

FAITHLINES



Rev. Mark Wildermuth, Pastor
 Jill Park, Secretary
 Rebecca Keck, Music Director
 Shelley Grubb, Bell Choir
 Steve Conrad, Grounds
 Randy Peck, Custodian



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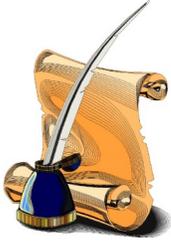
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Our Mission Is To Know And Share God's Love

FROM THE PASTOR



CHRIST IS RISEN! That pronouncement of good news fills me with joy in the Easter Season. It also gives me hope, knowing Jesus' power is available to me and my life.

This hope sustains me in the midst of my concerns for the life & welfare of Faith Church. As you will see later in this issue, we carried over \$6000 of unmet obligations into April, and only made the end of March payroll by @\$200! Our offerings in April have helped catch up a bit, but I am still concerned about the upcoming summer months when attendance and giving tend to diminish. There is a lot that happens through our ministry together, and a lot of lives get touched in the name of Jesus. I would hate to see us back away from any of our outreach ministries, or even from the basic things we do as a church.

The hope of Easter is a hope for new life, renewal and new possibilities. I pray that we will see this in our personal lives and our congregational life. God has blessed us so much, and we want to be a blessing as well.

A BIG THANKS

- To Becky Keck, Shelley Grubb, the choirs and others for the special music during Lent & Easter
- To Kevin Mishey, and crew for another delicious Easter breakfast
- To Jill for her extra work
- To Carolyn Jacquet for her invaluable help with the Lenten soup suppers.



LENTEN GIVING

Due to your gracious giving, we are sending \$818, to Cody Blust to share support with him as he continues his seminary studies to become an ordained pastor.

BE SURE TO VOTE

The congregation will vote May 7 on the grant requests we have received and approved, descriptions of which are included in this issue, along with voting information and priorities. This information will be available Sun. May 7 as well. The grant awards will be announced and distributed Sun. May 14. We continue to be thankful to Lawrence Zeigler, Donna Porter, Karl & Barb George and others whose gifts enable us to bless others in the name of Jesus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS

The Sunday School year will end on Sunday May 21. We thank Mary Leigh Wildermuth for her leadership, and the Sunday School staff for sharing the faith.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE MAY 28

On Memorial Day weekend we will have one worship service at 10 am in the Stone Garden, weather permitting. Cody Blust will preach.



RED WAGON

Sunday May 7 is our Red Wagon Sunday. Help people in need in our community by bringing canned goods, boxed & paper products for Interchurch. These will be collected during the offering.



JESUS CALLING

The Monday noon group will meet Monday May 1 at noon at Allison's. The Friday evening group meets Friday May 19 at 6 pm at Allison's. Check in with Mary Leigh if you are planning to attend.



EUCHRE

We play on Friday May 19 at the church from 6-9 pm. Players are invited to bring a friend to join in the fun & fellowship, and a snack or beverage to share.



SPECIAL THANKS

To Carolyn Jacquet who coordinated the Wendy's fundraiser, to Joe & Jen Curran who offered the 10% gift of receipts, and all who attended and participated. Together with gifts from the joint Ash Wednesday worship offering with Mulberry St. UMC and other gifts, we were able to give a total of \$1,300 for Dan Emmett camp scholarships this year!

FIRST COMMUNION

We welcome Elle Marie Ballengee, Carley Cammuse and Alison Matulich to the table of the Lord. They celebrated their First Communion on Sunday April 2. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in their relationship with God: Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM

On Sunday March 26 Pastor baptized Caden & Mia Diebolt, the twin children of Dave & JoDell Diebolt. They are also the grandchildren of Stan & Jill Park. May God continue to bless them as they grow in grace.



NEW LIFE, NEW HOPE CONCERT

From Pastor: I had the opportunity to attend the Vintage Voices Concert in Granville April 9. The vocal choir was outstanding, but I was truly blessed and proud of the performance of our bell choir. Shelley and her group work very hard and are incredibly talented, and as their pastor, I was honored and proud that they are our bell choir! Very well done all!!

SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Rev. Richard Shibley, who passed away in February. Dick was a charter member of Faith Church, and worked at Cooper until he felt the call to ministry. He served First Lutheran in Galion, Emmanuel in Coshocton, Zion in Wooster and Zion in Reedsburg. After retiring, he moved to Virginia Beach, VA to live with his daughter. He died Feb. 4 there. May God's love surround his family, and we thank Dick for his faithful service to the Lord, the Church, and his early leadership at Faith Church.

