



A Warm Heart

Summer 2020

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH UNITED CHURCH, COMBINING FAITH TRADITIONS OF LUTHERAN AND UCC CHURCH DENOMINATIONS

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a year it has been. Never a dull moment! I don't need to go into any further detail with you since you all have been experiencing these challenging times in your own lives. So how do we continue to push through and maintain a positive attitude and stay safe and share in God's love?

In last week's message from Matthew I talked about our fears, and how real they can be and how disruptive feelings of fear can be in our lives. We looked at Jesus walking on water and how Peter asked Jesus to invite him to come to Jesus on the water.

My personal take on this story has been that Peter, who I see as a risk taker at times, did take a big risk by getting out of the boat believing he could walk on water so that he could be with Jesus. But maybe there is another reason; perhaps Peter thought he could be Jesus by walking on water. Just a thought! How do you relate to this story?

I pray and hope that all of you can stay safe during these times and maintain a trust from your hearts in God. The image that I maintain about the story from Matthew is how Jesus immediately reaches out to save Peter, as Peter takes his focus off Jesus because of a wave and starts to sink into the Sea

of Galilee. That same hand from Jesus is reaching out to us when we find ourselves sinking from obstacles in our lives. We do need to take risks in our lives knowing that there will be times of failures and also times of success. Please know that Jesus is with us as we try to cope and manage our lives.

My hand is reaching out to all of you if you would like a visit, phone call or just to chat, so please let me know. We will continue to worship outside while weather permits. I will continue with my message being available by email and by video found on Facebook and YouTube on our website at faithunitedchurch.org

I hope that you can join us on Sunday August 23 for a very important congregational meeting following worship to discuss future worship for the fall and winter inside the church.

Miss you and God Bless,

Pastor Elaine

Happenings at Faith United Church

Everyone is welcome at Faith United Church! We extend an invitation to anyone in the community who would like to join us in worship and in having fun!!



Congregational Meeting August 23rd

After worship we will have a VERY important congregational meeting. We've been very lucky weather-wise to be able to worship outside.

HOWEVER... With Fall and Winter on the horizon, we must have a discussion about resuming services indoors.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. We want to hear your voice!!

Other important matters will also be addressed.



Breakfast at JDz

Once a month join us for fellowship and breakfast at JDz Station House in Loysville.

Our next breakfast is scheduled for **September 2nd**, 9:00 am. Check your bulletin and emails for future dates.



SPECIAL SERVICE & CELEBRATION

September 13th

Our worship service will begin at **10:00 am** that Sunday.

We will be celebrating **Grandparents Day & Confirmation Day** for our 5 new members:

Reese Fedder, Arden Fedder,
Mason Nipple, Carson Nipple
and Travis Weibley

We'll also be celebrating Holy Communion.

There will be a **covered dish picnic** immediately after worship. A sign-up sheet to attend the picnic is on the bulletin/offering table (or you can contact Fay & let her know you're attending-717-574-5590). Last day to sign up is September 6th.

The church will provide chicken, beverages and cake. (Request that no desserts be prepared since the church is providing cake)

Hope To See You There!!



WORSHIP

We are still worshipping outside at 9:00 am & hope to continue as long as possible. Bring your lawn chair and face mask.

RECEIVING WORSHIP (we gotcha covered!)

Are you aware that there are several ways you can experience Faith United's worship service Pastor Elaine's message distantly?

Pastor Elaine's video message is posted every Sunday to Facebook (on Elaine C Moyer and Faith United pages), YouTube and on the Faith United Website:

<http://www.faithunitedchurch.org/events/event/>

We also provide the message via email and printed copy.



9/11 SPECIAL VIDEO

We're putting together a video asking folks to share where they were on 9/11 and provide some quick thoughts or concerns you had that day. We have a sign-up sheet available or you can just contact Pastor Elaine.

ALSO, Anyone who would like to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" for this video is welcome to join the choir at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 19th & the next Wednesday, August 26th



SOFTBALL

Well...we were certainly challenged this year – on & off the field.

We had some really great games & awesome wins along with a few heartbreaking losses. And although it was a short season this year, everybody had a great time.

Our last game is August 17th at 6:30 away at Three Springs

THANK YOU to our awesome players and great coaches. And to all of you who came out and cheered on Faith United!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We're hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, October 22nd**. We will need volunteers to help. More information on this will be provided in future bulletins, websites and via email.



GOD MOMENTS

Pastor Elaine is looking for folks willing to have a conversation by video on faith (God Moments).

God Moments with Pastor Elaine can be viewed on her Facebook page (Elaine C. Moyer) on Fridays.



Pastor Elaine is outta here (for a little while)...

Pastor Elaine will be out of town **September 14th-21st** for a much needed vacation.

She is looking for someone who's willing to share a God moment or share a message for September 20 while she's on vacation.



Pastor Elaine thanks the many people who have made the outdoor services a success!!



Faith United 2020 Board Members

President – Dave Hile

Vice President – Andy Bender

Secretary – Teresa Freeland

Alex Fry

Danny Reisinger

Lauri Hoyer

Angie Reisinger

Bob Sweger

Damia Stambaugh

Steve Orris is Faith United Treasurer

If you have ideas or concerns about the church, please reach out to any board member. Also, anyone is welcome to attend a board meeting. Meeting dates are posted in the Sunday bulletin.



