



A Message from Interim Pastor Diane Curtis

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. – Philippians 1:6

Paul's words to the Philippians are good ones for all of us to hear on a regular basis. God isn't finished working in you and me. He isn't done with his good work among us in Faith Church. In fact, God has great plans for us as a church; for our ministries, our worship, our missions, and us as a community of faith. What a promise!

This fall we begin the process of discovering and living into a new future for Faith Church. I am certain it won't look the same as what we are used to and have become comfortable with. And, it will take some time to hear together what the Lord is saying to us, to grasp where he is leading us as a church.

Our tentative plan begins in September with a Sunday school kick-off event for all ages on the 13th right after worship. Sunday morning will look like this:

- Worship continues with pre-service music at 9:20 a.m. Music will be led by the band and the organ.
- Sunday school for children and youth will have a one-room format, meeting at 10:45 a.m. Everyone will meet together with the youth serving as assistant leaders and teachers. We have a new curriculum designed especially for this format. The children will experience the varied gifts of a number of teachers throughout the fall. (Begins September 20th) **Watch for more info!**
- Adult Sunday school will meet at the same time as the children's program. (Start date TBD).

In addition, Morning Glories, OG's, and small groups will be available for those who are looking for additional ways to grow in faith and in study.

A Music Director Search committee has been formed and is beginning its work. In the meantime, guest organists will be with us each week. We hope to have the choir help lead in worship on occasion throughout the fall. The band will continue to be a vital part of our worship.

A stewardship emphasis is also part of the plan. Tim Pauza, Nathan Buurma, and Norm Mackey are taking the lead.

The discovery process, the mission study, will invite you into the conversation on the new future for Faith Church. John Ford will lead the team organizing and facilitating the mission study. A tentative time-line for the search for new pastoral leadership looks like this:

- September through December – the mission study process, resulting in a report to be approved by Session, the congregation and the Committee on Ministry of West Jersey Presbytery. The mission study will also be our game plan for the work we will do together in preparing for a new pastor.
- January – celebrating and affirming the new direction for Faith Church.
- February – elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Warmly in Christ,
Pastor Diane



Update from Tracy on Youth Mission Trips!

The Senior High youth have returned from their **Son Servants** mission trip to Panther, West Virginia. It was an experience that stretched us all physically, relationally, and spiritually. We partnered with 4 other churches, formed 7 work teams and served 15 homeowners. We built steps, painted, repaired floors, installed a tin roof and constructed a well house, to name a few of the projects. We met some awesome friends and were **encouraged in our walk with the Lord**, specifically how to "follow," which was the theme of the week. We worshipped together through song and spoken word and had too many laughs to keep count! **Thank you for all your support!**

The **Great Escape** proved itself again to be the best week of our Junior High students' summer! Through worship, speakers, small groups, quiet times, large group recreation and family time, **we got to know God and each other in so many new ways**. We had the opportunity to serve the town of Johnstown in an afternoon of service. We played crazy games like toilet brush hockey, and human foosball. We were introduced to some passionate worship songs and did devotions together! It truly was a "Great Escape!"





August Deacons Drive: School Supplies

The Deacons are collecting school supplies for needy children at Memorial and Haines Schools during August. Please place items in the bucket marked "School Supplies" in the Fellowship area. Contact Kay Galberg with questions.

- ✓ **3" heavy duty Avery binder with D-ring**
- ✓ **Large glue sticks**
- ✓ **Colored pencils 12 pack**
- ✓ **Pencil sharpener with case to hold shavings**
- ✓ **Invisible tape with dispenser**
- ✓ **3-hole pencil pouch**
- ✓ **3x3 Post-It notes**

Casseroles for Camden And More!

It's not just casseroles! We are also asking for donations of **boxes of pasta and jars of sauce**. Please label the bag "Camden" and leave in the kitchen. Casseroles are still needed, as are **homemade stews or soups and crockpot meals**. Place them in the church freezer labeled "Camden" before the last Tuesday of the month.

Contact **Steve Carter** at 609-654-0123 or spcarter@comcast.net with any questions.

A Prayer for Small Member Churches

Thanks to Janet Sharpe for this quote from the 2015 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study:

"Size is no limit when the Holy Spirit is empowering our imagination and equipping us with resources." It goes on to say that, **"Small-member churches can make a great impact wherever they are planted"**.

The scripture is to remember God's promise to David: **"I will provide a place for my people; I will plant them there."** (2Sam. 7:10 JB).

The prayer: ***Holy God, your gifts are overwhelming and the power of your Spirit is great. Jesus began the church with just 12 people, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, they changed the world. Moving forward, and empowered by that same Spirit, may we do likewise. Amen.***



Mission Event

In June, Faith Church hosted a mission event featuring the **Doyle family**. They gave us an update on their ministry, work, lives and family. **Remember to pray for strength and safety for these members of the Faith Church family.** Contact Ginny Hagan for details about the Doyles.



International Day of Peace

Sunday, September 20

Protestant Community Church (PCC) in Medford Lakes

PCC is hosting an event called **"Peaceable Kingdom"** to celebrate **International Day of Peace** on September 20. There will be a parade to Vaughn Hall, a blessing of the animals, mission and ministry displays, yoga and tai chi workshops and more. Our own **Prayer Shawl Ministry** and **Sleep Mat Project** will be participating in the mission displays that afternoon. See the bulletin for more details and join us to celebrate peace!

Save These Dates!

Flu Shot Clinic – October 18

A Rite Aid pharmacist will administer flu and pneumonia vaccinations right after worship. Stay tuned for details on signing up!

LifeLine Screening – November 5

Details for both events will be in the bulletin. Contact Bob Casey with any questions.

My Brother's Keeper Special Request

My Brother's Keeper is looking for a **50" or larger flat screen TV**. If you would like to donate a used one or bless them with a new one, please contact Steve Carter.