No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!
Dear Friends,

During the first two Sundays in August we will have an opportunity to explore what it means to live by faith, reflecting on stories of faith in the Hebrews epistle. I will also invite you, as you feel comfortable, to share testimonies, i.e. stories of faith that have helped to mold and shape your life as a Christian. When did you first believe? Why did you choose to follow the God of your fathers and mothers? Why follow Jesus?

Times of challenge and change can call us to deepen our faith and trust in God. As we see the changes happening here in our church there is much evidence of God’s Spirit moving, and that things will not be the same as before. Who knows, it might be even better. Signs of newness surrounds us as we say farewell to the familiar, to embrace new possibilities.

In a few weeks, delegates from 192 churches in Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ will gather for worship and to elect a new Conference Minister. I am the nominee who will be presented by the Penn Central Board of Directors to become the next Conference Minister for Penn Central Conference. You might recall that the former Conference Minister, Marja Coons-Torn, retired almost two years ago.

My new role as Conference Minister would require me to leave Faith Church to serve in the Conference Office, located in Harrisburg, PA. A listing of Conference staff, and their role, is included on page 10 of this newsletter. If you’re not familiar with the Conference, hopefully this information will give you a sense of the staffing and support available, through the Conference office, for local churches. So, in my new role I would continue to serve this church and the other 191 churches in Penn Central Conference.

New possibilities abound as God continues to nudge and guide us along the way. In times like these, times of transition, we can find encouragement in the words of the beloved hymn In the Bulb There Is A Flower (Hymn of Promise):

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Yes and amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Monica
CONSISTORY CORNER

In the wake of Fourth Fest and the Arts Festivals the Consistory is enjoying a welcome break, forgoing a monthly meeting in July. Members will return (refreshed, hopefully) to a busy agenda in August. The consideration of healthy boundaries, leadership training and visioning begun in the spring will be expanded to address the challenges of on-going changes in membership, along with up-coming changes in pastoral leadership.

We learned recently that Pastor Monica is being considered for the position of Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference, based in Harrisburg. We pray God’s blessing on Pastor Monica as she contemplates this new direction in her ministry, and we welcome her guidance and the help of other Penn Central Conference resources as we prepare for a period of transition.

As our congregation embraces these challenges and plans for the future, prayerful discernment will be essential—not just for Consistory members and ministry teams—but for all members and friends of Faith Church. I challenge each of us to take some positive action as a reminder to seek God’s will for the fellowship and ministry of Faith Church. It could be a post-it note on a mirror, a token in a pocket, a marker in a current book—anything that will remind us often to seek the Spirit’s leading.

--Lois Bair, Consistory President
CARING NETWORK

No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the kingdom of night. We know that every moment is a moment of grace, every hour an offering; not to share them would mean to betray them. --Elie Wiesel

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Elie Wiesel’s Nobel Acceptance Speech --by Maria Popova, syndicated from brainpickings.org, Jul 04, 2016

“We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

In 1986, at the age of fifty-eight, Romanian-born Jewish-American writer and political activist Elie Wiesel (September 30, 1928–July 2, 2016) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel committee called him a “messenger to mankind.” Wiesel lived up to that moniker with exquisite eloquence on December 10 that year — exactly ninety years after Alfred Nobel died — as he took the stage at Norway’s Oslo City Hall and delivered a spectacular speech on justice, oppression, and our individual responsibility in our shared freedom. The address was eventually included in Elie Wiesel: Messenger for Peace(public library). Three decades later, Wiesel’s words ring with discomfiting timeliness as we are jolted out of our generational hubris, out of the illusion of progress, forced to confront the contemporary realities of racism, torture, and other injustice against the human experience. But alongside the reminder of how tragically we have failed Wiesel’s vision is also the promise of possibility reminding us what soaring heights of the human spirit we are capable of reaching if we choose to feed not our lowest impulses but our most exalted. Above all, Wiesel issues an assurance that these choices are not grandiose and reserved for those in power but daily and deeply personal, found in the quality of intention with which we each live our lives.

With the hard-earned wisdom of his own experience as a Holocaust survivor, memorably recounted in his iconic memoir Night, Wiesel extols our duty to speak up against injustice even when the world retreats into the hideout of silence: I remember: it happened yesterday or eternities ago. A young Jewish boy discovered the kingdom of night. I remember his bewilderment, I remember his anguish. It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed cattle car. The fiery altar upon which the history of our people and the future of mankind were meant to be sacrificed.

I remember: he asked his father: “Can this be true?” This is the twentieth century, not the Middle Ages. Who would allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent? And now the boy is turning to me: “Tell me,” he asks. “What have you done with my future? What have you done with your life?”

