



Faith United Church of Christ

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Confirmation Sunday/Pentecost

May 23, 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 and crayons in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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

Prelude	<i>Adagio</i>	D. Locklair
	<i>Prelude in F</i>	G. Bohm
	<i>Come, Holy Spirit</i>	F. W. Zachau
	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i>	Flutist—Glenn Canning

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively)

L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: Spirit of the living God, blow far from us...

C: all dark despair, all deep distress, all groundless fears, all sinful desires, all false values, all wasteful worries.

L: Spirit of the living God, blow into our souls...

C: your holy presence, your living love, your healing touch, your courage, your strength, your perfect peace, your boundless joy.

L: Spirit of the living God, blow into our souls and into our church. Surprise and amaze us as you did your disciples long ago. We gather this day to open our hearts to your Spirit. Let us join our voices in worship.

*Hymn 272 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and hopes, new life in Christ. Forgive us when we close our minds, barricading ourselves against new ideas and fresh ways of being your people. Forgive us when we close our eyes, failing to see the needs of your world. Forgive when we close our hearts, limiting the circle of our caring. Blow through our hearts and minds this day. Make us alive with the courage and faith of your prophetic love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Special Music

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Lois Bair, Anna Bair, Bridget Canning, and Tara Neidigh, quartet

Invitation for Confirmands To Come Forward

Parents, siblings and mentors are invited to come forward and stand behind the Confirmands.

Confirmands: Anna Bair, Bridget Canning, and Tara Neidigh

Mentors: Cindy Neidigh, Jean Frank, and Greg Fox

Teachers: Jean Frank and Pastor Diane

The Confirmation Journey

Sentences and Questions of the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith/UCC Statement of Faith

The Baptism of Bridget Canning

Prayer

Act of Confirmation of Anna, Bridget, and Tara

Welcome by the members of the church

Pastor: Let us, the members of Faith Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Members of the Church: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Faith United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Welcome by the Elders of the church and by the children of the church

*Hymn 351

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

After this, all children up through grade 3 may leave for the Nursery; fourth graders and older are invited to remain in the service. To get to the nursery, take the door to your right in the front of the sanctuary, go up 1/2 flight of stairs. The nursery is next to the church office.

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 12:4-14

Meditation

To Be a Christian

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 *Meditation No. 1* S. J. Rohde

*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)

God of wind, word, and fire, we thank you for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living witnesses to your love in all those places of life to which you call us. Amen.

*Hymn 350 *Now In the Days of Youth*

*Benediction

*Postlude *Come, Holy Spirit* G. F. Kauffmann

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Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser *Liturgist*—Jean Frank
Organist—Keith Diehl *Choir Director*—Jacki Hunt *Church Secretary*—Karen Gilmore
Church School Coor—Cindy Neidigh *Church Custodian*—Scott Luzier
Nursery—Angie Morrison *Coffee Hosts*—Pastor Diane & Jean Frank *Sunday Trustee*—Larry Bair
Head Usher—Bob Dunham *Ushers*—Maureen Dunham & Brent Frank

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.**

The flowers on the altar are given by Clint and Marcia Hegeman in gratitude to God for giving Clint 90 good years and in celebration of his birthday.

Are you ready for the Strawberry Festival? Yes, it's coming on Wed, June 16, from 5:30–8 p.m. Come enjoy Meyer Dairy ice cream with fresh strawberries, homemade cake, and beverage. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Bring your friends!

Also, help is needed for the Strawberry Festival. Please pick up a form on the round table in the Gathering Space and put in offering plate or leave in the church office. Help is needed to set up and prepare the berries, or to dip ice cream and serve on June 16. Also, cakes are needed as well. It's fun to participate. Contact Jean Cole at 308-9508 for more information.

The Adult Forum has concluded its classes for this year and will meet again in the fall.

To facilitate planning for next year, you are invited to an evening of fellowship and discussion at the home of Mark & Meta Meckstorth on June 17 at 7 p.m. Please come and bring your ideas for potential topics, materials, and/or resources for Adult Forum sessions. RSVP to Virginia Biber at 353-0612 or bobginny1@comcast.net.

The 101st Annual Meeting of our church will be held following worship on June 6, 2010. We will vote on the slate of candidates for Ministry Teams and for Consistory. We will also vote on the proposed budget for 2010/2011.

Save the date! The Daytime Women's Guild is going to Homewood Homes on May 27. Meet at the church at 9 am and return late afternoon. RSVP to Edna Bicehouse, 237-3646.

Our special offering for the month of May is Homewood Homes. Homewood is a continuing care retirement community with independent, assisted, and on-site nursing care living in Martinsburg, PA. To support the work of Homewood Homes, write your check to Faith UCC with "Homewood" on the memo line or use the Mission Envelope located at the back of the pews. Your contribution helps provide care for low-income clients.

