

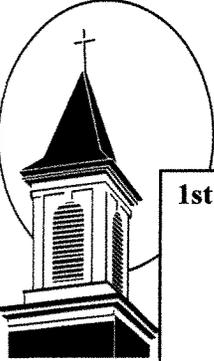


# The Faith Flyer

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

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## March 2026 Worship at a Glance

### 1st Second Sunday of Lent

*Holy Communion* (self-contained units or intinction)

OT: Psalm 121  
 NT: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17  
 Message Lesson: John 3: 1-17  
 Sermon Series: *Restless Hearts*  
 Sermon: "New Hearts"

### 8th Third Sunday of Lent

OT: Psalm 95  
 NT: Romans 5: 1-11  
 Message Lesson: John 4: 5-42  
 Sermon Series: *Restless Hearts*  
 Sermon: "The One Our Hearts Desire"

### 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Campership Sunday*

OT: Psalm 23  
 NT: Ephesians 5: 8-14  
 Message Lesson: John 9: 1-41  
 Sermon Series: *Restless Hearts*  
 Sermon: "The Lord Sees the Heart"

### 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

OT: Psalm 130  
 NT: Romans 8: 6-11  
 Message Lesson: John 11: 1-45  
 Sermon Series: *Restless Hearts*  
 Sermon: "The Heart of God"

### 29th Palm / Passion Sunday

OT: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29  
 Message Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-11  
 Sermon Series: *Restless Hearts*  
 Sermon: "A Heart for Worship"  
 Passion Story: Matthew 26: 14-27, 66



**"BEHOLD,  
YOUR  
KING  
IS COMING  
TO YOU!"**  
MATTHEW 21: 1-11

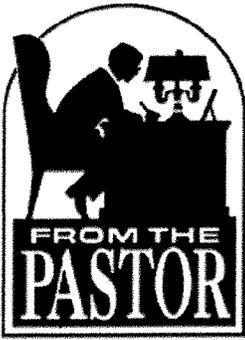
## Mission Opportunity—Support Croatia!

*Submitted by Pastor Jonathan*

Last summer, we were blessed to host Vatroslav Župančić, the pastor of the only Global Methodist Church in Croatia. Vatroslav and his church in Zagreb are mission partners of our conference. Eastern Europe is a difficult place to pastor, and Vatroslav faces additional challenges, as his church is the only Global Methodist Church in Croatia. His conference is located in Slovakia, which is separated from Croatia by Hungary. He really is off by himself, trying to build a Methodist connection!

After Vatroslav came to visit us at Faith Church last summer during a Visions & Dreams event, several people have asked about supporting his church and ministry. To that end, our missions team is encouraging our church to set a goal of raising \$2,500 per year over the next three years to help the Zagreb church become self-sustainable and expand in Croatia. This goal is for second-mile giving, meaning it is not from our church budget. Rather, we encourage people to consider a special gift towards this mission.

Megan and I will be making a gift towards this goal. I encourage you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to support Vatroslav and our Croatian brothers and sisters in Christ!



A few years ago, we celebrated my favorite Ash Wednesday ever. Ash Wednesday occurred on February 14 (Valentine's Day). I was able to simultaneously tell people I loved them, and that they were dust, and to dust they shall return.

These are two seemingly opposite messages. One is a message that brings happiness and should be celebrated as often as possible. The other acknowledges grief, and we often try to avoid it. When I led youth groups at church, I would spend several weeks talking about death and mortality. Some parents became upset. They wanted to protect their youth from that message.

Yet the reality is that everything in this world ends. Even now, many of us are grieving the loss of a loved one. Beyond that, there is still the reminders of mortality and endings. A friend recently learned his contract at a "dream job" would not be renewed. What is next? Another friend recently moved her family to a different state, away from their church and social connections. While we enjoy our children and grandchildren getting older, we mourn those childhood moments lost. Even more simply, I miss when my knees didn't crack and creak every time I stand up!

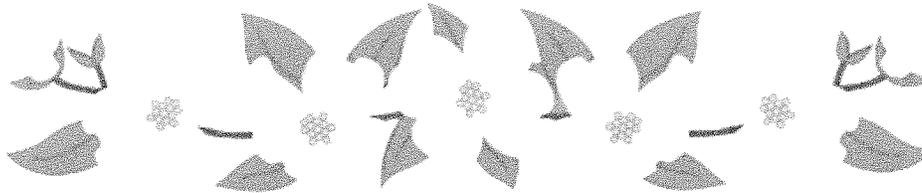
Certainly, this all seems negative. Why would we want to be reminded of this? What about this is loving? When we remember that everything fades away, it reminds us of the gift of eternity.

Lent may seem like a depressing season. It is a season of sacrifice, discipline, self-denial, and self-reflection. Yet all of these are to remind us that God's love and salvation are eternal. Our life in Christ Jesus is eternal. The promise of resurrection is eternal. We have to step away from the noise of temporary things in our lives to remember what is truly important.

