

Faith United Church of Christ: “Rich History – Bright Future”

*“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters
compared to what lies within us” — Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)*

Sometimes words do not suffice to thank people adequately for what they do... and that is certainly true in regard to those who have been working on behalf of this year’s Centennial Celebration. Nearly everyone in this church has pitched in and helped out. Many have given hours of time – using their own special skills. And all this giving has been done in a spirit of kindness and generosity. So thank you to everyone, and do forgive me if I have failed to include some names and events here. It’s been (and will continue to be) a year to remember.

Special thanks go to:

The Centennial Committee: Bob Dunham, Chair; Jean Cole, Sue Doran, Kees Brandse, Chris Finton, Mary Jane Wild & others who helped.

Subcommittees of the Centennial Committee:

- a. Preparing and writing of “Forward in Faith: Completing the Centennial History of Faith United Church of Christ, State College, Pennsylvania 1901-2009”: Dan Pfaff, Chair; Eileen Pfaff, Meta Meckstroth, Tom Daubert
- b. The Future Task Group: Paul Hallacher, Chair; Chris Finton, Bob Biber, Debra Greenleaf, Ernie Hawk & others
- c. The Centennial Quilt Committee: Jean Weller, Martha Thompson, Jane Childs, Tina Aumiller
- d. The Centennial Banner Committee: Jane Childs and the Daytime Women’s Guild
- e. The Centennial Video: Bob Dunham with participants Marion Jones, Tom Daubert, Cecil Irvin, and Don Asendorf
- f. The Second Century Campaign Committee: Bob Dunham and Jane Childs
- g. The Church School and Youth Tile Project: Cindy Neidigh, Chris Finton, and Vaughn Shirk along with all the Youth of the Church

Special Events:

- a. A series of Adult Forums on the History of the UCC and of Faith UCC by John Frantz
- b. A March Mission Trip to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. led by Joe & Terri Krabill. Participants include June Irvin, Jane Childs, Vince and Lois Lunetta, Larry Bair, Tom Juhnke, Mary Jane Wild, Pastor Diane Prosser
- c. A former intern of the church returning to preach in April: Rev. Michael Loser
- d. An April Centennial Choir Concert directed by Dr. Toni Leach of Penn State and organized by Jacki Hunt.
- e. A Tour of our Sanctuary and Windows with Organ Interludes in July. Julia Kiefer, Organist Emerita, played for this event. Others volunteered as greeters.
- f. A Three-part Sermon Series in October on the history of our denomination and church with guest preacher, Rev. Ann Graves.
- g. A wonderful dinner and program in October at the Ramada Inn organized by the Centennial Committee, with special thanks to Sue Doran and Kees Brandse
- h. A dedication of our new Church Library on Nov. 15 with all the books catalogued on computer and ready for use by church members and friends: Louise Harris and Jane Sheckells with assistance from Hazel Tuller
- i. A time capsule that will be opened in 25 years, complete with a scrapebook put together by Mary Jane Wild
Thank You!



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Happy 100th Birthday Faith UCC

October 25, 2009

10:45 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 in Romig Hall for fellowship and refreshments. To get to Romig Hall, you take the right aisle to the Gathering Space and go down one level.

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

Prelude "Fugue in d minor"

J. S. Bach

"Air for Organ"

G. Hancock

Choral Prelude: *Blessed Are They That Dwell in Thy House*

Text & Music: Clarence Dickinson

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house.

They will always be praising Thee.

O God of Love, from whom all wisdom and beauty do proceed,

We thank Thee for this church, which our ancestors raised to Thy glory;

And we pray that those who minister therein

May ever, in all ways, make it the mirror of Thy purpose

And a radiant home for the children of God,

Where Thy truth is proclaimed and Thy holiness revealed.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of Guests

Choral Introit

Words by Ernie Hawk; Music by Jean Slates Hawk

(Sung in unison by congregation and choir)

God, bless your church in this place.

This company gathered in faith,

These living stones shaped by love,

Arched in hope's aspiration.

God, bless your church in this place. (continued on next page)

*Gift of revered generations,
Rainbow of your family,
Poised for glory yet unknown.
God, bless your church in this place.*

Call to Worship (Responsively) L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: We gather together this day in thanksgiving to God.

C: For God has made us and this earth, which gives nourishment and shelter.

L: We gather together this day in gratitude to one another.

C: For we are the bearers of God's blessing for the earth and for all those in other lands and places also made in God's image.

L: We gather together this day thankful for God's word of challenge and hope made known to us through the words of Scripture and most fully in the person of Jesus Christ.

C: For we are prone to wander from the source of our wisdom and strength, and to lose heart when the sorrows of life beset us.

L: Let us give praise to God with heart, mind, and soul. Let us join together in listening to God's word and drawing from God's strength. Let us reach out in care for those who are suffering from injustice, from the sorrows of life, or from the troubles of this world.

