



A Message from Interim Pastor Diane Curtis

Groundhog Day is long past unless you look out the window of my office! A groundhog has claimed a place there to hide under the bushes. I like to think he is keeping watch and will soon report in to me on his observations. Since this groundhog isn't glued to a computer, preparing a sermon, meeting with people, or on the phone I imagine he sees much more on the other side of my window than I do. Perhaps I am not taking enough time to look.

Allowing yourself to look and really see what is going on around you takes time. It means finding your own bush to hide under and observe for a while. What do you imagine you might see?

During my first 7 weeks here at Faith Presbyterian Church I have been doing a lot of looking as well as a lot of listening. What I see and hear gives me hope for the future! A few of my observations:

- You are passionate about missions
- You love to worship
- Bible study and a growing faith are important
- Many of you are grieving the loss of the "old" Faith church including the loss of friends
- Some of you are angry – angry about what has happened to your beloved church, angry that people have left, angry with the Presbytery and/or the PCUSA
- A large majority of you are committed to the future ministry and mission of Faith church

Over the next few months I want to challenge you to take time to look and see what is going on in and around our church. And to think and pray about what you see. Your observations will be different from mine, which is a good thing. I believe God will be showing all of us pieces of the puzzle that will become a vision for the future of Faith Church. In the fall we will have opportunities to begin putting those pieces together.

In Christ,
Pastor Diane

Adult Sunday School in June

We all know the story of Jonah and the Whale, right? Or do we? The reluctant prophet Jonah was used by God to save an entire city! But, there is more to the story. Join Pastor Diane on Sundays June 14th, 21st, and 28th for **"Jonah: Life After the Big Fish"** to hear all the juicy details!

Pentecost Flowers

We will decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. The flowers will be planted outside.

- ✓ **\$3 per plant** (make check out to FUPC and write "Pentecost Flowers" in the memo.)
- ✓ Payment deadline is **Sunday, May 17.**



Session Update

As we continue to make strides into the future as Faith Church, your Session would like to update you with the following:

- ❖ We are working on the **current budget** for the church. We are preparing both a short and long term budget. We will be introducing a stewardship campaign in the near future to assist with the budget development.
- ❖ On June 6, there is a **leadership retreat** for the current and future Elders and Deacons led by Pastor Diane Curtis. This time together will be used to look to the future of our church.
- ❖ On June 7, we will have our **annual congregational meeting** following worship.
- ❖ As you know, Pat Montenegro has taken a new position at Old Saint Joseph's Church in Center City Philadelphia. This is a wonderful opportunity for Pat and he will be missed by our church. **Pat's last Sunday with us is May 17th.** We have temporarily filled his position through August and will work to find a permanent replacement.

Please continue to pray for our church and for the direction that God would have us go.

The Session

Thank You from the Youth Group

Thank you to all of those that joined us at our pancake breakfast!! We were **blessed beyond measure** with prayer partners and financial backing to the tune of \$855. Our Son Servants Missions trip and Great Escape Conference are quickly approaching. Our students are meeting to prepare for the mission experience and your prayers for our preparation are so appreciated. **Don't be alarmed if a student stops you to say "THANK YOU!"**



We Love Pancakes!



HOPE Garden Rummage Sale Success!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated to the rummage sale. It was a beautiful day and a great success! We are blessed by the generosity of our members and our community!