DEVOTIONS

The new quarter (April—June) of our daily devotional books Portals of Prayer or Christ In Our Home are available on the rack inside the entrance door. Be sure to get your copy.



MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary Martha Circle will meet Tues. May 9 at 1pm here at the church. Dan Werner will be the program leader and Betty McDonald the hostess. All ladies are invited to be a part of our study.

SPECIAL MUSIC TIME



It is once again that season that we are able to have members and friends of the congregation share their talents to offer praises to our Lord. We invite all singers and instrumentalists to consider signing up for a Sunday, throughout the summer, June through August. Please contact Becky Keck to secure a date or if you have any questions at 740-258-7786 or contact me at church. Thank you for sharing!

FAITH LUTHERAN CANCER CRUSADERS



Our Relay for Life team has a captain (Becky Matulich) but no team members as of yet. If you plan to be a part of the team this year please sign up online (follow instructions on bulletin board) or fill out a paper registration form and give to Becky M. Relay For Life is a good time for a good cause. You don't have to commit to staying for the whole night, you don't even have to walk more than a portion of one lap (the spirit lap) if you don't want to. There are activities and fun throughout the entire relay, but, as with so many other activities, it's more fun with a group. You can raise money for Relay even if you cannot walk. Registering on-line will prompt you to set up a donation page (if you wish) to raise money on-line. You can also buy or sell luminaries to honor or memorialize those touched by cancer. Luminary forms are on the bulletin board and you can make copies of them if you wish to take extras to sell. Additionally, our team will establish a presence at First Fridays in May and June to collect donations and sell trinkets to add to our team fundraising and we will need people to man the booth, and make and/or donate trinkets. If baking is your thing, we will be having a bake sale at some time (perhaps at the farmer's market). If you would like to hear more about it and/or help with the planning, please come to the short meeting after

second service on April 23rd. More Information call Becky (TEXT ONLY) (740) 398-9403 or (740) 397-9442 voice mail.

RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is here and we are gearing up for our annual rummage sale to benefit New Directions. As you are starting your spring cleaning please consider bringing in all your unwanted stuff. If you are willing to help or need to bring in items please contact Robbi Rice at 740-392-1132 or 330-473-7578.

PRAYER SHAWL THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Faith Lutheran: I would like to thank Faith Lutheran Church for the prayer shawl that I received. The blue shawl is very comforting to me and blue is my favorite color. I would like to thank all of those who prayed for me while making the shawl and for Pastor Wildermuth praying over the shawl, while the congregation prayed also. This has been a blessing to me while I struggle to deal with my incurable illness. May God's blessings be with the people of Faith Lutheran Church.....

Ann Simpson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Melissa Dexter, Art Lund
- 4 Katie Ambrose, Vickie Blubaugh, Judy Mustaine, Stephen Volz
- 7 Greg Lust
- 12 Karen Smith
- 17 Donna Ulmer
- 22 Dan Werner
- 23 Doug Michela
- 25 Olivia Matulich
- 27 Robbi Rice
- 31 Amanda Peck, Teah Hoffman-Ulmer



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Eric & Jackie Driscoll
- 11 Bryan & Christine Ulmer
- 18 John & Betsy Nixon, Mark & Teresa Williams
- 22 George & Karen Smith
- 29 Ray & Cathy Adamski, Jack & Holly Denson

PANTRY NEEDS

Here is a list of food items needed for the food pantry at Interchurch: chicken noodle soup, boxed dinners, dish soap.



GIVING UPDATE

Projected need to date 3/31: \$59,593.956
Rcvd to date... 3/31: \$48,411.01 (81%)
Spent in Mission
and Ministry 3/31: \$55,405.53
Carried forward unpaid
obligations 3/31: \$6,463.90

GIVING UPDATE

"When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on my pride" (LBW 482)

We have just completed Holy Week and had opportunity to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and his death on the cross **for us!** For our sin, for our failings, for our weakness...for us. Long before we were ever conceived of, except in the mind of God, God extended his arms on a cross so that we could receive forgiveness. Then, with his incredible power, he rolled the stone away from the tomb, and raised Jesus from the dead, so that his power would be available to us...anytime, anywhere, in any circumstance.

God acts, and all that we need is provided by his generous care....food, shelter, safety, resources. God acts, and forgiveness, mercy, hope fill our lives. God acts, and our life is our response. God acts first, and we have the privilege of responding with our time, our talents, our treasure. We give to God through the church to show our appreciation of his blessings and to help accomplish his will through our ministries.

God has been more than generous throughout our lives and throughout the life of this church....perhaps we might be generous in response.