



Words of Faith

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Simple Words of Faith from Doctor Hess

I was ordained September 21, 1986 in my home congregation of Fork's UCC in Easton, PA. So this year I will be celebrating 30 years! Phew! It really seems kind of amazing how fast the time has gone. You've all been with me the last 22 years and we have done some really wonderful things together while holding God's hand.

I really do not want any kind of party, seriously. You all did a wonderful job at my 25th Anniversary (surprising me with friends from conference and my family from Florida coming up) that I am still glowing! However, it struck me that my husband Donald has been listening to me preach for 30 yrs. He was a member of my first congregation and heard me (go on and on). We were married the year before I came to Hazleton (married 1993 came 1994). So I am thinking he deserves the party!

When I told Dalice she said, "You know Dad doesn't like parties." Me - "Yes, I know but neither do I." Dalice - "Mom you are throwing Dad under the party bus!" Me- "Yea pretty much. Ha Ha"

So I'd like to have a cake and Iced Tea party after 10:00 Service on September 18th in the Narthex. It will be a surprise *Shhhh!* And by the way this is proof positive that Don does not read my Newsletters - Brahaha. Don does not like ties. Soooo everyone is invited to go into your closets and pick out your ugliest ties. You can go to Salvation Army or the dollar store too. Pick a tie. Wrap it up in a pretty box and bring it in to give to Donald..... because I am sure...(wait for it)...he will want to 'tie one on' after this surprise!

No sign up. No help needed. Just come and give Don your sympathies - Ha Ha. And remember to keep it under your hat.

"Bless Be the Ties That Bind"

Your fit-to-be-tied Pastor, JANE

Anniversary!

2017 20th Anniversary of Faith UCC

We are looking for a few creative folks to help plan for our 20th Anniversary in 2017. We hope to celebrate from March 5th (the beginning of our Faith Congregation) through October 29th the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Possible Events include: Planning an Anniversary Year Calendar, Resurgence of our Founding Story "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly", A Home Coming for Former Pastors and Congregants, A Celebration of New Song Mark Hydock can write??, an Anniversary Plate, or Cup, or Pen, or whatever???. If you are interested in helping us plan for a great celebration please plan to stay after 9:00 Worship on August 14th for an organization meeting! We will need to pick a theme and meeting dates!

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sunday, September 18th at our 10:00 service we will be Praying For Peace! We will plant our new Peace Pole and lift our prayers of peace for the world, for our Hazleton community and for souls. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend. Remember: Peace begins with a smile!

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!"



Pastor Sharon Fry's Installation at Salem

On Sunday afternoon October 23rd Pastor Sharon will be installed at Salem UCC in Weatherly. It will be a wonderful celebration and we are all invited. More details will be come later, but make sure you don't miss this opportunity!

Confirmation Class Orientation

Attention any young people interested in joining the church!!! We are having an orientation meeting at 2:30-3:30 Saturday afternoon September 17th. Please call the office to let us know you will be coming 570-454-5982. If you know of Grandchildren, nieces and nephews or even neighbors who may be interested please let them know and invite them to come as well. You will need to bring your parents and a calendar with your scheduled activities so that we can decide as a class when to have our meetings. Please call Rev. Hess with questions 570-401-2239. Confirmation Blessings to the Class of 2017!!

Fall Giving Tree - September through November

Bring in Non-perishable food items for local food banks. You know the drill very well. Please respond as you always have :)



Last Outside Worship Service

Sunday August 28th is our last Outside Worship Service for the summer. Please mark your calendars and bring your lawn chairs to the 9:00 am Sunday morning service. Remember for the whole month of August we will have a **NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE**. There will be only one worship service at 9:00 am on Sunday morning (no 4:30 Saturday, no 8:00 Sunday, no 10:00 Sunday.) We will all be together in one service! Ollie Ollie Infantry! All in together!



LAY PASTOR'S CORNER

A recent post on Facebook said, "Your cell phone has already replaced your camera, calendar, computer, watch and alarm clock. Don't let it replace your friends and family." It's crazy the way people are so attached to their cell phones. Everywhere you look, everywhere you go, almost everyone is holding their cell phone and it doesn't seem to matter where they are or what they are doing or supposed to be doing. I can't decide if our attachment to our cell phones is an addiction or if it's like a security blanket. We seem to have this need to be connected to others at all times. The irony of it is that even when we are with the people we want to be connected to, we are still looking at our phones for some reason or other.

I have to confess that I recently have transitioned to a smart phone. My phone is not a top of the line phone and it does not come with all the bells and whistles. I had only one requirement when I was buying it and that requirement was that it was hearing aid compatible and I could hear clearly on it.

