

**The March Mid-Week Lunch will be Wednesday, March 3, from noon to 1 pm.** Jennifer Shuey of ClearWater Conservancy will talk about the work of the Conservancy and invite us to join in the Watershed Clean-Up Day on April 17, 2010. The mid-week lunch consists of homemade soup, bread, veggies and dessert. A donation of any amount is welcome.

**You are invited to a workshop at Colonial Park UCC in Harrisburg on Saturday, March 13 from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm.** The topic is “Growing Stronger Churches 2010.” The cost is \$10/per person or \$25 for 3 people from the same church. Forms are on the round table in the Gathering Space. Contact Lois Lunetta at 234-0771 if you need a ride. **Please register by March 1.**

**The Confirmands will be at the all-conference Confirmation Retreat at Hartman Center this coming weekend, March 5-7.** They are grateful for all those who supported the “Souper Sunday” and “Almost Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast.” Adequate funds were raised to send them to camp. Thank you!

**Forms for ordering Easter flowers are in FaithWorks and on the round table in the Gathering Space.** Please fill out and put with your check into an offering plate or on the Secretary’s desk in the Church Office. Forms must be in by Sunday, March 21 for inclusion in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

### Our Ministry

*Ministers*—All the Congregation      *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser  
*Organist*—Keith Diehl    *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt    *Church Secretary*—Karen Gilmore  
*Church School Coordinator*—Cindy Neidigh      *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier  
*Ushers*—Confirmands    *Liturgist*—Anna Bair & Cindy Neidigh  
*Coffee Hosts*—June Irvin    *Nursery*—Greg Fox    *Trustee*—Tom Daubert

### **This Week At Faith UCC**

<b>TODAY</b>	10:45 am	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
	3-5 pm	Penn Central Conference discussion at St. John’s UCC Boalsburg
	3:15 – 5 pm	Friendship Tutoring
	7-8 pm	Al-Anon (ML)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOON-1 PM</b>	Midweek lunch with Jennifer Shuey (RH)
	3:30 pm	Worship at the Atrium
	7 pm	Creation Care Coalition Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7 PM	Choir Practice (S)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7-8 PM	Confirmation Retreat at Hartman Center begins (Retreat Ends at 12:30 pm on Sunday, March 7)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9:30 AM	Church School (AH) & Adult Forum (ML)
	10:45 AM	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH) Commissioning of People Going to the Backbay Mission

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



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### ***Second Sunday of Lent***

February 28, 2010 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 for fellowship and refreshments. Note to parents: There are special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12, along with a clipboard, crayons and plain paper in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.*

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Responsively)

L = Liturgist, C = **Congregation**

L: Our souls are parched and thirsty due to our failures to live as God has called us to live –

**C: Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.**

L: God does not leave us to die of our thirst, but promises to quench our thirst if we will confess our sins and accept God’s forgiveness.

**C: We gather here today to hear God’s word of grace, and be renewed in spirit.**

L: We gather to open our hearts and minds to God’s reconciling love at work in the world, to rejoice in it, and to become witnesses to that love.

**All: Let us join our voices in worship.**

\*Hymn 179

*We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

\*Prayer of Invocation and Confession (In Unison)

**God of love and mercy, we long to live as your people and share the compassion that you have already shown to us. Forgive us when we are too busy or preoccupied to notice the needs of those around us. Forgive us for our indifference to injustice and prejudicial thoughts toward others. Forgive us for our waste and pollution of your good creation. Bring restoration, we pray, to our lives and to our world, accomplishing in us the work of your salvation. We pray this in Jesus’ name. 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 *Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love*  
*Music: Arlen Clarke* *Text: Anonymous c.1800*  
*Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love, Who from bright yonder throne above,*  
*Ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends His grace.*  
*Heav'n and earth by God were made; All is by His scepter swayed;*  
*What are we that God should show so much love to us below?*  
*God, the merciful and good, Bought us with the Savior's blood,*  
*And to make salvation sure, guides us by His Spirit pure.*  
*Heav'n and earth by God were made, All is by His scepter swayed;*  
*What are we that God should show so much love to us below?*  
*Sing, my soul, adore God's Name! Let God's glory be thy theme:*  
*Praise God till He call thee home; Trust God's love for all to come.*

A Time for Children  
*Following this, all children up through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for the Nursery. For 4<sup>th</sup> graders and older, we invite you to remain in the service. There are children's bulletins and clipboards with crayons available in the Narthex and the Gathering Space.*

\*Hymn 207 *Just As I Am*  
 Scripture Reading Luke 7:36-50  
 Sermon "Recovering Repentance"  
 Choral Call to Prayer  
 Joys and Concerns  
 Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Offering and 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)  
**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be a strength and support to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**  
 \*Hymn 533 *Children of God*  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Benediction Response and Postlude

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**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 following the service for fellowship and refreshments in Romig Hall, located in the lower level.

**The flowers are given today by Wayne and Edna Bicehouse in memory of Loved Ones.**  
**The special mission offering for February is for the Hartman Center.** Our adopted Northern Association cabin must be brought up to today's standard of accessibility. To date, the Association has raised \$14,000 and needs another \$5,000. *We are close to reaching our goal as a church. Thank you for your support.*

**Last Week for the Sock drive!!!** Check out the "Sock" bin in the Gathering Space where the Church School is collecting socks for the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. They will be delivered March 13 by our workgroup led by Joe and Terri Krabill.

Bob Biber reports that Faith's donation to the **Food Bank** this month weighed in at 42 pounds. You can learn more and see what local children are doing to help out at this organization by visiting [www.foodbank.centreconnect.org](http://www.foodbank.centreconnect.org).

**The Women's Guild is putting together Hygiene and Baby Kits for Church World Service to be distributed in Haiti and other places of need.** Items needed for the hygiene kits include hand towels, washcloths, combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes and Band-Aids. Items needed for the baby kits include cloth diapers, t-shirts, washcloths, sleepers, diaper pins, sweaters or sweatshirts and receiving blankets. All items should be new. Put items in the red bin by the Pastor's office. Thank you for your help.

**The Adult Forum will be discussing Karen Armstrong's "Charter for Compassion,"** created by Dr. Armstrong and others subsequent to her having been awarded a TED prize. TED, a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, was initially established in 1984 as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, and Design. It has since grown considerably. See its website at [ted.com](http://ted.com) for more, including video of lectures by experts from a wide range of disciplines. In addition, Janet Swim-Davidson has agreed to present a talk, date to be determined, on environmental issues. The lecture will be similar to the one she gave recently at a conference in South Africa.

