate items for the Blackburn Center
August:	Donate items for the Blackburn Center Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Participate in Delmont Daze, a community event (8/1)
September:	Donate items for College and Military Boxes Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donate socks, underwear & winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry & Friends Thrift Shop
October:	Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels Bring in your packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Donate socks, underwear, & winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry & Friends Thrift Shop Participate in the Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go Food Distribution (10/5) Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry
November:	Donate Christmas Presents for the residents of Delmont's ARK Personal Care Home Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry
December:	Participate in the Pilgrimage on 12/5/26 and 12/6/26

There continues to be a great need in the surrounding communities and internationally, and our church has been blessed to be able to make donations that can help meet the food insecurity of those living in these communities.

- ♦ Faith Church Council, on November 16, 2025, approved an additional donation of \$10,000 from our general fund to the Westmoreland Food Bank.
- ♦ As a result of your donations \$2,396 was sent to the Allegheny West Conference for hurricane relief in Jamaica and Cuba.



November's Perfect Sunday School Attendance

By Karen Morris

First Steps	Amelia Gonder Teachers—Stacey Vincler, Julie Kovacs, Holly Kwaczala
Foundations of Faith	Anne Teslevich Teacher—Linda Sopcak
Builders of Faith	Wesley Hanover, Jane Teslevich, Alex Patrick Teacher—Megan Hanover
Explorers of Faith	Avery Biltz, Joanna Hanover Teacher—Lynn Pyle, Bev Fensch
Beacon	Russell Fair, Jim McMahon, Jan McFate Teacher—Barb Hilty
S.A.L.T	None Teacher—Marilyn Hults, Carrie Bortz

December's Perfect Sunday School Attendance

By Karen Morris

First Steps	Amelia Gonder Teachers—Stacey Vincler, Julie Kovacs, Holly Kwaczala
Foundations of Faith	Anne Teslevich, Domenic Emanuele, Henry Scalice, McKenna Fensch Teacher—Linda Sopcak
Builders of Faith	Wesley Hanover, Joey Emanuele, Miranda Dell, Gianna Canzano Teacher—Megan Hanover
Explorers of Faith	None Teachers—Lynn Pyle, Bev Fensch
Beacon	Russell Fair, Jim McMahon, Andrea Ewing, Sam Popovich
S.A.L.T.	Irene Hanna, Mark Hanna, Jay McIntyre, Linda McIntyre, Chris Kalmar, Paula Kalmar Teacher—Carrie Bortz

Opportunities to Provide Altar Flowers



Are you interested in purchasing a floral arrangement for the altar on a particular Sunday in remembrance of or in honor of someone special to you? Check the Floral Calendar posted in the Gathering Area outside of the sanctuary for available dates. Mark your name beside your selected date. The floral arrangement is yours to take home after that Sunday service.

Take the special envelope provided and enclose cash or a check payable to *Faith Global Methodist Church* for the amount of \$35. Make note of who you are remembering or honoring on the envelope, and make sure the church office knows of your wishes by the Monday prior to the Sunday you are having the flowers placed on the altar. The church office has arrangements with a florist for the delivery of flowers to the church each week.

Faith Global Methodist Men's Group

"Faith Warriors"

Submitted by Jim McMahon

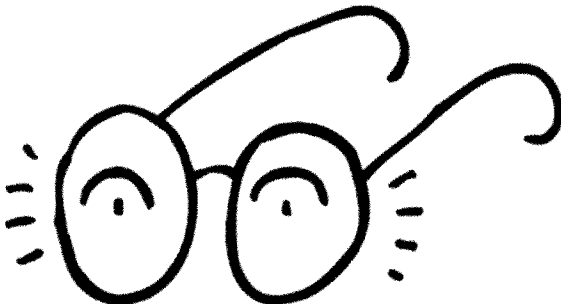
The *Faith Warriors* continue to meet weekly, on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. New participants are always welcome. We encourage men to further their walk with God, and we hope that we provide a setting that encourages accountability, openness, discussion, and fellowship.

MEN'S
GROUP

The *Faith Warriors* are open to offering a helping hand to persons or groups that request help.