I didn't want to turn into someone who was always looking at their phone and I don't think I have, yet. Let me tell you one aspect of having this type of phone that I really do appreciate. Because I can access my email from my phone,

Pow! Wow! How?

June 27, 2016

Written by Molly Baskette

"Happy are those who make the Lord their trust...I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation." - Psalm 40

I learned a new twist on an age-old spiritual practice called the Ignatian Examen at youth group the other day. It's called Pow Wow How. The kids use it to check in with each other and with God. Pow! reveals a recent struggle. Wow! tells of something they are grateful about. And How? tells the group how the speaker saw God at work in their life that week.

The efficacy of both practicing gratitude and cultivating "emodiversity" (including acknowledging negative emotions) has been widely documented by researchers in positive psychology. That is, doing both these things makes us happier.

And as for looking backward in your life for God, Jesus did say, "those who seek, shall find." After all, most spiritual insight is hindsight: like Moses, most of us see God best after She's gone by already.

Summer's coming, and with it, many of us get unmoored from our communities of faith and regular spiritual routines. Consider taking a practice of POW~WOW~HOW with you on the road, and notice what happens to your heart, mind, soul and strength.

Prayer

God, thank you for scientists, who are proving your age-old strategies for happiness true. And thank you for youth, who give us new ways to draw closer to You and each other. Amen.

2016 Remaining Consistory Meeting Schedule:

Thurs. Aug. 11 @ 6:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 11 @ 11:10 AM
Thurs. Oct. 13 @ 6:30 PM
Sun. Nov. 13 @ 11:10 AM
Thurs. Dec. 8 @ 6:30 PM

I have at my fingertips the daily devotions that I have signed up to receive to my mail box each day. I have come to really look forward to and appreciate these little bits of daily inspiration that I can read whenever I have a few moments. Sometimes it's just what I need to hear, sometimes it's a new idea, sometimes it's something I feel compelled to share, and sometimes it's food for thought.

One that I particularly enjoyed comes from the dailydevotional@ucc.org. The title is Pow! Wow! How? By Molly Baskette. She explains that this is a twist on an age-old spiritual practice called Ignatian Examen. Kids at a youth camp used it to check in with each other and with God. Pow! reveals a recent struggle. Wow! tells of something they are grateful about. And How? tells the group how the speaker saw God at work in their life that week. What an inspiring new way to help us draw closer to God!

Another daily devotion that I enjoy receiving is UpWords from MaxLucado.com.

Although our phones can be a negative distraction at times, they can provide us with a positive and sometimes much needed distraction from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Peace and blessings, Lynne

SUMMER/FALL BINGO

Vacations are in full swing, and with that comes the need for substitute workers at Friday night Bingo.

This is a great time to try out the job, and there's no snow or ice to worry about!

When cooking for Bingo, spring and summer is a good time for lighter fare such as pasta or fruit salad. Or how about potato salad or rice pudding?

Food items must be brought to the church by 3:30-4:00 p.m. Friday or the night before.

Contact Judy Hartzel at (570-459-2923) or (570-956-1981) to book a date to work, cook or donate food or drinks.

WE APPRECIATE WHATEVER YOU CAN BRING...A CAKE, SPECIALTY ITEM OR YOURSELF!

When you aren't working, enjoy Bingo in our smoke-free atmosphere where the coffee is still free!

MUSIC NOTES



As the weeks of summer draw to a close, the music ministries here at Faith UCC are gearing up for an exciting new season. There are plenty of groups that you can be involved in to share your musical talents and partake in fun

fellowship!

SENIOR CHOIR

Members of Faith UCC Senior Choir rehearse each Thursday from 6:30-7:30 in the choir room. The Senior Choir sings each Sunday at 10am and provides an excellent introduction and support to choral singing. Rehearsals are full of laughter and friendship! Come join us in raising our voices for the Lord!

AMEN CHOIR

The Amen Choir is primarily made up of the Sunday School children. The Amen Choir prepares songs to share four times throughout the season and all children at Faith UCC are invited to join!

Supporting the Homeless

Youth Sleep out for the Homeless

Our youth have been invited to raise money for the teenage homeless folks in our area. They will gather at Neff's UCC on Saturday 9/17 at 6:00 pm and sleep outside in a box. They will worship at Neff's Sunday morning having raised awareness and funds for the Homeless. Any youth 6th grade or older that would like to participate, please see Rev. Hess for Registration forms.



