

**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.

**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.



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### ***Third Sunday in Lent***

March 14, 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, From a New Zealand Prayer Book)

L = Liturgist, C = Congregation

L: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life.

**C: Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

L: You have always been with us. You are God.

**C: You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.**

L: You came to us before we came to you.

**C: You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.**

L: You are with us now. You are God.

**C: You, O God are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

L: You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

**C: You are our God. We worship you.**

\*Hymn 24

*The God of Abraham Praise*

*(In English, vss. 1-4)*

\*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

**God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming us to return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you. Amen.**

### **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>      |            | <b>Deadline for April FaithWorks</b>                     |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 6 PM       | Finance Committee Meeting                                |
|                    | 7 PM       | Trustee & Stewardship Meeting (AB)                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 7 PM       | Education & Spiritual Growth Meeting                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 12:30 PM   | Interfaith Clergy at the Autoport                        |
|                    | 7 PM       | Choir Practice (S)                                       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>    | 9-11:00 AM | Consistory Meeting (RH)                                  |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 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**

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| March 22 | Noon      | Women's Guild Meeting (RH)                 |
| March 23 | 7:30 pm   | Worship and Care Ministry Team (AB)        |
| March 24 | 7 pm      | Future Task Group (AB)                     |
| March 28 |           | Palm Sunday                                |
| March 31 | 7 pm      | Membership & Fellowship (AB)               |
| April 1  | 6-7:15 pm | Maundy Thursday Seder Meal (RH)            |
| April 2  |           | Good Friday Service at Grace Luther Church |
| April 4  | 10:45 am  | EASTER                                     |

\*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 *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

Music: Roland E. Martin Text: attr. to Richard of Chichester  
*O Holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly, And follow thee more nearly, Day by day. Amen.*

A Time for Children (A Mission Moment on One Great Hour of Sharing) Mary Jane Wild

*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 crayons available in the Narthex and Gathering Space.*

\*Hymn 190 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Sermon *A New Family Dynamic*

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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)

**Loving God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive  
them, so that in the midst of this world of suffering, others may feast on your mercy and  
open their hearts to you. Amen.**

\*Hymn 52 *There Is a Name I Love to Hear*

\*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*—Cindy Vincetti, Neil Christy, Clint & Marcia Hegeman *Liturgist*—Mary Jane Wild  
*Sunday Trustee*—Clint Hegeman  
*Coffee Hosts*—Vince & Lois Lunetta *Nursery*—Angie Morrison

**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 Carolyn & Joe Meyer, Jr. in memory of J. Curtis Meyer, Elise Meyer and Evelyn Lynn.

**Women’s Guild** is pleased to report that Pastor Diane delivered **16 Hygiene Kits** and **3 Baby Kits** to Colonial UCC in Harrisburg on Saturday, March 13. As there is always a great need, we will continue to collect these items for some time. Thank you to all who have brought items for the kits.

**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.

**Please keep the Biloxi Team in your prayers** as they travel to Mississippi to work with the Back Bay Mission in rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina (March 13-21). This year’s team includes: *Joe and Terri Krabill, leaders; Mark & Meta Meckstroth, Brent Frank and Steven Romig, June Irvin, Larry, Micah, and John Bair;* and from St. John’s UCC in Boalsburg: *Marion McCullough.*

**A “big thanks” from the Church School for your generosity in providing socks for the people of the Back Bay Mission!** Our Mission Team will be taking down 186 pairs of socks for men, women and children. These will be much appreciated—especially given this cold winter. Thank you.

**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 19/20 and 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.

**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 accompany congregational singing. Come and celebrate Christ’s resurrection and the power of God over death and despair.