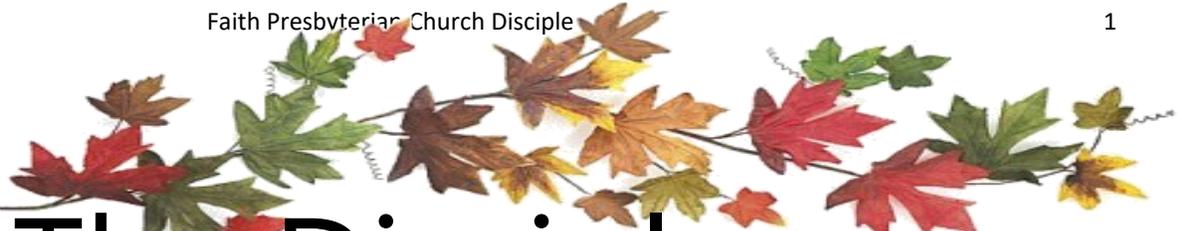




Faith Presbyterian Church

GROWING IN FAITH BY CARING, CONNECTIONG, & SERVING COMMUNITY



The Disciple

A Message from our Pastor

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

This summer, our elderly dog Becket injured himself jumping off the bed. We knew he was in pain so we took him to the vet. She gave him some pain pills and muscle relaxants and told us to start using a harness instead of a collar. She said that wearing a collar could hurt his neck even more. He seems fine now, but we've kept the harness on and the collar off. As a result, he has a way of sneaking up on us. Before with his collar on, we could hear him coming because his tags would jingle. But now he's a stealth dog! You never know where he'll turn up, although he is always in the kitchen when someone is cooking.

Lots of things have snuck up on us this summer. We couldn't have predicted that we'd need to go back to only recorded worship in July. The schools are changing their fall plans daily, as Covid-19 is still very much with us. The election mania is heating up and we don't know what will happen there. What else has snuck up on you lately?

The Book of Esther tells the story of a woman who found herself in the right place at the right time, even though she wasn't sure she wanted to be there in the first place. We're going to spend some time with Esther this month on Sunday mornings. And Session is also going to be reading a book called The Adept Church: Navigating Between a Rock and a Hard Place, by Douglas Powe. The book asks us to consider what part we might play in helping the church to thrive, just like Esther did for her people. If you'd like a copy, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you for outdoor worship on Sept 6, and if not then, hopefully soon. We also plan to also continue recording worship for those who cannot attend.

Sending blessings!
Pastor Julia



Administration Committee

Chairperson: Greg Hughes

Financial Secretary: Don Niece

Treasurer: Diane Grycz

Support: Paul Brown

Finances:	July	YTD
Income:	<u>\$ 7,948</u>	\$85,923
Expenses:	<u>\$15,482</u>	<u>\$77,944</u>
Difference	(\$7,534)	\$7,979

Next Meeting Sep 3rd at 7PM

- ◆ A new desk top computer will be purchased for the office as one of the office computers is inoperable.
- ◆ A new air conditioning unit was installed in Kelley Britt's office for the pre-school. Thanks to Paul there was no labor cost to install. The cost of the air conditioner was \$922.
- ◆ The committee had a cleanup scheduled for August 18th.
- ◆ After the heavy rains, there has been flooding from the memorial garden into the parlor and mechanical room. Some of the mulch in the memorial garden needs to be thinned out to allow the water to drain. This should keep it from funneling down to the sidewalk, and into the parlor and mechanical room. The mechanical room in the memorial garden is in dire need of a new entry door. This will need to be put on hold until the flooding issue is resolved.
- ◆ Removal of weeds in the parking lot was discussed.
- ◆ The quarterly payment for building insurance was paid \$1,715.
- ◆ Second quarter payroll taxes were paid.
- ◆ Mowings for June and July were paid \$750.
- ◆ Many thanks to all who continue to contribute to the church during the weeks when we have not met in-person. We are grateful. Our expenses exceeded our income by \$7,534 in July. However, year to date we are ahead of expenses by \$7,979. God is good.