You may contact Jim McMahon at 412-260-8747.

Offer The Gift of Sight



Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness since 1925. It is only through the kindness of donations that Lions International can continue to offer the gift of sight to those in need.

Donate your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses. A collection box is located in the Gathering Area of Faith Church.

Tabitha Circle Update...On January 10th, the Tabitha Circle held its first meeting of 2026. The meeting opened with a reading (An Active Minister) from JESUS, Our Perfect Hope by Charles F. Stanley.

"Where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him." John 12:26

Do you realize God has called you to active ministry and has important assignments for you to fulfill in this world (Ephesians 2:10)? That does not necessarily mean that He intends for you to be a full-time pastor, missionary, or evangelist—though He may. However, Jesus was clear that He desires for you to share the gospel with others (Mark 16:15) and to use your gifts for building up the kingdom (Matthew 5:16). You have a very special role in the kingdom of God and it is better for everyone when you participate.

Now this is not as difficult as you may think it is. All it really means is that you ask the Lord daily to guide your steps and show you how to serve Him. He will enable you to minister to others in the way He created you to—through your unique mix of personality, talents, and gifts. And when you do, you will feel not only the extraordinary joy and satisfaction of fulfilling your purpose in life but also God's pleasure. And that is something you don't want to miss.

This reading was a reminder that our talents, resources, and opportunities are all gifts from the Giver of all things good. And the best way to say "Thank You" for these gifts is to use them.

The main focus of this meeting was to discuss how we would disburse the funds made with the sale of chocolate-covered pretzel rods, cream cheese pumpkin rolls, cookies and our Pilgrimage tables filled with numerous items donated from members and friends of Faith Church. After tithing, we had \$3,422 to disburse.

After much discussion, the group decided that this year we would donate to help the following local agencies and our neighbors:

\$1,000 will be donated to Murrysville Christian Concerns (social services) Murrysville.

\$ 800 will be used to purchase food items to supplement Westmoreland Food Bank's May and October Grab & Go food distribution if food runs out before everyone gets through the food distribution food line. Any remaining food will be shared with the Delmont Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry and the Friends Thrift Shop.

\$ 500 will be used to purchase winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry.

\$ 500 will be used to purchase and make school supply kits (pencils, crayons, index cards, little notebooks, etc.) for Kiski Area East Primary School in Vandergrift.

\$ 250 will be used to purchase socks and underwear for the Friends Thrift Shop to hand out in November at their annual coat giveaway.

\$ 372 is being held in reserve for donation requests that come in throughout the year.

In addition to the above donations this year, the Tabitha Circle approved donating all proceeds from this year's February chocolate-covered pretzel rod sale to purchase Mary Kay skin care products that will be packaged and delivered to the Hillman Cancer Center.

In May (just in time for Mother's Day), the Tabitha Circle will be making chocolate-covered pretzel rods. All proceeds from this sale will be donated to the Life-Way Pregnancy Center in Latrobe.

(Pretzel rods, chocolate and packaging have been donated.)

PLANS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES IN 2026

You decide the age and gender of the child or children for which you are packing. Shoeboxes are available in the small room off of the Gathering Area. Take as many shoeboxes as you plan to fill. **Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the same room no later than October 4, 2026.**

NOTE: When packing, please remember to remove as much packaging as you can so that we don't contribute to another country's trash problems.

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for child and adding a photo and personal note. Delivered by local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in an understandable, child-friendly manner.

TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO sets
- Slinky or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures
- Finger puppets

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games

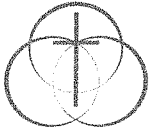
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making
- Hobby kit
- Large toy
- Large toy truck or car

DO NOT INCLUDE: soap, food, candy, chewing gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, wearable traditional camouflage, seeds or organic matter, liquids, medication, money, breakable items, matches, fire starters, or aerosols knives, saws, or razor blades.