It became perfect to say, "I love you" and "Remember you are dust" at the same time. This season helps us remember that all the things we strive for in life come to an end. Yet God's Kingdom is eternal. In the realm of eternity, today's struggles and victories are merely the blink of an eye.

Remember you are dust. And to dust you shall return.

*Pastor Jonathan*



## The World Is Our Parish

A New Series from the Assembly of Bishops

John Wesley famously declared, "the world is my parish." What began as a conviction about preaching became a movement shaped by mission, connection, and love for the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to view the new video teaching series from the Global Methodist Church and the Assembly of Bishops that explores how Methodism became a global movement and what that legacy means for us today.

Filmed at historic Wesleyan sites in the United Kingdom, each lesson connects our shared history to our present calling as Spirit-filled, globally-minded disciples. The first lesson of four dropped February 17th. There are study guides that can be downloaded for each of the four lessons. Each week as the four weekly videos are dropped, they will be made available for viewing from our church website.

## 2026 Lenten Bible Study

Monday Evenings: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### *How Jesus Saves: Atonement for Ordinary People*

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? Through Scripture, story, and real-life applications, McNall addresses this Christian doctrine of atonement with simplicity, allowing for the deepening of our faith & commitment.



The schedule for reading & discussion for each Monday in March of the 2026 Lenten Bible Study is as follows:

**March 2** (week 2) **Chapter 1**

**March 9** (week 3) **Chapter 2**

**March 16** (week 4) **Chapter 3**

**March 23** (week 5) **Chapter 4**

**March 30** (week 6) **Chapter 5 & Conclusion**



On **March 30th**, there will be a **Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The conclusion of this year's Lenten study will follow at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Excerpt From Henry T. Blackaby's & Claude V. King's

*Experiencing God: How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God*  
Pages 33, 34

God is always at work around you. God did not create the world and then leave it to function on its own. He has been actively involved throughout history. In fact, He is orchestrating history. Because of sin, humanity has been separated from a right relationship with God. God is working in His world to bring about redemption of those who are lost and dying without Him. The Father is working through Christ to reconcile the world to Himself. For some reason, God has chosen to do His work through His people. As He works to carry out His mission, He seeks to move a person into the mainstream of His activity.

God created humanity for a love relationship with Him.. More than anything else, God wants us to love Him with our total being. He is the One who initiates the love relationship, one that is real and personal. In fact, He began that relationship with the sending of His Son Jesus. He clearly demonstrated how important the love relationship was to Him when He permitted Jesus to die in order to make it possible.



Murrysville Christian Concern announced that there is a blood drive **Friday, March 20, 2026 from 12 p.m.—5 p.m.** at the **Outreach Community Center** in Export beside the Friends Thrift Shop. Walk-ins are welcome.

To register ahead: Schedule an appointment on the *American Red Cross* website using Drive Code MCCCOC

## 2026 Delmont Ministerial Lenten Luncheons

The Delmont Ministerial Association invites you to Lenten lunches of soup, sandwiches, and a dessert followed by prayers and reflection on God's Word. The simple meals are held at St. John's Baptist de LaSalle on 497 Athena Drive from noon to 1 p.m.



**Thursday, March 5**      12 noon: Food provided by Faith Global Methodist Church  
12:30 p.m.: Devotions by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hanover

(No lunch or devotions on Thursday, March 12, 2026)

**Thursday, March 19**      12 noon: Food provided by Delmont Presbyterian Church  
12:30 p.m.: Devotions by Rev. Tony Catullo

**Thursday, March 26**      12 noon: Food by St. John de la Salle & St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes  
12:30 p.m.: Devotions by Monsignor Michael J. Begolly

There is no charge for this luncheon, but donations are accepted and given to a local charity.

### Kitchen Ministries

*Submitted by Joann Emanuele, Kitchen Ministries chair*

We have two Friday Fish Fries (February 20 & 27) under our belt and are off to a good start. Thank you ALL for what you are doing to help! There is always more room for some help, so please consider contacting me if you can assist. The remaining dates for the 2026 Friday Fish Fries are March 6, 13, 20, 27. Your help is needed between 3:30—7:30 p.m. in various areas, usually the serving line, takeout, and the dining room. I can be contacted by text at 724-882-2430.

### 2026 Friday Fish Fries at Faith GMC

4-7 p.m.

Dine-In & Take-Out



All dinners include one hot side, one cold side, and a dessert.  
If you are dining in, beverages are complimentary.

The fried battered cod sandwich meal & the baked cod meal are each \$16.  
The chicken tenders meal is \$10.  
All items are also available ala carte.

