

Faith Friends

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

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## VBS: Rolling River Rampage

Date: June 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Time 6:00-7:30ish Place: Faith Presbyterian Church Theme Rolling River Rampage Ages: 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

EVERYONE is welcome to attend!! You do not need to be a member of Faith Presbyterian Church!!

We will need lots of helpers, if you can help please let Donna Morang know.

~ Donna Morang, CE Director



## Music in the Park

Mark your Calendars! Silver Sails Mariners will be hosting Music in the Park on July 12<sup>th</sup> in the Silver Lake City Park!



## Shake it up!

You may have seen some changes already in the Sunday bulletin, there may be more, you'll have to look!

Change is also right here! You may notice some adjustments in the regular layout of the newsletter. But don't worry! All the reports and your favorites are still here!

Keep your eyes open for more changes in the following months!

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Congratulations On your Confirmation, Leah!

## THANK YOU!

Dear Faith Family,

I want to thank all of you for your many prayers, kind words, phone calls, visits and <u>candy</u>. You helped me through a very hard and long recovery. I am still working hard to get back to my old self, but am very glad to b back with you at worship.

God works in many mysterious ways and I know he was watching over me when I became ill.

God's Blessings to you, Bonnie

## LITTLE KNOWN MISSION

Perhaps a little known mission by three of our church members.

Thank you to Pearl Brandon, Jo Nowak and Ron Makovsky for providing the lamp oil for the sanctuary candles for a number of years.

Our sincere thanks to these three members!



On March 4th we welcomed two families to membership at Faith Presbyterian church. Please welcome:

The Lee's Jessica & Steve Mary Kay & Chadley Evelyn Felix Payton

Clair Reese Layne Tripp

The Doering's

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2018 spring salad luncheon another great success. This event could not have been accomplished without the special help and talent from the following:

- Ladies who furnished the delicious salads and  $\Diamond$ desserts.
- Everyone who helped with set up, kitchen help and clean up.
- Shelly and Mary Beth for helping to design  $\Diamond$ and prepare the "bee attitude" cards, program, tickets and flyers.
- ♦ To those who distributed posters and sold tickets.
- Rev. Ashley for prayers and our M.C., JoLen  $\Diamond$ for another outstanding performance.
- Mabel for all her phone calls.  $\Diamond$
- ♦ Ken, Jeff, Wayne, Jim and Gerald for their dish patrol and coffee service.

Most of all THANK YOU to all who attended our luncheon!!!!

~ Carol Denneson and Helen Jensen, Co-chair

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## Pastor's Letter

Dear Faith Congregation,

I greet you in the name of the Lord. First, I want to thank the Session for giving me the opportunity to be a part of Faith Presbyterian Church. My commitment is unwavering as we partner together to build the Body of Christ here at Faith. Over the next months, I look forward to getting to know you better. I hope you find me easy to talk with, approachable, and a good listener. As your Transitional Pastor, I am focused on developing new leaders and preparing the congregation for what's next. You can expect at some time to be asked to participate in worship or other ministries of the church. I affirm the Priesthood of All Believes and see my calling as helping you discover and use your Spiritual Gifts. Additionally, I am here to point you toward Christ and help you grow in your faith.

I come to Faith from Carmel Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio where I was the pastor for three years before joining my wife in Minnesota. I have served as Elder of Christian Education at New Life Presbyterian Church, in Atlanta, Georgia. In Seminary I served as Co-Supply Student Pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church in Anderson, South Carolina. After seminary I served the United Methodist Church in the Central Pennsylvania Conference as a Drug and Rehab Counselor for Day Star Center for Spiritual Recovery and as a Chaplain for the Pennsylvania Counsel of Churches serving the Harrisburg State Hospital. My ministry experience also includes serving as an Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Christian Education for Community Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Delaware. I am a Veteran having served in the Armed Forces for 20 years. Shreveport Louisiana is my home. My wife, Reverend Dr. SanDawna G. Ashley, and I have been married for 32 years. We have two sons Jay and family lives in Georgia and James and family lives in Kentucky. Joy our Keeshond dog completes our family.

My call to ministry was when I realize that people needed more than just physical healing they needed spiritual healing that only God can give. Through preaching and teaching the Gospel my goal is to assist you in your faith development. Do not hesitate to call for pastoral care. Together, I look forward to discerning the will of God for the congregation's vision for ministry. I look forward to the whole congregation using their talent, intelligence, and imagination for the kingdom God and this church.

I will minister with patience, love and compassion while trying to mend any differences as we increase our faith together.