Faith
Global
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“Spirit Wear” Sale

**Orders Due By
Sunday, February 15th**

Pay with cash or check payable to FGMC. Drop your order form & payment in the large white box on the Action Table or in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Item #1 \$11.00
Short sleeve T-shirt

Item #2 \$15.00
Long sleeve T-shirt

Colors: Navy or Black

Design: Blue GMC logo with church name in white on left side of chest

Sizes: **Youth S (6-8, Youth M (10-12), Youth L (14-16)**
Adults S, M, L, XL; 2X (add \$2.50); 3X (add \$3.75)

Item #	Color	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
				Total Amount	\$

Questions? Contact Joy Spang at spangjoy@gmail.com Additional order forms are on the Action Table.

♥ A BIG ♥
Thanks!

Many, many thanks to the following persons for providing desserts in December for Delmont's Meals on Wheels.

Mindy Shaw—Susan Burkett—Tom Burkett—Randy & Debbie McDevitt—Sam & Lisa Popovich—Dennis Urban—Hettie Robinson—Melissa Kalmar—Bev Fensch—Lynn Pyle—Patty & Howard Thomas



Looking for an easy exercise program that's a lot of fun? Alyce Urban is looking for a minimum of at least 8 folks that will commit to an exercise program at Faith Church. Looking to find out if you would prefer to meet during the day or the evening and the day(s) of the week that works best for you. This program will start in March. Contact Alyce if you have any questions.

Friends Thrift Shop

Submitted by Dan Plance

If you are trying to keep the clutter at a minimum at home or are looking for a few gently-used items or clothes, stop by the Murrysville Christian Concern's (MC2) Friends Thrift Shop in Export on Old William Penn Highway/ Kennedy Avenue. The Friends Thrift Shop is a charitable organization staffed by volunteers, "people helping people," that accepts clothing, furniture, household goods, and children's items in order to assist people, families, and the communities of Murrysville, Export, and Delmont.

Store hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Furniture donations may be scheduled online at FriendsThriftShop.com

If anyone in our neighboring communities is in need of assistance, they may contact Jack Battenhouse, Social Service Coordinator at 412-373-8845.


Emergency food can be picked up by calling MC2 at 724-325-1559.

Friends Kitchen Community Meals



MC2 offers a free take-out dinner the first Wednesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. (while supplies last) at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Rd. (just off Old Wm. Penn Hwy.) in Murrysville, across from the First Presbyterian Church. Participation is not based on economic need. All are welcome!





JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S DAY....

On February 8th, the Tabitha Circle will have available to purchase chocolate-covered pretzel rods for \$3.00 (package of 2). All proceeds from this sale will go towards purchasing Mary Kay skin care products that will be packaged and donated to the Hillman Cancer Center.



Opportunities to Provide Altar Flowers

Are you interested in purchasing a floral arrangement for the altar on a particular Sunday in remembrance of or in honor of someone special to you? Check the Floral Calendar posted in the Gathering Area outside of the sanctuary for available dates. Mark your name beside your selected date. The floral arrangement is yours to take home after that Sunday service.

Take the special envelope provided and enclose cash or a check payable to Faith Global Methodist Church for the amount of \$35. Make note of who you are remembering or honoring on the envelope, and make sure the church office knows of your wishes by the Monday prior to the Sunday you are having the flowers placed on the altar. The church office has arrangements with a florist for the delivery of flowers to the church each week.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 8

Did you know...

- 48 million Americans live in poverty?
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day?
- More than 530,000 people in the US are homeless?
- 23% of those struggling went to college?
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households?

Across Westmoreland County thousands of people suffer the effects of hunger. Some of these people are the visible hungry of whom we usually think: the homeless and the unemployed. Today there is another side to hunger that we do not often see. That side includes those people who are employed but who cannot earn enough money to adequately feed their families.

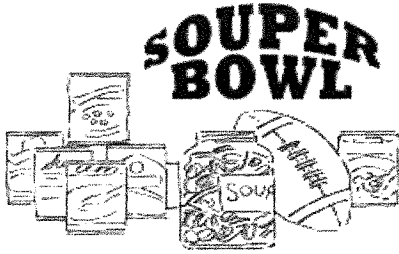
Your contributions help to make a difference in the lives of men, women, and children in our community who struggle to survive. This community food pantry provides opportunities to reach out to those hungry individuals, to help fill their stomachs and satisfy their needs. It provides a chance to make the difference between whether or not a food pantry can offer some meat for its clients to keep their bodies warm through the winter months.

On Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8th, a second offering will be taken, and all monies received will be donated to the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry and the Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. Hunger and poverty have a negative impact on individuals and the communities in which they live, yet there is joy in serving and giving to those in need.

A simple prayer, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Update: The Souper Bowl of Caring is Tackle Hunger's annual event raising millions for local food charities nationwide. Hunger doesn't take a game day off. While the Big Game captures national attention, nutrition security remains a major challenge.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING LUNCHEON



On Sunday, February 8th following the 10:30 service we invite everyone to bring your favorite soup and share a simple meal and fellowship. Crackers and drinks will be provided.

Come share a meal and vote for your favorite "Super Soup"!

Is your soup a winner?

Hope to see everyone there!

All monies raised during the luncheon will be donated to the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry and the Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry.

2025 Winners were:

1st Place: *Chicken Broccoli Cheese* (Susan Burkett)

2nd Place: *Jambalaya* (Sam Popovich)

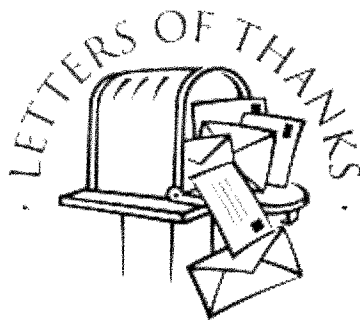
3rd Place: *Mom's Homemade Chicken Noodle* (Linda McIntyre)

2026 Winners:

1st Place: ?

2nd Place: ?

3rd Place: ?



I would like to Thank all the people who volunteered over the Christmas Holiday. I would not have been able to do all I did without all of your help. This also includes those who helped at the pilgrimage as greeters/entertainment. A special Thank-you to Jack and Laura Crescenzo for helping me set up for Christmas Eve. I am so grateful for each and everyone of you.

Karen Morris

The officers and members of the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your generous donation. With the continuing support we have been able to make several upgrades to our building and equipment needed to keep serving this amazing community. We would also like to wish you and your members a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you.

The officers and members of the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department



Dear Faith Church,

Thank you so much for the college care package. Your kindness, prayers, and support mean a great deal to me. The gift was a thoughtful reminder of the loving community I'm blessed to be apart of. I truly appreciate it.

With Gratitude,

Katelyn Patts

Thank you for the care package sent to me at Florida Tech. I really appreciate the thoughtful gift. The care package helped give me motivation and fuel to keep strong throughout the semester. It also reminded me of my Faith Global family away from home.

Thank you again.

Henry Patts

To the wonderful Faith Global team who sent the college care package to my son Timothy Pease WOW!! He was so surprised and extremely appreciative. He really enjoyed the variety of snacks and the post it notes and pencils, etc. (All of the goodies!)

The generosity was above and beyond! We've been members for a short time, but blessed to have found this church.

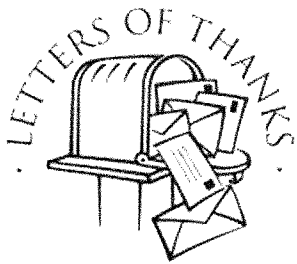
Thanks so much!

Love and Blessings,

Erica Pease

Thank you to Dan Sevic for the donation of river rocks for our prayer rocks.





Dear Faith Global Members,

Thank you for the generous donation of \$891 to Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. During the SNAP shut down we experienced many more families in need. Your donation was so helpful and so timely. You are a great partner!

Blessings,

Judy Radcliff

Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

We would like to take this opportunity to send you a sincere note of thanks on behalf of the 168 households served by Fresh Express on October 20, 2025. With your help, we were able to provide fresh produce, beverages, and mixed non-perishable items to members of your community who might not otherwise have enough to eat. With your help, and the help of your volunteers, we were able to distribute 12,737 pounds during this distribution.

