



# Words of Faith

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## Words of Life.... From Dr. Hess

I recently attended BTE – Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble’s play “Every Brilliant Thing”. It was a story about a man remembering when he was 7 years old. His father came to pick him up at school, something his mother had always done. He was confused and concerned – what was happening.

*Boy – “Where are we going?”*

*Dad said gruffly, “We are going to the hospital to see your Mother.”*

*Boy, “Why? ”*

*Dad – “’Cause that’s where she is.”*

*Boy – “Why? ”*

*Dad- “She did a stupid thing.”*

*Boy – “Why? ”*

*Dad – “’Cause she couldn’t think of any good reason to go on living.”*

So the boy makes a list of Every Brilliant Thing in the hopes of giving his Moma a reason to go on living. It is poignant and naïve, but it is filled with hope, and humor, and life! The play was done excellently in an intimate stage seating set where most of us were given cards to speak when the one man show would yell out a number. Besides recommending each of you go see the play (or at least read the book), it gives me pause to relate it to our consistory meeting last Sunday.

We, the consistory, are very aware of the good, the bad and the hard decisions of running the church and paying the bills with increasingly depleted funds, all the while encouraging folks to step up and continue to give of their time, energy and resources. One person commented that it is always the same folks. I disagree vehemently – around the consistory table last Sunday there were 4 of 8 folks attending the meeting that had only been members for 8 years or less, and even in the workers of the kitchen it is not the same crew we had even 5 years ago, so in my opinion people are stepping up and I say “Thank You!” – I do understand that according to statistics and our reality 20% of the folks do 80% of the work. But the dilemma for consistory is - how do we get the word out that giving is down and we need everyone to think seriously about whether Faith UCC can find a reason to go on living.

Soooooo – for our beautiful Church Season of Pentecost we here at Faith UCC will start our very own “Every Brilliant Thing” list! We need to encourage each other and lift up God’s Call to Be the Church in the midst of gun violence, opioid use and deaths, immigration issues, elder abuse, heart wrenching deaths from cancer, factory closings, people diagnosed with diseases of the body that affect our heart and souls, tight money decisions, and the reasons continue....

We are an Easter People of Faith! Praise to the Living God!

Your Pastor of Hope,  
Jane

## Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Church World Service!! We did the Blankets (62 Blankets for \$310 donation) and we were able to fill 3 Clean Up Buckets! Thank you so very much! What a giving congregation we have!

Our next project is a need for Baby supplies – Diapers (all sizes), wipes, powder, baby lotion and shampoo, soap, wash clothes and towels – but especially diapers. We are collecting from now through the end of July. These will be given to the Catholic Social Services who will distribute them.

## Graduate Sunday

Graduations are a perfect time to celebrate our youth and young adults! Graduations will be acknowledged at all three services on the weekend of June 8&9th. If you know of a Graduate (does not have to be a member here) and would like us to hold them in prayer, please fill out the form in this Newsletter and turn it into the office ( or offering plate) by Sunday June 2nd so that we can list them in our bulletins! Graduation Blessings are being prepared!

## Faith UCC Community Yard Sale

If you missed our Rummage Sale on May 8 & 9th – have no fear – Yard Sales are scheduled for May 24th and June 15th 9-2! We do the advertising! You bring your own tables and items to sell. The cost is \$10 per parking space. One of our folks said, “This is the best kept secret in our community!

Please call Linda to reserve your space @ 570-956-7927.



Newly Secured Wi-Fi at church: sign-in faithhaz  
Password faithhaz

## Come One Come All to Our Church Picnic!

Spring is in bloom and summer will be here before you know it. If you haven’t already marked your calendars for Faith’s third annual summer picnic to be held at Knoebels Grove on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, do it now! Pavilion T6 has been reserved for us. We will gather for a brief worship service at 12:30. Please bring your pets for a pet blessing before we enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Look for sign up sheets in the narthex around Father’s Day weekend. We will be asking how many in your family are planning to attend and what covered dish you will bring to share with everyone. Please check the bulletins or Facebook for updates. Also, if you would like to help the planning committee please call or text Lynne Wallace (570-401-3737). Hope to see you at Knoebels in July!



### Pet Blessings Scheduled

Bring your feathered and furred friends for a Pet Blessing at all four services Saturday and Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (includes Knoebels service as posted above). One of our flock said that this is her favorite services all year! Your favorite stuffed animal can be blessed if you don’t have a pet! No matter who you are, or where you are in life’s journey, whether you have 2 feet or 4 feet, fur or feathers or plain ole skin, you are welcome here! “All Creatures of Our God “

## New Email Address

Please make note: Faith UCC has a new email address:  
[faithucc.haz@gmail.com](mailto:faithucc.haz@gmail.com)

Also, please remember to ‘Like’ us on Facebook,  
<https://www.facebook.com/faithucc.hazletonpa> Thanks!

