

The Disciple

Faith Presbyterian Church's Monthly Newsletter
5555 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights, Ohio 45424



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1.)

As I write this, we are just back from a few days on Hilton Head Island, SC. It's a beautiful spot with lots of natural wonder, like trees and beaches. When the Island was being developed, they had a conscious plan to not cut down many trees, so many of the businesses and restaurants are hidden behind the trees and you have to hunt to find them. And there are miles of beautiful beaches. Unfortunately the heat and the jellyfish kept us from spending too much time on the beach. When I was young, I'd spend hours on the beach. But I think those days are over.

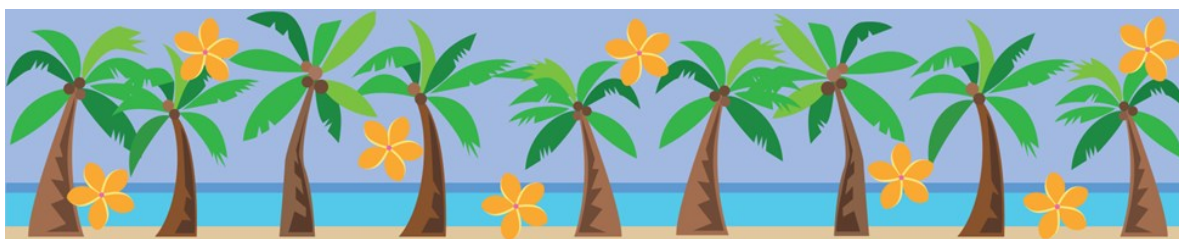
I did start out every day with a walk or slow jog on the bike trail though, to take advantage of the shade the trees provided. And the best part of the morning was ending my walk with a stop at a local coffee shop near where we were staying. The first morning I walked in, a bit sweaty, ordered my iced coffee and then pulled a crumpled \$10 bill out of my pocket. I was then a bit surprised when the barista said, "Oh yes, we take cash too." Cash too? I thought that was odd. But then I learned that some businesses are supposedly going to stop taking cash, and only accept non-cash forms of payment.

Why am I telling you this? That conversation in the coffee shop reminded me of how our world is changing in so many different ways. Many of these changes challenge the church to either change along with the world, or not. What is the right path for us? Some changes we have welcomed, like offering a Zoom option for worship, and an automatic withdrawal option for pledges. Other changes I suspect we either aren't ready for, or they aren't right for Faith Church. Like for example, some churches have stopped printing bulletins. Don't worry though! We're not going to do that.

What does it take to be relevant in our changing world and true to ourselves and the Gospel at the same time? That's an important question to ponder. Please share your ideas with me. Meanwhile, let's keep on doing what we do best. There's much to celebrate at Faith Church! Caring for one another and our wider world, getting together in small groups, like Sunday School and Presbyterian Women (both of which start up again this month) and reaching out into the community like we will do at the Marigold Festival on Sept 9.

As we kick off the fall season, I give thanks for all of you and for all we can do together by caring, connecting and serving our community.

Pastor Julia



Session met on August 10 via Zoom. Pastor Julia had her usual busy month. She attended UCC and Presbytery Staff Support committee meetings and CROP Walk planning team. She had three visits, including one with communion.

Approved one-half week carry-over vacation for Julia as provided for in her contract. Elected a commissioner to the September Presbytery meeting. Note that any Ruling Elder can serve as a Presbytery commissioner even if not currently a member of Session. If interested please contact either Pastor Julia or Don Niece. Admin Committee reported approval of up to \$7,500 for miscellaneous maintenance and repair items. Treasurer Diane transferred \$25,000 to a money market fund to improve our interest income.

Next Meeting: September 14 at 7 PM


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Our next meeting will be September 6th at 9:30 am at the church

We urge you to call the pastor or send information to the prayer chain if prayers are needed for you or friends. We keep each of you in our prayers. Blessings to each of you.

Cyndi Adams, Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams, Naomi Henry and Jo Hall.





This fall in Sunday School, we will be using *The Wired Word* curriculum. What's great about *The Wired Word*? For one thing, it helps us to stay current on what's going on in our world from the perspective of our faith and commitment to God. Each week *The Wired Word* offers reflections on a current news story along with relevant Bible passages to think about alongside the news piece. Lessons are emailed to all of us on Thursdays. If you'd like to receive the lesson, please let Pastor Julia know. And please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning Sept 10.



The 2023-2024 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study is *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*

Within the pages of this study, Olive Mahabir invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

Presbyterian Women meetings will begin Tuesday, September 26th, at 11:00 AM

September Volunteers

Your service to Christ and the Faith Family 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.

