



The Disciple

GROWING IN FAITH BY CARING, CONNECTING, AND SERVING COMMUNITY.

A Message from our interim pastor.



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1.)

One of the projects I gave myself while I was on vacation was going through old photos and picking out the ones I would like to have digitized. I have at least 1000 photos from 1964-2012, which really isn't that many. But only the best ones need to be digitized. I went through all my photos at least three times, each time narrowing down the bunch. I ended up with 250 to be put on a flash drive.

Have you taken any photos of this year gone by? I am thinking of the year that started with the Memorial Day tornadoes and brings us to today. What a year it has been. This morning's newspaper tells stories of how much progress has been made on cleaning up and rebuilding from the tornadoes and how that work has been put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic. But still people are grateful; like the woman who learned that she could reach out for help and now instead of living in her car, she's in a new apartment. She says she is thankful to wake up in a warm bed and make her own coffee in the morning.

Here's a challenge for Faith Church this summer. As Faith begins to worship in-person once more and also continues to reach out to the community both through your individual efforts and through the Fish Food Pantry and special offerings (as in-person volunteer efforts are still on hold), let's be on the lookout for those photos that are “keepers.” In other words, look for the good things happening; the smiles (maybe eyes only, behind masks), the overflowing food donation boxes, the congregation closer together, but not too close. Even maybe the front-yard visits with those who are still safer at home. What memories will you keep of this year ahead? Let's make sure we all take a lot of “keeper” photos.

Look for God at work. Look for your church family at work. And then consider your part in what is happening around you. A new year at Faith has started in terms of committee participation. The former Worship & Church Life Committee even has a new name: Worship & Nurture. Might that be where God is calling you this year? Worship & Nurture currently meets the first Wednesday of the month. The Mission & Outreach Committee could also benefit from some new faces. They meet the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM. Let's look for the best in everyone this year and meet the challenges ahead knowing God is always in the picture with us. You never know when those cameras (and phones) will frame the next winning shot.

Summer Blessings,

Pastor Julia

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Greg Hughes

Financial Secretary: Don Niece

Treasurer: Diane Grycz

Support: Paul Brown

Finances:	April	YTD
Income:	\$ 9,083	\$50,845
Expenses:	<u>\$11,893</u>	<u>\$43,861</u>
Difference:	(\$2,810)	\$6,984

Next Meeting: June 4th at 7 PM

- * The church floors were waxed by Carol Weaver. Carol was assisted by Vaughn Beams and Duane Skare and that Team of 3 did an awesome job. We thank them for their time and talent.
- * The rear entry door in the garage is currently being replaced, along with some siding being reattached.
- * Kelley Britt and the preschool are doing spring photos with Cap and gown for the preschool on May 26th & 27th. Social distancing will be practiced.
- * We received a rebate from Ohio Worker's Comp as an aid to help out with Covid 19. Claims in Ohio were down last year. The refund was \$482.
- * \$575 has been received for One Great Hour of Sharing. If you wish, you may still contribute since we were unable to be in our building on Easter.
- * Quarterly payment for building insurance was made \$1715.
- * Stanley Steamer Carpet Cleaning Co will be cleaning our carpet and sanctuary chairs the week before our May 31st service at a cost of \$900.
- * There were 2 mowings in April paid \$250.
- * Thank you to all that have kept your pledges current. God has blessed us. Year to Date our income has been more than expenses!

Session Notes

Your Session continues to meet via Zoom and has been busy monitoring the health restrictions and recommendations. With the expectation of being able to meet in person again on Pentecost, Session has approved a protocol with the view to keeping everyone safe. It includes actions necessary to keep the church facility sanitary as well as what we need to do as individuals to keep ourselves and others free of disease. The Nominating Committee has been working to find those members who are called to serve as officers or committee members. The Christian Formation and Worship Committees have formally merged and is now the Worship & Nurture Committee. Diane Grycz was re-elected Treasurer and Don Niece Clerk of Session and Financial Secretary. Session also approved requesting the congregation to approve an amendment to the Bylaws reducing the Session from nine to six due to the difficulty in getting members to serve. 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.



Beginning May 31st Faith Church will be open for in person worship at 10:30 AM. We are requiring everyone to wear masks, practice social distancing and make ample use of the hand sanitizer available. No refreshments will be served and no nursery care available until further notice. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their family.

We plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper on July 5th. You will be invited to come forward and take your

individual (covered) bread and cup back to your seat where we will partake of them together.

The situation with Covid-19 is ever evolving. Please know that we are keeping up to date with the latest virus information and will modify our practices at church in response to state and local recommendations.

Thank you and please reach out to Pastor Julia or any session member with your questions and concerns.

Cyndi Adams, Paul Brown, Diane Grycz, Greg Hughes, Kyung-Hee Swihart, Mary Skare, Don Niece (Clerk), and Pastor Julia

On Sunday, June 14 during worship we will honor Amy Feagle for her 15 years

as Faith Preschool Director. Amy writes, "I've enjoyed Faith Preschool and Church very much over the past 15 years and will miss it greatly. My happiest memories are of the children, families and teachers over the years. I'm the happiest with children and I'll always be grateful for the happiness they've brought me." During her time as director, Faith Preschool increased in numbers and thrived from her leadership. Please plan to join us as we wish Amy many

blessings as she begins her new position at First Steps Preschool. A big thank you and blessings also to these teachers who have concluded their time at Faith Preschool: Amy Paden, Sahlena Mullings, Emily Morgan, and Shannon Teague.