With deepest gratitude,

Rev. Murphy Ashley

**Elders** 

Clerk: Gary Warner

Doris Jerabek, Donna Morang, Margie Nelsen, Laura Pieper, Brent Posusta, Jerry Quast, Bruce Svanda, & Jan Wanous <u>Deacons</u>

Chairperson: Joleen Nowak

JoLen Bentz, Helen Jensen, Joy Nunvar, Linda Prochaska, Barb Quast, Jacki Rossi, Betty Williams, Doris Wraspir

## CLERK'S REPORT

Boy it's hard to believe it's already the first of June. Where's the time go? Session and all the committees have been very busy. I'm sure you'll read their activities throughout the newsletter.

We were very fortunate in March when we hired Reverend Murphy Ashley Jr. as our Transitional/ Interim minister. He's only been here a couple months and has accomplished a lot. Session went from meeting every other month to meeting every month. We had our first training session with the deacons, we all came out of there with a lot to think about. We spent a lot of time on our responsibilities and goals to achieve our responsibilities. Reverend Ashley has a lot of great ideas, with the main idea being that we all participate, even you. Should be a great adventure!

We've spent some time on redoing the minister's office and doing work on the manse and making it livable again in case our next minister needs a place to live. We've decided that we won't pursue using the manse as a preschool or daycare again.

A lot of discussion on the outside grounds of the church we've also talked about and will be receiving trees from a youth group, as a project, they'll all be donated.

We were very fortunate in February when we welcomed Chadley & Mary Kay Doering, Steve and Jessica Lee into our membership. It will be great to see their kids grow and mature the years to come.

A lot of great changes in our future, I hope your looking forward to seeing changes, as I am. Enjoy your summer!



Gary Warner, Clerk of Session

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Faith Presbyterian Church Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the period January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018

	Budget to Date (4 months)		Actual to Date (4 months)		Last Year to Date (4 months)	
Contribution Revenue			\$	21,398	\$	71,360
Expenditures Administrative Christian Education Church at Worship Church Property Partnership Pastoral Ministry Total Expenditures	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	5,664 2,085 2,942 8,893 2,617 21,132 43,333	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	4,324 2,043 2,235 8,521 1,713 4,461 23,297	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	4.234 2.000 1,951 8,450 3,054 2,680 22,369
Net Income (Loss)	φ	40,000	⊅ \$	(1,899)	۹ \$	48,992

Contribution revenue is short of operating expenses by almost \$2,000.00. Expenses are in line with the budget for most of our expense areas for our first third of the year with the exception of water & garbage costing a bit more than projected. Over all, we have spent 18% of the annual budget for 33% of the year. The majority of this expense difference is the timing of hiring Reverend Murphy Ashley, Jr. in late March. Last year's contributions were much higher due to the bequest received during this time period. Otherwise, the first four months of 2017 had contributions of \$20,491.00.

You may have seen in the bulletin that Thrivent Financial has the church listed as an approved charity. Any members wanting to direct their Thrivent Choice dollars to our church can do so by contacting Thrivent.

~ Submitted by Margie Nelsen, Treasurer

## DEACON'S REPORT

Deacon's Mission Statement: God's People, in God's Place, doing God's Work.

The Deacon's meet the second Sunday of each month following the worship service.

March 18<sup>th</sup> the deacons hosted a spaghetti dinner for all to enjoy. April 12<sup>th</sup> we attended the elder/ deacon training that Rev. Murray hosted and May 4<sup>th</sup> several church members, friends, and family enjoyed the steak fry at the Legion.

We continue on with our work with prayer concerns, visiting/contacting shut-ins, cards being sent for birthdays, thinking of you, sympathy and get well, as well as providing meals for those that might need a little helping hand. We are also available to provide transportation for appointments or errands. Please let one of us know if you know of someone in need of a call, meal or visit. We can't do what we don't know!

Your deacons are: Jolen Bentz, Helen Jensen, Joleen Nowak, Joy Nunvar, Linda Prochaska, Barb Quast, Jacki Rossi, Betty Williams and Doris Wraspir.

~ Submitted by Joleen Nowak, Deacon Chair

## COMMON CUP CORNER

The time for packing backpacks for the school children is coming to a close and we thank you for all your donations to that program throughout the year. Without our donations Common Cup would have to purchase more items monthly. Even though we still get a lot of the items thru Common Cup distribution whatever we donate is put in the bags that we pack. In September we will let you know again how many children we are packing for and our needs. We ended the year packing for 29 children.

In August Common Cup is doing a fundraiser called Stroke and Stride for Common Cup. This will be a time to use the Hutchinson Aquatic Center and do a walk raising funds for Common Cup Ministry. Posters will be put up and further announcements and information will be coming.

Common Cup is also involved in Hunger Free McLeod Summer feeding for children with lunches provided Monday -Thursday at two sites in Hutchinson.