Session Notes



August 2020

Session continues to meet via Zoom to determine when we can again safely worship in person since we had to return to virtual worship in July. It was decided, weather permitting, to meet outdoors starting Sept. 6, masking and distancing protocols continued. In case of bad weather, Pastor Julia will record the service to be posted on YouTube. Session also approved moving the learning center to the current teen classroom. The current learning center will then be used to store the extra chairs from the sanctuary. Pastor Julia remains constantly busy staying in contact with members, Zooming to various meetings, lifting our spirits through daily devotions and Sunday worship, and hosting "Popcorn with the Pastor" so we can continue to socialize with each other. She has also attended several community clergy meetings and a Presbytery meeting, met with the Williams regarding membership and with a Scout as mentor for God & Life award.

Worship and Nurture

There have been some changes made to rooms during this pandemic and we hope you will feel that they are improvements.

Library

First the Library is now a room shared with the Preschool staff. It will be locked when no one is on the premises as there are child records being stored there. That means that it will be open during school days but locked during all other times. However, the key to get into the room will be in the office box for anyone to use at other times. Just remember to lock the door when you leave. We hope you will read more.

The jigsaw puzzles have been moved also and are now stored in the classroom that was the teen room. If you would like to get one to work, please feel free to come look. If you have one that you are willing to share, please feel free to bring it to us so that others will have something to work on it during this pandemic stay at home time.

Learning Center

The Learning Center has been moved into what was once the teen room (teens are welcome to use it still) We felt that the move was needed to put the children in a place that was not stacked with chairs. The stuffed chairs have been removed and the room is bigger and brighter today.

Adult Sunday School room

We have moved all the extra sanctuary chairs, folding chairs and tables into the back of the adult Sunday School Room. Worship Committee items that had been stored on the preschool side have been moved into other storage places.



Popcorn with the Pastor

Tuesday nights at 6:30 over Zoom. We are still on Zoom, it's worth giving it a go. You can call in on your phone, or log in on a tablet, computer/laptop. You can join us with just audio, or add the video.

We spend about an hour together in informal conversation. Just pop some popcorn, grab a beverage and join in. For more information, and to have the phone number/email link sent to you, contact Don Niece or Pastor Julia.



CROP Walk Oct. 4

To keep everyone healthy the Dayton CROP Walk is going virtual. Faith participants will walk our FISH Walk route, safely spacing between walkers.

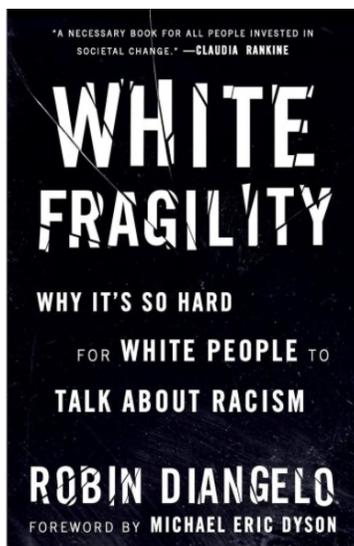
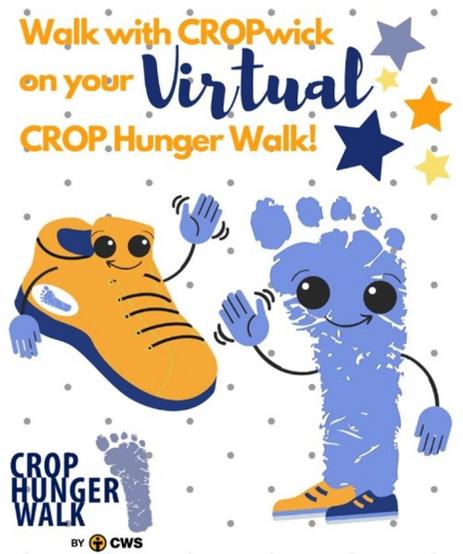
The work of Church World Service and the local Food Bank and food pantries continues. With the possibility of a global famine on the horizon, raising money for vulnerable people is needed more than ever.

To avoid a large gathering each group of walkers is planning the Walk the way it best fits them. Faith walkers will walk immediately after church on Oct.4, following the one mile route of our local FISH Walk.

If you wish to make a donation for the CROP Walk you can go to the web site <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh>.

Our team name there is FaithPresHH or you can write a check to Faith Presbyterian Church and designate that it is for CROP Walk. Dayton Food Bank receives 25% of the Walk proceeds, while Church World Service receives 75%.

