



A Message from Interim Pastor Diane Curtis

I like Moses. Although known as a great prophet and the one who led Israel out of Egypt, he was very human. He got frustrated and angry, could be a micro-manager, was willing to ask God a lot of questions, and struggled with his self-confidence. Even so, as he listened to and walked more closely with the Lord, he grew as a person and in his relationship with God. So much so, that the writer of Hebrews lifts him up as an example and commends him for his faith. God used him to change lives and save a whole nation.

Walking with and listening to God are the keys to being a disciple. The more time we spend with him the more we grow as people and in faith. We know this. Sometimes we pay more attention to our relationship with the Lord than at others. We feel guilty about this. To borrow a cliché, we can go two steps forward and then take one step back. Rarely do we feel prepared to adequately serve God. Neither did Moses.

Yet Moses kept at it. Sometimes reluctantly, fearfully, and with baby steps, but he kept going. As he walked with God and served him he grew, and as he grew in faith and as a person, he was able to serve even more. Walking with God and serving him went hand-in-hand; both/and rather than either/or. You get the idea. None of us are Moses, but we can all follow his example.

I have learned that I feel closer to God and grow rapidly when I work with children. It might not be apparent to you, but doing ministry with kids is scary for me; you might call this one of my growing edges. With God's help I have learned to manage the fear and draw energy from it. I have seen the Lord touch the lives of children through me, much to my surprise. So I choose to work with the kids, always trusting that God uses me to help them grow in faith.

We have opportunities this summer for you to grow closer to the Lord and serve by working with children. *Operation Arctic*, our Vacation Bible School is the last week of June. There are lots of places to serve: group guides, helpers in games, crafts, registration, music, being part of the drama team, and pre-VBS preparation to name a few.

Faith Music Camp arrives July 10th. This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event. You can help with snacks, registration, as a group guide and pre-camp preparation.

Sunday school continues throughout most of the summer. Our curriculum, *Deep Blue*, is easy to use and requires very little preparation. We rotate teachers each week so you can sign up for one Sunday or more. The children have planted seeds in their own HOPE Garden plot and will be tending those as part of their Sunday morning activities.

Choose a place to grow and serve this summer. Make a difference in the life of a child.

Faithfully,
Pastor Diane



Volunteer Now for VBS!

VBS June 26 - 30!

9 am to noon

Ages 4 through 4th grade

\$20 per child (max of \$40 per family)

(nonrefundable)



Vacation Bible School is this month! The theme is “Operation Arctic” and kids will explore the coolest book on the planet – the Bible!

We Need YOU! The Volunteer Signup is in the Bulletin

Before VBS:

Help with administrative tasks	Decorate classrooms	Build sets
Prepare craft materials	Plan decorations	Paint banners, backdrops and sets
Sewing	PRAYING!	

During VBS: (Are you available every day or only certain days?)

Exploration Group	Leader?	Helper?
Crafts	Leader?	Helper?
Snacks	Leader?	Helper?
Games	Leader?	Helper?
Music	Leader?	Helper?
Missions	Leader?	Helper?
Nursery	Leader?	Helper?
Drama	Sound/AV	Teacher
Photographer	Clean up crew	Teaching Assistant

Age Level Preference:

0 – 2 years	2 – 4 years
4 – 6 years	6 – 9 years
9 – 12 years	Wherever needed most

Complete the volunteer form in the bulletin and drop it in the offering bag. We hope to impact the lives of 100 children. **VBS is important – and fun!** Please join us!



HOPE Garden is Giving!

We had the first produce pickups of the season this Monday. Various lettuces were taken by the **CCC** and the **Migrant Worker Outreach**. We also made a delivery of lettuce and radishes to **Urban Promise**. We're off to a great start even with the cool and rainy weather!



PNC Update

The PNC is now having second round conversations with four candidates. Continue to pray for discernment, as we seek God's direction in selecting a new pastor.



First Annual Faith Music Camp!

July 10 – 14 Ages 5 years to 3rd grade

Bethan will be leading our first ever Music Camp at Faith. After camp, the children will sing at church on Sunday, July 16th. Registration is available now. Contact the church office.

60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On June 4th, we gathered to celebrate five special couples and their 60th wedding anniversaries. **Felicia and Earl Rehmann, Janet and Ed Sharpe, Betty and John Knapp, Ginny and Ed Hagan and Jo and Len Oberholtzer** joined us for a special pot luck to rejoice in their long and happy marriages!

They told the stories of how they met and shared their wedding photos. We enjoyed a breakfast pot luck and, of course, a big cake!





Rev. Thuan Domski

Christian Caring Center Dinner and Speaker at Faith

Reverend Thuan Domski will speak at Faith Church on **June 17th at 6:00 pm**. The program will include a meal and a message and is designed to assist in promoting the mission of the Christian Caring Center located in Browns Mills.

Rev. Domski, is a Hospital Chaplain and Civilian Military-Chaplain Assistant. Dinner is free. You will have an opportunity to invest in God's work. To RSVP, contact the CCC at 609-893-0700.

2017 Session Committees	
Session Clerk	Ginny Magnus
Building and Grounds	Norm Mackey
Communication	John Ford
Christian Education	Linda Hamilton
Finance/Treasurer	Joe Currie
Mission	Ginny Hagan
Nominating	Sharon Redheffer
Personnel	John Heald
Stewardship	John Heald
Small World	Steve Carter
Worship	Sharon Redheffer
Membership and Caring	TBD

Help Us Plant!

This Sunday, June 11

After worship on Sunday, we will be planting the beautiful **geraniums** which were purchased to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Please join us to help!





VBS Needs Your Shoeboxes!

The VBS decorating team is seeking shoeboxes. If you have any at home, please leave them on the table at the end of the main hallway.



Church Bulletin Board

Sunday, June 11: The ordination and installation of new officers will take place during worship.

Saturday, June 17: Rev. Thuan Domski will speak at Faith to provide an inspirational message during a dinner to benefit the CCC.

Sunday, June 18: We will dedicate 12 sleep mats for the homeless during worship. Join us to help bless these mats.

Monday, June 19: Our missionaries, Greg and Chris Callison will visit us at 10:00 am. Light refreshments will be served. Join us to hear about their work!

June 26 - 30: Vacation Bible School "Operation Arctic" - VBS was a huge success last year and we can't wait to do it again! There will be MANY volunteer opportunities so save the date!

A New Way to Connect with Faith Church!

Faith Church is now part of a website called "**Faithstreet**".

The URL is <http://www.faithstreet.com/search?lat=39.8741&lng=-74.809>. This takes you to the main page showing all Medford churches listed on Faithstreet. Notice that Faith is the first listing. Clicking on that link will take you to our page.

The website is <http://www.Faithstreet.com>. This is another way people can find us.

Our Website is <http://www.Faithchurch.org>.

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/HopeGardenatFaithChurch/> or search Facebook for HOPE Garden - our Missions - Faith Church, Medford, NJ



2017 Per Capita – It's Not Too Late!

You can still contribute the \$38.75 (per member) per capita payment for 2017. Use the offering envelope marked "Per Capita" or write "per capita" in the memo of your check.

Did You Know?

If you bank online, you can set up an **automatic payment** for your contribution to Faith Church. You'll never have to worry about forgetting your envelope!