

February – March 2026

# The Disciple



*“We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord... and the wonders that he has done” (Psalm 78:4.)*

*“Your legacy is every life you've touched.”*

*-Maya Angelou*

When my son was home for Christmas, we drove down to Fort Ancient in Oregon. On their website it says: “Built around 2,000 years ago by the Ancestors of many modern American Indian tribes, Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve is... the largest hilltop enclosure in North America. [It was most likely] a gathering place used for ceremonial purposes.”

I grew up in New York where we never learned about the ancient peoples who built the mounds in Ohio and other surrounding states. So when we moved here, I quickly became fascinated with the ancient ancestors of the Native Americans. My first view of their work was when I was hiking at Twin Valley Metro Park. I admit I had a hard time figuring out what everyone was talking about. Where were these amazing structures that these ancient people had left behind? Then I realized I was standing right in the middle of them. On first glance they looked like simple piles of leaves. The same is true at Fort Ancient. Once I saw and understood that the “walls” of dirt were built on purpose 2000 years ago, I was awestruck! This was more amazing than any site we visited on our school field trips in New York.

How do you think those ancient people would react if they knew their earthworks had survived 2000 years with museums dedicated to preserving them? Which leads me to the question- what would you like the people of the future to know and learn about Faith Church? I have been told there are “tunnels” under the sanctuary. Imagine those tunnels being discovered 500 years from now. They’d say, hmm, must have been some kind of ancient heating or water system.

More importantly though, what do we want future people to know about our faith and what we care about? Imagine making a time capsule, not to be opened for at least 500 years. It might contain a Bible, a hymnal, our church by-laws, a Presbyterian Women Study. What else? All of these are important. But things that are intangible are just as important: a supportive phone call or coffee hour conversation, a greeting card sent, camaraderie built around a trip to the Foodbank or a poignant book discussion.

If we want our legacy to endure, let’s start with passing it on today through loving words and faithful deeds. I believe Faith Church is very good at doing that. And check out those tunnels! They are pretty cool too.

Yours on the Journey,

Pastor Julia

## MISSION & OUTREACH



Souper Bowl Sunday is February 8, 2026. We will be setting up the parlor, as always, for the delicious luncheon with SOUP, bread, crackers, cheese, etc.



Donations continue for toiletries at St. Vincent's Women's Shelter, prescription bottles, eye glasses and food for FISH. We received a letter from the Huber Food Pantry, thanking us for our continued contributions in 2025, which helped 575 families.



Volunteering options are City Limits, a clothing and household items store, sponsored by St. Vincent's. Also, when the weather breaks, we will continue to volunteer at the Food Bank drive through venues.

If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Susie Tompkins.



Palm Sunday is March 29, 2026 begins Holy Week, marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, celebrated with palms and songs of praise. Our offering is One Great Hour of Sharing, supporting global ministries, disaster relief and poverty alleviation.

## WORSHIP & NURTURE

Worship and Nurture meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM.



Happy Valentine's Day  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, what a wonderful day to say I love you to your special loved ones.



Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday service on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.  
Please watch the bulletin for future updates.



Faith, Hope and Good Books will continue to meet the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM (except for February, when the club will meet at 4:00 PM). February we are reading "Happy Land" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez, and in March, "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon.



Blankets continue to meet at 10:30 AM on Wednesdays. The group enjoys talking, sewing, knitting or tying knots. We accept material or monetary donations, and welcome new participants.



## FAITH PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Our preschool Christmas program was a heartwarming celebration filled with laughter, music, and festive spirit. A huge thank you for opening the doors for our families to come watch their little ones share the joy of Christmas and have fellowship.

We want to extend a special thank you to your amazing congregation for making the season bright with a holiday lunch, it truly meant so much to everyone. As we look ahead, we're excited to welcome the new year and continue our journey of learning and growing together!

**Donations Needed** – We are looking for donations of Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, small cups and baby wipes. If that is something you would be able to help with that would be great!

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*Children are a gift from the Lord. Psalm 127:3*



## ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Keith Williams  
Treasurer: Diane Grycz  
Support: Greg Hughes  
Rev. Julia Williamson

Financial Secretary: Don Niece  
Support: Paul Brown  
Support: Harry Tompkins

### Meeting Notes/Updates

1. The committee reviewed the insurance policy for 2026. No changes from last year.
2. Additional lights and sockets were replaced in the sanctuary.
3. CD was renewed for 3 months at 3.85%.
4. The preschool is looking to provide disabled adults work in the preschool and parlor areas. This work will always be supervised by the preschool staff.
5. 2025 ended up ahead of plan for income and below plan for expenses.
6. Website is being maintained/updated by church members.
7. 2026 Budget was completed and presented to Session.
8. Two Eagle Scout projects have been approved.
9. Thank you for your gifts of money and talents!

