

**Do you have clothes that might be used for a prom?** Five years ago, two Penn State students started a program called “the Prom Attire Event” in State College. The goal of the program is to get donations of gently used gowns, tuxes, suits, shoes, or jewelry to give free to any student in a high school in this region in need of prom wear who can’t afford the costs of going to the prom. This year’s event will be held on March 26-27 at the Fairmount Elementary School Cafeteria. Prior to that, donations may be taken to The Second Mile or Simply Elegant Gowns.

**Forms for ordering Easter flowers are in your bulletin.** Please fill out and put them with your check in the offering plate or in the Church Office. Deadline is March 21.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the round table for a Penn State baseball game on April 27.** We are trying to get a group of at least 20 people from our church to go and sit at the game together. There will be activities at the game for all ages. Please make your check out to Faith Church for \$3 per person. The stadium opens at 5:30 pm and game begins at 6:30 pm.

**An Invitation to the Men of our Congregation.** Belden Lane, a Professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University is leading a retreat for men called “Inward Bound: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers for Men Today” on April 16-18 at Camp Krislund (*about 21 miles east of State College*). Prior to the retreat, he will be speaking at SC Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 15. Check the website [www.scpresby.org](http://www.scpresby.org) for more information.

#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH UCC

<b>TODAY</b>	10:45 AM	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
	7-8 PM	Al-Anon
<b>MONDAY</b>	NOON	Women’s Guild meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:30 PM	Worship & Care Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7 PM	Future Task Group (AB)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7 PM	Choir Practice (S)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>		Palm Sunday
	9:30 AM	Church School (AH); Confirmation (AB) & Adult Forum (ML)
	10:45 AM	Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>March 31</b>	7 PM	Membership & Fellowship (AB)
<b>April 1</b>	6-7:15 PM	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal (RH)
<b>April 2</b>		Good Friday Service at Grace Luther Church
<b>April 4</b>	10:45 AM	EASTER



## Faith United Church of Christ

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 21, 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: We are God’s handiwork.

**C: Fashioned out of dust so that we might keep our connection with the earth.**

L: Made in the image of God so that we might never forget to whom we belong.

**C: Created with a heart so that we might feel the bonds of love that reach between us.**

L: Made with a deep yearning so that we might seek and be found by a faithful God.

**C: We are God’s delight, and we come together this day to give praise to our Creator. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 26

*We Worship You, God*

\*Prayer of Invocation and Confession (In Unison)

**God of all times, Creator of each season, we know how hard it is to keep company with our fears and sorrows, our storms and clouds. We are guilty of rushing through life, looking for the bright days, the clear skies. Yet this season of Lent invites us into the dry places, the rocky ground, where we might discover again the wellspring of your constant love. Journey with us, we pray, so we may find the hidden spring in every wilderness, the guardian angel at each impasse, and hear your voice leading us on. 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                                      Seek to Serve                                      Music: Lloyd Pfautsch  
*May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve.  
May I live as one who knows the love of God.  
Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.  
With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak.  
May your Word be heard through me.  
Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve.*

A Time for Children

*After this, all children up through grade 3 may leave for the Nursery; fourth graders and older are invited to remain in the service. Children's bulletins and crayons are available.*

\*Hymn 502                                      *Dear God, Embracing Humankind*  
Scripture Lessons                      Isaiah 43:16-21 and Philippians 3:4b-14  
Sermon    "Grace Sufficient"

Choral Call to Prayer and Prayers of the People

Pastor: Merciful God, as we journey with Jesus through Lent, we are surrounded by murmurs and shouts from a world hungering and thirsting for truth, justice, and compassion.

**C: Be as water for our thirsty souls, O God.**

Pastor: In the ordinariness of everyday life, guide us to discern and distinguish your ways. Empower us as a community and as individuals to seek answers of truth and substance, and not settle for things that do not satisfy.

**C: Be as water for our thirsty souls, O God.**

Pastor: We pray that you will rise up within us, a fountain of blessing, so that we ourselves may not become inwardly parched and weary. Satisfy the thirst within our souls, that we might all the more vigorously and joyfully serve our brothers and sisters.

**C: Be as water for our thirsty souls, O God.**

Pastor: O God, your thoughts and ways are beyond our comprehension. And yet we trust that you will care for your children. We pray for your blessing upon those who are hurting this day, those who are ill, or hungry, those who are without adequate shelter, and those who are weary. We pray for the well-being of all your creation.

**C: Be as water for our thirsty souls, O God.**

Pastor: Let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught all his disciples to pray, saying:

**C: 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 and Offertory

*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.*

\*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, you have taught us to love one another as you have loved us. We are grateful for your love and for all those who show forth that love in tangible ways. Accept these offerings today, we pray, as a sign of our readiness to receive your love in new ways and be renewed. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn 533

*Children of God*

(sung to the tune of "Hope of the World" on p. 46)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response and Postlude

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**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—Neil Christy, Head Usher; Alva Chellman, Tina Aumiller, John Benninghoff  
Liturgists—Tara Neidigh & Greg Fox      Sunday Trustee—Tom Daubert  
Coffee Hosts—Wayne & Edna Bicehouse      Nursery—Dan & Eileen Pfaff*

**WELCOME to Faith United Church of Christ.** 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 altar flowers are given by **Tom and Linda Daubert** in memory of *Grace and Thomas Daubert and Douglas Crane.*

**Special Offering for March: One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).** OGHS is the special mission project of the UCC to help people throughout the world in their time of need. Your gift brings shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. It helps refugees find safe shelter and begin to build new lives. It aids impoverished communities in securing dependable sources of food and clean water, and helps provide medical care and education in poor communities. Please find the OGHS offering envelope in the pew or write your check to "Faith UCC" with OGHS on the memo line.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the Gathering Space for our Seder Service and Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 1.** Please indicate whether you will be able to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up. Also, are you able to bring something? Pastor Diane will contact you closer to that date to let you know how you can help.

**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*

*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.*

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

***Services During Holy Week***

***Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:45 am***

Chancel Choir and Church School Singers will sing "Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me." Palms will be distributed.

***Seder Service and Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 1 from 6 – 7:15 p.m.***

A rendition of the Passover Meal that Jesus shared with his disciples at the "Last Supper." Includes readings, prayers, and a simple meal of soup, veggies and unleavened bread. Please sign up on round table in the Gathering Space.

***Good Friday Community Service on April 2 from noon to 3 p.m.*** Held at Grace Lutheran Church. Rev. Prosser will preach at 12:25 p.m.

***Easter Sunday Celebration at 10:45 a.m. on April 4***

The Chancel Choir will sing and instruments will accompany congregational singing. Come and celebrate Christ's resurrection and the power of God over death and despair.