

# The Disciple

Faith Presbyterian Church's Monthly Newsletter  
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*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves... Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (Romans 12:9-10, 12-13.)*

Summer Greetings Everyone! I hope your summer is going well, despite the many current events that threaten to drain our energy and focus. It's always a challenge to stay centered on what truly matters. And so I lift up these words from Paul's letter to the church in Rome and invite us all to put them into action in whatever way fits God's call in our lives today.

This is a photo from the small church conversation time, sponsored by our Presbytery, and held at Faith Church on July 21. There were 25 people from five churches present. Churches that see about the same number of people in worship on average share lots of common joys and challenges and so it's good to come together and support one another.

What gives a congregation energy and vitality? The good news is that Faith Church meets the mark in almost every category. According to "the experts" (people who study churches) a healthy congregation is

- Focused on sharing the Good News (worship+)
- Provides spiritual formation (Sunday School, Bible Study, Groups)
- Mission (local, national, and international)
- Baptisms and Communion
- Stewardship is faithful and consistent
- Care for shut-ins and those with medical challenges
- Intergenerational ministry

I see five marks in this list that Faith Church does very well, and two that haven't been done in a few years (baptism and intergenerational ministry.) Unless you count 60- and 80-year-olds as "intergenerational"! :)

Being open to new ideas is also a mark of vitality. There were several suggestions of new ideas that have worked for different churches, but there is no "one size fits all" good idea, just as there are no two churches exactly alike. I have one new idea to suggest that we try in October: a Blessing of the Pets. It's a lot of fun and not too hard to organize. If this sparks your enthusiasm, let me know. I know one pup who will be there!

Yours on the journey,

Pastor Julia

## Worship and Nurture

Cyndi Adams, Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams, and Naomi Henry

*Our meetings will be on the first Wednesdays of August, September and October at 9:30 at church.*

### Monthly

We continue to worship in person and use Zoom to include those unable to come to worship. If you would like to be added to our zoom list, contact the office.



Coffee Hour continues and if you wish to contribute with goodies or monetarily (again Sami will be glad to do the work), a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Blankets by Faith continues to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30. Some people sew, some of us tie blankets, some knit or crochet and some just come to talk. We are always grateful for donations of money or material to continue our work. We hope that you will consider visiting with us.

### August



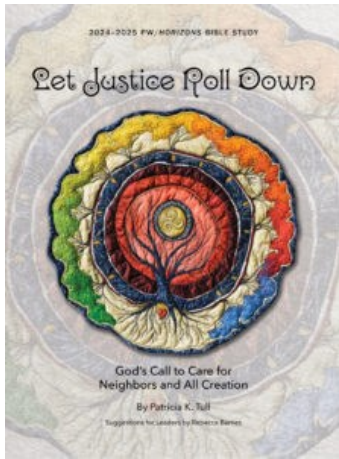
August 28<sup>th</sup> will be Outdoor Worship at the church at 10:30 followed by a carry-in lunch. We will provide coffee, soft drinks and water. Come, enjoy some time outdoors with friends (if there is rain or heat, we can be indoors)

### September



Sunday School begins September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. The curriculum will be "The Present Word". We meet in the classroom on the right.

Presbyterian Woman will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 am starting September 24<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join us as we explore, with all our hearts, God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation.



*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, describes creation justice in this way: "When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone's skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts."

Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.



You are invited to a hot dog roast on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. We will provide hot dogs and buns and s'more makings. Come join us and bring a dish to share. We will have lots of fun, talking and singing around a campfire!

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## October



*Trick or treat bags for the Preschool.* In October, we will be collecting small toys, candy or money to fill about a 100 bags for the Preschool Halloween treat bags. Please give your treat or toys to Sami Adams. We will fill the bags on October 20<sup>th</sup> after church.



Please call the pastor or send information to the prayer chain if prayers are needed for you or friends. We keep each of you in our prayers. Blessings to each of you.

*Does anyone have a port-a-crib or pack and play? We need one in the nursery if you know of someone that will donate it to us. Thank you.*





Faith and Hawker  
Church at the  
Dragons game on  
July 3, 2024



Volunteers at  
Food Bank  
Mobile Market



A special visit from Alice  
Dibo's daughter, and  
Susie Ngalle's sister Agnes and  
her children Ethan, Brielle,  
and Kian, all the way from  
Copenhagen!



## Mission and Outreach

St. Vincent's Clothing Drive: It's that time of year to clean out closets and drawers of things we haven't worn in months/years! Please donate to those in need!!

Crayons to Classroom: Before we know it, kids will be back in school. This organization helps teachers and students have the tools they need to promote learning skills. All school supplies will soon be on sale in many stores so time to stock up and donate!!