## Lay Pastor's Corner

"Music is the divine way to tell beautiful poetic things to the heart." — Pablo Casals

I love music. I learned to play the piano when I was in third grade and I took piano lessons for nine years. I love country music, gospel music, contemporary and traditional hymns, classical music, the oldies...these are my favorites. I love being a part of the chime choir. I can read and play music and I enjoy listening to it but as most of you know I am not a good singer at all. I found this out quite early when I was in the junior choir at St. Paul's and the choir director told me to just move my lips. Ha! That was the end of my participation in the choir. Now it's just chime choir for me!

"Music can touch and heal that secret wound of the soul which nothing else can reach." — Debasish Mridha

Music can touch us in so many ways spiritually, emotionally, and physically. It can make us smile, laugh, or cry; it can cause us to remember a moment. It can elicit joy or sorrow. It can move us to tap our feet or dance. It can be the heart of worship or prayer. At the suggestion

of a friend, I have recently made music a part of my daily devotional time upon rising in the morning. The songs that I listen to have become prayers lifted as I begin my day. They remind me that I arise each day through the strength of heaven (The Deer's Cry) and because of that strength I recommit myself each day to serve the best I can (Here I Am Lord) because we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord (One Bread One Body). As I begin my day with these worship songs, what often happens is that I find myself singing one of them in my head throughout the day. Or I wake with a song in my mind or on my heart. Their lyrics are reminders of God's presence in my life moment to moment. I am so grateful for my friend's suggestion to begin my day in this manner. A simple idea that has made a significant impact on my life. So, I (Pass It On) because maybe you are searching for a new way to begin your day with the assurance that God goes before you always (Be Not Afraid). Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! -Psalm 95:2

With a song in my heart,  
Lynne

## Property Committee

Property Committee needs help, now more than ever! Looking for some volunteers to help with shoveling and grass trimming. If you can come out and help please contact Bill Hines, 570-582-7346. We are definitely looking for new members. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.



## Road Trip to See "Jesus" at Sight and Sound

The Ladies Night Out group is taking a road trip on Saturday, September 21st to see Sight and Sound. We are carpooling. The cost is approximately \$80 (depends how many of us are going. Soooo if you would like to go please sign up in the Narthex and put your \$40 deposit down. We need to purchase the tickets by June 1st. Decide quickly. Pastor wasn't sure if she is going because she has read the book – several times. Ha Ha (She's going.)



## 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 **Linda Eigenbrod** at 956-7927 for rental information.

## Green Team Task Force

Congratulations to us for receiving the Bronze Level Award from PPL for becoming a more energy-efficient business! Fred Herb and the Property Committee get most of the credit for installing automatic lights in bathrooms and more energy efficient lights! But there is more to be done. So we are forming a Green Team Task Force. We need some dedicated people to educate us with the 25 ideas for \$25 or less to reduce our carbon footprint both here at church and in our homes! The UCC is sponsoring a "Cool Congregations" curriculum to help us do just that. If you are interested please let the Pastor know (otherwise she will be twisting your arms). Our first meeting will be Wednesday June 26th at 6:30. May the (Green Team Task) Force be with you!



## Road Side Rest

### Coffee Break.....

We have been awarded by PENNDOT the responsibility of providing free coffee and goodies for travelers on July 6 and 7th on South Bound I-81 Dorrance Rest Stop. We are in need of people to be there handing out our stash from 7 am to 10 pm. Both days. We also need individually wrapped baked goods (no chocolate) and a pot of soup or two. We will need lots of water (save your plastic milk jugs and fill with water). Please consider helping out this ministry to the strangers and neighbors we have not yet met! Roadside Blessings to you!



## Faith UCC 200 Club Winners 20th Drawing

1st	\$50.00	1-11-19	Tori Warg	# 91
2nd	\$50.00	1-25-19	Sue Marley (Snow day makeup for 1/18 drawing)	#121
3rd	\$50.00	1-25-19	Katie Adzima	#135
4th	\$50.00	2-03-19	Julia Egan (Snow day makeup for 2/1 drawing)	# 173
5th	\$50.00	2-08-19	Steve Cartwright #062	
6th	\$50.00	2-15-19	Deb Elliott	#146
7th	\$50.00	2-22-19	John McKinley	#056
8th	\$50.00	3-01-19	Sandy Marsch	#040

Final Grand Prize \$400.00 3-03-19 Eileen Wardingo #084

Thanks to all who played. Maybe your turn will come next!

