



A Message from Pastor Becca

Next week at this time, the building will be full of energetic preschool children again and I am looking forward to all the excitement they bring with them! As we begin to have frank conversations about our finances, it has become evident to me there is a lot of gray area around our relationship with Small World. I wanted to take a few minutes this morning to try to clear all that up. Small World is not its own entity, it is a ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church. This ministry operates a bit differently from typical committees because there is a separate Board and bylaws (approved by the Session). The Board of Small World reports directly to Session, but also shares information with the Christian Education committee. The Board of Small World consists of the director, the head teacher, two parents, the Pastor, the (church) treasurer, an elder, and a representative from Christian Education. The budget for Small World includes shared expenses that go toward paying the shared costs of building use.

The thing I encourage all of us to remember is that Small World is not an outside entity, the preschool is a ministry of this congregation. I have noticed something about my own language recently that is reflected in the language we all use when we talk about Small World. We (myself included!) often tend to say them, they, theirs which indicates “other” or apart from “us”. There is only a big inclusive “us” that includes church folks and preschool folks. As I have been out in the community meeting new people, the conversation almost always includes the topic of work. When I tell people, I am the pastor at Faith Presbyterian, they ask where we are located, when I tell them, without fail they respond, “OH! Where Small World is!” This is an impactful ministry!

As Small World returns for their next school year, I have an invitation for you. Pay attention to the calendar to see when Small World has an event coming up. If it fits your schedule, plan to come and meet some of the families and teachers! You never know where a simple conversation might lead. There are many ways we can work together to support this ministry even if we aren’t on the preschool staff. Jayne Norcross, the director, would love to hear from you if you would like to come in and read to students. I have a growing list of ways we can support the students and staff at Small World and I would be glad to share it with you.

Please join me in prayer for this ministry as the new school year begins! We are growing stronger together!



Join Us Sunday, September 16 Welcome Home to Faith Church!

Welcome Home from camp, from vacation, from your hot and busy summer! Join us for a picnic with music and games to mark the beginning of a new season at Faith.

We still need LOTS of help with the event:

- ✓ Canopies for shade
 - ✓ Bags of ice
- ✓ Badminton racquets and birdies
 - ✓ Side dishes
 - ✓ Desserts
 - ✓ Drinks

Sign up sheets for food, drinks and ice are in the fellowship room. Please let Bonnie know if you are able to bring a canopy or if you can help Jonathan, Paul and Steve C. set up tables, chairs and canopies that morning at 8 a.m. before worship.



Fall Education Schedule

First Sunday: Presbyterians 101 right after worship, So far topics include: our structure, what we believe about the bible, predestination, marriage, and much much more! I can't wait to explore all these questions with you!

Second Sunday: Book Study (Adam Hamilton's Half Truths) right after worship or second Wednesday at 7:30pm

Third Sunday: Confirmation Class right after worship

Coming this Fall: Once a month **Hands on Church!** A time of exploration of faith for families. All are welcome but this is especially for those with young children! *Watch for a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Area.*



Book Study – Half Truths by Adam Hamilton

Second Sunday after worship or second Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Have you ever told anyone that everything happens for a reason? Or perhaps it has been said to you. Maybe you've found it comforting, maybe you've found it frustrating. But what if I told you that this idea doesn't have a biblical basis? "Half Truths" examines this and four other common Christian sayings that are not quite biblically sound. None of them are entirely wrong but none are entirely right. They are half-truths.

"Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton is the subject of our fall Book Study. You can think of it like any other Adult Sunday Class. Every month, there will be a meeting on the Second Sunday. If you can't make it on Sunday or if you prefer evenings, we'll meet the Second Wednesday at 7:30. Please be sure to sign up (in the fellowship room) for either class.