In 2026, we offer **fried battered cod sandwich—baked cod—chicken tenders—French fries—halushki—baked potato—mac 'n cheese—coleslaw—applesauce—dessert**

Daylight Savings Time  
begins at 2 a.m. on  
Sunday, March 8th



*Move your clocks ahead one hour.*

### Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 22, 2026

after the 2nd service  
in the Sanctuary





## Updates From the Worship Ministry Team

*Submitted by Karen Morris, Chair*

### Have you noticed the second podium?

In order to help cut down on the congestion when people are signing in, getting prayer requests, and picking up worship bulletins, a second podium was added in the Narthex as you enter the front doors. You are encouraged to **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



### Are You Interested in Giving a Sunday Morning Children's Message?



The weekly children's message is enjoyed by not only the children but by the adults. Please consider being a part of the rotation of adults who provide a special message to the children of our church. We currently have four volunteers, but more willing presenters would be greatly appreciated. Call the church office or Pastor Jonathan with any questions or to be placed on the list.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE—

After Lent, the hymn lyrics will no longer be included in the Sunday worship bulletins. However, the words for each hymn will continue to be projected on the overhead screens. This will allow the use of less pages for each printed bulletin, thus saving paper.

### Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

9-10 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 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.

# Sunday School Perfect Attendance

• January 2026 •

*Submitted by Karen Morris*

## First Steps

**Students:** Amelia Gonder

**(Teachers:** Stacey Vincler, Julie Kovacs, Gina Biltz & Holly Kwaczala)

## Foundations of Faith

**Students:** Domenick Emanuele—McKenna Fensch—Anne Teslevich

**(Teachers:** Charlene Schroder & Linda Sopcak)

## Builders of Faith

**Students:** Miranda Dell—Wesley Hanover—Alex Patrick—Owen Scalise—Jane Teslevich

**(Teachers:** Megan Hanover & Joann Emanuele)

## Explorers of Faith

**Students:** Avery Biltz—Jillian Dell—Joanna Hanover—Sabrina Vincler—Maddie White

**(Teachers:** Lynn Pyle & Bev Fensch)

## Beacon Class

**Students:** Amy Boe—Bruce Collier—Russell Fair—Jim McMahon—Sam Popovich—Marcy Wagner

**(Teacher:** Barb Hilty)

## S.A.L.T. Class

**Students:** Bob Babb—Sylvia Babb—Helen Collier—Irene Hanna—Mark Hanna—Jay McIntyre—

Linda McIntyre—Connie Schrag

**(Teachers:** Carrie Bortz & Marilyn Hulst)

*Correction to November's Perfect Attendance: Mark Hanna should have been included on the list for the S.A.L.T. Class.*



## Faith Church's Music Ministry

*Submitted by Holly Kwaczala, Choir Director*

*"Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with His gracious presence." ~ J.S. Bach*

Many churches are not fortunate to have a traditional choir, but our Faith Church Choir continues to grow and provide a unique leadership in worship with anthems and special music. Our Faith Choir will be presenting anthems and special music throughout the 2026 Lenten season. The children of our church will perform a special song during the second worship service on Easter Sunday.

The Music Ministry at Faith GMC holds a special place for the children in Sunday School to adults who are encouraged to share their talents whether singing or playing an instrument. The adult choir meets every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and always welcomes new members. Choir practice is an hour of singing, shared devotions, and fellowship. Sometimes a tasty dessert is even shared.

I am pleased to welcome **Wendy Kelly** who has begun to assist with hymns and special music on the organ during worship at the second service. Wendy was an organist at her previous church and shares many years of experience. She is a blessing to our congregation.



## Faith Church's "Five by Five" Program Is Available to Help

*Submitted by Ed Washburn*

"Five by Five" envelopes are in the pews and also available on the Action Table. Just place your name—envelope number—and dollar amount on the special envelope. You can place cash or a check payable to *Faith GMC* in the envelope and drop it in with your offering. If you are including your payment in your regular offering envelope, remember to write "5x5" on the line marked "*Special*" on the envelope and indicate the amount to go to the "Five by Five" church account. As of January 31, 2026, there is \$3,487 in the "Five by Five" account.



This program supports our pastor's efforts to help a church member when a financial emergency occurs and a request for help is made. The "5 x 5" monies are available to whomever might need some help. In addition, if someone outside of our Faith family contacted the church and asked the pastor for help, our pastor could make the decision to help and how much, using the "Five by Five" funds available.

The opportunity to participate in the "Five by Five" program is an option at anytime throughout the year. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Ed Washburn at [turfed15626.com](mailto:turfed15626.com) or by phone at 724-396-1414.

## First Responders Program at Faith Church

*Submitted by Ed Washburn*

Our church's *First Responders* program is for dramatic emergencies when substantial assistance may be needed. This opportunity for assistance is open not only to our Faith Family but to residents of Delmont and the surrounding communities. If you wish to be notified when such an emergency arises, please email our church office at [faithchurch@faithdelmont.org](mailto:faithchurch@faithdelmont.org) or give the office staff a call at 724-468-0040. Your name will be placed on a list to be contacted for a possible donation, if able, of **\$50 (minimum)** to help provide financial support from Faith Church. Our goal is to have 50 "*First Responders*" that can be called in case of a financial emergency. We continue to need more people willing to be part of this program that can be approached if a need arises and the *First Responders* choose to participate.