C: In gratitude for this day, for this place, for this community of faith – gathering here for these past 100 years – we do now enter into the spirit of worship. Thanks be to God, our Creator and Redeemer!

*Hymn 386 *The Church's One Foundation*

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

Holy and merciful God, you call us into the future with hopeful hearts and dreams overflowing with expectation. Remind us of the vision of our forebears, who sought to live faithfully the prayer of Jesus: "that they may all be one." Strengthen our hands for service, our hearts for nurture, and our minds for understanding that all the gifts of time, treasure, and talent that we offer in this place may be used for the strengthening of your people and expansion of your kingdom on earth. 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.

Anthem: "St. Anne" arranged by *Eugene Butler* Text: *Isaac Watts*

Trumpets: Bill Fatula, Gro Torsethaugen, *Trombones:* Mike Loewen, Les Shaw,
Timpani: Rick Hoover

O God Our Help in Ages Past

*O God our help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God to endless years the same.*

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone.

Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away,

They fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God our help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,

Be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal home! Amen!

A Time for Children

Following this, all children up through 3rd grade may leave for the Nursery. Fourth graders and older are invited to remain in the service. There are activity packets available in the narthex.

*Hymn sung to the tune of "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Words by Jacki Hunt

O God we thank you for those folk, in nineteen hundred nine,

Who had the vision and the will, To create our church divine.

Through many years of faith and hope, Our congregation grew,

From Faith Reformed to UCC, We continue on anew.

Today we worship You within, An awesome, glorious space,

Where we who come to sing Your praise, Welcome all to know your grace.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 26:5b-11; John 17:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon *Faith UCC: Rich History/Bright Future*

Choral Call to Prayer: p. 581 *Lead Us From Death to Life*

Verse 3 with two refrains! (Sung in unison by congregation and choir)

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

Offertory

*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)

Holy God, as we consider the marvels of your creation. As we think of the many and wonderful ways you have nurtured our lives and the lives of those we love. As we remember your faithfulness to us as a church through these past 100 years and marvel at your work of peace and justice throughout the world, our hearts are full of gratitude and praise. Receive then the gift of our devotion, made manifest through all our acts of love, and use them for your good work in the days and years ahead. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

*Hymn 391

In the Midst of New Dimensions

*Benediction

*Benediction Response: *Threefold Amen*

Jean Slates Hawk

*Postlude

"Toccata" (from Symphony No. 5 for Organ)

Ch. M. Widor

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Our Ministry

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

Organist... Keith Diehl *Choir Director...* Jacki Hunt *Church School Coordinator...* Cindy Neidigh

Church Secretary (Temp)... Karen Gilmore *Church Custodian...* Scott Luzier

Sunday Trustee... Tom Daubert *Nursery...* Angie Morrison *Liturgist...* Jane Sheckells

Coffee Host... Bob & Maureen Dunham *Ushers...* Jean Weller, Neil Christy, Kees Brandse, Alva Chellman

Trumpets: Bill Fatula, Gro Torsethaugen, *Trombones:* Mike Loewen, Les Shaw, *Timpani:* Rick Hoover

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 the service in Romig Hall for fellowship and refreshments.***

The basket of flowers is given by the **Asendorf** family in memory of **Rev. and Mrs. Albert Asendorf.**

The alter flowers are given today by **Doug, Adrienne and Eve Klein** in loving memory of **Dorothy Orr Klein** and **Philip Shriver Klein.**

Save the date! On Sunday, Nov. 1 at 5:15 p.m. there will be an Ordination Service for Virginia Schiefelbein, who has accepted a position as a hospital chaplain in Lansing, MI. Plan to come to the service and stay afterwards for a light supper.

A Word of Sincere Gratitude to the Daytime and Evening Women's Guilds for purchasing new pew cushions for the sanctuary! This is a wonderful gift! Thanks to all who have attended the Strawberry Festival, or purchased nuts at Christmastime, or helped out in other ways to provide these funds. Special thanks to Jean Cole and Vaughn Shirk for their leadership on this. We will enjoy these cushions for many years to come.

The Future Task Group has completed their survey regarding the future goals of the church. Please pick up a copy of the results on the round table in the Gathering Space, and give your feedback to a member of the committee. Paul Hallacher, Chair; Chris Finton, Ernie Hawk, Debra Greenleaf, Bob Biber, Pastor Diane and others. We hope to offer an opportunity for the congregation in January to work together on these goals and make specific recommendations. Thank you for your participation.

Forward in Faith: Completing the Centennial History of Faith UCC 1909-2009 is available! Copies can be purchased for \$7 after worship. Books are in the Gathering Space on the round table. Write "Faith Forward Book" on your check and put in offering plate or leave in the Church Office.