And I tell him that I have tried. That I have tried to keep memory alive, that I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices. And then I explained to him how naïve we were, that the world did know and remained silent. And that is why I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensibilities become irrelevant. Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must — at that moment — become the center of the universe.
Wiesel reminds us that even politically momentous dissent always begins with a personal act — with a single voice refusing to be silenced:

There is so much injustice and suffering crying out for our attention: victims of hunger, of racism, and political persecution, writers and poets, prisoners in so many lands governed by the Left and by the Right. Human rights are being violated on every continent. More people are oppressed than free.

There is much to be done, there is much that can be done. One person, … one person of integrity, can make a difference, a difference of life and death. As long as one dissident is in prison, our freedom will not be true. As long as one child is hungry, our lives will be filled with anguish and shame. What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them, that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours, that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs.

This is what I say to the young Jewish boy wondering what I have done with his years. It is in his name that I speak to you and that I express to you my deepest gratitude. No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the kingdom of night. We know that every moment is a moment of grace, every hour an offering; not to share them would mean to betray them. Our lives no longer belong to us alone; they belong to all those who need us desperately.”

Complement with Viktor Frankl on the human search for meaning and Aung San Suu Kyi, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize herself five years later, on freedom from fear, then revisit William Faulkner’s piercing Nobel Prize acceptance speech on the role of the writer as a booster of the human heart, Albert Camus’s beautiful letter of gratitude to his childhood teacher upon receiving the coveted accolade, and the story of why Jean Paul Sartre became the first person to decline the prestigious prize.

ABOUT THE FAITH UCC CARING TEAM NETWORK
We are thankful for our Caring Leaders here at Faith UCC. They are Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Sue Doran, Jean Frank, Rev. Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Dr. Jim and Sally Welsh, and Mary Jane Wild. If you have any questions about the Caring Network please call me at 814-777-0339 or email me at sandy99@onemain.com. Thank you.

--- Sandy Miller, Coordinator
“Summer” Church School started on July 10 and is off to a great start! Welcome to Justice Welsh (and his guitar), who leads us in song each week. If you have an instrument that you play, please bring it with you. If you don’t play an instrument, we’ll have rhythm instruments available for you to use. It’ll be fun!

We meet on the third floor in Asendorf Hall, following the children’s story in our worship service.

Be sure to check out our “salsa” garden that is planted on the West lawn. We have little peppers and little tomatoes (and herbs) growing. It’s exciting to watch our Lord and Provider at work! One day later this summer we’ll make salsa!

Watch for weekly emails informing our church school families of our “activity of the week.” Plan to join us and let me know if you are available to help.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 28—“Back to School/Backpack Blessing”

See you at Faith!

--- Barb Chellman, Church School Coordinator
(bkcwminc@aol.com)

Reasons to Serve in the Church Nursery

1. The Scriptures have specific promises about God’s presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus’ name.
2. The church nursery is the first contact young families will have with your church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for our church.

(adapted from Ministry to Children)

To volunteer or for more information, contact:

Barb Chellman: bkcwminc@aol.com
Jean Frank: jeanfrank4@gmail.com
Fellow Faith Friends and Members,

The Trustee Ministry Team (TMT) has completed replanting the West lawn area. Flowers will be added in spring 2017. Thank you to all who contributed to keep our West lawn area the “Oasis of Green” along East College Avenue.

The north stairwell project will get underway soon.

We have approximately 20 photos entered in the photo contest and the winner(s) will be announced soon.

---Alva Chellman, Co-Chair

2016 Trustee Ministry Wish List

1. Caps on Lego-style wall between Church parking lot and Taco Bell parking lot
2. Repair wall in North East stairwell to balcony (Only $300 is still needed)
3. New carpet on steps to balcony (both sides) (Only $300 is still needed for installation)
4. Bathrooms in Romig and Nursery – Paint and cabinet(s)
5. Replace furnaces – (Only $7,000 is still needed -- includes air conditioning for Asendorf Hall/Meyer Library used for Church school, Adult Forum and Penguin Pack activity)
6. Seal coat, layout and mark parking spaces behind church
7. Repair sidewall concrete on outdoor steps on Locust Lane ($3,000)
8. Repair/replace ceiling panels in sanctuary outside aisles
9. Repair/replace ceiling under outside Narthex entrance
10. Defibrillator ($1,500 to $2,000)
11. Wheel chair lift on Calder steps ($5,000 to $10,000)
13. Improvement to chancel lighting
14. Repair outside figurines and overhead ornaments at Locust Lane stairwell
15. Re-finish railings in front of the church on College Avenue and on Locust Lane

Thank you for your continued financial support for items on the “Trustee Ministry Team Project Wish List.”
Thank you for your gifts and generosity...

