



A Message from Interim Pastor Diane Curtis

Are You Ready?

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” Most of us have been asked that question at one time or another. A child might offer up answers such as: a Disney princess, a fireman, a baseball player, or a doctor. Over time our answer probably changed. Of course, there are a few people who just knew what they wanted to be from an early age.

Maybe a better question for us to consider is “Who do you want to be?” This question shifts us from the realm of what job you want to character traits that you want to have – a much bigger and difficult question to answer.

The Bible provides a list of traits in Galatians 5:22-23 that followers of Jesus Christ ought to strive for. These fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. A pretty daunting list! Fortunately, God doesn't ask us to gain these qualities on our own. The Holy Spirit brings them out in us, both individually and corporately as we strive to live by the Spirit.

I believe the two questions above are the ones we ought to be asking ourselves, the congregation of Faith Presbyterian Church, today. “What do we want to be?” and “Who do we want to be?” The answers to these questions will guide us into the new future for Faith Church.

We know that our church is not the same as it was decades ago or even a few years ago. The composition and number of members, the programs offered, the staff size, and income/expenses have all changed. One thing that has not changed is the foundation of our faith – Jesus Christ. We can “hang our hat” on this one constant: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Our challenge today, here and now in the late summer of 2016, is to not only answer the two questions above, but to take action to engage in and put our answers practice. The new Faith Presbyterian Church can become what and who Christ means us to be only through our willingness to embrace change and to commit to the future. Are you ready?

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



VBS = Success!

From June 27th to July 1st, we went on a Deep Sea Discovery from 9 am to noon each day. **100 children** signed up to explore the Bible and learn that “God is With Me Everywhere I Go.”

Many thanks to the congregation for the generous donations of supplies. A big hug to our volunteers, both from Faith and from Christ Presbyterian in Marlton, for making VBS a success.



Summer Sundays – Just for Kids!

Summer Sundays will take the place of Sunday School for July and August. On July 17th, we planted seeds to see what God would grow. On July 24th, we watered and cared for the garden. Kids up through second grade are invited to join us during worship at 9:30.





Deacon's School Supply Drive

The Deacons will be hosting a school supply drive during July. We are collecting for needy children at **Haines and Memorial Schools** in Medford as well as for the **Backpack Project at Seeds of Hope** in Camden. We will collect individual school supplies AND entire backpacks already filled. Our Summer Sunday kids will help us put some backpacks together. Think about filling one as a family or with your small group! Drop your donations in the large blue bucket in the Fellowship Room.

Backpacks	Marble composition books	Paper folders
Glue sticks	Scissors	Markers
3" Heavy Duty Avery binders (D-ring)	1" deep Durable Clear Cover 3-ring binders	Pencil sharpeners with case to hold shavings
3-ring clear letter size sheet protectors	500 sheet loose leaf paper pack (wide ruled)	Spiral notebooks
Colored pencil packs (of 12)	Crayons	Rulers
Pencil pouches	Index cards	Highlighters
Plastic 2-pocket folder (3 hole punched)	Large rectangular boxes of tissues	Reinforcement rings for binder paper
Medium (3x3) Post It notes	Blue pens and red pens	Highlighters
Erasers	#2 Pencils	Subject dividers

Pastor Nominating Committee is Elected

We've reached an important milestone with the formation of our PNC. John Ford, Linda Hamilton, Jonathan Cohill, Mary Currie, Norm Mackey, Bill Redheffer and Kay Galberg have already begun to meet. Please pray for them as they work hard to help Faith move forward.

“Faith Church is a community of believers centered in Christ, caring for others and loving one another.”

Welcome, Bethan!

The cake makes it official! Our new music director, Bethan Neely is making our spirits sing and she is really making the Faith organ sound beautiful. We are blessed and very happy to have her here.





MWO Thank You!

The Migrant Worker Outreach (MWO) sends a big **Thank You** to HOPE Garden for several donations during their busy June picking season. The produce was delivered with a photo of our smiling gardeners and a note of welcome to New Jersey. The workers were very happy to receive produce as well as the many items donated by Faith Church members.

Church Bulletin Board

LifeLine Screening: Faith Church will host a LifeLine Screening clinic on Thursday, **September 1**. Details will be in the bulletin in August. See Bob Casey for more details.

Flu and Pneumonia Shots: Mark your calendar! Rite Aid will be with us after worship on Sunday, **October 16th** to give flu shots and pneumonia vaccinations. More details will appear in the bulletin at the end of September. See Bob Casey if you have any questions.

Youth Weekend Custodian: We're seeking a back-up youth weekend custodian. Please call the church office if you know someone who might be interested.

Casseroles for Camden: Every fourth Tuesday, Steve Carter takes casseroles from our freezer to the New Visions Homeless Day Shelter in Camden. Just add your casserole to our freezer on the shelf marked "Casseroles for Camden" and Steve will deliver it.

2016 – 2017 Session Committees

Belonging – John Heald	Building and Grounds – Steve Carter
Communication – George Anderson	Finance / Treasurer – Joe Currie
Mission – Ginny Hagan	Mission Involvement and Evangelism – John Ford
Nominating – Sharon Redheffer	Personnel – Ed Brennan (chair), John Heald
Small World Liaison – Steve Carter	Stewardship – TBD
Worship – Sharon Redheffer	Clerk (non-voting) – Ginny Magnus



2016 – 2017 Deacon Executive Board and Ministries

Moderator – Bonnie Halle	Vice Moderator – Kay Galberg
Secretary – Betty Engelke	Treasurer – Mary Currie
Card Program – Joan Zinader	Food Shelf – Sandy Prescott, Kay Galberg
Nominating – Lorraine Kunkle	Helping Hands – Pat Cohill, Dave Wood
Blood Drive/Lifeline/Flu Shots – Bob Casey	Hospitality – Paige Caracuzzo
HOPE Garden Liaison – Mary Currie	CCC Liaison – Joan Zinader
Deacon's Corner website – Bonnie Halle	Faith Meals – Mary Currie, Paige Caracuzzo
We Care Team – Lorraine Kunkle, Linda Hamilton, Bob Casey	