At Westmoreland Food Bank, we see sadness in the faces of thousands of families who struggle with food insecurity every day, whether it is the single mother who skips meals so that her children can eat, or the elderly couple who pays the rent, but cannot afford food to sustain their health. Hunger hurts. It drains human energy, erodes human dignity, and diminishes human potential. However, your efforts have helped to put food on to the tables of needy families.

Thank you again. It is always gratifying to see caring and concerned people reach out to those in need. Your generosity and compassion are truly inspiring to all of us. We are proud to have you as our partner in the fight against hunger.

Very truly yours,

John Guay
Program Coordinator





Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

On behalf of Murrysville Christian Concern, Inc. (d/b/a Friends Thrift Shop), I would like to thank you for your generous donation of winter coats, socks and underwear for our annual coat giveaway. We handed out over 300 coats and sent items to our ministry partner Red Door Pittsburgh. These items were put right into the hands of the homeless.

I also thank you for your donation and participation in Amen to Action. We packed 61,344 oatmeal meals for Meals of Hope. These meals will be distributed through the Westmoreland Food Bank.

Best,

Daniel Plance
Executive Director

Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Westmoreland Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$10,000.00 on November 21, 2025. Your gift directly helps to ensure that thousands of families, children, senior citizens, and veterans all over Westmoreland County are provided with the nourishment they need to thrive and hope for better days ahead. In 2024 our programs provided over 6.3 million pounds of food to people all over Westmoreland County. These accomplishments are realized because of the generosity of our community—and people like you. Thank you for your support of our mission and this community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Miller
Chief Executive Director

Dear Faith Global Methodist Church,

On behalf of Murrysville Christian Concern, Inc. (d/b/a Friends Thrift Shop), I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$891.00 toward our social service program.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue serving our community through our Friends Thrift Shop, social service assistance program, vocational scholarship, emergency food pantry, monthly community dinners (Friends Kitchen) and our Community Outreach Center (located beside Friends Thrift Shop in Export, PA).

During this past year, we have given more than \$195,000 in assistance and served over 3,600 meals to our neighbors. It is our hope to exceed that amount in 2026. This is only made possible by contributions from thoughtful donors, such as yourself.

Best,

Daniel Plance
Executive Director

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Faith GMC CONTINUAL Prayer List

Please lift up these people in your prayers for comfort, healing, and strength which is possible through our faith in God.

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| • Dick & Pat Bush | • Sharon Bronson | • Gene Kovacs | • Don (Helen Collier's brother) |
| • Nick Coppage | • Maury & Mary Fey | • Joanne Bruno | • Bev Fensch |
| • Dave Morris | • Alice Burkhart | • Doug Robinson | • Karen Connors |
| • Jack & Emogene Blair | • Mary & Bob Zacharias | • Lisa Fair | • Debbie McDevitt |
| • Joan Nellis | • Shirley Fabrizi | • Sharon Eisele | • Todd (Lawanna's son) |
| • The White Family | • Stephanie Taczak | • John & Polly Negich | • Loretta Schroder |
| • Dick & Natalie Berlin | • Helen Robbins | • Theresa Elvin | • Beth Muri |
| • Fred Roach | • Irene Hanna | • Lidia (Linda Kunkle's granddaughter) | • Karen Klanica |
| • Straw Soffronoff | • Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield | • Mary Schindler | • Bryson (Linda & Jay's great nephew) |
| • Beth Tyson | • Martha Koval | • Louise Gladkowski | • Melissa Stauffer |
| • Pam Scalf | • John Womer | • Sue & Ron | |
| • Michael Scoletti | • Norma Murphy (Carrie's sister) | • Samantha Hohn | |
| • Bill & Mary Weyel | • Jean Loughry | • Charlotte Graham | |
| • Joe Ramus | • Martha Ashbaugh | • Dennis Urban | |
| • Julie Kovacs | • John & Janet Brodahl | • Robin Dorman | |
| • Linda (Barb's cousin) | • Marie (Janet's sister) | • Gloria W. | |
| • Mindy Shaw | • Joey Kasunic | • Serenity Conlon | |
| • Diane Brown | • Donna Earnest | • Tracey Albert | |
| • Bud Murray | • Judy Magill | • Sue Shaw | |
| • Jeff Retter | • Lynn Francis | • Sue Cuenca | |
| • Ken Thom | | • Bruce & Helen Collier | |
| • Sally Wareham | | | |

