

# The Disciple

GROWING IN FAITH BY CARING, CONNECTING, & SERVING COMMUNITY



## *Summer Greetings Everyone from Pastor Julia!*

First of all, I am thrilled to be your new “permanent part time pastor.” I am very glad and feel very blessed that it worked out for me to stay at Faith. I look forward to our time together as pastor and people to see where and how God is calling us. It has been a challenging spring and summer, that’s for sure. We managed to come back together for worship from May 31- July 5, including celebrating communion using our virus safe bubbled cups with a bread holder. A photo of these cups set up in the sanctuary just before worship got lots of “likes” on Facebook with a few people inquiring where they could find them for their church.

And now we have returned to “virtual” worship until the virus risk level in Montgomery County is lowered and cases start to go down. I miss our Sunday mornings together but it is a wise decision to refrain from gathering for the time being. And so this is a good time to reach out over the phone to one another, especially to those folks whom you might not usually call. Everyone should have received a new Faith Church Directory. With that updated information, you can look and see who might really appreciate a phone call. If you’d like a paper copy, please call Sarah in the office and she will get you one.



*Cades Cove Smoky Mountain National Park.  
I'll be talking a little bit about Cades Cove too.*

And I’ll share with you that David and I had a very nice 5-day get-away to Pigeon Cove, TN. My summer sermon series for August is titled “View from a Mountain Cabin” and here it is. I got to enjoy this view all week! What a blessing.

I am trying to keep in touch with everyone. But please let me know how you are doing. Give me a call anytime or consider learning how to “Zoom” and join us Tuesday nights at 6:30. I look forward to being back together for worship and other activities soon. But for now, patience is the way to go. And our verse for the month is

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12.)*

Hope to see you soon!

*Pastor Julia*

## Administration Committee

Chairperson: Greg Hughes  
 Financial Secretary: Don Niece  
 Treasurer: Diane Grycz  
 Support: Paul Brown  
 Next Meeting: August 6th at 7PM



Finances:	June	YTD
Income:	\$10,158	\$77,975
Expenses:	<u>\$ 9,068</u>	<u>\$62,462</u>
Difference:	\$ 1,090	\$15,513

- ♦ A video camera was purchased. Don Niece has been videotaping our services for us. They are available to watch on You Tube. He also videotapes the services with Pastor Julia and John Derrickson when we have not been able to meet in the building. We thank him for his time and talent.
- ♦ The Boy Scouts did yard work and mulching in June. Thank you to Roy and Jane Schroder for getting the mulch.
- ♦ The second quarter payment was made to Miami Presbytery for our Connectional Support. GA Per Capita and Synod Per Capita for \$978.
- ♦ Many thanks to all who continue to contribute to the church during the weeks when we have not met in-person. We are grateful. Please continue to keep us all in your thoughts and prayers.

### PNC Activities

In looking for the best candidate for a pastor for Faith, the PNC completed the Ministry Information Form using input from the Holy Conversations. This, along with other input from the congregation, became the basis for the criteria used to review potential candidates. After reviewing Personal Information Forms from several potential pastors and looking at the relationship we and Julia have developed, the PNC felt that she would be the best fit to lead Faith Presbyterian Church into the future. The PNC recommendation was joyfully accepted by Pastor Julia, Session, and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry. The PNC joyfully announced to the Congregation on July 5 that Pastor Julia will be staying with us as our “permanent” part-time pastor. Many members of the congregation asked why we couldn’t keep Julia and with COM help we were able to make it happen.

### Session Notes July 2020

Session continued to met via Zoom. Much of the time was spent on developing and implementing a protocol to keep us all safe when we could resume service in person, which we did starting on Pentecost. Of course, since the pandemic continues the Session had to again make the difficult decision to discontinue the in-person services and meetings. Even under these trying conditions Pastor Julia has continued to stay in touch with us, whether through phone calls, email, texting, or the Popcorn with the Pastor Zoom session. She has also continued to lead us in worship, both in person or through her YouTube devotionals and Sunday services. At the request of the PNC Session enthusiastically approved a stated supply contract, with the concurrence of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, for Pastor Julia to become our “permanent” part-time pastor. This was effective July 8. Session will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation with the intent of again meeting in person when it is safe to do so.



## Becoming a “Hunger Action Congregation,” Part 2

Here’s more about the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s “Hunger Action Congregation (HAC)” program, designed to help us celebrate and broaden our ministry of fighting hunger. Last issue, we described three focus areas: Hunger Alleviation, Development Assistance, and Hunger Education. *Here are the remaining three focus areas:*

4. Lifestyle Integrity - Adopting sustainable personal and corporate lifestyles to restore justice and protect all of God’s creation. We’re doing well here! Years ago, our church moved away from disposable plates, silverware, and beverage bottles; we use programmable thermostats for energy efficiency; we recycle; we support sustainable fair trade through SERRV. Can you think of more things that we already do or that we can do?
5. Corporate and Public Policy Witness - Advocating and campaigning for changes in policies and practices to end hunger and its causes, promote self-development, and care for creation. Our annual “Offering of Letters” is exactly this. We have written letters to our Congressmen in support of domestic hunger programs (SNAP, WIC, summer hunger relief, low income tax credits) and international hunger programs (Global Nutrition Resolution, U.S.-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act). More profound witness could include visits to elected officials or advocating for more livable wages.
6. Worship - Incorporating prayer, education, and preaching about ending hunger and its causes into worship. Pastor Julia knows that we are passionate about fighting hunger and has expressed her commitment to developing this theme in our worship. Let her know your thoughts.

