

September 2026 Newsletter



"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" *2 Corinthians 5:17*

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**God's
Work, Our
Hands
Sunday:
September
13, 2026**

Join us after Worship on Sunday, September 13th as we write cards to our local first responders!

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St. Francis taught us to see God's love in all of creation, especially in the animals that bring joy and companionship into our lives. We invite you to bring your pets—whether they bark, meow, chirp, or slither—for a blessing as we celebrate the creatures that share our world.

Join us outside in the Memorial Garden for a Short Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing. A free will offering for Guiding Eyes for the Blind will be collected at this Service.

All pets are welcome but must be properly restrained or kenneled for safety and up-to-date on all shots if applicable. Thank you!



**Ingathering Sunday:
October 4th**

We are collecting financial contributions to fund the supplies for school kits this year. Join us on October 4th as we bless the comforters and kits that will be shared with our neighbors around the world!

**Deadline For Articles for the
October, 2026 Newsletter Is
Sunday, September 27, 2026.**

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at: grammyss@ptd.net or

grammyss46@gmail.com
or call 717-538-1946



**Monday and Tuesday,
September 7 and 8**

**Wednesday, September 16
- Monday, September 21**

Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Wanted

Recipes, inspirational articles poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "*Shirley Sweigart*" in the Coatroom.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church;

You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;

You re going to a rehab center or a nursing home;

There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);

You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college;

You schedule a meeting or an event of a Committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Financial Stewardship

There are many ways you can choose to support our ministry:

1. A physical offering will be collected by passing the plate during Worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account for the sake of regular stewardship, contact our office at (717) 336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit this link or scan the QR code: [Give to Faith United](#)



Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



Email Addresses

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

faithunited@ptd.net.

Staff

Pastor – Pastor Marissa Becklin

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From Pastor Marissa Becklin

The Gift of the Serviceberry

One of the books I have been thinking about this summer is Robin Wall Kimmerer's *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*. It is a small book, but it asks a surprisingly big question: What would change if we understood the world not primarily in terms of what we can buy, own, or accumulate, but as a gift we receive and share with one another?

Kimmerer begins with something wonderfully ordinary: serviceberries.

The berries grow on trees around her home, ripening in abundance. The birds eat them. People eat them. The tree gives them freely. No one has planted a little sign next to the tree saying, "Serviceberries — \$4.99 a pint." There is simply an abundance, and that abundance becomes part of the life of the whole community.

It is a beautiful image for the way creation works. And, I think, it is also a beautiful image for the way the church is called to live.

We live in a world that often teaches us to think in terms of scarcity. There is not enough time, money, resources, recognition, or success. We can begin to imagine that if someone else has more, there must be less available for us.

But Scripture tells a different story.

Again and again, the Bible gives us images of God's abundance. Manna appears in the wilderness. Water flows from a rock. Jesus takes a few loaves and fish and feeds a multitude. The psalmist looks at creation and declares, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it."

The Christian life begins not with what we have earned, but with what we have received.

Grace is a gift. Creation is a gift. Our daily bread is a gift. The people who love us are gifts. Even our own lives are gifts that we did not create for ourselves. And gifts are meant to move.

That is one of the ideas in *The Serviceberry* that has stayed with me. An abundant life is not necessarily a life in which we have accumulated more. It may instead be a life in which we have learned how to participate in the giving and receiving of God's abundance.

A serviceberry tree does not consume its berries. It does not hoard them for another season. It simply gives what it has to give. And in doing so, it becomes part of a larger web of life.

Perhaps that is a helpful image for us as we begin a new season at Faith United, because there are gifts among us that are easy to overlook.

Someone has the gift of making people laugh. Someone knows how to welcome a stranger. Someone can fix almost anything. Someone faithfully sends cards to people who need encouragement. Someone has the patience to listen. Someone has a beautiful singing voice. Someone has wisdom gained through decades of living. Someone has energy and enthusiasm for trying something new. And someone may simply have an extra hour.

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The church is at its best when we stop asking, “What do I have that is valuable enough to offer?” and begin asking, “What has God already given me that might become a gift to someone else?”

That is a very different way of thinking about church.

It means that ministry isn't only something done by the pastor or by a handful of volunteers. It is something we do together. We become a community of gifts, each person's abundance contributing to the abundance of the whole.

As September arrives and the rhythms of our congregation begin to pick up again, perhaps this is a good time to notice the gifts around us. To notice who is here, what people bring, where there is abundance. And then to ask where that abundance might be shared.