If you plan to be a walker please let Mary Skare know at 937-689-2089. Thank you for your support.



The New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

You are invited to join in a book discussion over Zoom on the book White Fragility by Robin Diangelo. We will be meeting for three weeks, (Sept. 21, 28, and Oct. 5) along with folks from New Season Ministry.

Please email or call Pastor Julia if you would like to participate in this timely discussion. You can order a book for less than \$10.00 in multiple formats or you may enjoy it has a audio-book.

Bible Challenge

Match the number to the letter.

1. How long was the ark supposed to be?
2. What kind of wood was used to make the ark?
3. How wide did God instruct Noah to make the ark?
4. What was the ark coated with?
5. Did the ark have a roof?
6. When the Lord spoke of destroying the Earth what'd he say would destroy it?
7. When God established a covenant with Noah what did that mean?
8. What kind of food did Noah bring?
9. Who were the people God allowed Noah to bring into the ark with him?
10. How many doors were in the ark?
11. How many levels did the ark have?
12. How many of each kind of animal was taken into the ark?
13. How many days and nights did it rain?
14. What mountain did the ark come to rest on?
15. What was the first bird that Noah sent out from the ark?
16. Which bird did Noah send out next?
17. When the second bird returned to the ark, what did it bring back?
18. What was the first thing Noah did after he came out of the ark ?
19. Which of the following animals is a fowl?
20. How long did Noah, his family and all the animals live in the ark?
21. What did god seal his promise with?

One

A. goose

B. dove

C. Olive Leaf

D. Mount Ararat

E. Food for every one

F. God made a promise

G. three

H. cypress

I. 75 feet wide

J. Alter

K. rainbow

L. year

M. Noah, wife, sons and wives

N. pitch

O. floodwaters

P. Two

Q. raven

R. 450 feet long

S. Yes

T. forty



School is almost back in Session!

I Just wanted to take a moment to introduce our 20-21 preschool staff.



Reminder Preschool begins September 8th . Please enter through Harshmanville Rd and exit on to Chambersburg Rd Monday - Friday 9 AM -3 PM.

Memorial Flowers

On the first Sunday of the month the Worship and Nurture committee places flowers on the chancel in memory / honor of loved ones of the family of Faith.



If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory/ honor of a loved one return the following form with your donation to Samantha. The arrangements cost \$18 for one and \$36 for two. Make the checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church. Your gift will be recognized in the bulletin, unless you ask otherwise. Please check the form if you would like to pick up the arrangements after worship, otherwise it will be delivered to someone who needs a little cheer. For more information please contact Samantha Adams.

Memorial Flower Gift

Please accept my donation of \$18_____ \$36_____

For the Memorial flowers fund in Memory of / Honor of _____

Given By: _____

I would like to pick up the arrangement _____

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Roy Schroeder
- 2 Keith Williams
- 3 Anna Grycz
- 5 Julius Brodbeck
- 6 Jeanne Johnson
- 9 Tenny Ngalle
- 10 Janet Day
- 21 Angela Doran-Turner
Ernie Stockton
- 25 Beverly Brown
Jan Gifford

10 Paul and Lorrie Brown



Beverly Brown, Beth Griffin, Betsy Morris, Jan Schroeder, Deborah Moore, Mary Swartzel, George O'Bryan, Norma Leshner, Bob and Emily Christian, Maria Beimly, Rick Latimer, Dave Henry, the family of Sets Nagaoka, the family of Pat Peck



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Faith Presbyterian Church Disciple

September 2020

		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 A Outdoor Worship	7	8 1st day of preschool w/ Pastor	9 10:30 A Blankets by Faith	10 Session 7P Zoom	11	12
13 10:30 A Worship	14	15 6:30 P Popcorn w/ Pastor	16 10:30 A Blankets by Faith	17	18	19
20 9:30 A Sunday School resumes 10:30 A Worship	21 7 P Book Discussion Zoom	22 6:30 P Popcorn w/ Pastor 	23 10:30 A Blankets by Faith	24	25	26
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Worship

Usher

Communion Servers: to be determined as pandemic allows

6 Sami Adams

Chris Adams

13 Kyung-Hee Swihart

Mary Skare

20 Don Niece

Cyndi Adams

27 Ellen Mayhew

Bev Brown