*God's
Answers
Prayers*

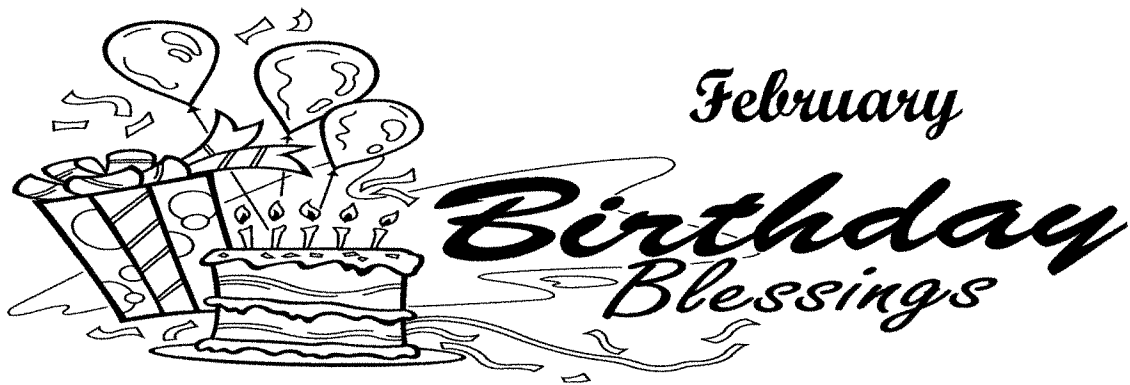
Daily Prayer Chain Procedures

Faith GMC has an established process for putting someone on the **daily** Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer request during regular church office hours, please call or email the office, and we will pass along your request, via phone and email. If it's after the regular office hours and not an urgent request, please leave a message on the voicemail and we'll pass it along the next business day.

If there is an urgent request after hours, please call the Prayer Chain Contact—Barb Kaufman at 724-468-4999, and she will pass along the request via phone and email.

If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact the office and we will add you to the **daily** Prayer Chain email list.


**Prayer
Chain**



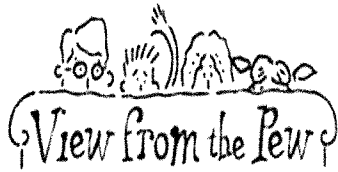
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5 David Morris	14 Peter Osselburn	24 Kimberly McAfoose	29 Mary Zacharias
6 Alan Tarr	15 Jim Hall	25 Verna Retter	
7 John Cobes, Jr. Janine Glunt John Parson	19 Gunner Robinson	26 Sue Turner	
8 Sherilyn Mazurek	20 Jonathan Kwaczala Kimberly Patrick Fred Schrag	27 Kaila Plance Jody White	
9 Carol Metzger			



February Anniversaries

2 Janet & John Brodahl	17 Lori & Jim Martz Stacey & Joe Vincler	24 Wilma & Ronald Maurizio
12 Bonnie & Joe Ramus	25 Shirleen & Larry Johnston	





By Barb Hilty

Contingencies -

It was only four inches, but the snow had come down fast during the morning commute hour. I was to be at the optometrist's Greensburg office at 8:30 am. Dave had already planned to get me there because we knew those customary eye drops give me lingering distorted vision. Since he's an experienced driver in the snow and the Subaru had its winter tires, we decided not to cancel this important eye exam. We left the house more than a half an hour prior to the appointment to allow for any contingencies. *Please get us there safely, God.*

We started out, taking our usual cross country route that avoids Route 30. Those scenic narrow roads that keep us out of congested traffic were, of course, untreated and unplowed and dicey. But we made careful, steady progress. Even in these conditions, (barring contingencies, of course) I confidently trusted Dave's driving so that I allowed myself to take in and marvel at the exquisite beauty of the snow-covered hills and fields. *Thank You, Lord, for creating such a a gorgeous world.*