Faith Preschool: We will be welcoming parents and their children to an Open House for the 2024-5 school year, August 19 and August 20. Our committee will be attending, and volunteers and cookies are much appreciated for the event.

Donations: Our committee always loves to see old glasses, women's toiletries, and used prescription bottles donated.

Food Bank dates will be announced on-line, in our bulletin and during our Sunday Service.



Tutoring our elementary kids will begin mid October. If you are interested in seeing our little kids eyes light up when they learn things, please join us!!!

SERRV Catalogs will be Here in October! Since 1949 SERRV has worked to eradicate poverty wherever it resides. SERRV. They work in 35 developing countries around the world, helping artisans and farmers secure a sustainable income and life for themselves and their families. Catalogs will be available in the October. Your purchase from this catalog is not only a gift to artisans and farmers who crafted these products, but the proceeds will go to FISH (our local food pantry). Last year over \$100 was given to FISH from the sale. Orders need to be submitted by October 31st.

The Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected on Sunday, October 6th. The Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. Gifts to the Offering are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In God's Love,

Julia, Susie, Diane, Sheryl, and Mary



The Crop Walk: We look forward to your taking part in the **Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 13, 2024, 1:30 PM at Shiloh UCC Church in Dayton (5300 Philadelphia Drive at North Main Street.)** The walk is on a flat, easy path of a reasonable length through their adjacent cemetery. If you wish to lengthen your Walk, you can always add extra loops. Proceeds from the Crop Walk are divided between the Food-bank and Church World Service's hunger outreach programs. Hope to see you there!

## Preschool Update

This summer, we have been very busy at Faith Preschool trying to make some updates to the preschool wing. We have also opened up a classroom in order to work on making class sizes a little bit smaller for our four-year olds.

During summer camp, we had 33 families join us and we got to teach them about how God is our anchor and that we always want to know more about him. We make it an effort to try and show the children God’s love every day in the classroom as well as being an example for the families that join us each year.

All of the teachers are gearing up to get ready for a new school year and we are very excited to see what this year will bring. Please keep everyone in your prayers as we will be praying for you all as well.



### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Preschool Open House will be held on Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20 from 5:00-8:00 PM each evening. Mission and Outreach will once again welcome the children and families by providing cookies for them. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parlor if you would like to donate some. We ask for nut free cookies. You may bring the cookies Sunday, August 18 or please have them in the kitchen by noon on Monday. If you would like to be in the parlor during that time or part of it you may also sign up for that. Thank you for your support of Faith Preschool.

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# 2024 YTD Finances

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD Actual
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>14,553</b>	<b>18,379</b>	<b>35,335</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>13,333</b>	<b>15,143</b>	<b>103,862</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>12,293</b>	<b>12,079</b>	<b>13,202</b>	<b>12,378</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>10,215</b>	<b>72,722</b>
<b>INCOME LESS TO-TAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>22,133</b>	<b>-5,258</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>4,928</b>	<b>31,140</b>

Note: Income includes \$32,000 transfers from the Money Market Savings Account to cover expenses.



# SESSION

## Session Notes

May-July 2024

Session May 9 via Zoom: Session approved a contract with Pastor Julia for six months ending December 31. This will permit time to further review our financial situation and also put the contract on a calendar year basis for easier administration. We continue to review our pledge income and expenses looking for improvement opportunities. Officer installation was scheduled for June 9 and the June Session meeting was rescheduled to June 27 to accommodate Julia's trekking on the Camino de Santiago.

Session June 27 via Zoom: Julia gave a brief report on her trek on the Camino de Santiago and will schedule a presentation for the congregation. Pledge income continues in line with the latest forecast. Efforts continue to reduce the deficit including a preschool rent increase and copier cost sharing and reviewing the trash collection contract for possible reduction. Faith has agreed to host a Presbytery sponsored discussion in July including the small area Presbyterian churches. This discussion is to explore coordination and future ministries possibilities. Diane Grycz was reelected as Treasurer.



Administration  
Committee

Chairperson: Keith Williams  
Financial Secretary: Don Niece  
Treasurer: Diane Grycz  
Support: Paul Brown  
Support: Greg Hughes  
Support: Harry Tompkins  
Rev Julia Williamson

# ADMIN

## Notes/Updates from the Admin Committee

The main entrance door ADA motor was installed and is fully functional.

We passed the fire inspection

Scouts (Eagle projects) have started cleaning out and organizing the garage. They have added shelving to minimize items on the floor.

Our 5-month CD has been renewed. The Treasurer continues to look for better returns on our money that are safe.

A bulb has been ordered to replace the flickering LED light in the sanctuary.

The windows in the sanctuary have been cleaned. Thanks to Cyndi Adams for helping to accomplish this.

