



## *A Message from Pastor Becca*

What do you love about Faith Presbyterian Church?

For many of us living in pandemic life for this long has left us in complete survival mode, while this is an important mode for us to survive high stress times, it isn't meant to be sustained for quite so long. It can lead to absolute exhaustion, something I am seeing more and more nods to on my social media feeds. Experts weigh in on why we are all so tired or lacking energy during this extended time of pandemic living. I know I certainly have moments like this. One of the many challenges in living from this place is that it becomes very easy to lose sight of the good and focus on what we do not like. I sometimes need reminders that the world, despite all its brokenness, is still a beautiful place. The flowers still smell sweet, the leaves still turn vibrant colors, the birds sing at dawn, toddler giggles are still amazing, babies are born, lives are lived, love happens. It is all still there and much harder to see.

So I wonder, if we could take a collective moment to recognize something good, something we love, maybe even take for granted? The church seems like a great place to start because we all have a little common ground here.

I will go first. I love:

- That on any given Sunday morning someone is giving me a care filled up date about the life of their friends in the church. You aren't shy to "rat out" your friends to the pastor so I can care for you well.
- That nearly every Sunday when I look out from the pulpit I know the name and partial backstory of every single person who looks back at me. This is a smaller church perk for sure!
- The way folks engage with my child with enthusiasm and encouragement.
- You! Each one of you holds a dear place in my heart and I thank God that I have been called to love and walk with such a group of people.

Your turn, what do you love?

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I look forward to hearing your answers!

Blessings,  
Pastor Becca



## HOPE Garden Update

The HOPE Garden has donated over 1,800 pounds of produce so far this season, surpassing the last several years of donations!

Fall lettuce and a few other crops are coming up nicely now so we'll continue to donate throughout October and maybe into November.

So thankful for His many blessings! It has been a great season of growing and giving!



## Cool Weather Means Jigsaw Puzzle Time!

Our puzzle shelf is well stocked and waiting for you! There are many styles and sizes to choose from. The Kunkles have completed almost every puzzle in the collection and are happy to make recommendations based on interest and skill.

**You can call or text Bill at 609-315-1369** or [wlkunkle@verizon.net](mailto:wlkunkle@verizon.net) for more information.





## 2021 DEACON'S THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

The Deacon's Thanksgiving Turkey Drive has begun. Each year many of you generously donate money for turkey gift cards purchased from the Acme. These coupons are sent to the Christian Caring Center to be included in the baskets prepared for their families for Thanksgiving dinner.

**We will be collecting donations beginning Sunday, October 24, 2021 through November 21, 2021.** We have a goal of 150 coupons. You can include your check marked **Turkey Drive** in your offering envelope, send a check to the church or a cash donation marked Turkey Drive will be gladly accepted. Any questions please contact Betty Ann Beck.



## Gracemeals Update

Gracemeals with Faith prepared **over 800 fresh salads** for the Christian Caring Center! A protein bar is included with each salad and the environmentally friendly container and fork are made from sugarcane so they are biodegradable. The CCC then delivers the salads to the homeless at all locations, including motels.

A big thanks to our wonderful volunteers for making and delivering salads as well as to the HOPE Garden for their many donations!

2021 volunteers were Sandy Gustavsen, Joyce Schreiner, Linda Cleveland, Betty Ann Beck, Sondra Carroll, Dianne Hillman, Kay Galberg, Pat Carter, Bob Casey, Joan Zinader, Lorraine Kunkle, Sandy Prescott and Bonnie Halle.





## Mission Committee Updates

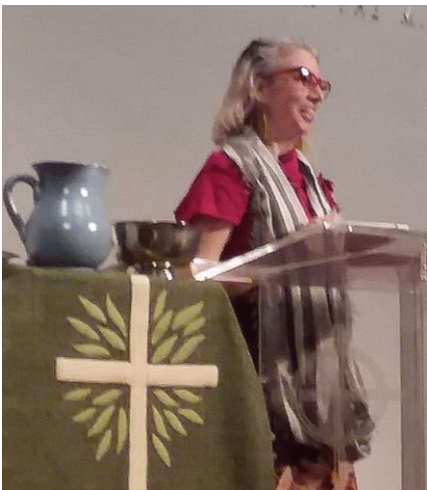
On September 12, we were fortunate to have longtime church member, Denise Hoover, visit us for worship, followed by a well-received time of fellowship. Denise updated us on her previous service in southeast Asia and asked for prayers as she discerns her future direction.

Our collection for Bridge of Hope's single father with 3 young children was successful in raising \$420 given in gift cards to Target, Walmart and Shoprite. Thank you for your generosity. Looking ahead, we will again be doing our Christmas Gift Collection for the children at Urban Promise in Camden. More info will be coming via the church bulletin and announcements.

Your Mission Committee does our best to be good stewards of the funds that you generously give us to work with. We appreciate your continuous support.

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10*

Lorraine Kunkle, Mission Elder





## Small World Update

It's October and Small World is in full swing with a full enrollment of students! Students and staff have settled in nicely and are getting used to the school routine. We have a few new staff members to introduce: Christina Schulz, Victoria Sonntag, Becky Beachley, Tahnee Vaccaro and Michelle Eklund. Welcome to the Small World family!!

All the classes are immersed in fall activities.

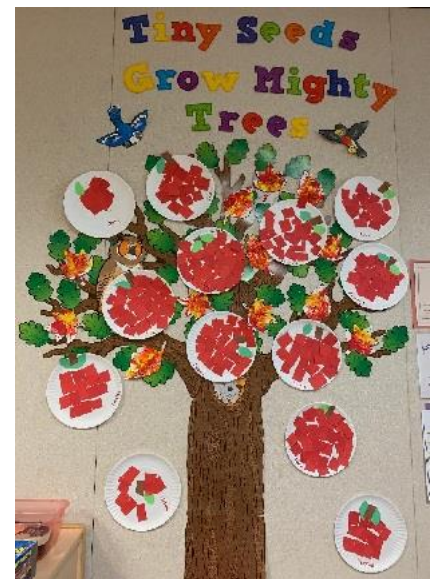
\*\*TK and Pre-K enjoyed a visit from the Medford Fire Company.

\*\*The Three-year-old classes are practicing stop, drop and roll and working on making new friends.

\*\*Our two-year-old classes are all about the color orange.

We are so glad to see the OG's and Morning Glories back in the building!!

Jayne Norcross, Small World Director



### Morning Glories

Morning Glories are studying "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Barbara J. Essex. The book explores women of questionable virtue.

Morning Glories usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. For any questions, contact Carol Fischer.

### OGs

OGs are now meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9:15 with brunch afterwards at Medport Diner.

The OGs just completed The Truth Project and will be choosing a new video series in a few days. For any questions, contact Charlie Hoffman.



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