	WORSHIP	Learning Center/Nursery	USHER
Communion Services: Vaughn Beams, Sheryl Williams, Sami Adams			
3	Vaughn Beams	Sami/Cyndi	Greg Hughes
10	Cyndi Adams	Mary/Chris T	Doris Harmsworth
17	Nat Davis	Sami/Cyndi	Cyndi Adams
24	Harry Tompkins	Chris T	Nat/Jenny Davis

If for any reason you can not volunteer on the date listed, please try to find a replacement. If you still cannot find someone to fill in, please contact Worship Committee. Cyndi Adams 937 252 7865

Greeters

September 3	Dottie Standley
September 10	Doris Harmsworth
September 17	Dan Bolebruch
September 24	Nat & Jenny Davis

Our worship services continue to be both live and on Zoom. We can also be found at our website: Faithchurch5555@gmail.com .



From our friends at Northminster Presbyterian,
an, here is an invitation to a

Fall Women's Tea

Sunday, September 17, 2-4 PM
Northminster Presbyterian Church
400 Villa Rd, Springfield, OH 45503

The idea for the tea grew out of the Women's Retreat at Kirkmont and the desire to get together more often. However, all women of the Presbytery are invited, whether or not you have attended the retreat in the past.

Please use the contact information below to RSVP.

RESERVATIONS:

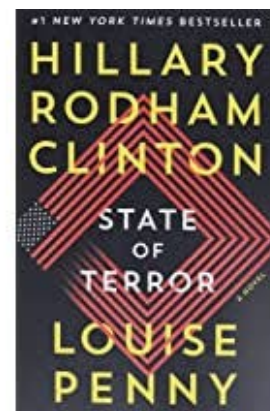
Northminster Presbyterian Church
(937) 399-0838
office@northminsterspringfield.org

Or

Diana Harrison
937-206-3167
harrisondiana@yahoo.com

+Sweet Communion Book Group

State of Terror,
by Louise Penny and
Hillary Rodham Clinton,
is our selection for
September's Sweet
Communion Book
Club. We will meet at 1:30 PM on
September 20th. *State of Terror* is an
international thriller that centers on a
female secretary of state who is racing
to uncover and thwart a major terrorist
plot. Louise Penny is a multiple
-award-winning best selling mystery
novelist, and Hillary Rodham Clinton
is the 67th US secretary of state.
Please join us for discussion, snacks
and communion.



Saturday at the Movies ZOOTOPIA



Can predator and prey team up to solve a
problem? Let's find out together!

Join friends and some you haven't met yet for
presbytery-wide movie, popcorn and fun. All ages,
all species.

Saturday, September 9, 2023 10:00 am

Central Presbyterian Church 4699 Lamme Road, Dayton, Oh 45439



Lunch Bunch

Let's have lunch together! **Lunch Bunch** meets
Thursday, September 7th at Noon, at The Olive
Garden, 6722 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414 .
Please join us for a good time and good food!

ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Keith Williams
Financial Secretary: Don Niece
Treasurer: Diane Grycz

Support: Paul Brown, Greg Hughes, and
Harry Tompkins

Finances:	Jul	YTD
Income:	\$ 11,597	\$ 87,981
Expenses:	<u>\$ 13,823</u>	<u>\$ 82,885</u>
Difference:	\$ (2,227)	\$ 5,096

Next Meeting: September 7th at 7 PM



Administration Meeting Notes :

- 1. Thank you to all for keeping your pledges up to date.
- 2. The next Special Offering is Peace and Global Witness on October 1st.
- 3. All Preschool smart TVs are up and ready to be used.
- 4. The floors were waxed by Carol, our custodian, in August.
- 5. All sanctuary lights and switches have been repaired, including some new wiring.
- 6. We are in the process of replacing the bulbs in the sanctuary with LED bulbs.
- 7. A new A/C was replaced on the Preschool side and the preschool helped pay half the cost.
- 8. The new Zoom system is set up and working well.



On occasion the church building has been found unlocked—
Please remember to check the doors as you leave if you visit the
building during the week. Thank you!



Marigold Festival



Faith Church will once again have an informa-
tional table at the **Marigold Festival** on Saturday,
September 9 at the Eichelberger Amphitheater.
Set up begins at 8:30 am. We will have brochures

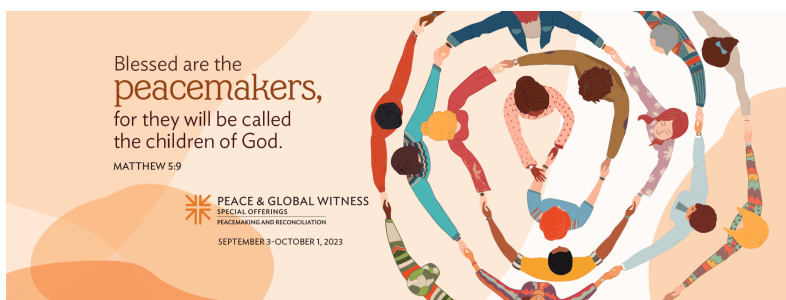
and posters about Faith’s ministries and the preschool. We will also have a
free raffle for a blanket! A sign-up sheet is posted on the office door. Thank
you for your support! Please contact Sheryl Williams at 614-354-4979 with
questions.