**Worship Leaders**

**Greeters**

**Ushers**

**August**

**Communion Services:** Keith Williams, Susie Tompkins, Chris Ten Broeke, Cyndi Adams

4	Keith Williams	Harry & Susie	Greg Hughes
11	Mary Skare	Diane Grycz	Bev Brown
18	Paul Brown	Samai Adams	Jan Beams
25 Outdoor	Cyndi Adams		Sami Adams
Standby Nursery: Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams or Cyndi Adams			

**September**

**Communion Servers:** Sheryl Williams, Paul Brown, Cyndi Adams, Sami Adams

1	Sheryl Williams	Doris Harmsworth	Diane Grycz
8	Samantha Adams	Maria Biemly	Pamela & Greg
15	Pamela Matheson Jones	Greg & Pam	Cyndi Adams
22	Harry Tompkins	Vaughn & Jan	Chris Adams
29	Mary Skare	Dottie Standley	Beverly Brown
Standby Nursery: Mary Skare, Sami Adams or Cyndi Adams			

**October**

*Communion servers: Chris TenBroeke, Mary Skare, Keith Williams, Diane Grycz*

6	Cyndi Adams	Maria Beimly	Chris Adams
13	Keith Williams	Doris Harmsworth	Chris TenBroeke
20	Nat Davis	Greg & Pamela	Greg Hughes
27	Samantha Adams	Bev Brown	Jan Beams
Standby Nursery: Chris TenBroeke, Sami Adams or Cyndi Adams			

*Your service to Christ and the Faith Family is very much appreciated. Without each volunteer we would not be able to perform even the most basic functions, and we on the Worship Committee are extremely grateful for your donation of your time and gifts.*

*If for any reason you can not volunteer on the date listed, please try to find a replacement. If you still cannot find someone to fill in, please contact Worship Committee.*

*Cyndi Adams 937-252-7865*



# Special Happenings

August 1 --- 12:00 Noon Lunch Bunch  
August 19 --- 5:00-8:00PM Preschool Open House  
August 20 --- 5:00-8:00PM Preschool Open House  
August 21 --- 1:30 Sweet Communion Book Group  
August 25 --- 10:30 Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic

Sept 3 --- Preschool starts back  
Sept 5 --- 12:00 Noon Lunch Bunch  
Sept 8 --- 9:30 Sunday School starts back  
Sept 18 --- 1:30 Sweet Communion Book Group  
Sept 21 --- 5:00 PM Hot Dog roast  
Sept 24 --- 11:00 Presbyterian Women

October 3 -- 12:00 Noon Lunch Bunch  
October 13 -- 1:30 Crop walk at Shiloh UCC Church  
October 16 -- 1:30 Sweet Communion Book Group  
October 20 -- Faith Cares meeting after church  
October 22 -- 11:00 Presbyterian Women



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**Sweet Communion Book Club**  
**Third Wednesday at 1:30 PM**  
**Faith Presbyterian Church**

**August 21, 2024**  
**Horse by Geraldine Brooks**

**September 18, 2024**  
**The Enchanted April**  
**by Elizabeth Arnim**

**October 16, 2024**  
**The Dry by Jane Harper**



# BIRTHDAYS

## August

- 2 Harry Tompkins
- 3 Gregory Jones
- 4 Kristina Skare
- 5 Tara Sturgill
- 8 Dottie Standley
- 20 Greg Hughes
- 28 Nico Gonzalez
- 30 Jim Ellis

## September

- 1 Roy Schroeder
- 2 Keith Williams
- 5 Julius Brodbeck
- 6 Jeanne Johnson
- 9 Tenny Ngalle
- 10 Janet Day
- 21 Angela Doran-Turner
- 25 Beverly Brown  
Jan Gifford

## October

- 2 David Studebaker
- 11 Doris Studebaker
- 12 Roy Sturgill
- 15 Morgan Standley  
Vaughn Beams
- 22 Susie Ngalle
- 23 Naomi Henry
- 25 Jo Hall



On the first Sunday of the month the Worship and Nurture committee places flower arrangements on the chancel in memory / honor of loved ones of the family of Faith.

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory/ honor of a loved one return the following form with your donation to Samantha. The arrangements cost \$18 for one and \$36 for two, make the checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church. Your Gift will be recognized in the bulletin, unless you ask otherwise. Please check the form if you would like to pick up the arrangements after worship, otherwise it will be delivered to someone who needs a little cheer. For more information please contact Samantha Adams.

## Memorial Flower Gift

Please accept my donation of \$18 \_\_\_\_\_ \$36 \_\_\_\_\_

For the Memorial flowers fund in Memory of / Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to pick up the arrangement \_\_\_\_\_



*Guy Gifford, Dave Henry, Debbie Moore, Roy Schroeder, Cathy Gonzalez, and Sharon Gologanoff.*