If you have any questions about this program and opportunity to help our neighbors in need or our own Faith Church members experiencing financial need, please contact Ed Washburn at [turfed15626@gmail.com](mailto:turfed15626@gmail.com) or by phone at 724-396-1414.



Join Us for Exercise on Thursdays

Faith GMC Social Hall • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Beginning March 5th, bring with you to the church fellowship hall: comfy & supportive shoes—a water bottle—a hand towel ready to mop up sweat. Join us as we participate in chair yoga and the walk program with Leslie Sansone. We will start with approximately 20 minutes of chair yoga, followed by stepping in place to music / walk program by Leslie. The walk program will be displayed on the big screen so we can better follow the movements. (One "walk" session lasts about 17 min. 35 seconds, which is equal to about 1 mile.) You can stay for part or all of the weekly exercise session.

This exercise program is for both men & women. The beginning time may be adjusted once daylight savings time begins and it doesn't get dark so early in the evening; it will be a group decision

If you have any questions, please contact Alyce Urban (724-468-6013) or Lynn Pyle (412-610-4656).

## Campership Sunday is March 15th!

*Submitted by Stacey Vincler*

Believe it or not, summer will be here before we know it! Summer means sun, fun, and church camp! Faith Global Methodist Church has a fantastic campership program. FGMC will pay 50% of the tuition for one week of camp at either Jumonville, Wesley Woods, or Camp Allegheny for children and grandchildren of church members. The children can even invite a friend! There are camp opportunities for all ages.



There will be a **second offering taken on Campership Sunday, March 15th at both services** to benefit the Campership fund at FGMC. Each camp has a great website where you can learn more about camp opportunities.

**Camp Allegheny:** [www.campallegheny.org](http://www.campallegheny.org)      **Jumonville:** [www.jumonville.org](http://www.jumonville.org)  
**Wesley Woods:** [www.wesleywoods.com](http://www.wesleywoods.com)

Robert Frost wrote, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

On our journey through life, we face many choices about which road to travel. Many pathways seem promising and attractive, but only one is the pathway of life. Jesus calls us to travel the road of discipleship and obedience to God's Word—to follow Him instead of the crowd.

As we ponder the road ahead, may God give us wisdom and courage to follow His way—the road of life. It will make all the difference for us and those we love!

May we have the eyes to see the narrow road that leads to life and the courage to follow it. When the wisdom of God guides us in our choices, we have less reason to fear the consequences those choices might bring.

~ Our Daily Bread



### Faith GMC Mourns the Loss of One of Its Faith Family

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

*Family and friends of Mary Zacharias (01-30-2026)*



*"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."  
~Psalm 116: 15*

Those of you who were members of Faith UMC in the early years with Rev. Dr. Deryl K. Larsen will remember charter members, *Jack & Emogene Blair*. They were active members involved in the work of the church before moving to a Lutheran home in Cabot, PA. Our church received confirmation that *Jack & Emogene* are both deceased. The church office has no further details.



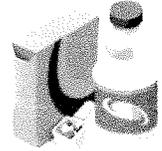


# Christian Outreach Opportunities

Joy Spang, Outreach Chairperson

## Donations of Laundry Detergent Needed for Our Neighbors

Imagine having to decide between providing food, paying the rent/mortgage, keeping the utilities turned on, or having clean clothes. For many of the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry clients, having clean clothes moves down on the list of priorities. If we donate **204 containers of laundry detergent** (liquid, pods, or powder), every family will not have to make that decision. **NOTE:** We have received feedback from the clients that scent-free detergent is preferred & appreciated since many have skin-sensitivity allergies in addition to smaller-sized containers that are easier for the older clients to carry.



The month of March is the last month that Faith Church will be collecting liquid laundry detergent for the food pantry.

**Some Things You Can't Buy With Food Stamps:** Toilet paper—laundry detergent—toothpaste—toothbrush—dental floss—soap—diapers—tampons and pads—deodorant—hair-care products—cleaning products—lotion—powder—sunscreen—lip balm, etc.

Faith Church, in collaboration with First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville—Murrysville First UMC—Mother of Sorrows—Calvary Lutheran—St. Albans—Salem Lutheran Church of Delmont—St. John's—St. Mary's—Newlonsburg Presbyterian—Delmont Presbyterian, work to provide the above items that you can't buy with food stamps for distribution at the monthly MOS Community Food Pantry.

## 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 Mondays—Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Furniture donations may be scheduled online at [FriendsThriftShop.com](http://FriendsThriftShop.com).

If anyone in our neighboring communities is in need of assistance, they may contact Jack Battenhouse, Social Services Coordinator at 412-373-8845. Emergency food can be picked up by calling MC2 at 724-325-1559.



Community Meal

The Friends' Kitchen Community Meals menu for  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2026:**  
cabbage roll—mashed potatoes—roll—cookie

Starting at 4 p.m. until supplies last, one free meal per person will be served at Laird Hall, 3202 North Hills Road, (just off Old Wm. Penn Hwy. in Murrysville, across from the First Presbyterian Church) Take-out is also available. Participation is not based on economic need.