Kelly Mayhew graduated in May with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She will be spending the summer studying for her board and licensing exam, in pursuit of clinical job opportunities helping individuals with neurological impairments and diseases.

Tyler Sturgill graduated from Wayne High School in May with honor cord and distinctions. He was recognized for not missing a single day of school and Honor Roll for all four years. Tyler has been a member of the National Honor Society since eighth grade. He has registered for Fall classes at Sinclair Community College.

Becoming a “Hunger Action Congregation”

Last month’s Disciple introduced the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s “Hunger Action Congregation” program and the possibility that it could help us celebrate and even broaden our ministry of fighting hunger. This month, three of its six focus areas are described, with our current work and opportunities for further exploration.

1. *Hunger Alleviation-Providing food in a dignified way with an eye to long-term structural solutions.* We’ve already got this one mailed! Our support of the Huber Heights FISH pantry with both food and monetary donations and volunteering at the Dayton Foodbank and the House of Bread fall into this category.
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2. *Development Assistance— Addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty through equitable and sustainable development.* We have room for expanding our ministry in Development Assistance, especially on the local level. Possibilities could be supporting a shelter for the unhoused, a job training program, or an existing cooperative grocery(such as the Gem City Markey opening soon in the Salem Avenue corridor). However, our monetary support of missions like One Great Hour of Sharing and the CROP Walk count in this area, by offering education and resources for sustainable farming, water management, and increasing income potential.
 3. *Hunger Education—Learning about systemic causes of hunger, including racial gender and economic injustices.* So many possibilities for us to explore! From book studies or film series, to speakers, or even a “Hunger Banquet.” Let us know what you’d like to try.

You’ll be hearing more about becoming a “Hunger Action Congregation” soon. Watch for our next article covering the other three focus areas: Lifestyle Integrity, Corporate and Public Policy Witness, and Worship. And we’ll be getting the word out through the Minutes for Mission and brainstorming tables when we can gather again in the parlor. We want your ideas!



Memorial Flower Gift

On first Sunday of the month the Worship and Nurture committee places flowers arrangement 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

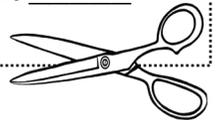
Please accept my donation of

(1)\$18_____ (2) \$36_____

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

Given By: _____

I would like to pick up the arrangement _____



Here's a reminder that we will be recording our worship services and posting them on YouTube. Thank you to Don Niece for researching and purchasing a new video camera for this purpose.





JUNE
Birthdays

- 8 Mark Swihart
- 9 Emily Christian
- 10 Mary Skare
- 13 Marjorie Zepernick
Austin Kawanishi
- 15 Conner Hughes
- 18 Brayden Fetters
- 22 Melissa Brown
- 24 Kenneth Kawanishi
Terry Hughes
- 27 Dan Bolebruch



JULY
Birthdays

- 4 Marcella Carson
- 9 Neo Tumasang
- 11 Pamela Matheson-Jones
Lynn Jenks
- 16 Shannon Young
- 18 Kevin Kawanishi
- 20 Brad Fetters
- 29 Zachary Sturgill



JULY
Anniversaries

- 13 Mary & Duane Skare
- 20 Mark & Lynn Jenks



JUNE
Anniversaries

- 21 George & Robyn O'Bryan
- 24 Greg & Terry Hughes



It's time for the choir to take their annual summer break. We appreciate all the practice and effort that goes into our Sunday's and the over all beauty that music adds to the worship service. Every summer we open the worship service to special music. If you would like to participate in our summer music please sign-up on the sheet posted in the parlor.



A big THANK YOU for the donations of food for the FISH food pantry. Ten boxes of cereal and 18 bags of other groceries were delivered in May.



Craft Stick Puzzle

Supplies

Craft sticks (any size)

Tape

Ribbon or Rubber Band



Instructions

- 1 Place craft sticks side by side, making a square or rectangle. Make sure all ends line up (push sticks up against something to aligned).
- 2 Use several strips of tape, running across all sticks, to keep the sticks securely aligned.
- 3 Flip stick grouping over (place tape-side down). Color a scene or pattern on your wooden “canvas.”
- 4 Remove all tape from the sticks. You now have a puzzle!]
- 5 Invite a friend to put your puzzle together
- 6 Try making more puzzles, creating interesting designs.
- 7 Keep your puzzle groupings together by bundling and securing each with a tied ribbon or rubber band.

Scripture:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens Me
Philippians 4:13

June & July Events

Stay tuned for more information & updates

- Sundays at 10:30 AM Worship Service
- Tuesdays at 6:30 PM Popcorn with the Pastor
- Wednesday, June 3, TBD Worship & Nurture
- Thursday, June 4, 6 PM– Missions & Outreach Meeting
- Thursday, June 4, 7 PM– Admin
- Saturday, June 6, 11 AM-2 PM Outside Workday
- Thursday, June 11, 7 PM– Session Meeting
- Sunday, June 14, 10:30 AM Recognition Sunday
- Sunday, July 5th , Communion



June

Date	WORSHIP	GREETER	USHER
7	Mary Skare	Cathy Gonzales	Chris TenBroeke
14	Don Niece	Marge Zepernick	Chris Adams
21	Cyndi Adams	Greg Jones	Greg Hughes
28	Paul Brown	Samantha Adams	Doris & Clay Harmsworth

July

Date	WORSHIP	GREETER	USHER
5	Jan Gifford	Mary Skare	Diane Grycz
12	Jo Hall	Diane Grycz	Bev Brown
19	Ellen Mayhew	Alice Dibo	Mary Skare
26	Vaughn Beams	Sharon Gologanoff	Cyndi Adams

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