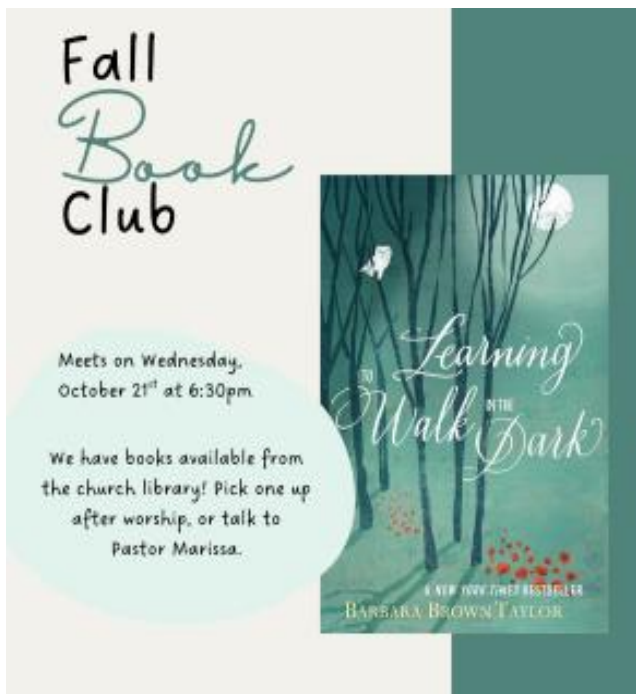
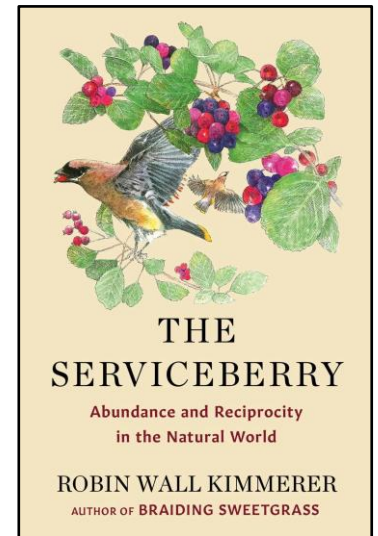
Because the good news of the gospel is not that God has given us exactly enough to survive—it is that God is generous. And when we recognize that generosity, we discover that we have more to give than we realized.

May this fall be a season in which we practice that kind of abundance together: receiving God's gifts with gratitude, sharing what we have freely, and trusting that there is enough grace—not because we have managed to create enough, but because God has already given it to us.

Like the serviceberry, may our lives become places where God's abundance is not hoarded, but shared.

And may whoever is hungry find something good growing among us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Marissa



**Wednesday, October 21st at
6:30pm**

Learning to Walk in the Dark

A One-Night Book Conversation

What do we do when faith doesn't give us easy answers? Join Pastor Marissa on Wednesday, October 21, for a one-night conversation around Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Together, we'll explore doubt, uncertainty, suffering, mystery, and the surprising ways God meets us in the places where we cannot clearly see the way ahead. Read the book beforehand and come ready for an honest, thoughtful, and welcoming conversation about what it means to trust God in the dark. Books are available—pick one up after Worship, or contact Pastor Marissa.

September Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 6, 2026

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20. Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



Creation in Christ Sunday Sunday, September 13, 2026

Genesis 2:4b-25; Psalm 148:1-14; Acts 17:22a, 24-28; John 1:1-5. Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 20, 2026

Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16. Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32. Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul

urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.



October Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 4, 2026

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46. In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 11, 2026

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14. In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



Have you been attending Worship with us online or in-person, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.



Sunday,
October 4,
2026

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

September 5: Ethan Gola
 September 6: Emily Rabe
 September 10: Kyra Arment
 September 17: Brad Fichthorn, Emily Fichthorn, JJ Hertzog Jr.
 September 21: Cynthia Kauffman
 September 23: Deb Anthony, Troy Hafer
 September 24: Pamela Cline
 September 26: Robert Witmer
 September 27: Kathryn Voler

ANNIVERSARIES

September 5: Arlene and David Brumbach
 Shirley and Rodger Sweigart
 September 6: Lori and Craig Stover
 September 8: Gloria and Bob Gates
 Emily and Tyler Rabe
 September 17: Mary and Jim Stewart
 September 26: Meg and Jonathan May
 September 29: Terri and Rob Macker

OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

October 1: Hayley Yost
 October 2: Bruce Carpenter
 October 7: Owen Strohl
 October 8: Matthew Martzall
 October 9: Susan Means
 October 12: Evan Cline, Grace Deibler, Theo May

ANNIVERSARIES

October 1: Justin and Kelly Leshner
 October 7: Chad and Tanya Reinoehl
 October 7: Jay and Rhonda Burkholder
 October 15: Matthew and Jennifer Martzall
 October 16: Eric and Jennifer Frees



80+ Birthdays

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

Ellen Houser - September 11 - 215 New Street, PO Box 679, Terre Hill, PA 17581.
 Karlene Cook - September 15 - 7 St. John Circle, Lititz, PA 17543.
 Mary Stewart - October 8 - 806 North Fifth Street, Denver, PA 17517.
 Melvin Schmeck - October 14 - Keystone Villa Apartment 411, 100 North State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522
 Jean Worline - October 18 - Muhlenberg Apartment 3321, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543.

September/October Food Collection

Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch in September and October.



Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.

Kitchen Calendar

If you are hoping to use the Faith United kitchen for any purpose, please contact our office so that we can put you on the calendar. This allows us to ensure availability of the space, and be good stewards of our resources. Thank you!

September 2026						
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Email Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain receive emails with prayer requests from our congregation and commit to lifting these needs before God throughout the week. This is a simple but powerful way to care for one another in Christ.



If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office, 717-336-2141.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 6:30pm

FUEL Council Members Present: Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Terri Kilrain, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

Devotions: Carol Wallace presented devotions. She read Isaiah 55:12. This passage connects nature and peace and reminds us of God's promise for freedom, joy, and peace.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Gola presented the Treasurer's Report. The balances are as follows: Money Market Account, \$126,431.00; Main Checking Account, \$42,798.00; Endowment Account, \$58,580.00.

It was reported that the second payment was made for the window project. The final payment will be made when the work is completed. The amount raised for the project with the matching funds was approximately \$35,000.00.

A comparison of offerings from July 2025 to July 2026 showed an increase in offerings received. When the church expenses from 2025 were compared with the expenses for 2026, they remained the same.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Becklin

Misson and Ministries Highlights:

The Denver Day Worship in the Park will take place on August 23, 2026. A speaker from Builders of Hope will be presenting during this Service.

Fellowship after church has been very consistent and well received.

Adult Sunday School will begin in the fall and held after Church.

The National Night Out was held on August 4 at the Denver Park. Pastor Becklin and Carol Wallace represented the church. Children were offered tattoos with meaningful scriptures or words (adults too). A large prayer board was available and members of the community were encouraged to write a prayer and pin it to the board. This board will be shared with the congregation at the next Sunday Service.

Congregational Concerns:

Inviting others to our Church.

Prayer Priorities:

Bob Gates, Terri Kilrain, Ellen Houser, Deb Martzall, Terry Burkholder.

Council Action/Discussion:

The Council members discussed the possibility of church members volunteering to assist in concession stands for the first home football game. This game will take place August 28. Members of FUEL will be working along other

community members from various congregations. After a brief discussion, it was decided that this is something our Council members and church members should volunteer their time for. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary for this event.

Committee Highlights

Property Committee - Tim Wise

The window project continues. Things are going well.

The Property Committee secured a quote from Heck Construction for a new door for the side of the church. This door will be at the top of the ramp. It will accommodate a wheelchair, walker, or a casket. The door will be more secure, seal better, and be safer for entering, and exiting. The Council members reviewed the quote and were able to view a picture of a similar door that was recently installed at St Paul's ECC Church. The quote for the door was \$7,515.00. Tim Wise made a motion to move forward with this door quote using funds under the general maintenance section of the budget. Bob Gates seconded this motion. All members of the Council were in agreement to move forward with the door project. A discussion was held regarding the ramp heading into the church and the current condition of this ramp. The Property Committee will consult with the contractor who completed the ramp project and get a quote and recommendations.

The Council members reviewed a quote for upgrading the bathroom in the nursery. The proposal was for a handicapped accessible bathroom. The quote and drawings were completed by Heck Construction.

A discussion was held regarding upgrading the current bathrooms and making them handicapped accessible. The Property Committee will reach out to Heck Construction to get information and a quote regarding this.

Peters Porch - Terry Burkholder

On Saturday, August 1, there were 77 families provided with food during the monthly food distribution event. Towards the end of the morning, the produce was depleted so families were given gift cards to use at Fruit Tastic Produce Store.