And then...there were contingencies. As we slowed to go left at a fork in the road to go up a hill, we could see that a big box truck was stopped at a precarious angle heading down that slick hill to the intersection that we and other commuters were approaching. The truck effectively blocked its lane, and vehicles behind it inched around it to come down the hill using the other side of the road. As cars in front of us decided not to risk the icy incline, they made wide swings in the intersection to turn around. I assumed Dave would do the same. Instead, he forged ahead as planned. My awe of the tranquil winter wonderland vanished and was replaced with incisor indentations on my bottom lip as we went up the grade past the stuck truck. *OK, made it, God. Thank You.*

We moved past the truck for maybe just a half-mile only to come up to a line of vehicles stopped on the bend of another hill. So we sat. We soon were hemmed in when cars lined up behind us as we sat some more. Absolutely no traffic was coming from the other direction. Apparently, Dave decided the best possible thing he could do was make a 12-point turn on the snow-covered, narrow country road (on a hill on a blind curve!) to get us turned around. *Please protect us, Lord!* Successfully accomplishing that chancy maneuver, however, took us back down the icy hill, around the box truck still blocking the lane. Logical, right?

Now back down at the original intersection, we took the other fork in the road and headed into hinterlands where I swear I'd never been before. I didn't know where the heck we were, but Dave knew where he was going, so as we made tracks in virgin snow-covered lanes (with no hills, *thank You, Lord!*), my jaw relaxed and I once again could be "lost" in lifting my heart to God, fixing my eyes on Him, and experiencing the magical beauty of the winter wonderland. And just like that, we hit a plowed road and made it to my appointment, albeit five minutes late. With a grateful heart to have arrived, I began **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith** as we added our traveling story with those of the other few intrepid patients in the waiting room that morning.

How often our planned ways get sidetracked by chance, by a bad decision, by others' unkind actions--or by God's grace. These unexpected contingencies can be opportunities for us to lean into His goodness to learn and follow His ways for our life. As we come upon the many roadblocks of life, may we be ready to call on our Guide Who promises to be with us and help us navigate them – whatever their cause – so that we arrive safely at the destination our loving Savior has planned for us. Our trust in Him might even allow us to appreciate the detours!

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalms 16:11

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

*Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.
Psalms 119:33-35*

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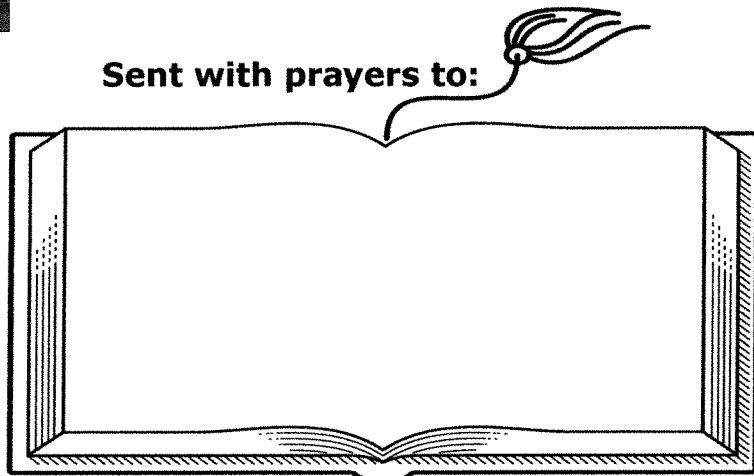
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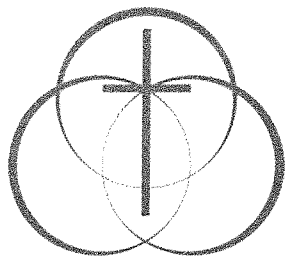
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"A Sermon on Legs"

I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day:
I'd rather one would walk with me
Than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,
and more willing than the ear.
Fine council is confusing,
but example's always clear.

- Edgar A. Guest