# 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 Sunday, 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**. Consider praying for the recipient, adding a photo, and a 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.

Listed below are suggested items to help you when shopping to fill your shoebox.

## TOYS

- Foam ball—hacky sack—tennis ball
- Etch-A-Sketch—Kaleidoscope
- Baseball—jump rope
- Yo-yo—building blocks—Slinky
- Small Frisbee—small kite
- Toy cars, truck, or boat—LEGO sets
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, or action figures

## CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles—magnets—card game
- Binoculars—compass
- Tool set with work gloves
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Jump rope—marbles—playing cards
- Beads/craft set
- Sewing kit—fabric (1-2 yds.) & ribbon
- Play-Doh—stickers
- Drawing pad—coloring book

## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Hairbrush—comb—toothbrush
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Water bottle
- Nail clipper & file
- Blanket
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Non-breakable compact mirror
- Flashlight
- Small backpack or purse
- Drawstring bag
- Hairbands—ribbons—clips

## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing
- Flip flops—socks
- Hat—scarf—mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana—decorative hat
- Bead jewelry—bead kit
- Wristwatch

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils—erasers
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils—pens (red & blue)
- Pencil case
- Crayons—markers
- Notebooks—blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Scissors—ruler—protractor—compass
- Glue stick (no liquid glue)

## A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll & accessories—stuffed animal
- Soccer ball & pump
- Interactive game—small board game
- Small musical instrument

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** soap—food—candy—  
toothpaste—gum—used or damaged items—scary  
or war-related items such as guns, knives, or  
military figures—wearable camouflage—seeds or  
organic matter—drink mixes—liquids or lotions—  
medications or vitamins—breakable items—  
aerosol cans—matches & fire starters—money

# 2026 OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March

- Donate laundry detergent for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate items for College & Military Care Boxes

## 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 5/18/2026

## June & July

- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate items for the Blackburn Center

## August

- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate items for Blackburn Center
- Participate in Delmont Daze

## September

- Donate items for College & Military Care Boxes
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

## October

- Donate desserts for Delmont's Meals on Wheels
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Donate socks, underwear, & winter coats for the Delmont Food Pantry and Friends Thrift Shop
- Participate in the Westmoreland Food Bank "Grab & Go" food distribution on 10/5/2026
- Donate funds for processing the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- Fill a Christmas Breakfast Bag for the 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 the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry

## December

- Participate in the Pilgrimage on 12/5/2026 and 12/6/2026



## Help Faith GMC Support Our Neighbors



Food Donations

Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted through Sunday, May 3rd. These donations will be boxed on Sunday, May 10th and made available, if needed, to those anticipated 150 families attending the May 18th Westmoreland Food Bank Grab & Go food distribution that our church will host in our parking lot.

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.

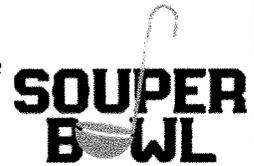
Any boxed food not handed out on May 18th will be shared with the following organizations:  
Delmont Food Pantry—Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry—Friends Thrift Shop.

NOTE: Food insecurity has increased 40% in Westmoreland County since 2022. Over 41,690 of our neighbors are facing food insecurity.

## The Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Since it began in 1989, the Souper Bowl of Caring has provided over \$100 million worth of food and money to local hunger charities across America. Our Faith Church congregation sponsored a Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 8, 2026 in order to raise funds to help make a difference in our community. Faith GMC will **donate \$265.55 each** to the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry and the Loaves & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry housed at the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.

The second offering during both services on February 8th (\$212.10) as well as the donations collected at the soup luncheon (\$329) held after the second service in Fellowship Hall **totaled \$531.10.**



The soup luncheon had 21 different soups displayed for the approximately 70-80 people in attendance to sample. Participants enjoyed the fellowship while sampling a vast variety of delicious choices. Afterwards, *shark attack survivor, Tiffany Johnson*, was the inspiring speaker who shared her story of faith in Jesus in the midst of her physical & emotional trials.

People voted for their favorite soups on the line by placing bills and change in containers by the soups of their choice. The recipe winners of the 2026 Souper Bowl of Caring are listed below.

**1st Place:** *Bacon Cheeseburger* (Amanda Brunory)

**2nd Place:** *New England Clam Chowder* (Sam Popovich)

**3rd Place:** *Crock Pot Chicken Noodle* (Shirleen Johnston)

Thank you to **everyone** who contributed soups for this very successful event!



## 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 & Fishes Emergency Food Pantry are being accepted at Faith GMC. The food donations currently needed are:

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

There is a collection bin located in the church's Gathering Area for your donations.

Our "Shut-In" members love hearing from their church family. If you would like to send them a card, please contact the church office for a current listing of all of our homebound & their addresses. Many times, a phone call is also greatly appreciated.