The new system for entering people accessing Peter's Porch has been implemented (computer). The Federal grant was approved for funding for Peter's Porch.

The PA Farmers Association recently granted Peter's Porch \$2,000.00.

Mellingers Lutheran Church donated produce from their Community Garden. This was distributed on Saturday, August 1.

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Council Meeting Minutes

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Fellowship Committee - Terri Kilrain

A Polka Mass will be held on Sunday, October 18. The Service will begin at 10:00am and food and fellowship will follow. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Sanctuary. Bratwurst and Sauerkraut will be provided.

A Wreath Making activity will take place on November 22 after the Sunday Service. Each family will make one wreath for the Advent season. A meal of soup and sandwiches will be provided.

Old Business:

The Denver Fair Ring Toss Stand will need assistance. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary. FUEL church members will be signing up to assist with running the stand for three-hour time slots.

The Council members reviewed a lease agreement with the Denver Boro for the use of our parking lot (across from the church). Some items were discussed and suggestions were made. Todd Stewart will bring the Council's suggestions and recommendations back to the Denver Borough Council. Pastor Becklin will meet with Todd Stewart after his meeting with the Denver Borough Council regarding the parking lot lease agreement.

The AED cabinet will be mounted in the designated spot that was approved by all Council members. The Property Committee will be taking care of this.

New Business:

Endowment Grant Considerations

The Council members reviewed the recent grant requests presented by the Endowment Committee.

The following requests were discussed:

A request was made by Lisa Gable to cover the cost of the fair stand and the insurance for the stand. This will ensure that all proceeds made for the Ring Toss Stand will go to Builders of Hope. As well as the stand cost and insurance, additional monies were added to the grant request to cover the cost for T-shirts for FUEL members donating their time to the fair or any upcoming events. The total amount for this request was \$1365.00.

Jeff Hartman requested a grant of \$4000.00 for the health and welfare of the congregation. This is to cover extra circumstances above what is budgeted in Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Jeff Hartman requested a grant of \$2500.00 for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. This organization provides free legal representation

and case reviews to individuals wrongfully convicted of crimes they did not commit in Pennsylvania.

Lori Stover requested a grant of \$2500.00 for Centurion Ministries. This organization is a national nonprofit dedicated to the vindication of the wrongly convicted.

Scott Gola made a motion to approve these requests for grants from the Endowment Committee. Adrienne Arment seconded the motion. All Council members were in favor and none opposed to approve all the grants requested.

Sara Winters Scholarship

One application was reviewed for the Sara Winters Scholarship. It was completed by Kyra Ament, who is majoring in nursing at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences at Alvernia. Her expected graduation date is spring 2028. After reviewing the application, Pastor Becklin made a motion to grant this scholarship to Kyra. Bob Gates seconded this motion. All Council members were in agreement to grant this scholarship to Kyra Arment. It should be noted that Adrienne Arment abstained from voting.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (September 13, 2026)

The congregation will participate in a simple activity after church to recognize this important event. The specifics of the activity will be decided in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 6:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wallace
FUEL Council Secretary*

Congregation Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

6:30 PM

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Terry Burkholder - President