## FLOWERS-BULLETINS-CANDLES

You are invited to remember or honor loved ones any time 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.

## Tree of Life

Did you know that paper towels and toilet paper usage in the U.S. wipe out 94,000 trees every day? Deforestation creates more than 10% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and today only 22% of old growth forests remain worldwide. So this year for Mothers' Day we were donating the \$5 you give to remember or honor your Mother to the National Forest Foundation! A 'leaf' will be added to our Clooty Tree in the front of the sanctuary with recognition given to your Mother given in the bulletin. Although this is initially for Mother's Day we are keeping the tree all through Pentecost. You are welcome to continue to honor/remember your Mothers at any time thru November 24<sup>th</sup> and we will add a 'leaf' and donate your \$5 to the NFF. Silver ribbons will be for those we honor and Gold ribbons for those we remember.

Tying pieces of cloth on trees - Clooty Tree - is a tradition in many cultures from Cyprus to Japan. I brought it with me from Scotland where the tradition goes back to ancient Celtic times. We will continue to add pieces of cloth throughout Pentecost. The pieces of cloth can represent our Hopes and Dreams, our prayers of joy and concern. You are warmly invited to add your own (no cost) at any time. A basket of cloth strip will be made available.

## Zumba Class

\*\*Cancelled until further notice. Please watch in the weekly church bulletin for updates!



## 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.**

## Honor Our Fathers with Flags

This year we are honoring our dads by placing flags outside the church.

We are inviting everyone to honor or remember their father by filling out the form in this Newsletter and submitting it to the offering plate at church or mailing them to the office with a \$5 donation. These names will be printed in the bulletin and a flag will be planted in the grass at church in their honor. Please leave them up until Independence Day July 4th. You may remove them any time after that. Thank you!



## Bingo Gift Certificates

Still a bargain at -\$15.00, includes admission package plus a bonanza game,  
See or call Dotty Burrell at 570-788-3910

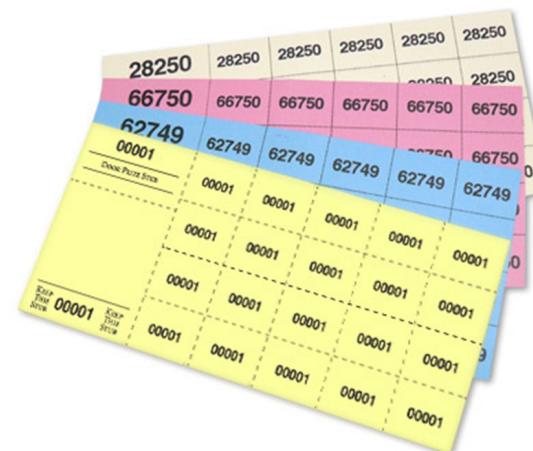
## FAITHFEST 2019

Faith Fest 2019 is Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-4. The Faith Fest Team has been busy planning a wonderful celebration of Faith! We will have Tricky Trays, Quilt Raffle, Entertainment, Yard Sale, and lots of food! We will need lots of help!! If you can help please see Rev. Hess or Danielle Manganelli, 570-790-3944. Did we mention, LOTS of food! and prizes!



## Quilt Raffle

Our largest single fundraiser at FaithFest is the popular quilt raffle. You should soon be receiving your chances in the mail. At last count, there are 92 items worth well over \$2500 as well as the wonderful quilt created by the Cranberry Quilters. Please check above for our 2017 quilt to see the handiwork! Thanks to all who donated or contributed in any way.



## Faithfest Tricky Trays!

As a part of Faithfest, we will need tricky trays! We are taking donations of new items to arrange into tricky trays, or.... if you are feeling creative, you can build your own themed tricky tray to donate! It's all about fun. The value of each tray should be at least \$25. This is one of our most popular and successful fundraisers! As always, we thank you for your generosity and your willingness to share in the fun. Blessings!



## Bingo Help Always Needed!

Bingo Appreciates **YOUR** help!

Every Friday we need at least three cakes, a specialty food item (crock pot size), and five people to work in the kitchen. Please, if there is a night that you could work or make something please call Judy at 570-459-2923 or 570-956-1981. Remember Bingo is a **crucial** fundraiser for "Our" church, and to keep it going we need the support of our entire church family.

## YOGA

Yoga class is offered Monday evenings at 6:00 and lasts about an hour. The class is offered by Sarah Lucas-Nagy. Whether you are a beginner or experienced you are welcome.



| Graduate or Achievement Awards

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

| Graduate/Honoree \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

| Please return by June 2<sup>nd</sup> in order for your graduate (s) to be recognized!