## A Time to Draw Near

Submitted by Carrie Bortz, Prayer Point Person

As I write this, Ash Wednesday is still a few days away. As I do each year, I'm seeking the Lord's guidance on how He would have me walk through Lent—how I can prepare my heart to fully rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ. Our S.A.L.T. Sunday school class has been studying the book of Ecclesiastes, and we recently reflected on Chapter 3, which opens with the reminder that *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..."* Lent is one of those sacred seasons—a time set apart for preparation. It invites us into fasting, intentional self-discipline, generous giving, and, above all, a deeper pursuit of God through prayer.

But it is an invitation, not an order. God never forces Himself on us—He allows us to choose how deeply we want to enter into this season. I can skate through Lent, reading an extra verse here or praying a few extra minutes there, doing just enough to feel like I've participated. Or I can surrender myself more fully to the Lord, opening my heart to whatever He wishes to teach, refine, or renew in me. Lent offers that choice: to simply observe it, or to truly inhabit it—allowing God to shape my spirit in ways that draw me closer to His heart.



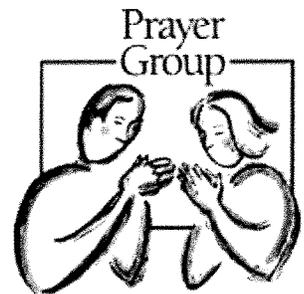
My prayer is that, however each of us chooses to walk through Lent, we will press in and be transformed by the love and sacrifice of Jesus.



### Monthly Prayer Group

First Saturday of the Month • March 7, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

As believers, our goal is to become increasingly more like Christ. One of the ways we do this is by becoming people of prayer, individually and corporately. At our monthly prayer group meetings, those in attendance have the opportunity for fellowship and a time to share joys & concerns. As we pray, there is an opportunity for everyone to speak prayer if they feel led. Carrie Bortz facilitates the meeting, with the goal for the Holy Spirit to be present as a guide. Whether you are just beginning to explore prayer as part of your Christian walk, or you are a seasoned prayer warrior, please consider joining us in the first room to the right when you enter the Narthex using the front doors. If you have any questions, you may contact Carrie at 412-334-0920 or at [carriebortz@yahoo.com](mailto:carriebortz@yahoo.com)



### Friday, March 13, 2026 Church Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles, notes of thanks, and information for the April Faith Flyer are due by Friday, March 13th.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Submitted by Cindy Plance & Mary Schindler

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

A special **THANKS** goes to Nancy Murtland for the large bag full of lap blankets!!

Su Iwanicki delivers the lap blankets to the patients at the William Penn Care Center.

(FYI: Su has delivered, to date, 120 lap blankets to the Wm Penn Care Center!)

We can still use 3 ft. x 3 ft. lap blankets made in the design and color of your choice.



## Our Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry Is There for You



The Peter Room chest freezer (off of the Fellowship Hall where the icemaker is located) continues to be stocked with main meals, soups, and some desserts. We, at Faith Church, want to share God's compassion through the offering of prepared meals to our Faith members and friends who could benefit from some meal help.

A list is posted on the chest freezer in the room that names the types of soups and main dishes available. **Please mark the food items that you remove.** This record helps us know when more soups or meals are needed in order to assure that there is always ample variety available. There is also a sign-out sheet to note date, who took the food, and for whom the food will be given.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please see Marcy Wagner or Cindy Plance.

*Thanks to everyone who helps us keep the freezer filled with an abundant selection of meal choices.*

A new **shut-in ministry**, led by Sylvia Babb, has been added to the Caring Hearts & Hands Ministry for the purpose of reaching out to those members unable to attend church at Faith GMC. Sylvia enjoys reaching out to those members by phone calls, visitations, and sending cards. She provides feedback to Pastor Jonathan so they can work together sharing the love of Christ to those who can't get out to church.



Sylvia is open to others joining her in this new ministry of visiting, calling, and getting to know those members of our church who are unable to attend church in person, letting them know that they are not forgotten and are kept in our thoughts and prayers.

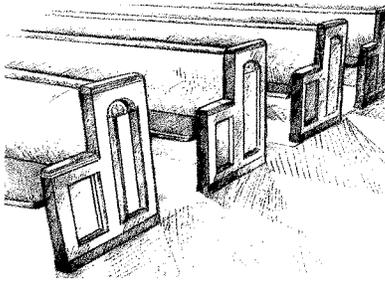


## Offer the Gift of Sight



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.



# A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Barb Hilty

## Carbon Copies—

As a youngster, I was intrigued with carbon paper. I remember my occasional visits to the small office where my mother worked as a receptionist/secretary. It was a big deal to get the old discarded sheet of carbon paper from her receipt pad because its corners still had unused sections of blue wax. From the trash can I'd rescue junk mail that had blank spaces and sandwich the prized carbon paper between them. I'd press down on my pencil, and whatever I drew on the top sheet would amazingly transfer and make an identical copy on the bottom sheet. It was magic! (Didn't take much to keep an 8-year old entertained in the late '50's.)

