

"Proclaiming God's Grace, Living Christ's Love"



Faith in Christ

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The Rev. Dr. Karl R. Herman
Pastor David Deatrich

Church Family Newsletter



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2026 Church Photo Directory

It took a little longer to get everything together, but the new directories are expected to arrive by the end of August. The suggested **donation is \$12–15**. \$12 is the minimum requested, and any additional contribution helps support the cost of extra copies for staff/leaders, new welcome members, and others. Money due when you pick up your directory.

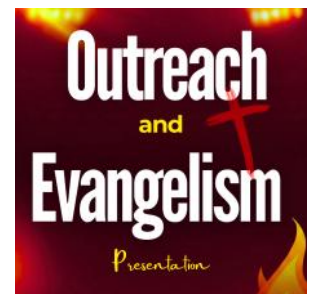


A Special Church Conference will be held on **Sunday, September 6 at noon** to vote on the proposed sale of the former Faith UMC building, with Brent Stouffer presiding.

Who has voice and vote? Full church members, members of the Council and retired ministers whose Charge Conference membership is at Faith in Christ. Affiliate and constituent members do not get a vote at church conferences.

Our **Annual Church Conference** will be held on **Sunday, October 18 at 4:30 PM** at **Marion UMC** and will be a **Cluster Church Charge**.

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Kind
will give a presentation on
Outreach and Evangelism
Saturday, September 12
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
in Wolff Hall (downstairs)



Drinks and desserts will be provided, please bring your lunch.

Barbecue Cookoff Contest

Saturday, September 26

Gathering begins at **4 PM**; eating at **4:30 PM**.

For those entering the contest, please bring barbecue with both meat and sauce.

Categories include Spiciest, Best, and more.

Drinks and bread will be provided.



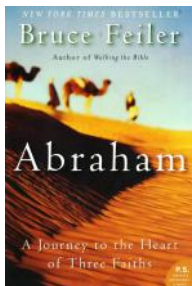
WOMEN'S NEWS

Bookworms will meet Tuesday, September 1st in the Red Run Park to discuss "***And Then There Were None***" by Agatha Christie. Bring your lunch. (in case of rain, we will meet back at church in the Frehn classroom).



Crafters meet on Thursday, September 3rd to work on more Christmas ornaments, stamp tags, and paint gingerbread jars. Bring lunch.

Join us, won't you? Guests are welcome. Call Colleen (301-797-9562) or Patti (717-655-5559)



AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY: *ABRAHAM*

The **Bible Study** this autumn will be on the book "***Abraham***" by Bruce Feiler, held on Sundays at 6 PM from September 13 - November 22 (skipping October 18). If you are interested, please let Rev. Karl know. Cost: a \$10 contribution toward the book (noted "Bible Study book"), or you may obtain the book in another way.

New Director Opens 2026-2027 Choir Season

We welcome **Vanessa Murawski-Farrell** as our Choir Director beginning with this year's season.

Vanessa comes to us with experience as a worship leader and worship music coordinator, is the band and orchestra director at James Buchanan Middle School, and has led a wide variety of choirs with both adults and children. She plays numerous instruments including piano as well as being a vocalist. Musical theater is also her forte and she was the vocal director for the Chambersburg Theatre's recent production of "Fiddler on the Roof." James Buchanan's "The Magician's Elephant" production this spring had a glowing review on LocalNews1. Vanessa's passion is sharing her love of music and uplifting others by encouraging them to sing. Her favorite genre of music is gospel. Vanessa has a BS in Music Education and a Master of Music in Conducting from Messiah University.

We are very fortunate to add Vanessa to our staff.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee



**Choir rehearsals start Wednesday, September 2,
and will meet weekly at 7 PM.**



Share your musical talent! We have openings in our handbell choir. All you need is a basic ability to read music and a willingness to learn handbell techniques. Rehearsals are held every **Wednesday** evening from **6–7 PM**. Talk to Dan Deatrich (717-830-9476) for more details about sharing your musical talent and joining the fellowship of our bell ringers.

From the Roost

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND ASSOCIATED BEHAVIOR

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.**

- First Corinthians 13:13

People who have genuine faith in God show it in the way they act. There's no point in sinning to selfishly help yourself if you know that the God who gives you the ultimate help hates sin. Trusting in God leads people to behave the way God calls humans to behave.