Faith's Annual "Sleep Out" Friday, September 21st at 7:30 pm

The Mission Committee is supporting Bridge of Hope's program which helps homeless moms who have one or two children. You get to experience what it feels like to sleep outside either in a car, a tent, a box or on the ground. At the same time, you will also have a great feeling of helping these moms by getting others to sponsor you with donations toward Bridge of Hope.

Checks can be made out to Bridge of Hope at Christian Caring Center. You can give them to the person you are sponsoring. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship room (on the easel) so you can sign up to sleep out or to sponsor one of the sleepers.

We hope to have some entertainment, pizza and beverages for everyone plus some wonderful fellowship. The police will be informed of the event and asked to patrol throughout the night.



A New Fence for Small World!

You may have noticed there is a new fence surrounding the playground for the preschool. During this time of financial difficulty, it may be surprising to see such a large investment. Small World had funds set aside for playground improvement and that is how we ended up with the beautiful new fence.



Easy Rummage Sale - September 22

Rain Date: Saturday, September 29

Set Up at 7 am

Sale 8 am to noon

We're planning an "easy" rummage sale. We won't need a big committee and lots of volunteers to pull this off. Just follow the guidelines below! The money raised by renting tables will go into our general fund to help pay for items such as utility bills and repairs. We're charging \$20 to rent each of our 15 church tables. At this time, only 2 more tables are available to rent.

- We're encouraging members to donate their earnings to the church.
- We'll ask you to post the date and time on your Facebook account before the sale.
- There will be no cash register so each table will handle its own money.
- If you have items to sell but can't be there, you **must** contact someone who has signed up for a table and ask them to sell your items.
- Everyone has to take their own stuff away. St. Vincent de Paul is open till 1 pm on Saturday or you can drop items at Goodwill.

New Items and Help Needed!

- If you would like to drop off some items ahead of time, the church will be open for the Bridge of Hope Sleep Out on Friday night. You can put your items in the fellowship room.
- We have a grillmaster volunteer! Be sure to stop by between 11 and 12 to do some shopping and have lunch.
- We still need a volunteer or two to work at the food table and coordinate a bake sale. Bonnie will handle requesting bakers to donate if someone else will manage the donations that morning (slicing, wrapping and pricing).
- **YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN TABLE AT NO CHARGE!!** Have a yard-sale-loving friend? Tell them that they are welcome to join our rummage party!

Any questions, please see Bonnie Halle. Watch the bulletin for more information and look for the sign up poster in the fellowship area.

Faith Bible Study Groups

OGs will start back up on Thursday, September 13. We are viewing the video series "Following the Messiah" which is a walking tour of what is believed to be the biblically correct path Jesus took on his journeys. Open discussion following the video, followed by brunch at Medport Diner.

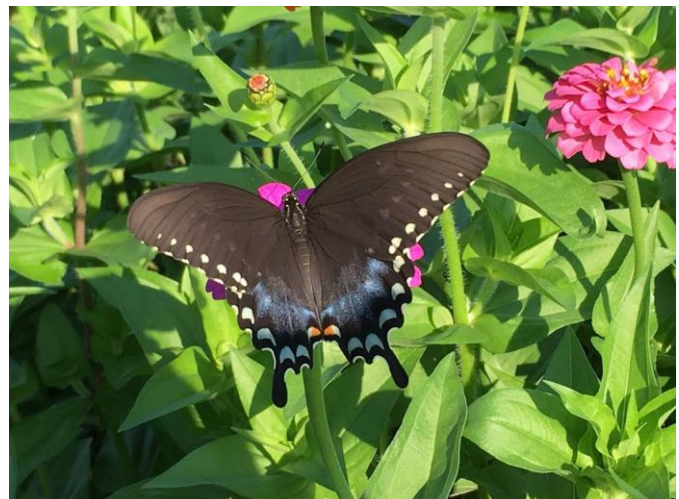
Morning Glories will return in the Fall.



HOPE Update - Over 1,200 Pounds as of September 3!