Mission and Outreach



Food Bank Work Day

The next opportunity for volunteering at the Dayton Food Bank is September 5, 9:00-11:00 am. The Food Bank is located at 56 Armor Place, Dayton. The work to be done will be packing food boxes for senior citizens. Please let Mary Skare know if you would like to help. Thank you!



Peace at all times in all ways. –2 Thessalonians 3:16

The peace of Christ belongs to everyone, everywhere.

The Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected on Sunday, October 1st. The Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency to work for peace by working to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. Gifts to the Offering are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- 25 percent is retained by congregations for local peacemaking efforts.
- 25 percent is used by presbyteries and synods.
- 50 percent is allocated to Presbyterian Mission Agency's peacemaking ministries.

As Presbyterians, we are called to work for the "peace, unity and purity of the Church" (Book of Order) as we seek to be faithful to God's work in the world. God promises to be with us in times of disagreement and calls us to reconciliation, trust, love and forgiveness. Please pray for peace in our church, community and world. Please consider contributing to this special offering because it is boundless peace that God offers.

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The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. The 2023 Dayton area Crop Hunger Walk is on **October 8**, starting with registration at 1PM at **Shiloh UCC Church in Dayton (5300 Philadelphia Drive at North Main Street,)** with two possible walks, one on neighboring city streets and the other in the adjacent cemetery. Both are flat, easy walks (about 1/2 mile in the cemetery.)

In prior years we had enjoyed walking in Island MetroPark and Triangle Park, but over time arrangements for walks there became more and more challenging so we switched to Shiloh in 2021.

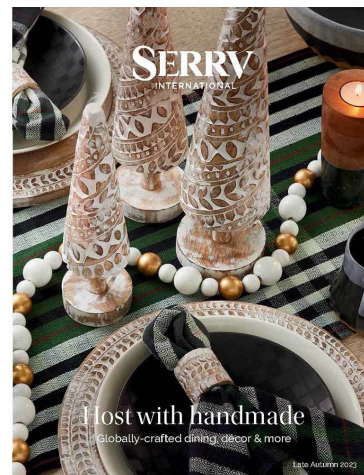
You can support Faith Church's participation by walking or giving. You can register and/or give online at the link below. Or you can give a donation in the offering plate any Sunday, marked "Crop Walk." Or make out your check directly to CWS/Crop and give it to Pastor Julia. The Dayton Foodbank receives 25% of the Walk proceeds, and Church World Service receives 75% for their work worldwide. Last year's Dayton Area Walk raised more than \$10,516!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/faith-presbyterian-huber-heights>

Please sign up in the parlor if you can walk with us or just cheer us on, on Oct 8. All

SERRV Coming in October!

Catalogs will be available in October. You can order many wonderful items for yourself or as gifts for others. (Christmas is only 4 months away!) Your purchase from this catalog is also a gift for the artisan or farmer who crafted the products. More than 8,000 artisans and farmers earn vital income to support their families through SERRV. The proceeds from this sale will go to FISH (our local food pantry).





Faith Preschool Happenings

We are busy gearing up for another school year and we couldn't be more excited! We have a total of 81 kids registered this year. We have opened up an all-day option for the families of our 4 & 5 year olds and the sign-ups for that have been good. We have been praying all summer for our kiddos for this school year and our teachers. We pray that we can show the love of God to these kiddos and their families!

Thank you so much for your generosity with the yummy cookies for our Open House! The sweet welcome committee was the best for sure! Thank you for giving your time and resources to our preschool! I would love to post pictures here, but I forgot to get some!

We look forward to sharing some great Faith Preschool Happenings and pictures with you soon!

Blessings,
Kelley Britt

SEPTEMBER



September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

- 10 Lorrie & Paul Brown
- 14 Harry & Susie Tompkins



On the first Sunday of the month the Worship and Nurture committee places flower arrangements 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

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 _____

*Prayers
of the
Church*

Guy Gifford, Dave Henry,
Debbie Moore, Betsy Morris,
Roy Schroeder, and Marj
Zepernick.



September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30a Worship	8:15a Exercise	Preschool 1st Day	8:15a Exercise	12:00 Lunch Bunch	8:15a Exercise	Marigold Festival
		9-11a Food Bank Volunteer	9:30a Wor & Nurture	6:00p Miss & Out		
			10:30a Blankets	7:00p Admin		
			5:30 –9p Scouts BSA			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30a Sunday School	8:15a Exercise		8:15a Exercise	7:00p Session	8:15a Exercise	
10:30a Worship	5:00p Girl Scouts		10:30a Blankets			
			5:30 –9p Scouts BSA			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30a Sunday School	8:15a Exercise		8:15a Exercise		8:15a Exercise	
10:30a Worship			10:30a Blankets			
			1:30p Book Club			
			5:30 –9p Scouts BSA			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30a Sunday School	8:15a Exercise	11:00a Pres Women	8:15a Exercise		8:15a Exercise	
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			5:30 –9p Scouts BSA			