

Please note that we have a new way of organizing ushers. If you cannot be an usher on the scheduled day, please call another person to sub for you and let the church office know of the change. The ushers for July 11 are **Alva Chellman**, Bob & Virginia Biber and for July 18 are **Clint Hegeman**, Marcia Hegeman and Jean Weller. The name in bold is the head usher.

Save the date! Our all-church annual summer picnic will be at the home of Joe and Terri Krabill on Sunday, July 25th, beginning at 4 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the Gathering Space. Ham and cold beverages are provided. The Krabills live at 177 Underwood Dr., Spring Mills.

Annual Parade Party: Brent Frank and Steven Romig invite you to their Parade Party, held in conjunction with the Pleasant Gap Fireman's Parade on **Thursday, July 29**. The parade begins at 6 p.m., but because of parking issues, come at 5:30 p.m. Look for parking in the lot next door (St. Marks Lutheran), or across the street along the road. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Main course, beverages and goodie bags for the kids will be provided. Also bring a lawn chair or blanket. If you plan to attend, please call 359-3339, or email ba.frank@comcast.net.

You are invited to the one-year birthday party of Joshua Singh. David and Jennifer Singh will be hosting the party in Romig Hall at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, July 31st. Please talk with them about what you'd like to bring or how you'd like to help.

Thanks to many of you for the July 4th food for the Food Bank. I delivered Faith Church's gift of 60 pounds of groceries. Your generous response will help to fill many July 4th food baskets, helping to provide a fun 4th for many of our neighbors. Bob Biber, Outreach & Service Ministry Team

This Week at Faith Church

TODAY 9:30 AM Worship followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
JULY 5 Church Office Closed
NEXT SUNDAY 9:30 AM Rev. Dr. Harry Covert preaching
 AB = Antoinette Brown Room; AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall; S = Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

JULY 18 9:30 AM Rev. Mark Meckstroth preaching
JULY 20 7:00 PM Trustee and Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
JULY 21 7:05 PM Interfaith Mission at the Spikes Game
JULY 23 2:00 PM Rehearsal for Wedding (S)
JULY 24 2:00 PM Wedding of Mark Nabil & Kelly Parks (S)
JULY 25 4:00 PM **Annual Picnic at Krabills house**
JULY 29 5:30 PM Parade Party at home of Brent Frank and Steven Romig
JULY 31 6:00 PM Birthday Party for Joshua Singh (RH)

Church Consistory (Elders of the Church)

Davin Carr-Chellman—*President* Kees Brandse—*Co-Vice President* Cyndi Vincenti—*Co-Vice President*
 Brent Frank—*Secretary* Don Asendorf, June Irvin, Sue Cromwell, Edna Bicehouse, Paul Hallacher, Lois Bair,
 Mary Jane Wild, Vaughn Shirk, **Ex-Officio:** Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser—*Pastor* Barbara Chellman—*Financial Secretary & Church Treasurer*; Carlton Miller, *Asst. Treasurer*; Cyndi Vincenti, *Asst. Treasurer*

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.



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Sacrament of Holy Communion

July 4, 2010

9:30 a.m.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome you to our church and invite you to sign the registration pads at the end of the pew on the center aisle. Also, please join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments. Note to parents: There are special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12, along with a clipboard and crayons in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

***Please stand at those places indicated by an asterisk.**

Prelude *Faith of Our Fathers* Hemy-Berry
My Lord, What a Morning Spiritual, arr. Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively)

L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: God of the past who has given us life and nurtured us,

C: We gather here today to give you thanks.

L: God of the future who is always ahead of us leading us forward.

C: We gather here today to be reminded of your love and faithfulness.

L: God of the present here among us and among all who gather in your name.

C: We gather here today to listen to the calling of your Spirit.

L: God of life beyond us and within us.

All: Grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days.

Let us join together in worship.

*Hymn 436 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (vss. 1, 4 and 5)

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection and purpose that hold your people together. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with trust in you, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust. Set our feet now upon your paths and incline our hearts to your call. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ"; then be seated.

Worship through Music

Amazing Grace

Virginia Harmony, arr. Berry

Pianist: Ilene Maharg

A Time for Children

After this, children up through grade 3 may leave for the Nursery; 4th graders and older are invited to remain in the service. To get to the nursery, go through the door toward the front of the sanctuary on the right, and then up the stairs. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex and in the Gathering Space. Please ask an usher for assistance.

*Hymn 421 *We Gather Together*

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:1-14

Communion Meditation "The Soul of America"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

In gratitude for life itself and for God's many gifts to us and to all humankind, we take this opportunity to offer up our gifts to God. Let us give generously and with grateful hearts.

Offertory *Simple Gifts* Shaker Melody, arr. Berry

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

Wondrous God, you provide for our strength and gladness through the power of your Spirit. With grateful hearts we offer you these gifts. Use them to glorify your name in our own land and throughout the world. Amen.

Communion Hymn 292 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Please remain seated during the singing of the Communion hymn.

Invitation to Communion

This table is for all Christians who seek to serve God and to share in the community of God's people.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open hearts, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will according to the teaching of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution for the Bread and the Cup

Sharing of the Elements *Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip it in the cup and partake. Then return to your pew by the side aisle. Those who would like to be served at your pew, please indicate to the servers. (The juice is grape juice.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

God of wind, word, and fire, we give you thanks this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. May we go forth from this place renewed, restored and refreshed by your love. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*O Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!*

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

*Benediction

*Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Funk, arr. Berry

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Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser

Guest Pianist—Ilene Maharg *Nursery*—Alison & Davin Carr-Chellman *Trustee*—Dan Pfaff

Ushers—Alva Chellman, Tom Juhnke, Brent Frank *Coffee Hosts*—Paul & Rhea Hallacher

Communion Servers—Mary Jane Wild; Marcia Hegeman and Clint Hegeman

Church Staff: *Church School Coor*—Cindy Neidigh *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt

Church Secretary—Karen Gilmore *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier

WELCOME to Faith UCC. We're a church that "seeks to be a dynamic and inclusive faith community embodying the love of Jesus Christ as we grow through worship, learning, fellowship and service." We're glad you chose to worship with us today. **Please join us after worship for conversation and refreshments downstairs in Romig Hall.**

The flowers today are from **Martha Thompson** in memory of my husband **Bill** on their 51st wedding anniversary.

A big thanks to all those who have signed up to provide refreshments for the fellowship time after church on Sundays. There is a book on the round table in the Gathering Space where you could sign up for this ministry. We keep it simple in the summertime. Pretzels or cookies and cold lemonade is fine.

Come to a Spikes Baseball Game and support the Interfaith Mission on Wed., July 21 at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$7 each. For more information, call the Interfaith Mission at 234-7731.

Hartman Center Camp at Half Price! Lois Lunetta won a gift certificate for a half campership at Hartman Center and she has generously offered it to anyone (of any age) who plans to attend. Brochures are available in the Gathering Space or view <http://www.hartmancenter.com>. Contact Cindy Neidigh at cneidigh2@comcast.net or 466-6999 for more information.