To live with hope and in hope in the Christian sense doesn't mean you sit around waiting for someone or something to help or rescue you. Living in Christian hope is very active. You reject sinful behavior. The way you live shows the virtues lined out for believers in the Bible. You walk the narrow road because the hope you live by is for the people who walk that road.

In the Greek of the original New Testament the word "love" refers primarily to a type of behavior. If you feel sympathy and compassion for a person but don't help the person, is that really love? One reason love is greater than faith and hope is that it combines faith-behavior and hope-behavior, flowing out of a positive relationship with God and with others. (The Ten Commandments are all about behavior in relationships. If you live out of faith and hope and/or if you love someone in Christian love, you don't murder or steal from that person or become overwhelmed by jealousy.)

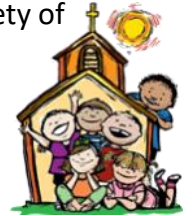
Many people reject Christianity because it doesn't change lives by guaranteeing that others help you. It instead propels you to help others, often by strengthening their faith. In a community where people help one another, though, you know you will be helped. Being a Christian doesn't guarantee you won't face hardship. When we behave out of faith, hope and love, however, God blesses our lives in ways we cannot imagine. Instead of acting out of fear, despair, anger, low self-esteem or other psychological "baggage," act out of faith, hope and love. Share God's remarkable . . .

Grace and peace,
Rev. Dr. Karl R. Herman



Nursery and Camp Sonshine (children's church program) **are offered at the 10:45 service.**

Age-appropriate Bible lessons will be taught using a variety of methods including drama, art, science, puppets, music, and videos. There is a dedicated group of workers ready to get to know, care for, and teach the children of Faith in Christ UMC.



We hope to see ALL of our children ages 12 and under there! Please let your family members and neighbors know that we are waiting for them and we welcome them to our children's ministry.

To volunteer with this amazing ministry team, contact Tammy Montini, Karen Walters, or Michele Miller.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Education: Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM ...

- ✦ The **Frehn class** meets in the West Wing (old Parsonage), first room on the right. We are returning to the first, and subsequent, seasons of "**The Chosen**" for an in-depth review and a deeper understanding of Jesus, his closest followers, and their amazing faith journey in the first century. Contact Peter Walters.
- ✦ The **New Beginnings Class** meets in the Education office off of Frank Hall and will resume gathering on September 7. We will continue our study "**Bible Studies for Grown-Ups**" by Josh Scott. Contact: Pastor Dave Deatrich.
- ✦ The **Upper Room Small Group Class** meets in the Parlor. Everyone interested is welcome. If you like, feel free to bring coffee and/or a snack. The discussion focuses on the Upper Room Devotional from the previous Wednesday. Contact: Rita Kugler.

TEACHING MOMENTS: JEREMIAH

Jeremiah (c. 650–c. 570 BC), often remembered as the “weeping prophet,” served during one of the most turbulent eras in Judah’s history. Born into a priestly family, he was called by God at a young age to speak truth to a nation drifting into idolatry, injustice, and spiritual decline. Though hesitant at first, Jeremiah embraced his calling and carried out a ministry that spanned more than fifty years.

His prophetic work unfolded during the final decades of the Kingdom of Judah, leading up to the Babylonian exile. Jeremiah’s life was marked by deep personal struggle—facing rejection, imprisonment, and sorrow over the people he loved. Yet he remained faithful, delivering God’s warnings of judgment while also offering messages of hope, restoration, and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart.

Tradition holds that Jeremiah authored the book bearing his name, along with Lamentations and portions of Kings, with the help of his devoted scribe, Baruch. His witness reminds us that obedience to God can be costly, but always purposeful. Jeremiah’s perseverance encourages us to listen for God’s voice, to stand firm in truth, and to trust that even in seasons of upheaval, God is working toward redemption.



MISSIONS

MISSIONS TEAM MAILS CHECKS TO MISSION CENTRAL, OTHERS

Looking at immediate needs of several area charitable agencies, the FiCUMC Missions Team decided August 11 to send a check for \$250 to Mission Central and \$250 each to three other local organizations.

The team will meet next at 1 PM on Tuesday, September 8, in the Parlor. Interested persons are encouraged to attend with ideas.



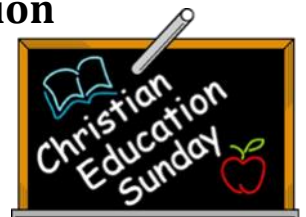
NEW HOPE SHELTER LAUNCHES MAJOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

One of FiCUMC's longtime partners in local ministry, New Hope Shelter, is beginning a \$350,000 capital campaign to repair and restore its base at 25 S. Potomac St., Waynesboro. Key improvements needed are a new roof, upper-floor windows and a new kitchen floor.