### Financial Report:

	<b>Dec 31, 2025</b>	<b>2025 YTD</b>
Income	\$6,965	\$137,811
Expense	<u>\$8,913</u>	<u>\$112,119</u>
Total Assets:	\$68,206	
General Fund:	\$12,932	
Money Market:	\$23,995	
CD:	\$31,279	

### Session Notes      **Dec 2025 – Jan 2026**

Session continues to meet via Zoom. Pastor Julia continues to care for those not able to be with us on Sunday. Julia also continues to attend PMV and UCC meetings. She is again leading preschool chapels, assisting with mission projects, and continuing her Spiritual Direction class. Cyndi Adams has been updating the website, including new photographs. The Sunday services are also being uploaded again with just the first Sunday of each month being posted due to time constraints.

The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Mar. 15 to review the prior year's activities and the 2026 budget.

In other actions Session agreed to review the membership roll and committed to support the General Assembly, Synod, and the Presbytery by meeting the suggested Per Capita and Connectional Support dues. Also, the Annual Report to General Assembly showing Faith's membership and financial profile were approved for submission.

## MEMBERS CORNER



### Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day today?

Valentine's Day's transformation into a holiday about romantic love can be attributed to the Romantic English poet Geoffrey Chaucer. *The Times* notes that [Jack B. Oruch](#), a late University of Kansas English professor, credits Chaucer for modern ideas about Valentine's Day. Through his research, Oruch asserted that there was no significant written record linking romantic tradition to St. Valentine's Day until Chaucer wrote his 14th-century works "The Parlement of Foules" and "The Complaint of Mars." The former of which is a poem about birds choosing their mates on "Seynt Valentynes day." By the mid-18th century, it was routine for friends and lovers to exchange cards.

John 4:19 We love because God first loved us.



### Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

We celebrate this holiday on March 17<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and the heritage and culture of the Irish in general, involving parades, festivals and the wearing of **GREEN!**

John 13:34 Love one another, as I have loved you.



### Book Review: "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon

*At Home in Mitford* is the beloved first novel in Jan Karon's *Mitford Years* series. It's a popular Christian fiction series known for its heartwarming comedy and inspiration published in 1994. It follows Father Tim, a bachelor rector, as he navigates life in the charming small town of Mitford, North Carolina. Father Tim deals with feelings of loneliness and a desire for deeper connections. His life suddenly gets more interesting when an attractive neighbor moves in. Then a large stray dog shows up at his house and doesn't leave. And he helps a lovable but unloved boy. It is a beautiful story from beginning to end. It is the book for discussion at our book club in March. All are welcome.



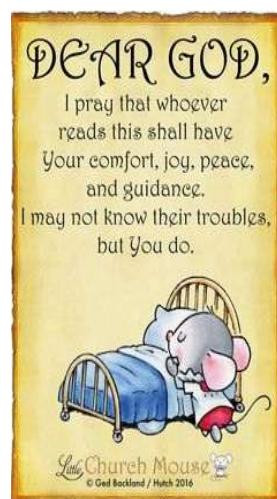
### The Huber Heights Food Pantry

continues to thank Faith Church for our generous contributions to our community.

In 2025, they served 575 families or 2068 individuals. The Food Pantry is a member of the Dayton Food Bank, where they visit once a month to supply their shelves.

Let us remember to constantly contribute food, as it makes the Food Pantry's job easier and benefits the needy families of Huber Heights.

Proverb 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them.



## February-March 2026 Special Happenings at Faith

### February Highlights at a Glance

**Every Sunday-** 9:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study  
10:30 AM Worship/ Fellowship Time

**Every other Monday & Tuesday-** Girl Scouts

**Every Tuesday-** 4:15 Tutoring

**Every Wednesday-** 10:30 AM Blankets  
5:30 PM- Scouting America

**Sunday, Feb. 1-** **Bible Study, Worship**

Weds, Feb. 4, 10:00 AM- Worship & Nurture  
Thurs, Feb. 5, Noon, Lunch Bunch  
6:00 PM- Mission & Outreach  
7:00 PM- Admin Committee