Tim Wise - Vice President

Carol Wallace - Secretary

Scott Gola - Treasurer

Adrienne Ament

Bob Gates

Rich Billings

Terri Kilrain



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13 Creation in Christ Sunday God's Work, Our Hands Project after Worship National Grandparents Day 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 1:00pm Faith United at the Reading Fightin Phils 1:30pm Denver Fair Ring Toss Stand Set Up, Trinity United Methodist Backlot	14 Holy Cross Day 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	15 Denver Fair Hispanic Heritage Month Karlene Cook Birthday 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	16 Church Office Closed Denver Fair Hispanic Heritage Month 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 7:00pm Denver Women's Club 75th Anniversary Meeting, Faith Fellowship Hall	17 Constitution Day Denver Fair Hispanic Heritage Month Pastor Marissa Out of Office 4:00pm Volunteers at Denver Fair Soda Ring Toss Stand 7:00pm Volunteers at Denver Fair Soda Ring Toss Stand	18 Church Office Closed Hispanic Heritage Month Pastor Marissa's Day Off 10:00am Volunteers at Denver Fair Soda Ring Toss Stand 12:30pm Volunteers at Denver Fair Soda Ring Toss Stand	19 Denver Fair Hispanic Heritage Month 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron 7:00pm Volunteers at Denver Fair Soda Ring Toss Stand
20 Hispanic Heritage Month Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	21 Church Office Closed Hispanic Heritage Month Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist St Paul's, Adamstown, Free Community Outgrown Exchange	22 Ephrata Fair First Day of Autumn Hispanic Heritage Month St Paul's, Adamstown, Free Community Outgrown Exchange 9:00am Moms Community Group, Mohn's Hill EC Church, Sinking Spring	23 Ephrata Fair Hispanic Heritage Month St Paul's, Adamstown, Free Community Outgrown Exchange 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	24 Ephrata Fair Hispanic Heritage Month St Paul's, Adamstown, Free Community Outgrown Exchange	25 Ephrata Fair Hispanic Heritage Month Pastor Marissa's Day Off St Paul's, Adamstown, Free Community Outgrown Exchange	26 Ephrata Fair Hispanic Heritage Month St Paul's, Adamstown, Free Community Outgrown Exchange 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
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11 Clergy Appreciation Day Hispanic Heritage Month Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	12 Columbus Day Hispanic Heritage Month Indigenous Peoples' Day 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	13 Hispanic Heritage Month	14 Hispanic Heritage Month Melvin Schmeck Birthday 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds, Food Pantry - Call 717-733-0345 or 717-336-2849	15 Hispanic Heritage Month	16 National Bosses Day Pastor Marissa's Day Off	17 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
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25 Reformation Sunday Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	26	27	28 Simon and Jude, Apostles 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	29	30 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	31 Halloween Reformation Day

*What's
Happening at
Faith United?*

Send your pictures in for
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Faith United at National Night Out



Handing out corn to the community.



Faith United's youngest and oldest!

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Cocalico Football Concession Stand Volunteers



"I really can't thank you enough or say enough good things about all the folks that showed up to help on Friday. They were truly a blessing to have at the game and did just an absolutely fantastic job helping out with both concession stands, especially in cleaning it all up after we were done as well. Please pass along our deepest gratitude to all of those who volunteered. It has set a pretty high bar now for some of these other churches that are going to help out to live up to!!"

Scott Rigney, President of Cocalico Football Booster Club

Education Opportunities

Weekly Bible Study After Worship

A Weekly Bible Study will be held following Worship each Sunday about the texts from Church that morning. Bring questions you had about the sermon, thoughts and wonderings about the readings, and a heart ready for fellowship!

As the readings from each week are the topic, simply come when you're able.



Men's Second Saturday Breakfast

Meets second Saturday of the month at 8:30am in the Faith Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Jon Dienst at jwdienst@gmail.com or call/text, 610-504-3429.



The Upper Room Daily Devotional

September - October, 2026

Christ In Our Home

Daily Devotional

October, November, December, 2026

Also, A Large Print Version is Available
Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2nd And 4th Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-11:00am.

**REAL Life**
community services



Are you 60+?

**YOUNG AT HEART**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Adamstown Area Library
110 W Main St, Adamstown

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church
357 Walnut St, Denver

9am-11am

Coffee, chatting, games,
guest speakers, and MORE!

If you have any questions,
you can call our office at
717-456-7797

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



A. James
B. John
C. Philip
D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)

Christian Symbol

BREAD: One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



Looking for Sunday Morning Tech Volunteers

Do you have an interest in technology and a heart to serve? We're looking for additional volunteers to join our Sunday Morning Tech Team! No prior experience is necessary – we will provide training and support. This is a great way to serve behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for our congregation. If you're interested please contact Pastor Marissa or stop by the tech booth after the Service

Thank You for considering this important ministry!

Denver Women's Club 75th Anniversary

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:00pm

Matthew Dodd

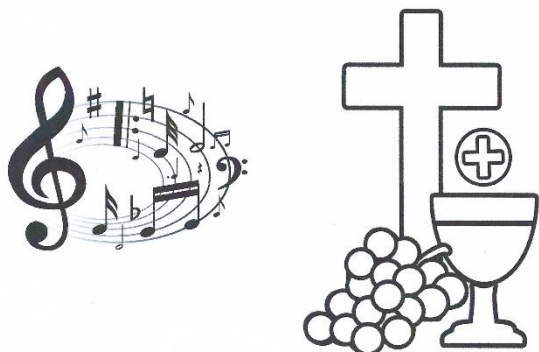
"Songs & Stories of the American Revolution"

Faith United Fellowship Hall

Everyone Welcome

Events

Polka Mass **Sunday, October 18, 2026**



The Fellowship Committee is planning a Polka Mass on Sunday, October 18th. We are honored to have the Heidelberg Brass Band playing at that Service. The Service is going to be at 10:00am that day so that following the Service we will have a German lunch down in the Fellowship Hall. The entrée will be supplied by the Church and then we ask the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts. German themed food would be appreciated.