A "Celebration of Hope" benefit banquet is set for Thursday, September 24, in the Fellowship Hall of Five Forks Brethren in Christ Church. A spaghetti dinner and homemade desserts will be served at 5:30 PM, and Pastor Mark Sewell of The Vine Church of Smithsburg, MD, will be the keynote speaker. Reservations are due by September 14 by calling 717-762-5840 with name, phone number and number attending. Registration also may be by emailing newhopeshelter@gmail.com.

Christian Education Sunday: Celebrating Faith Formation

On Sunday, **September 20**, we will celebrate Christian Education Sunday — a special day to honor the teachers, leaders, and learners who help nurture spiritual growth in our church community.



Christian Education is more than Sunday School — it is the lifelong journey of learning, questioning, and deepening our relationship with God. Through Sunday School classes, Bible studies, gatherings, small groups, and other ministries, we grow in faith and strengthen our walk with Christ.

Why It Matters:

- It equips us to live out our faith in daily life
- It builds community through shared learning and conversation
- It inspires growth — spiritually, emotionally, and relationally
- It honors those who dedicate their time and gifts to teaching and mentoring

On **September 20**, we will recognize and thank our Christian educators, celebrate the power of learning in faith, and recommit ourselves to growing together as disciples.

Let us come together to celebrate the heart of our church's mission: growing in grace, wisdom, and love.

HOSPITALITY TABLE

Do you like to share in the social time in Frank Hall between the early and late services? It's a great time to talk with and share time with church members and visitors.

Sign up at the snack table to provide a simple snack (cookies, crackers, fruit, etc.) some Sunday morning. Thanks for your help and hospitality! Contact: Karen Walters



Think Green - Recycling

FiCUMC participates in several recycling efforts as part of caring for God's creation — and we welcome your involvement. Please bring the following items to the church so they can be kept out of landfills and properly recycled. Recycling containers are located beside the counter near the Second Street main entrance.



- **Metal Recycling:** Aluminum and steel cans **must be cleaned/rinsed**. Small metal items may also be brought to the church. Please place these by the garage in the parking lot.
- **Aluminum Can Pull-Tabs:** Collected pull-tabs are delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Hershey.
- **Empty Printer Cartridges:** We recycle toner and inkjet cartridges. These are taken to **Staples**, where the church receives reward points that help with future purchases.
- **Paper:** Please place bulletins and other paper in a blue recycling container.

When Care Matters Most

Our church family is at its best when we support one another through illness, surgery, recovery, and major life changes — but we can only help when we know a need exists. Because hospitals no longer notify churches and privacy laws limit what staff can share, we rely on you or someone close to you to let us know when pastoral care is needed. Pastoral care is the ministry of presence: prayer, listening, encouragement, and companionship. Pastor Dave is committed to offering this support.



To request a visit or prayer support, contact Pastor Dave at 717-420-6283 or PastorDeatrich@gmail.com with the person's name, the need, the location, and — for surgeries — the date and time. Thank you for helping us care well for our church family.

SUSANNA'S FOOD PANTRY: Extending Christ's Love Through Food Assistance

At FiCUMC, we offer immediate food support to neighbors in need — sharing Christ's love in action. Through **Susanna's Pantry**, we provide groceries to Waynesboro community members who come seeking help. This ministry is rooted in faith, trusting that God will continue to provide as we share with others.

You can make a difference! Donations of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items are especially appreciated. Examples include: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, mac-n-cheese, canned ham /chicken /tuna, beef stew or similar, soups, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, side dish (noodles, rice, or potatoes), crackers, granola bars or similar,



We could use side dishes, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, peanut butter, and jelly.

For our "Side Pantry", we could use personal care items -- such as **toothpaste**.

You're welcome to make a **monetary donation** (please note: Susanna's Pantry).

We'll use it to purchase items in bulk at discounted prices, or to restock as needs arise.

Susanna's Pantry Hours (Usually)
Monday – Friday , 10 AM – 4 PM

Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry to our community!

Please check the "Best By" dates — we're unable to distribute expired items.
Your generosity ensures safe, quality meals for those in need.



Why Give to Faith in Christ UMC?