**Sunday, Feb. 8- Souperbowl & Scout Sunday**

11:30 AM- Soup lunch with the Scouts  
Thurs, Feb. 12, 7:00 PM- Session Meeting

**Sunday, Feb 15- Bible Study, Worship**

Weds, Feb 18, **4:00 PM-** "Faith, Hope and Good Books" (NOTE TIME CHANGE)  
Weds, Feb 18, 5:30 PM- Ash Wednesday Worship

**Sunday, Feb 22- First Sunday in Lent**

2 PM- Collaborative Congregations at College Hill Church  
Thurs, Feb. 26, 11 AM- PW Bible Study

### March Highlights at a Glance

**Every Sunday-** 9:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study  
10:30 AM Worship/ Fellowship Time

**Every Tuesday-** 4:15 PM Tutoring

**Every other Monday & Tuesday-** Girl Scouts

**Every Wednesday-** 10:30 AM Blankets  
5:30 PM- Scouting America

**Sunday, March 1- Second Sunday in Lent**

Weds, March 4, 10:00 AM- Worship & Nurture  
Thurs, March 5, Noon- Lunch Bunch  
6 PM- Mission & Outreach  
7 PM- Admin Committee

**Sunday, March 8- Third Sunday in Lent/ Girl Scout Sunday**

Thurs, March 12, 7 PM Session

**Sunday, March 15- Fourth Sunday in Lent/ Annual Congregational Meeting**

Weds, March 18, 1 PM- "Faith, Hope & Good Books"

**Sunday, March 22- Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Thurs, Jan. 22, 11 AM- PW Bible Study

**Sunday, March 29- Palm Sunday**

## February Birthdays

- 3 Terry Harmeyer
- 7 Kyung-Hee Swihart
- 13 Denise Standley  
Nat Davis
- 15 Barbara Ellis
- 18 Mark Jenks
- 29 Anita Melton



## March Birthdays

- 2 Jenny Davis
- 3 Alice Dibo
- 5 Lorrie Brown
- 6 Cyndi and Samantha Adams
- 14 Erica Jenks
- 18 Seth and Chad Turner
- 20 Chris TenBroeke
- 28 Daniel Brown

*Thank you for your service to Christ and the Faith Family, it is very much appreciated. Without each volunteer we would not be able to perform even the most basic functions, and we on the Worship Committee are extremely grateful for your donation of your time and gifts.*

### February

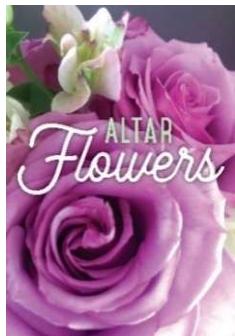
Date	Worship	Children's message	Greeters	Usher
<b>Communion Servers:</b> Sheryl Williams, Susie Tompkins, Paul Brown, Mary Skare				
1	Sheryl Williams	Mary	Cyndi Adams	Chris Adams
8	Scouts BSA	Jenny	Scouts BSA	Scouts BSA
15	Harry Tompkins	Jeanne	Chris Adams	Mary Skare
22	Pamela Matheson Jones	Sami	Bev Brown	Cyndi Adams

Nursery/Learning Center - Mary Skare/Sami Adams/Chris TenBroeke/Cyndi Adams

### March

	Worship	Children's message	Greeters	Usher
<b>Communion Servers:</b> Paul Brown, Chris TenBroeke, Sheryl Williams, Diane Grcyz				
1	Paul Brown	Mary	Sami Adams	Greg Jones
8	Sami Adams	Jenny	Vaughn Beams	Jan Beams
15	Mary Skare	Jeanne	Greg Jones	Chris TenBroeke
22	Nat Davis	Sami	Maria Beimly	Barb Ellis
29	Keith Williams	Cyndi	Chris TenBroeke	Diane Grcyz

Nursery/Learning Center - Mary Skare/Sami Adams/Chris TenBroeke/Cyndi Adams



On the first Sunday of the month, the Worship and Nurture committee place flower arrangements on the chancel in memory / honor of loved ones.

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory / honor of a loved one, the arrangements cost \$18 for one or \$36 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church and return with the form below to Samantha Adams.

Your Gift will be recognized in the bulletin, unless you ask otherwise. Please check if you would like to pick up the arrangement(s) after worship, otherwise arrangements will be delivered to someone in need of a little cheer.

### Memorial Flower Gift

Please accept my donation of \$18\_\_\_\_ \$36\_\_\_\_ for the Memorial Flowers fund.

In Memory / Honor of\_\_\_\_\_

Given By:\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pick up the arrangement\_\_\_\_\_