**Stewardship**


**JULY 2016 MONTHLY OFFERINGS**

budget vs. actual

![Bar chart showing budget vs. actual for each month of 2016.]

**July 2016**

- Total received = $11,181
- Total budgeted = $10,833
- Budget to actual difference (Month of July) = +$348

**July – 2016 - Year-to-Date**

- Total received = $79,021
- Total budgeted = $75,833
- Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = +$3,188

**COMING SOON!!**

A NEW GIVING OPTION... “GIVE BY TEXT”

You will soon be able to make a one-time or recurring contribution to Faith Church with a quick text message using your credit or debit card! More details soon.

Thank you for your gifts and generosity...
FAITH HAPPENINGS

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

Bethany Children’s Home

BETHANY CHILDREN’S HOME is Pennsylvania’s first DPW Sanctuary® Certified agency, having earned the certification in 2010. Thanks to their Sanctuary accreditation, youth who have been abused and neglected have the opportunity to live the lives they deserve. Unique and specialized programs, give youth access to a variety of therapeutic, spiritual, and cultural services in addition to recreational activities.

Thank you for your consideration and financial support!

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January Special Offering (Women’s Resource Center) = $484.00
February Special Offering (Mid-Penn Legal) = $320.00
March Special Offering (OGHS) = $228.78
April Special Offering (Hoffman Homes) = $110.00
May Special Offering (Hartman Center) = $275.00
June Special Offering (Strengthen the Church) = $280.00
July Special Offering (LGBT Coalition) = $280.00

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HUMOR

“I REALIZE WE’VE RUN INTO THE LUNCH HOUR, AND I AM SORRY. NOW, WHO’S THE WISE GUY WHO ORDERED PIZZA?”

---Brent Frank

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

SAVE THE DATE...October 16, 2016
(and plan to participate!)

The State College CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2016. This year’s event begins next door at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church with registration beginning at 1PM and the walk beginning at 2PM.

The State College Food Bank will receive 25% of walk donations from this local fundraising event. Light food and water will be served. We walk a 5K (3.1 miles) in the borough of State College; maps of the route are distributed. Pets allowed to walk the walk but not inside St. Paul’s UMC. Once we have our Faith Church Team registered online, we will be able to support this endeavor online as well as soliciting.

More information is forthcoming!

---Brent Frank

NOW
FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT
WE HOPE FOR
AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE
HEBREWS 11:1

nowGod.com
**FAITH HAPPENINGS**

**REPORT FROM FUNDRAISING TASK FORCE**

In 2015, Faith UCC approved a line item to be included in the 2015 operating budget designated specifically to fundraising. Lois Bair and Cyndi Vincenti volunteered to be a part of a task force to explore fundraising options and to help in coordinating specific fundraising events in 2016 to reach the annual goal. They are putting together a fundraising calendar for events to be conducted so if you want to enter anything your ministry team or group may already have planned for the remainder of the year, please let either Lois or Cyndi know so there isn’t any overlap with projects.

You’ll be pleased to know that at this point in 2016, we have $2,143.33 in net proceeds that have been designated for the General Fund Special Fundraising Events. These proceeds are from Christmas poinsettia sales, First Night Cafe and Easter lily sales. That brings us almost half way to our annual goal of $5000! Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

--- Cyndi Vincenti and Lois Bair

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**UCC NEWS**

**Why the United Church of Christ? (A Survey)**

The United Church of Christ general minister and president is releasing a survey today to the wider church, looking for input from every member of the denomination about a proposed UCC mission statement. The survey, with a completion deadline of August 22, is the latest step in crafting a Purpose, Mission and Vision Statement that underscores the UCC’s commitment to unity, radical hospitality and full inclusion.

In a letter to the wider church, the Rev. John C. Dorhauer shares the process that has led up to this 20-minute survey and how member feedback will help firm up the language of a statement that best answers ‘Why the United Church of Christ?’

Here’s the link to complete the survey:

https://www.research.net/r/UCCPurposeMission

**Penn Central Conference NEWS**

**Welcome to the new staff**

*Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith*  Conference Minister, nominee  (Conference-wide meeting scheduled in August to elect new Conference Minister)

*Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers*  Conference Associate Minister for Congregational Life & Vitality

*Rev. Betsy Bruaw*  Conference Associate Minister for Discernment

*Rev. Nora Foust*  Conference Associate Minister for Ministerial Excellence

*Rev. Rick Luciotti*  Facilitator of Care to Clergy and Clergy Families

*Rev. Patty Dodds*  Coordinator of Camps/Retreats/Youth Ministry

Brenda Waleff  Minister of Communications

Wendy Hepler  Administrative Assistant

Janice Mountain  Profile Secretary/Receptionist
“Summer” Church school --- music and other activities

Lilies from Easter Sunday

[Photo credit: Barb Chellman]
Farewell to the Filkos and Coders - 7/17/16
[Photo credit: Wayne Bicehouse, Leah Bair]

Welcome!
Lula Lynne Engle...
born July 13, 2016, weighing 7 lbs 4 oz. Her parents are Jeff and
Vanessa Engle & big brother, Frey (2 1/2). They live in Stevens-
ville, MT.