*Achieving HAC certification, with ministries in all six areas is a reasonable goal! Seeking certification will help us celebrate what we already do and recognize opportunities to engage in areas we’ve not yet explored. We’d like to hear your ideas. Together, we can be a “Hunger Action Congregation!”*



The tomato and pepper plants are growing and we thank Jan and Roy Schroeder for their help getting them started. The vegetables will be donated to the FISH food pantry. The Scouts and the church members donated 74 bags in June and 22 bags in July of groceries. We have also received up to \$2,309 in cash donations from people to date.

If you wish to donate to FISH you may drop off groceries at the church Monday — Thursday 9 am until 12 PM.



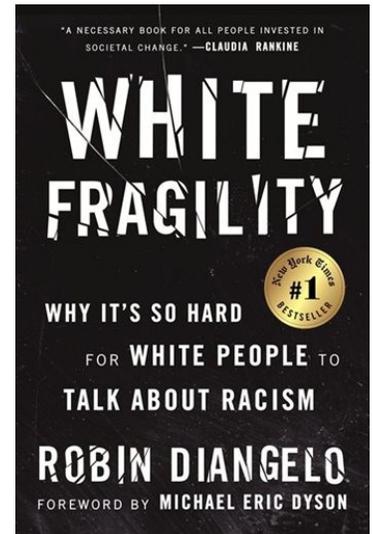
You also may send financial donations to Faith Church 5555 Chambersburg Rd 45424 for FISH , Childfund, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, or any special offerings we support through out the year. Please be sure to write the check to Faith Presbyterian noting on the memo how you wish your donation is to be used. Multiple donations may be on one check.

The CROP Walk will be in October. This year we will be doing a virtual walk due to the corona virus. We will have more information in the September Disciple. As always “Thank You” your continued support of missions that are vital to our community.

## Zoom Book discussion

You are invited to join in a book discussion over Zoom on the book *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo, along with folks from New Season Ministry. Date and time are to be determined, but most likely in September.

From the back cover we read, *White Fragility* is “a vital, necessary, and beautiful book, a bracing call to white folks everywhere to see their whiteness for what it is and to seize the opportunity to make things better now.” Please email or call Pastor Julia if you would like to participate, or order a book for less than \$10.00



## A Day to Pray for Peace.

We were able to pray outside on Father’s Day for peace. During this time of uncertainty it was a much needed time of prayer and peace.

We would not have been able to enjoy this day if not for the hard work of church members and the Scouts.

The hard work weeding, mulching, and cleaning is very much appreciated.



Scouts outdoor work day



We would like to welcome to our church Pastor Julia. Thank you for coming to serve our church, we are glad you are here. If there is anything we can do to help you please let us know. We will pray for you and your family as you begin a new adventure of being our pastor. We look forward to this exciting new time in our church.



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| 3 | Gregory Jones   | 14 | Betsy Morris  |
| 4 | Kristina Skare  | 17 | Iris Anderson |
| 5 | Tara Sturgill   | 20 | Greg Hughes   |
| 8 | Dottie Standley | 30 | Jim Ellis     |



- 6 Neal & Denise Standley  
Jim & Barb Ellis
- 11 Julia & David Williamson
- 23 Roy & Tara Sturgill
- 27 Brian & Ellen Mayhew



*Preschool News*



Hi Faith Family!

I wanted to thank you all for your support as I start this new journey as the director of Faith Preschool. I have had many sweet conversations with some of you! You have made me feel welcome! I am looking forward to serving with you this upcoming school year!

Blessings,  
Kelley Britt  
Faith Preschool Director  
(937)235-0327

# Kids Page



Jesus is my Shepherd! He gives me everything I need!

How do we know God loves baseball?

Because when He created the world, He did it in the big-inning.

What kind of colorful weapon did Noah use?

A rain-bow.

Why did Elijah enjoy playing Candyland?

Because he loved to play games on Mount Carmel



The wonder of our faith is this;

**God cares for us.**

*Stay tuned for more information & updates*



Sunday's Worship Service [https://www.youtube.com/feed/my\\_videos](https://www.youtube.com/feed/my_videos)

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM Popcorn with the Pastor on Zoom,

Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am Worship & Nurture

Tuesday, August 4, 1:30 PM on Missions & Outreach Meeting

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 7 PM on Admin

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> on 7 PM– Session Meeting

Preschool Open House August 26 & 27 TBD

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