SOCIAL HALL RENTAL

Please remember that our church social hall is available for rental by people and organizations both inside and outside of our congregation. Contact Building Superintendent Judy Hartzel at 459-2923 for rental information.



Trout Lake Retreat Boathouse

PNEC Women's Retreat

September 23-25 we are invited to a Women's Retreat sponsored by the Penn Northeast Conference. The Retreat will be held at Trout Lake Retreat Center (15 minutes from the Tannersville Outlets). The theme this year is "What Makes Your Heart Sing?" The cost is \$150. Pick up a registration form at narthex. \$50 is due with your reservation and the balance is due by 8/28. Follow the instructions and mail the form plus your deposit to PNEC!! Space is limited.

(Music Notes continued...)

CHIME CHOIR

The Chime Choir is made up of adults and teens that come together a few times a year to rehearse and perform at the 10am service at Faith UCC. The Chime Choir practices at 6pm on Thursdays for a few weeks prior to each performance. This is a great group to be involved in if you can't commit to a weekly rehearsal and want to explore our music ministries. You will be surprised at your skill even if you do not read music. Come check us out!!

INSTRUMENTALISTS

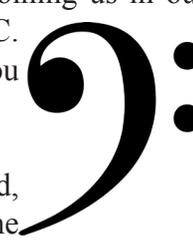
We are always excited to have guest instrumentalists joining us in worship. If you play an instrument we would love to include you in one of our vocal anthems, as a small ensemble or even as a soloist.

This season please consider joining us in our music ministries at Faith UCC.

I think you will be glad that you did!

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

- Martin Luther
Peace. Tracey



Faith UCC Consistory 2016

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			Outreach Committee
			Elders



FLOWERS-BULLETINS-CANDLES
You are invited to remember or honor loved ones anytime this year by sponsoring flowers, bulletins or candles. The chart is posted on the wall outside the choir room.

Pick a Sunday that is significant to you and your loved ones: anniversaries, birthdays, death days, graduations or any other special days.

Please sign up for your special Sundays and then follow the instructions posted.

Bulletins are \$10 per Sunday, candles \$15, table bouquet \$27.00, and altar flowers are \$37.50. Your sponsor message will be listed in the bulletin on the appropriate Sunday.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE?
Have you moved recently? Changed your telephone number?

If so, please call the church office at 454-5982 to make the correction.

Our computer records need to be accurate so that we can get the newsletter, envelopes and other correspondence to you.

You can also drop a note in the weekly collection plate, or send updates to:

Faith UCC, 21 Faith Dr., Hazleton, PA 18202.
PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE.

Labor Day Blessings

What country has a day that celebrates our work, our vocations, and our occupations?? We do, the good ole US of A! Please bring an item to worship the weekend of September 3&4th, place it on the altar and wait for the Blessing! You can bring your backpacks for school, or hammer, or briefcase, or stethoscope, or even your golf clubs (retirement folks?) and we will ask God to Bless them all. And God saw that it was very good!

Now forming: Team to plan Holiday Bazaar. Please see Rev. Hess.

Property Committee News

Property Committee is working toward raising money for a truck shed. A Pampered Chef Party was recently held and thanks to all of you, it was a success. Recipes were collected for a cookbook. 280 recipes were collected, and we thank all of you for taking the time to submit your favorite recipes. Cookbooks are tentatively set to come in the end of September, beginning of October. They will be sold for \$12.00. We look forward to your support again in purchasing a cookbook or two. They make a great gift for Christmas! Anyone interested in purchasing a cookbook can fill out the order form and give it to any property Committee member or they can call Karen Herb at 570-710-1752.



Property Committee will hold their next meeting on Wednesday October 5th at 6:30. All are welcome to attend!



CROP Walk

If ever you have had a desire to go on a Mission Trip, this is your opportunity to see what it is all about. We are going to walk to raise money for the Church World Service Water project. How do you get started? Get a sign up packet from Rev. Hess. Raise Money: Ask your friends and family to sponsor you (\$5, -\$500). The Walk – Bring your papers and money to Lehighton on Sunday October 9th and walk 1 -2 miles (your choice how far you walk). It's that easy. It is a lovely and picturesque walk along the Lehigh River Canal path! Sign up now!!

Bingo Gift Certificates

Still a bargain at -\$15.00
See or call Dotty Burrell at 570-788-3910

THIS SHOULD NEVER BE A CHILD'S SUITCASE.