Giving to the church supports its mission, community, and essential ministries. It reflects our gratitude and commitment to God's work, allowing us to make a lasting impact and contribute to something greater than ourselves — furthering love and service through generosity. Your donations help keep our church open and well-staffed, enabling us, as the body of Christ, to continue ministering to the community and the world. Without your support, this would not be possible.

Ways to Give to Faith in Christ UMC

- **Offering Plate (Sundays):** Place your donation (cash or check) in the Offering Plates located at the back of the sanctuary.
- **Offering Envelopes:** Personalized envelopes with your giving number are available. They can be dated weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or left undated — whatever works best for you. If you would like envelopes, please contact the Church Office (Financial Secretary).
- **Mail:** Send checks to: *Faith in Christ UMC*, 100 S Church St, Waynesboro, PA 17268
- **First Fruits Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** A safe, confidential, and easy way to send offerings directly through your bank. Sign up by completing the form and returning it to the Church Office (Attn: Financial Secretary). Forms are available on the Second Street bulletin board or through the Church Office. Completed forms are kept secure. For more information, contact the Church Office or Michele Miller, our Financial Secretary.
- **Online Bill Pay:** Set up the church as a payee in your bank's bill-pay system and have your bank mail the checks directly.
- **Online Giving via PayPal:** Donate securely with your credit/debit card or checking/savings account. Please note PayPal charges a 2% + \$0.03 fee per transaction (e.g., we receive \$9.48 from a \$10 donation). To give through PayPal, click the link below or scan the QR code: www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=EKTxEDQSW7HYJ



Please note: With new software and the merger and related transitions, these numbers may change if any info was entered incorrectly. Small rounding differences may also cause some totals not to match exactly. We are still learning and refining our reporting during this transition, and we appreciate your patience!

Attendance and Offering Report	Operations & Ministry Income	Total Income	Attendance		Operations & Ministry Expenses	Merger - Related Expenses	Total Expenses
Operations & Ministry Support			No Services on 1/25 & "23" No count for 10:45 Serv. 3/8				
Jan — June 2026		\$ 170,910	76	82.4	\$ 185,995	\$ 42,977	\$ 228,972
7/5 Offering	\$ 7,049		87	87			
7/12 Offering	\$ 6,004		110	110			
July 2026 First Fruits (EFT)	\$ 2,290						
7/19 Offering	\$ 7,369		105	105			
7/28 Offering	\$ 2,375		82	82			
Allocations & Interest	\$ 1,409				\$ 2,747	(Corrections to report) \$ 311	\$ 3058
July 2026		\$ 26,497	Counting "0" & "23"		\$ 34,446	\$ 6,601	\$ 32,268
January — July 2026		\$ 197,406	79.0	84.7	\$ 223,188	\$ 49,889	\$ 273,077

Faith in Christ UMC has implemented our Program of Giving for our church's current Operation and Ministry Budget. We have a deficit of \$100,000 per our 2026 budget. With your help we are closing our deficit budget balance, and we Thank You. Our formula of Giving is 100 members X \$100 for 10 months, this equates to \$100,000. (2 Corinthians 9:7) "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Please mark your check or envelope "Program of Giving" when giving to this special offering.

Difference	
w/out Merger Expenses	-\$ 25,782
w/ Merger Expenses	-\$ 75,671

SERVING THIS MONTH

Ushers/Greeters

8:15 AM Service

Sept. 6 Pat Wolff
13 Debbie Mauss
20 Janet Mowery
27 Steve Martz

Ushers/Greeters

10:45 AM Service

Sept. 6 Barb Gaydick and Bill Hovis
13 Jim and Diane Finneyfrock
20 Peggy Etter and Joe Appolonia
27 Patti Lewis



Acolytes

10:45 AM Service

Sept. 6 Bill Hovis
13 Joe Appolonia
20 Roy Eyer
27 Dorothy Kugler



Altar Guild

September Margaret Eier



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God ...

(all Sundays - Open)



Sponsoring Altar Flowers is a meaningful way to give thanks to God for someone special in your life — past or present. **Dedications and remembrances** will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter (if received in time). The **2026 Altar Flowers Chart** is posted on the bulletin board at the Second Street entrance (near Frank Hall). To sponsor flowers, simply check the chart for available dates and write your information directly on it. A yellow **"How To" guide** is posted beside the chart to help with the process.

