



A Note from Pastor Diane Curtis

Thank you! Thank you!

My last Sunday with you all was very special. The celebration was a wonderful way to close our ministry together. I was and continue to be touched by the kind words, hugs, and warm wishes. Many thanks as well for the cards, gifts, and prayers. The memories of that Sunday will stay with me as will the memories of our ministry together.

Many of you have asked if I would come back for a visit. The short answer is no. The long answer is that we, as pastors in the Presbytery, agree to cut ties with the congregation once our ministry is completed. As hard as that is for you and for me, it is an important step in the transition to your new pastor. Your new pastor needs your support, and for you and he/she to build the new relationships that will be the foundation for your future ministry together.

So, what does this mean in practical terms? I know it may be disappointing, but I am no longer your pastor so will not be available for pastoral care needs, funerals, or to join you in celebrations of special occasions. But, I will always include Faith Church in my prayers and you will always have a place in my heart.

Fondly,
Pastor Diane

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday evening, November 19

Medford Friends Meeting House

There will be a special interfaith Thanksgiving worship at the Friends Meeting House in Medford. Join us Sunday evening before Thanksgiving to celebrate our blessings with neighbors and friends. Watch the bulletin for the time of the service and additional details.





HOPE Garden End-of-Season Update

The 2017 HOPE Garden season is coming to a close. It has been a bountiful one! This year, we donated more than **1,657 pounds** of vegetables to five different local organizations (along with eight dozen fresh eggs from one of the gardeners). A highlight of this season was the installation of the new raised planters - a big benefit in terms of plant root growth, soil nutrient content, and keeping weeds to a minimum. The planters will also give us a head start on spring planting next year. ***Many thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers, and for the wonderful donations that have allowed this mission to continue Helping Other People Eat!***

One final work day is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 am to remove old plants, spread compost, transfer soil, and repair fencing. Please come out to help if you are able!



New raised beds!



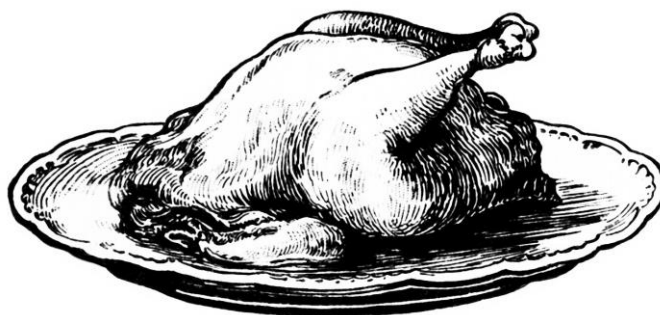
More raised beds and a huge pumpkin!



Thanksgiving Turkey Drive Our Goal is 175 Turkeys

The Deacon's Holiday Turkey Drive is happening **NOW!** We take your generous donations and purchase 175 "turkey coupons" for \$15 each. These are donated to the Christian Caring Center, and are an important part of the Thanksgiving food baskets they prepare for the needy. There's a form in the bulletin, and there will be a deacon at the Turkey Table during Fellowship to take your donation. Make checks payable to Faith Church, and write "**Turkey Coupons**" in the memo.

Please donate by Sunday, November 19. Any questions, see Betty Engelke or Kay Galberg.



Please Join the Fellowship Team!

Do you enjoy the coffee and refreshments after church each week? We have volunteers who set up, clean up, and bring treats for our fellowship time. **You can be part of the team** by signing up in the black notebook that is on the refreshment table. If you become one of the regulars, you will prepare fellowship less than once a month! Of course, training is provided!! You can also sign up to bring treats any week that's convenient for you. Sign up in the notebook, or contact the church office to help.





Church Bulletin Board

Saturday, November 11: Meet at the HOPE Garden at 10 am to help pull out old plants, fill in new raised beds, spread compost, and clean up for winter. See Mary Currie or Sandy Gustavsen with any questions.

Sunday, November 12: Our guest pastor will be Rev. Lynne Trout.

Sunday, November 19 and 26: Our guest pastor will be Rev. Janet Doyle.

Sunday, November 26: Join us to decorate the church for the holidays! We'll decorate after worship and then order pizza for lunch when we're done.



New Prayer Request List

We're trying a new approach to prayers for our congregation, friends and family. A list of names and concerns (under general headings such as healing, hospitalized, blessings) will be printed in the bulletin each week. No medical details will be included. To have someone listed, please get their permission first then contact the church office.

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



Farewell Pot Luck

We said farewell to Interim Pastor Diane Curtis. There were many good wishes and lots of great food. We wish Pastor Diane many blessings for her new interim position!





Pastoral Care Information

If you have any emergency pastoral needs before our new pastor arrives, you can contact **Reverend Lory Ryan** of Christ Presbyterian Church in Marlton at 609-413-6030. The Faith Church office will be open during its usual hours of 9 to 3 Monday through Thursday.

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!