Suitcases for the Foster Kids

Did you know that Foster kids carry all of their possessions around in a garbage bag?? Kids' Peace is looking to give every Foster Care in the system in multiple counties a suitcase. The Susquehanna Area Mission Council of the United Church of Christ is looking to help! Please bring your good, used suitcase into church and place it on the Giving Tree. We are then going to gather them and take them to Urania Park in Weatherly on Saturday August 20th. We will have a worship service at 4:30 to ask God to bless them and then give them to Kids Peace right there. After this we will have a joint Picnic at 5:00 with the other UCC churches in our AMC. Please bring your own utensils/drink and a dish to share! It is a very good thing!!

Property Committee Thank You

The Property Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the Pampered Chef party a success. We thank you for your support.

Taste of Heaven Coolbooks!

Your Name _____
Phone # _____
of books (Cost is \$12.00) _____
Total Due _____

Orders due as soon as possible. Books on sale while supplies last. Delivery is expected in late Sept or early Oct. Please send to: Faith UCC, 21 Faith Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202 Thanks!



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Worship God First

Don't just come to church; Be the Church! If you have not caught on, we are keeping track of the numbers of people we have served as a congregation since the beginning of Pentecost 5/15/16. (Kind of like McDonalds). From the beginning of time, McDonalds has known what they are about – "Serving People" – thus their daily tally...Now Serving! (go to McDonalds.com for the current count). So Faith UCC is about serving the community. Every week in worship we are asked to write the number of people we have served this past week. Then there is at the top of our bulletin last week's tally and a running tally since 5/15/16. Get on board. Come to worship! And don't just come to church, go out and Be the Church. The beautiful colorful banner which now hangs in our sanctuary is a gift from the 2016 Confirmation Class and it explains some of the ways we can be the church. We need to add our own line. How would you finish that sentence....Be the church by Please submit your suggestions by text 570-401-2239, or twitter to HolyJane, or email to jdhes@frontiernet.net, or Messenger M Jane Hess or Facebook @ Faith Hazleton, or on a slip of paper into the offering plates at worship by August 28th. Please let us know how Faith UCC can Be the Church! Come and Worship God First (see what is currently on the banner) and go out and Be the Church!
 PS Remember during August we only have one worship time – 9:00 am on Sunday!

August 6	9:00 AM	Pentecost XII/ Communion Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Be the Church by Living the Promise	September 24	4:30 PM	Vespers
			September 25	8&10 AM	Pentecost XIX Jer.32:1 – 3a, 6-19 Laity Sunday
August 14	9:00 AM	Pentecost XIII Luke 12:49-56 Student Pastor Sue Schaeffer preaching	October 1	4:30 PM	Vespers/Communion
			October 2	8&10 AM	Pentecost XX Luke 17:5-10 Be the Church with the world
August 21	9:00 AM	Pentecost XIV Luke 13:10-17 Be the Church with Healing and Wholeness	October 8	4:30 PM	Vespers
			October 9	8&10 AM	Pentecost XXI Luke 17:11-19 Be the Church of Unclean
August 28	9:00 AM	Outside Service (bring your lawn chair) Luke 14:7-14 Be the Church of the Open Table	October 15	4:30 PM	Vespers
			October 16	8&10 AM	Pentecost XXII Luke 18:1-8 Be the Church of Justice for ALL
September 3	4:30 PM	Vespers/Communion	October 22	4:30 PM	Vespers
September 4	8&10 AM	Pentecost XVI/Communion Philemon (whole book) Be the Church with Newness	October 23	8&10 AM	Pentecost XXIII Luke 18:9-14 Be the Church of Humble Prayers
September 10	4:30 PM	Vespers	October 29	4:30 PM	Vespers
September 11	8&10 AM	Pentecost XVII Luke 15:1-10 Be the Church of the Lost and Found	October 30	8&10 AM	Pentecost XXIV Luke 19:1-10 Be the Church of Seekers
September 17	4:30 PM	Vespers			
September 18	8&10 AM	Pentecost XVIII I Timothy 2:1-7 Be the Church of Prayers for Peace			

**Mark your calendars!
 The deadline for our Nov/Dec 2016 Jan 2017
 Newsletter is Oct 9th Please be prompt!**

Wish to submit an article for the newsletter?

Please send submissions to :
 Karen Herb
 PO Box 373
 Beaver Meadows, PA 18216-0373
 Email: herb2857@aol.com
 Phone: (570) 710-1752

You may drop off articles at the church office. Church office hours are: Wednesday from 2-4 PM, Thursday from 4-6 PM Faith UCC e-mail address: faithuccchaz@verizon.net Building Superintendent: Judy Hartzel – 459-2923 Circle of Prayer – To add names, call Carol Koch at 788-1038

Worship Services:
 Saturday 4:30 PM
 Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM
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