The Church School needs cabinets or bookcases for use in Asendorf Hall! Not all sizes and kinds are helpful, so if you have a spare cabinet or bookcase, please talk with Pastor Diane to see if it would fit with the reorganization of the space in Asendorf Hall.

Saturday, June 5 is Mulch Day at the church. We'll begin at 9 and hope to finish by 11 am. Please see Wayne Bicehouse for more information or call him at 237-3646.

The first Sunday of June will be "summer birthday celebration" time. We will celebrate the birthdays of everyone who has a birthday in June, July, or August. So look for the "birthday table" in Romig Hall following worship.

Fun food for the 4th. The State College Area Food Bank is preparing July 4th Picnic Baskets for families in need. The list includes hotdog and hamburger buns, mustard, ketchup, baked beans, chips, marshmallows, paper plates, napkins, plastic flatware and tablecloth and toy for children. Grocery gift cards or money is also appreciated. There is a black box and a basket for all these items on the table next to the Pastor's office. Please bring to church by June 6.

Calling all those with musical talent! We're grateful to have a good number of volunteers for our special music this summer. Thanks to those who have already signed up. If you have a talent to share, please talk with Rev. Ernie Hawk or with Pastor Diane.

Please note that our summer worship schedule begins next week. There is no Church School program in the summer. Worship begins at 9:30 am.

This Week At Faith UCC

TODAY	9:30 AM	Confirmation (AB) & Adult Forum (ML)
	10:45 AM	Confirmation/Pentecost Worship followed by fellowship (RH)
MONDAY		Vacation Day for Church Secretary/Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	7:30 PM	Executive Board of the Interfaith Mission (RH)
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	Daytime Guild and friends go to Homewood Homes
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Summer Worship Hours Begin

AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall; S = Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

MAY 31		Memorial Day: Church Office Closed
JUNE 2	3:30 PM	Worship at the Atrium led by Rev. Prosser
JUNE 5	9 – 11 AM	Outside workday with mulching of the grounds
JUNE 6	9:30 AM	Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Celebration of all birthdays for June, July & August (RH)
	10:45 AM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation (RH)
JUNE 11-13		Annual Meeting of the Penn Central Conference (Pastor Diane and Tom Juhnke are attending as delegates from Faith UCC)
JUNE 13	9:30 AM	Davin Carr-Chellman preaching, and Ali Carr-Chellman telling the Children's Story.
JUNE 14		Ministerium Picnic at home of Joe and Terri Krabill
JUNE 16	5:30-8:00 PM	Strawberry Festival in Romig Hall
JUNE 17	7:00 PM	Adult Forum Fellowship Event
JUNE 19	9-11 AM	Consistory Meeting at the home of Bill and Mary Jane Wild
JUNE 22	7 PM	Trustee and Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
JUNE 25	6 PM	Rehearsal for Holsopple/Wuor Wedding
JUNE 26	3 PM	Wedding of Scott holsopple and Yah Wuor
JUNE 28 – JULY 2	9:30 – 1:30 AM	Bible Day Camp with Boalsburg Churches

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,
Carlton Miller, Mary Jane Wild, Vaughn Shirk, Jean Weller
Ex-Officio: Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser—*Pastor*
Barbara Chellman—*Financial Secretary & Church Treasurer*

If you'd like a large print bulletin or earphones for hearing assistance, please speak with an usher.

The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:
You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.
You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Approved by the Executive Council in 1981 for use in the United Church of Christ in connection with the 25th anniversary.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands

We welcome these three young women into membership in our church, and offer to them our friendship and prayers as they continue to grow in Christian faith and service.

Anna Bair

Anna is completing eighth grade at Penns Valley High School. Her favorite subject is English. She also enjoys participating in French Club, Builders' Club, and the Track Team.

Anna is the daughter of Larry and Lois Bair, and has two brothers (John and Micah) and one sister (Leah).

The thing she enjoyed most about Confirmation Class were the trips to other churches and to a synagogue.

Bridget Canning

Bridget is a Junior at Penns Valley High School. Her favorite subject is Band, and she enjoys playing the instruments of oboe, base, saxophone, and flute. She participates in Marching Band, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, and is on the Track Team.

Bridget is the daughter of Charles Canning and Melody Aumiller, and has one brother (Glenn).

The thing she enjoyed most about Confirmation Class were the trips to other churches and to a synagogue.

Tara Neidigh

Tara is completing seventh grade at Mount Nittany Middle School. Her favorite subject is Art. She enjoys participating on the Volleyball Team, on Team Leaders at the YMCA, and in Choir.

Tara is the daughter of Kirk and Cindy Neidigh, and has two brothers (Seth and Andy).

The thing she enjoyed most about Confirmation Class was the retreat at Hartman Center.

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.