Please invite friends!

A sign-up sheet will be posted early October so that we know how to plan the food. This is going to be a great event!

Advent Wreath Making



We are also going to be doing an Advent Wreath Making Day following Church on Sunday, November 22.

More information to come later.



Monday,
September 7, 2026

Peter's Porch



Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517
Phone: 717-336-2141

**The First Saturday of
Each Month**

September 5, 2026

October 3, 2026

7:30-10:00am

If you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month just show up!

Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

**Take Out Only
Community Meal**

No Charge

Thursday, September 24, 2026

**Pre-Order Required by
Friday, September 18, 2026**

Pickup Time – 5:30-6:00pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

**420 Main Street, Denver
(Rear Entrance)**

Call 717-336-6748 or

Email: swampcf@ptd.net



**Faith United
at the
Reading Fightin Phils
FREE TICKETS!**

Sunday, September 13, 2026

1:15pm

Join Pastor at the Reading Fightin Phils on Sunday, September 13 for the season closer at 1:15pm. Sign up in the Sanctuary or email Pastor Marissa, pastormbecklin@gmail.com; we will gather outside the front gate at 1:00pm.

Connect With Us On Facebook!

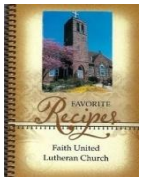
For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook: @faithunitedelca.



Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.



Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

More information contact Terri Kilrain, 717-201-0099.



Coffee and Conversation Every Sunday After Church.

Coffee and Conversation is picking up. Please keep Coffee and Conversation simple. The church will supply the coffee, creamer, and some sort of drink.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Contact Terri Kilrain if you have questions.

Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.



Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00-12:00pm. Open Dates: October 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.



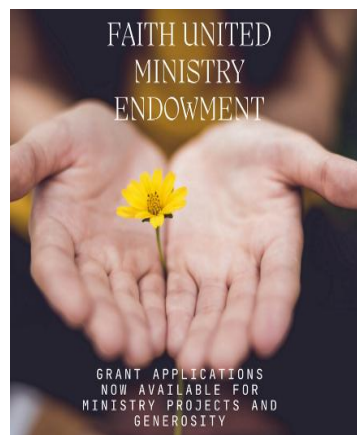
**On Counter
At The Back
Of The
Sanctuary.**

The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets (**No flannel, No white, please**) or fabric (**should be cotton or cotton blend**) to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.



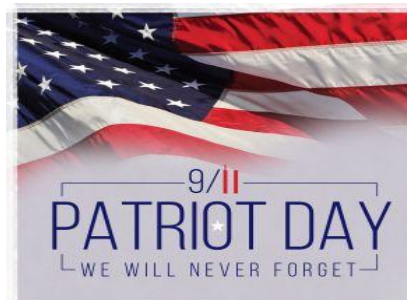
Cozy Comforters would like to let everyone know that anytime throughout the year if you would like to purchase a quilt, please see a member of the Cozy Comforters and you can purchase one for **\$40.00**. You do not have to wait to fall to get a quilt. These are great for graduation gifts and for someone going off to college.

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.



Faith United Ministry Endowment: Grant Applications Available For Ministry Projects And Generosity

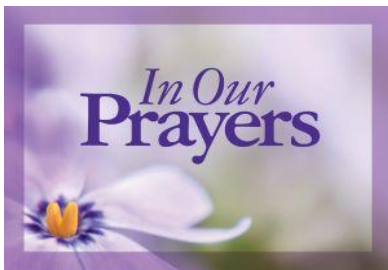
The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might help would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.



Friday,
September 11,
2026

SERVING SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 – OCTOBER 25, 2026