Thanks to those who have responded to the Second Century Fund Campaign. The goal of \$100,000 for one hundred years of faithful ministry in this place has not yet been reached but we hope it will be reached soon. Although the deadline was October 11, we know that some of you have not yet had a chance to pledge. We encourage you to do so soon. Pledge forms and envelopes are available on the round table in the Gathering Space. Write "Second Century Fund" on the envelope and put in offering plate or in church office. It will be handled confidentially.

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. at St. John's UCC in Boalsburg. The Northern Association invites us all to come and worship at the "Ten Days for Peace" Service. This year's theme is Overcoming Walls" with speaker Rev. Fred Wenner, who was in Germany before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Everyone is cordially invited.

The Adult Forum has completed a series of lively discussions of the Book of James. In November, Mark Meckstroth will lead the group on the Beatitudes. In the interim, the group will select an article for discussion from the basket on the bookshelf in Meyer Library. Anyone can place copies of articles appropriate for Forum discussion in the basket. Is there something you would like to discuss? Come join us in these unique opportunities for thoughtful and challenging examination of issues we face in living out our Christian faith. **The Adult Forum Church School Class meets in Meyer Library at 9:30 each Sunday** (take elevator or stairs up one level).

Church School and Confirmation Class meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to be led in singing by Jacki Hunt. Then the Church School children go to Asendorf Hall (upstairs) for their classes. Confirmation Class meets in the Antoinette Brown Room. Also, our new

preschool class meets in the nursery at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Please contact Cindy Neidigh at cneidigh2@comcast.net for more information.

The special offering for October is for Neighbors In Need. This offering supports the UCCs ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The Justice and Witness Ministries use two-thirds of the offering. One-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries. Please write, "Neighbors in Need" on your check and place in offering plate.

Something new!!!! If you miss a Sunday or know of someone who is out of town and would like to keep up on the programs of the church, have them take a look at each week's bulletin – now available on our church's website. That's www.faithucc.info

All women in the church are cordially invited to the Daytime Women's Guild meetings held during the fall on the 4th Monday of the month at noon. Next meeting is tomorrow, Oct. 26. Bring a bag lunch and meet with us in Romig Hall. Good fellowship and interesting projects on behalf of the church.

Our Upcoming Mission Trip to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. is March 13-21, 2010! – Save the dates and join us for an enjoyable and meaningful trip, where we will continue the ongoing Recovery work following Hurricane Katrina. Contact Joe Krabill at remkrab@verizon.net for more information.

You are cordially invited to a **Thanksgiving Dinner** following worship on Sunday November 22 in Romig Hall. We will need people to bring salads, vegetable dishes and dessert. Please sign up on the sheet on the round table in the Gathering Space.

This Week At Faith UCC

Today	10:45 a.m.	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments in Romig Hall
	3:15-4:45	Friendship Tutoring
	7-8 p.m.	Al-Anon (ML)
Monday	noon – 1 p.m.	Daytime Women's Guild (RH)
	5 p.m.	Outreach and Service Ministry Team (AB)
	7 p.m.	Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team (AB)
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Trustee and Stewardship Ministry Team (AB)
	7:30 p.m.	Worship and Care Ministry Team (AB)
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Education and Spiritual Growth MT (AB)
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Rehearsal for wedding (Justin and Niha)
Friday	2 p.m.	Chaurdia-Locke Wedding (S)
Saturday	9 – 11 a.m.	Consistory (RH)
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Church School (AH); Confirmation (AB) & Adult Forum (ML)
	5:15 p.m.	Ordination Service for Virginia Schiefelbein

AB = Antoinette Brown Room; AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall; S = Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Nov 3	noon	United Campus Ministry Meeting (RH)
Nov 5	noon	State College Interfaith Clergy at Spat's Café
Nov 8	3 pm	Ten Days for Peace Service at St. John's UCC in Boalsburg
Nov 11	noon	Mid-week lunch with Tom Daubert presenting on his trip to Egypt
Nov 15		New Members Sunday and Dedication of the Church Library
Nov 16	9:30 am	UCC Ministerium (RH)
Nov 17	7 pm	Trustee and Stewardship MT (AB)
Nov 18		PEO Tour of our sanctuary
Nov 21	9-11 am	Consistory (RH)
Nov 22		Special Worship to Honor Longtime Members and Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 23	7 pm	Membership and Fellowship MT (RH)
Nov 29		First Sunday of Advent: Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Harry Covert
Dec 3,4,5 and 10, 11, 12		SERVV Sale in the Gathering Space
Dec 9	4 pm	Friendship Tutoring Board Meeting
Dec 13		Chancel Choir Christmas Program
Dec 20		Family Christmas Program
Dec 24	7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
Dec 31	5 – 7:30	Chili Café to benefit Mid-Penn Legal Services
Dec 31	8 -8:30 pm	New Year's Eve Service of Worship

Please ask an usher if you would like a large print bulletin.

Church Consistory (Elders of the Church)

Davin Carr-Chellman, <i>President</i>	Mary Jane Wild	Vaughn Shirk	Jean Weller
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