There is always something happening at Common Cup. They are manning the hotdog stand at Cashwise on May 25th and May 26th so stop in and have lunch with them.

~ Barb Wawrzyniak

## SILVER SAILS MARINERS REPORT

February 18, 2018

The Mariners met at Unhinged Pizza at Glencoe following church and coffee hour.

The roll call showed 14 members and 1 guest. Following our meal, Skipper Jerry shared some online stories followed by the business meeting.

All current officers indicated they would serve another year. The minutes were approved as read.

Helen Jensen gave the Purser's report In Jo Nowak's absence. The balance is \$714.90.

Bonnie reported as Dr. & Nurse the cards that were sent. The Mariners will do coffee hour on March 11th. Bars & cookies are needed. Bonnie will help chair, needs volunteers to help.

The Music in the Park date to be determined.

The committee of Jolen & Ken Bentz, Karen Hendrickson and Helen Jensen along with others to plan the menu. All Mariners need to be involved.

The Bentz cabin get together is set for Sunday, August 12th. Members will do a pot luck and bring food items for the food shelf.

The club will host the coffee hour on December 2nd, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

On October 28th we have our Halloween pot luck meal and meeting. Games by Jolen and Bonnie.

During March Food Shelf month we will donate \$250.

Skipper Jerry closed with Prayer.

~ Log Keepers, Ron & Karen

## MISSION REPORT

Faith Presbyterian totals for the March Food Share Campaign was \$1095.67 and 316 pounds of food. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important food drive to help alleviate hunger in McLeod County!! As part of our mission program, we will continue to donate food throughout the year to the McLeod County Emergency Food Shelf.

We will also continue to sponsor the "backpack" program.

Thank you for collecting prescription containers for Matthew 25 Ministries. We will no longer be participating in that program.

Our new mission project will be collecting personal items for Common Cup, Food Shelf, and the McLeod County Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse. These items include wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant for men and women, shampoo, bar soap and women's personal products (tampax or pads.) This items should be regular size, not travel size. There will be a box in hallway for donations of these items.

~ Jan Wanous and Helen Jensen









## BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

The most upcoming thing to report is spring clean up on June 2nd starting at 9 a.m. Please bring rakes and any equipment needed to help beautify the church grounds. Most of you may know the drill, but if you don't please ask what you can do to help which would simply be showing up.

Last winter session passed a budget to clean up some of the trees. We are still working on getting this locked down what should happen when the timing is right for the trees.

We are also excited to enjoy the use of our new AC units this summer. It will be so nice on them hot humid days.

The manse office has been painted to help esthetics for pastor Murphy's new office. With that being said, there had been a painting accident on the carpeting which we are now accepting bids for carpet replacement.

Please let Brent Posusta, Jerry Brooks or Jerry Quast if there are any concerns our needs to be met.

# WOW END OF YEAR MINI-GOLF PARTY!

The annual Wow End of Year party for the WOW families took place on Wednesday, May 16th! They were blessed with FABULOUS weather!

Activities for the day included dinner, mini-golf and batting cages at Northern Links Mini-Golf Course in Hutchinson.





### MUSIC & WORSHIP

The Music and Worship Committee continues to meet monthly. Rev. Ashley is now meeting with us and a few worship changes are being made. The bulletin will take on a new look with more information and phone numbers.

The liturgist will welcome all to worship and go right into the Passing of the Peace. Announcements will not be read as they are in the bulletin for all to read. Anything special will of course be announced.

A hymn will be sung before the scripture readings and another immediately after the sermon. The rest of the service will remain the same.

On the first Sunday of the month Happy Birthday will be sung for all who have a birthday that month—their names are to be in the bulletin.

Pocket Change Sunday will continue to be the last Sunday of the month.

Since May 20th is the last Sunday for the choir to sing, special music selections are being sought. Anyone wishing to participate or knowing someone with a special talent please contact Barb Wawrzyniak to be put on the schedule.

Pola~Czesky Sunday will again be a joint outdoor worship with Grace Bible Church in the City Park.

Please contact any members of this committee if you have worship suggestions or concerns: barb Quast, Bonnie Susatacek, Jacki Rossi, Laura Pieper, Barb Wawrzyniak, Dorothy Merrill and Rev. Ashley.



~ Dorothy Merrill

### NEWS & NOTES!

Psalm 150 states: "Praise the Lord! Praise God in is sanctuary... praise him with the sounding of trumpet...with dancing... with cymbals". Since last September the choir and hand bells have been doing just that - we are praising God with our voices and with our ringing and we know that you appreciate the choir and Faith Ringers very much. However now it is time to rest a bit over the summer, but music and praising God in the sanctuary will not stop. We hope to bring you a variety of music this summer. If you know of anyone who would like to provide special music during the summer months please let me know. We love to have visitors and others in the congregation show their talents. I'm still looking for some dancers!