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
September 6, 2026	Jim Kreider	Deb Demler	Adrienne Arment Mitch Arment	Terri Kilrain Chris Billings Rich Billings
September 13, 2026 Creation Sunday	Denise Hackman	Tim Wise	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
September 20, 2026	Todd Stewart	Lori Stover	June Wolf Don Wolf	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
September 27, 2026	Dawn Frees	Deb Demler	Lori Wise Tim Wise	Tim Hegeman Bob Gates Gloria Gates
October 4, 2026	Angela Stewart	Scott Gola	Carol Wallace Mike Wallace	Terri Kilrain Chris Billings Rich Billings
October 11, 2026	Lori Stover	Tim Wise	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
October 18, 2026	Harold Martzall	Lori Stover	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
October 25, 2026	Gloria Shober	Deb Demler	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Tim Hegeman Bob Gates Gloria Gates
Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins, Coffee
September 6, 2026	Trey Boyer	Mary Stewart	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	
September 13, 2026 Creation Sunday	Jackson Leshner	Chris Billings	Chris Billings Rich Billings	Coffee Tracey/Gabby Weidner
September 20, 2026	Josh Gola	Chris Billings	Chris Billings Rich Billings	
September 27, 2026	Trey Boyer	Lori Wise	Dawn Frees Arlene Monyer	
October 4, 2026	Aaron Wolf	Teri Arment	Dawn Frees Arlene Monyer	
October 11, 2026	Jim Kreider	Joanne Phillips	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	
October 18, 2026	Jason Carpenter	Doris Reinoehl	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Polka Lunch
October 25, 2026	Jackson Leshner		Donna Gerhart Michele Lacy	



We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Comfort:

Susan Hess Family

Marlene Battisti Family

Steve Tomasko Family

Pam Lauris Family

For Healing:

Arlene Monyer

Terry Burkholder

Karen Laudenslager

Brian Devine

Curt Snyder

Terri Kilrain

Ethel Farrow

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Mike Sawyer

Madeline Glass

Dawn Frees

Bob Gates

Jim Boyer

Robert White

Ellen Houser

Lorna Buohl

Marlene Ferry

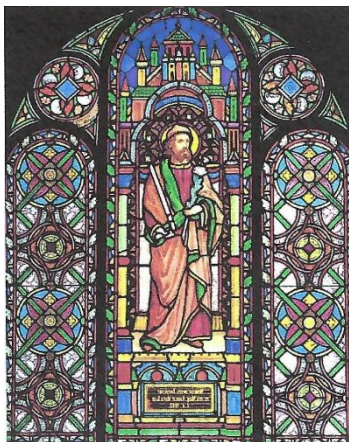
Pat Miller

You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.

List Is Refreshed At The End Of Odd Numbered Months. If You'd Like Someone To Stay On The List Longer, Please Contact The Church Office, 717-336-2141.

Continuing Concerns

Janet Hirneisen, Gerry Phillips, Jean Worline, Betty Witmer, Lisa Beard, Caryll Lausch, Susan Hartman, Barb Boose, Dave Harnish, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, May Raudenbush, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Traci Siebold, Rob and Terri Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Susan Means, Bob Getz, Joyce Hahn, Kathryn Ginter, Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Patricia Krick, Stanley Uibel, Terry and Lori Moyer, Glenn Beard Sr., Jean Wolf, Stan Henderson, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.



Stained Glass Window Project Update

Work continues on the stained glass windows, with a few of the windows on the Walnut Street side close to completion. New sealant ensures that they are water tight and weather resistant in order to protect the glass for years to come, and any needed minor repairs to the frames themselves have been completed (along with high quality painting). We are so grateful to Castle Studios for their precise and careful work on this project as it continues!

Fundraising

Currently we have raised (including matching funds) approximately \$35,000.00 toward the project, which we anticipate will cost around \$60,000.00. If you would like to donate to this important work, please do so using a designated offering envelope or by calling the Church Office, 717-336-2141 to coordinate giving.



Sunday, September 13



Tuesday, September 15 –
Thursday, October 15



Tuesday, September 22

The Journey Program and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss (Programs of Choices Healthcare) are offering the following programs. You can register online for support groups or you may continue to register by phone if you prefer.

To reach a counselor, please call 717-391-2413 or 888-282-2177.

ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at 717-391-2413 or 888-282-2177 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

In-Person at Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by bereavement counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups begin promptly and are designed for those individuals within the first two years following the death of a loved one. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group. Register online at pathways.hccnet.org/groups or call the Pathways Center.**

Coping with the Loss of an Adult Child: Monday, September 21, 6:00-7:30pm.

Coping with the Loss of a Spouse or Partner: Tuesday, September 8, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, September 22, 2:00-3:30pm. Via Zoom: Thursday, October 1, 6:00-7:30pm.

Coping with the Loss of a Parent or Sibling: Tuesday, September 15, 6:00-7:30pm.

Age 50 & Under – Coping with the Loss of a Spouse or Partner: Wednesday, September 23, 6:00-7:30pm.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing): Tuesday, September 15, 6:30-8:00pm.