Years later when I sat at my own secretarial desk, I was expected to make carbon copies of the letters I typed — one for the file and additional ones to mail to other persons whose names were listed after the duly noted “cc” at the end of the letter. Typos were nightmares to fix. Making corrections to the original and then to each carbon copy was an exasperating, labor-intensive pain. But the copy was expected to be a perfect image of the original. What a gift today to have word processing with spell check and the ability to make multiple copies with a click of the mouse or to easily reproduce an original by tapping a few buttons on a photocopier. Wa-la! An exact copy, just like that!

Scripture repeatedly tells us that we believers are to be exactly like Jesus. *Impossible*, we think. He's way too good and holy for us to even come close. But that's what God requires for us to be in His presence. Adam and Eve were created in His perfect righteous image, so it was a natural thing for them to keep company with Him in the Garden. When they sinned, mankind's moral perfection was marred. We were no longer carbon copies of our holy Creator, and thus we lost our ability to walk with Him.

God's foremost desire has *always* been for us to live in fellowship with Him. After the Fall, the theme of the Bible explains God's plan to have His people back at His side, and it culminates in the merciful sacrificial act of His Son's (painstaking) death and resurrection. Our faith in the saving work of Jesus covers our sinful nature so completely that we're truly justified and worthy to be in God's presence! Incredible!

The life of a believer, however, goes beyond our initial salvation. Christians are charged to imitate the Lord and, in obedience, become perfect images of our Original. While we've already admitted that goal is unattainable on our own, we must also admit we need to first learn what holiness and purity actually look like. Thankfully, believers have been given a Helper Who is **Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith** with us.

Not to be disrespectful, but if Christians are meant to be carbon copies of Jesus, dare I say that the Holy Spirit is like spiritual carbon paper? His prodding, teaching, and guidance impress upon us the nature of Christ's perfect love. The Holy Spirit graciously works to transfer the holy character of Christ onto us in order that we can ultimately be (re)made in the image of the Trinity. A perfect “cc” of our Lord.

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*Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ... So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. ~ Genesis 1: 26-27*

*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. ~ Matthew 5: 48*

*As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”  
~ 1 Peter 1: 14-16*

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us.  
~ Ephesians 4: 32 – 5: 2*

# Birthday



# Blessings



## MARCH



2	Susan Burkett	13	Ruth McClellan	22	Donna McCracken
3	Bruce Boe Jean Loughry		Janet Robinson Madeline White	24	Samantha Robinson
5	Charles Stock	14	Corey Babbitt	25	Jim Martz
6	Ray Deem		Nicholas Coppage Su Iwanicki	26	Brendan Beech Bryce Beech
9	William Bowser Karissa Eckman Rodney Fox		Gene Kovacs Judy Miller	28	Cheryl Hoffman Michael Korn
10	Lindsey Hudak Lori Martz	17	Pat Bush Beau Retter	29	Brooks Hudak Kathy Thurston
11	Susan Carter	20	Stacey Vincler		

Our church administrative assistant, Alisha Giannattasio, celebrates her birthday on March 3rd.



15	Joyce & Clint Stevenson
19	Diana & Nicholas Canzano
20	Helen & Bruce Collier Mary & Gary Scheidhauer
26	Amy & Bruce Boe

## 2026 EASTER FLOWERS

The spring flowers being offered by Erich Gumto Greenhouses, Inc. in Renfrew, PA are used to beautify our altar and chancel area. Afterwards, you may enjoy them in your home or give them to a loved one. For your convenience, **Flower Envelopes** are located on the Action Table in the Gathering Area. You may indicate on the envelope if you would like your flowers to be "in memory of" and/or "in honor of" someone.



**The deadline to place your orders is Sunday, March 22, 2026.**

Checks should be made payable to *Faith Global Methodist Church*.

Place your flower envelope in the offering plate or take it to the church office.

Flowers available are as follows:

Lilies: \$9.40 each

Daffodils 7 in.: \$9.65 each

Azaleas 8 in.: \$14.50 each

Tulips 6 in.: \$7.05 each

Hyacinths 6 in.: \$7.50 each

# 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dick &amp; Pat Bush</li> <li>• Nick Coppage</li> <li>• Dave Morris</li> <li>• Joan Nellis</li> <li>• The White Family</li> <li>• Dick &amp; Natalie Berlin</li> <li>• Fred Roach</li> <li>• Straw Soffronoff</li> <li>• Beth Tyson</li> <li>• Pam Scalf</li> <li>• Michael Scoletti</li> <li>• Bill &amp; Mary Weyel</li> <li>• Joe Ramus</li> <li>• Julie Kovacs</li> <li>• Linda (Barb's cousin)</li> <li>• Mindy Shaw</li> <li>• Diane Brown</li> <li>• Bud Murray</li> <li>• Jeff Retter</li> <li>• Ken Thom</li> <li>• Sally Wareham</li> <li>• Sharon Bronson</li> <li>• Maury &amp; Mary Fey</li> <li>• Alice Burkhart</li> <li>• Theresa</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Zacharias</li> <li>• Shirley Fabrizi</li> <li>• Stephanie Taczak</li> <li>• Helen Robbins</li> <li>• Irene Hanna</li> <li>• Dennis &amp; Gerrilynn Butterfield</li> <li>• Martha Koval</li> <li>• John Womer</li> <li>• Norma Murphy (Carrie's sister)</li> <li>• Jean Loughry</li> <li>• Martha Ashbaugh</li> <li>• John &amp; Janet Brodahl</li> <li>• Marie (Janet's sister)</li> <li>• Joey Kasunic</li> <li>• Donna Earnest</li> <li>• Judy Magill</li> <li>• Lynn Francis</li> <li>• Gene Kovacs</li> <li>• Joanne Bruno</li> <li>• Chuck Robinson</li> <li>• Lisa Fair</li> <li>• Sharon Eisele</li> <li>• John &amp; Polly Negich</li> <li>• Elvin</li> <li>• Lidia (Linda Kunkle's granddaughter)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Schindler</li> <li>• Louise Gladkowski</li> <li>• Sue &amp; Ron</li> <li>• Samantha Hohn</li> <li>• Charlotte Graham</li> <li>• Dennis Urban</li> <li>• Robin Dorman</li> <li>• Gloria W.</li> <li>• Serenity Conlon</li> <li>• Tracey Albert</li> <li>• Sue Shaw</li> <li>• Sue Cuenca</li> <li>• Bruce &amp; Helen Collier</li> <li>• Don (Helen Collier's brother)</li> <li>• Bev Fensch</li> <li>• Karen Connors</li> <li>• Debbie McDevitt</li> <li>• Todd (Lawanna's son)</li> <li>• Loretta Schroder</li> <li>• Beth Muri</li> <li>• Karen Klanica</li> <li>• Bryson (Linda &amp; Jay's great nephew)</li> <li>• Melissa Stauffer</li> <li>• April, Luci, &amp; Tom</li> <li>• Tony DiNizo</li> </ul> |
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### 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 office 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.

## Update Regarding the CONTINUAL Prayer List

The CONTINUAL Prayer List is listed monthly in the Faith Flyer. This list is longer & different from the DAILY Prayer Chain. There are some people who want special support in prayer for an **extended** time period. If you want someone to be on the CONTINUAL Prayer List, please tell the office of that request when calling in with your prayer request that is shared that day.



In an effort to be as accurate as possible with those who are listed on the CONTINUAL Prayer List, **the church office will be reviewing the CONTINUAL Prayer List quarterly (every 3 months).** The desire is not to discourage continued prayer (We all need prayer!) but to reflect the most accurate list of immediate prayer needs.

If you see any names on the CONTINUAL Prayer List that should be removed, or names that should be added to the list, please let the church office know.

## 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.



## Looking for Fruit

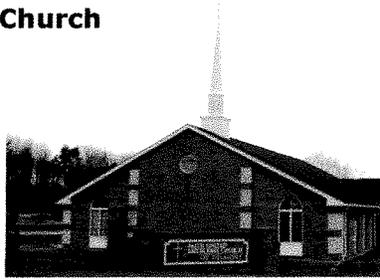
*Dr. Charles F. Stanley, InTouch*

Fruitful believers are not controlled by their environment. Everyone experiences trials and pain, but those who are filled with the Spirit do not lose His fruit because of their situation. They keep their joy even when difficulties overwhelm. If someone speaks harshly, they respond with kindness. Because the Holy Spirit is in control, God is free to produce His fruit no matter what the circumstances are. Even though such believers may feel pain, anger, or a desire for revenge, they choose to trust the Lord to protect them and direct the outcome.

Fruitful Christians recover quickly after a fall. These believers are not perfect, but they are sensitive to the Spirit's conviction and are quick to return to the Lord in repentance. In fact, they are actually grateful for the correction and praise God, not only for revealing their weakness but also for drawing them back to obedience.

Believers can't produce these qualities in themselves. Trying harder to be godly will never work. Character transformation occurs when we submit to God, giving Him complete control of our lives. Only then will the Spirit be free to produce fruit that remains even in the deepest, darkest storms.

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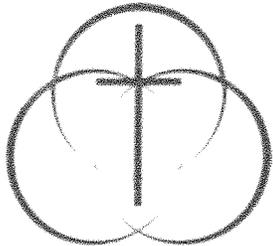
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**PIANIST:** Holly Kwaczala (2nd service)  
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# The Faith Flyer



## Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith

*Lord, You are our source of peace.*

*Teach us to seek you always.*

*Show us Your love and mercy through a personal relationship with You.*

*The peace of God can release us from our anxieties and worries.*

*~ The Upper Room*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*~ Philippians 4: 6-7 (NIV)*