I would like to thank all the members of choir and hand bells for their continued commitment in providing music for the worship services. You make our service complete. We will resume in the fall with some new music and ideas. If anyone is feeling moved to join choir and share in the spirit and fun that we have please join us in September.

~ Submitted by Barb Wawrzyniak

## PW NOTES

Although we are a small group who meet the first Wednesday of the month we have continued to do many things for our church. We have Mission work, Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, Foodless Food Sale and the Spring Salad Luncheon. These things are accomplished because of all the Women of the church.

The Salad Luncheon was a success and everyone enjoyed it. Thanks goes to Helen Jensen and Carol Denneson who co-chaired it and also to others who gave of their time, talents and those who worked and also who brought salads and deserts. Many hands help to make the work lighter. THANKS TO ALL!

We have Bible Study on Wednesdays when we have PW. We have a few more women as we meet at 2:00 PM after PW. It has been an interesting study this year all about the book of Hebrews. It's a great way to learn more about the Bible. We welcome anyone who would like to come at 2:00 PM and join us. WE HAVE COOKIES AND COFFEE!!! ~ Donna Holm, Secretary

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## BIBLE SUPER QUIZ

Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Elementary Level, 2 points on the High School Level and 3 points on the College Level. Topic: Boats in the Bible

### **Elementary Level**

What did the men on the boat do to Jonah?
What was Jesus doing in the boat when the disciples thought the were going to perish in the storm?

### **High School Level**

3. When Jesus called James son of Zebedee and his brother John, they were in a boat with their father Zebedee. What were they doing?4. Where did Noah's ark land?

### **College Level**

5. How long was the ark that Noah built?6. Where was the boat headed for that Jonah boarded to run away from the Lord?

Hint Verses:

1. Jonah 1:15 2. Matthew 8:23-27 3. Mark 1:19

4. Genesis 8:4 5. Genesis 6:15 6. Jonah 1:3

### Answers:

1. threw him overboard 2. sleeping 3. Mending nets 4. Mountains of Ararat 5. 300 cubits 6. Tarshish

### SCORING:

12 points: congratulations, Pastor; 9 to 11 points: WOW Teacher!; 6 to 10 points: Confirmation Student; 2 to 5 points: WOW Student; 0 to 1 point: time to stay awake in church!





## HOLY HUMOR

A little boy walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes."

"Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head, "Yes."

"Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes."

With that he asked his final question. "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 am Communion Service with Fellowship after
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm Presbyterian Women's Meeting
	2 pm Bible Study
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
	Deacons Meeting after church
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Music and Worship Meeting
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm Session Meeting
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	10 am Communion Service with Fellowship after
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
	Deacons Meeting after church
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mariners Serving Dinner at Music in the Park
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Session Meeting
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 pm Presbyterian Women's Meeting
	2 pm Bible Study
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Worship in the Park
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Communion Service with Fellowship after
	Deacons Meeting after church
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after

### Watch the weekly bulletin and Facebook for updates and corrections!



### NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have something you would like to see in the next newsletter, or in our newsletter in general please leave a message with the church secretary and she will see what she can do.

Next newsletter Deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of the postal service please send an e-mail to the church office with 'Electronic Newsletter' in the subject line.

If you would like to stop receiving the newsletter, please just let the church know.

**Pastor's Office Hours** 

Wednesday: 10 am—3 pm

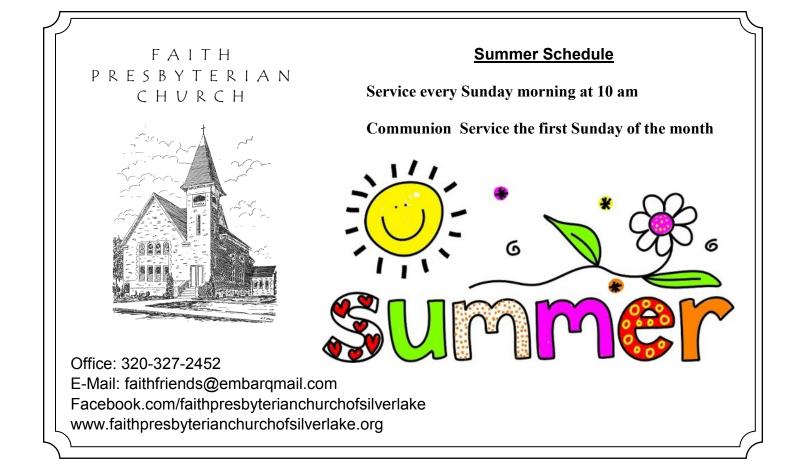
Thursday: by appointment

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