Congratulations to Marilyn Engle -- this is her 9th grandchild!
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2016
TIME: 4:00PM - 7:00PM
PLACE: TUDEK PARK

(near playground, restroom & butterfly garden)

Bring a covered dish ... hot dogs provided!

Join us at the Church Picnic!
Peach Festival and Pancake Breakfast
Paulus Orchards
522 Mt. Airy Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019 (near Ski Roundtop)

Saturday August 13, 2016
Breakfast served 7:30 AM to 10 AM
Adults $7.50, Seniors $5.50, Children (10 and Under) $4.00

Family activities all day!
• Arts/crafts booths
• You-pick berries
• Free food samples
• Live entertainment - Jazz Me Band
• Tractor-pulled wagon rides
• And more!

For the benefit of the Ecumenical Food Pantry!
### August Birthdays
- 5 Tina Aumiller
- 6 JoAnn Edwards
- 8 Alison Carr-Chellman
- 10 Maureen Dunham
- 15 Vaughn Shirk
- 16 Kay Shirk
- 17 Elizabeth Armington
- 19 Seann Reed
- 20 Lisa Hogan
- 21 Cary Asendorf
- 23 Emory Wooll
- 26 Kyle Engle
- 29 Elizabeth Young
- 24 Micah Bair
- 26 Clif Merchant
- 29 Lukas Filko
- 30 Matt Fountaine
- 31 Davin Carr-Chellman
- 31 Kimbr Filko

### August Anniversaries
- 7 Julie & Jim Coder
- 9 Mark & Anne Kretsinger-Harries
- 13 Jeff & Janet Swim-Davidson
- 19 Chris & Melissa Coble
- 21 Mark & Meta Meckstroth
- 24 Dane & Tina Aumiller
- 25 Alva & Barb Chellman

### Acolyte
- 7 Katelyn Moyer
- 14 Jordan Reed
- 21 Aubrey Coble
- 28 Abby Reed

### Liturgist
- 7 Pastor Monica
- 14 Brent Frank
- 21 Mary Jane
- 28 Cyndi Vincenti

### Children’s Message
- 7 Pastor Monica
- 14 Alva Chellman
- 21 Chris Coble
- 28 Church school (back to school backpack blessing)

### Ushers
- 7 Kees Brandse, Jim Welsh, Martha Thompson
- 14 Larry Bair, Mary Jane Wild, Nan Sennett
- 21 Wayne Bicehouse, Edna Bicehouse, Sue Doran
- 28 Neil Christy, Jeff Wiest, Alva Chellman

### Fellowship Hour
- 7 Bair family
- 14 OPEN
- 21 OPEN
- 28 OPEN

### Sunday Trustees
- 7 Kees Brandse
- 14 OPEN
- 21 OPEN
- 28 OPEN

### Nursery
- 7 Parent’s Care (Communion Sunday)
- 14 OPEN
- 21 OPEN
- 28 OPEN

### Flowers
- 7 OPEN
- 14 OPEN
- 21 Carolyn Meyer
- 28 OPEN
WORSHIP CALENDAR

August 7 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Sermon: “Living by Faith”
Other: Holy Communion (pew);
       invitation to share faith story/
       testimony

August 14 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2
      Luke 12:49-56
Sermon: “Living by Faith”
Other: Invitation to share faith story/
       testimony

August 21 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Hebrews 12:18-29
      Luke 13:10-17
Sermon: “Long Awaited Healing”
Other:

August 28 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Hebrews 13 1-8, 15-16
      Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sermon: “A Wider Table”
Other: Welcome (back) PSU students!
       Back to school backpack blessing

Prayers for healing and wholeness:
Cecil Irvin, Linda Merchant, Susan Meyer, Lisa B.,
(JoAnn’s daughter), Timothy Tressler (Ruth’s son),
Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Bunnie Hartwick, Kate-
lynn Wilson, Jean Dreese, Wayne & Leila Carns,
April S., Brenda Waleff, Robin Smith, Daisy (Ste-
ven Romig’s Mom); victims of violence and hate in
the U.S., France, Turkey, Baghdad, other countries
in the Middle East.
We welcome children!

During the service, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) and Church School for children and youth ages 4+ years (except on Communion Sundays). Holy Communion is celebrated monthly -- every first Sunday.

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