## Honor our Fathers with Flags!

| Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

| In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

| In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

| Total Due \$5 per flag \_\_\_\_\_



| Orders due June 9<sup>th</sup> with payment in the offering plate or church office, or:

Please send to: Faith UCC, 21 Faith Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202

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## Worshipful Opportunities

The first Sunday of Easter was celebrated on April 21st and continues to celebrate Easter Imagining Our Heavenly (real) Easter celebration for 50 days which includes the weekends of May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2nd. The pinnacle of our faith is this Christ Has Risen! Christ Has Risen Indeed! To lift this Season a bit higher than our other Seasons of the Christian calendar, we celebrate Communion every weekend! Come and Eat Easter Sunday Dinner with your church family! We begin the season of Pentecost on June 9th with the Confirmation of our young people! During the 25 weeks of the beautiful Green Season of Pentecost we will be re-framing how to Be the Church by studying the Word of God (think Bible) is given to us by the Word of God (think Jesus). ‘Word by Word’ will reframe our worship experiences. During June we will “Listen”, during July we will “Enjoy and Let Go”, during August we will “Watch and Resist”, September we are looking to “Allow and Accept”, October we will “Follow and Rejoice” and finally in November we will “Ask and Welcome”. Worship is the glue that keeps us connected to God and to each other. If we miss worship, God still loves us; But it is the church that is missing out because you are not here!

Sat May 11	5 PM	Vespers/Communion	Sat June 29	5 PM	Vespers
Sun May 12	8 & 10 AM	Easter IV/Communion John 10:22-30 “Imagine..... Being Shepherded to Heaven” Come Celebrate Our Mothers!	Sun June 30	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost IV II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 “Word by Word... Listen Courageously”
Sat May 18	5 PM	Vespers/Communion	Sat July 6	5 PM	Vespers/Communion
Sun May 19	8 & 10 AM	Easter V/Communion Revelations 21:1-16 “Imagine...A New Heaven!”	Sun July 7	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost V/Communion II Kings 5:1-14 “Word by Word...Enjoy Others Gifts”
Sat May 25	5 PM	Vespers/ Communion	Sat July 13	5 PM	Vespers/Pet Blessings all 4 services
Sun May 26	8 & 10 AM	Easter VI/Communion Acts 16:9-15 “Imagine... Everyone is in Heaven” Come to Remember..... Memorial Day	Sun July 14	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost VI Luke 10:25-37 “Word by Word... Let Go”
Sat June 1	5 PM	Vespers/Communion/Joyful Noise	Sun July 14	12:30 PM	Service at Church Picnic at Knoebels
Sun June 2	8 & 10 AM	Easter VII/Communion John 14: 1-7, 25-29 “Imagine.... Heaven is Waiting”	Sat July 20	5 PM	Vespers Special Guest Preacher/Christmas in July
Sat June 8	5 PM	Vespers/Graduates Honored all 3 services	Sun July 21	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost VII Special Guest Preacher/Christmas in July
Sun June 9	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost I/Confirmation Acts 2:1-12 “Word by Word.... Listen to the Spirit”	Sat July 27	5 PM	Vespers Associate Pastor Lynne Wallace
Sat June 15	5 PM	Vespers	Sun July 28	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost VIII Luke 11:1-13 Associate Pastor Lynne Wallace
Sun June 16	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost II/3Word Sermon Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 “Word by Word....Listen” Come Celebrate our Fathers	Sat August 3	5 PM	Vespers/Communion to Go @ all 3 services
Sat June 22	5 PM	Vespers	Sun August 4	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost IX/Communion Luke 12:13-21 “Word by Word....Watch for Signs”
Sun June 23	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost III I Kings 19:1-18 “Word by Word... Listen Into the Silences”	Sat August 10	5 PM	Vespers
			Sun August 11	8 & 10 AM	Pentecost X Luke 12:32-40 “Word by Word.... Watch for Teachers”

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**Mark your calendars! August September  
October 2019 Newsletter is July 14<sup>th</sup>. 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) 956-8370

You may drop off articles at the church office. Church office hours are: Wed from 4-6 PM, Thursday from 2-4 PM, and Friday from 9-11 AM. Faith UCC e-mail address: faithucc.haz@gmail.com  
Building Superintendent: Linda Eigenbrod-(570)956-7927.  
Circle of Prayer -To add names, call Carol Koch at (570) 788-1038

Worship Services:	
Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 and 10:00 AM
Sunday School:	9:00 AM
Church Office Phone:	454-5982
Kitchen Phone:	454-8427
Rev. Hess Cell Phone:	401-2239
Address:	21 Faith Drive Hazleton, PA 18202