Over 1,200 pounds of lettuce, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, beans and herbs have been donated so far this year. The Migrant Worker Organization has wrapped up their work at the camps but we continue to donate to the Christian Caring Center on Mondays and St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry on Wednesdays. Harvesting is typically every Saturday morning at 10 am and every Wednesday morning at 8 am, if you are able to join us to help.

The garden now has a cooler with ice packs near the kitchen door. If you have any items from your own garden to donate, please leave them in the cooler.





Spaghetti Brunch - Good Food and Great Ideas

We had a great time eating spaghetti at 10:45 am! After lots of great fellowship, small groups came up with dozens of good ideas for fundraising and generally improving our bottom line. Thanks to all of the cooks and big thinkers for making this event tasty and successful.





Elder Roles for 2018/2019:

Buildings and Grounds: John Ford
Christian Education (Discipleship): Linda Hamilton
Clerk: Ginny Magnus
Connections: George Anderson
(Connections will absorb the roles of belonging and communications.)
Finance and Stewardship: Joe Currie
Mission and Outreach: Ginny Hagan
Nominating: John Heald
Personnel: John Heald
Worship and Music Team: Jonathan Cohill
Small World Board Member: Steve Carter

Deacon Roles for 2018/2019:

Executive Board

Moderator: Kay Galberg
Vice Moderator: Lorraine Kunkle
Secretary: Bonnie Halle
Treasurer: Mary Currie

Missions

We Care: Lorraine Kunkle, Joyce Schreiner
Meals: Mary Currie, Bonnie Halle
Cards: Joan Zinader
Helping Hands: Pat Cohill, Dave Wood
Blood Drive and Immunizations: Pat Carter
Food Shelf and Turkey Drive: Betty Engelke and Betty Ann Beck
Nominating: Lorraine Kunkle
Hospitality: Paige Caracuzzo
CCC Liaison: Joan Zinader
Memorial/Haines School Outreach: Kay Galberg
HOPE Garden: Mary Currie
Panera Bread Pickup: Lorraine Kunkle, Dave Wood



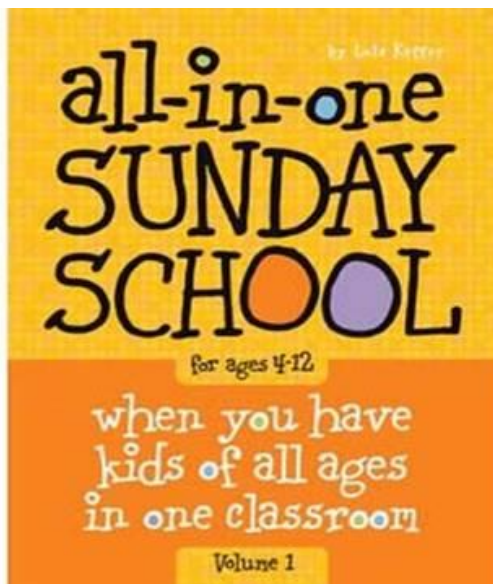
Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 16: Welcome Home pot luck to celebrate a new season of Christian Education.

September 21: Sleep Out

September 22: Rummage Sale "Light" from 8 am to noon in the parking lot.

September 23: Rite Aid will hold a flu shot clinic after worship. Watch the bulletin for details.



Sunday School

The Christian Ed Committee is excited to introduce a new Sunday School Curriculum! The All-in-One Sunday School features lessons that follow the chapters in the Bible and include "wonder" questions to help the children better understand the Bible stories. Together we will discover how God wants us to care for his world, how we are all special to God and how God guides and teaches us.

Pastor Becca's Office Hours for Fall

Monday: 12-3

Tuesday: 9-12

Wednesday: 10-12 (Roast coffee shop)

Thursday: 9-11

Note: This is not a comprehensive list of the hours Pastor Becca will be working. These are the hours you can drop by and find her in the office if you need to talk. She is available outside these hours by appointment. She is ALWAYS available via cell phone for emergencies.



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!