Guidelines for Sponsoring/Ordering Flowers

- You may order flowers from the florist of your choice.
Most local florists are familiar with our building and can deliver on Saturday.
- Payment is made directly to the florist; the church does not handle these transactions.
- Flowers may be placed in the church's **two brass vases with liners** (available to florists on Monday), **OR** delivered in a **self-contained arrangement** (*easy to take home or share*).
 - The brass vases remain at the church. "Juice cans" are provided for taking flowers home.
- Flowers should be picked up by sponsoring persons/families by **noon on Monday**.
Remaining flowers will be delivered to hospital patients and/or shut-ins.
- For bulletin wording ("in memory of" / "in honor of"), please **write your information on the chart** or contact the **Altar Guild / Church Office (717-762-7042)** at least **two weeks in advance**.



Changes?

Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email address?
Heading south for the season?

Please let the church office know of any updates so we can keep our records accurate. Thank you!

Church Leaders: Please be sure all meetings and events — including outdoor activities — are added to the **master church calendar in the Church Office** as early as possible, even during the planning stages.
Thank you for helping us keep everything organized!



Newsletter Deadline

October 2026 Newsletter deadline is September 17,

with all deadlines on the 17th of the prior month.

Please email articles, announcements, and calendar dates to **FaithInChristUMC@gmail.com** by the deadline. *Please include "Newsletter" in the subject line. (Email reminders will not be sent.)*

Newsletters will be emailed, posted, and mailed by the **24th** of each month.

Thank you for your contributions.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 August 10:45 Service & Church Picnic at Rotary Park (no 8:15 service, no SS) 	31 August August 31 – September 4: Sanctuary – organ work	1 September Bookworms Red Run Park 12:30 PM Nominations Mtg 6:30 PM	2 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	3 Crafters in Frehn classrm. 10 AM - 3 PM	4	5
6 White / Green Special Church Conference Noon	7  LABOR DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	8 Missions Mtg in Parlor 1:00 PM	9 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	10 Finance Meeting in Frank Hall 6:30 PM	11	12 Community Outreach Seminar with Rev. Dr. Kathy Kind 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
13 Green	14 N.A. Bd. Mtg. 6:00 PM SPRC Meeting in West Wing 1:00 PM	15 Church Council in Frank Hall 1:00 PM	16 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	17 Anniversary Committee Meeting Wolff Hall 1:00 PM 	18	19
20 Green Christian Education Sunday	21	22 piano tuning - sanctuary & Wolff Hall	23 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM 	24	25	26 Barbecue Cookoff Contest in Wolff Hall Gather 4:00 PM Eat 4:30 PM (set up earlier)
27 Green	28 SPRC Meeting in West Wing 1:00 PM	29	30	(Regular) Church Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 10 AM – 4 PM Rev. Karl's (Regular) day off is Friday Sunday Schedule Worship 8:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM <i>In Person & Online</i> 		

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NEW

www.FaithInChristUMC.org

Live Stream

Watch our LIVE events

(our 10:45 AM Worship services):

www.facebook.com/UMCChrist

www.youtube.com/UMCChrist

*Our three windows
remind us of our mission:*



Hear the Good News.
Follow the Shepherd.
Pray to seek God's will.

September 2026

Sunday Schedule

Worship 8:15 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

In Person & Online

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Dan Deatrich..... Bell Choir Director
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Debbi Votral... NoahsArkOfficeManager@gmail.com .. N.A. Office Manager & Financial Admin.
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LEADERS

Administrative Teams

Church Council..... Pat Wolff
Lay Leader..... Colleen Middour
SPRC..... Cindy Gettins
Trustees..... Steve Beck
Finance Terry Reiber
Nominations Pastor
Noah's Ark Board..... Sarah Pentz
Stewardship, Chair(Open)
Audit Yonnie Slimmer,
Margaret Eier, Donna Brandmeyer
Counting Team, ChairAlice Summers

Honors & Memorials..... (Open)
Membership Beverly Robinson

Program Teams

Child Advocate Dave Deatrich
Health/Wellness, Chair.. Donna Brandmeyer
Hospitality, Chair Karen Walters
Media, Chair Carl Henry
Missions, Chair..... (Open)
WAFC Rep Patti Lewis
Women's Group, Chair ...Lewis & Middour
Worship, ChairTammy Montini

Faith in Christ

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Our mission statement
reflects the mission teaching
of *The United Methodist Book
of Worship* (para. 121):

The mission of the Church
is to make disciples of Jesus
Christ for the
transformation of the world
by proclaiming the good
news of God's grace and
by exemplifying Jesus'
command to love God and
neighbor, thus seeking the
fulfillment of God's reign
and realm in the world.