Pets You Have Loved And Lost: Thursday, September 10, 6:00-7:30pm; Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. As a pet owner, animals hold a special place in our heart and life. When these treasured friends die, you may be surprised by the depths of your grief. This workshop for adults will offer suggestions on ways to remember your special friend, whether “furry, feathered or finned.” **Registration Deadline is September 3.**

Newly Bereaved Program (Three Week Series): Mondays, September 14, 21, 28, 6:00-7:30pm; Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 2:00-3:30pm, Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration Deadline: one week prior to the start of the series.**

Surviving To Thriving (Five Week Series): (Every Other Tuesday, September 15, 29, October 13, 27, November 10), 6:00-7:30pm. Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Are you 18-24 months past the death of your loved one? This series offers an opportunity to develop more satisfaction in your life and to better mitigate stress through the practice of mindfulness, good nutrition and discovering your sense of purpose. Each week there will be valuable discussion, education and homework for the following session. Call to register. **Registration Deadline is September 4.**

Coping With Suicide Loss (Six Week Series): Tuesdays, September 15-October 20, 6:00-8:00pm. Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This free support series is for adults (age 18 or older) who are grieving a death from suicide that occurred at least four months ago. The group provides a safe place to share your questions and pain with others who will understand. Space is limited, call to discuss with a counselor whether this series may meet your needs. **Registration Deadline is September 4.**

Growing Through Grief (Five week Series): Wednesdays, September 30-October 28, 6:00-8:00pm. Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This educational series is for adults (age 18 or older) who are approaching or past the one-year anniversary of the death of a loved one. The group provides a safe place to explore how you have been impacted by your loss, who you are apart from your loved one and how you continue to reorganize your life. Call to register. **Registration Deadline is September 18.**

Coping Kids & Teens, Family Support Series: Thursdays, October 15-November 19, 6:00-7:30pm. There is no charge for any of these programs thanks to the generous support of the community. Services are offered in the Bob & Joy Allen Coping Kids & Teens Wing of the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. During this series, families gather for a light supper before each group session. Children and teens meet in peer support groups and participate in activities to help them cope with the death, while adults learn how to manage the challenges of supporting their grieving family. Families meet with a counselor to complete an assessment prior to attending to determine if the group will be helpful for your child(ren). Call the Pathways Center for more information or to set up an appointment. **Registration Deadline is September 29.**

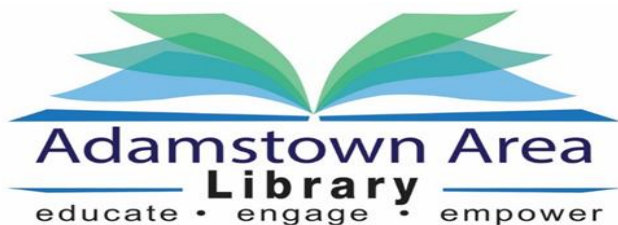
Individual Grief Support: The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation at no cost for adults, children, teens and families at our Mount Joy offices. Individual sessions by phone or online are also an option. **Counselors are available Monday thru Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.** Evening appointments may sometimes be arranged. Call the Pathways Center for more information or to set up an appointment.

SOCIAL DINE-OUT OPTIONS

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, September 23, 11:30am – 1:00pm, Loxley’s Restaurant 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at (717) 823-9889 (text or telephone) or pathways@choiceshealth.org by noon the day before the event.

Dinner Out (For Men and Women): Saturday, September 12, 2:00pm, Silver Spring Family Restaurant 3653 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster. RSVP to Connie Whitacre at (717) 577-1138 or pathways@choiceshealth.org at least three days prior to the event.

Men’s Breakfast: Wednesday, October 7, 8:00-9:30am, Centerville Diner 1, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Dan Farmer at (717) 435-8023 or pathways@choiceshealth.org by noon the day before the event.



Adamstown Area Library is free to use for Pennsylvania residents. Visitors should bring a photo ID or proof of address to receive a Library Card. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the Library will offer free replacement Library Cards and goodie bags for new Library Card sign-ups throughout the month. Located at 110 West Main Street, Adamstown, next to the Post Office, the Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 7:00pm, Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. To learn more about free events or to register, visit adamstownarealibrary.org or call 717-484-4200.

Insect Play and Learn Center - All fall. Stop by the Library's Story Corner Play & Learn Center for educational fun featuring toys, puppets, vocabulary activities, figures, blocks and more, all with a buzz-worthy theme. For kids of all ages.

"Read 'em Up and Eat 'em Up" Autumn Reading Program - All fall. Get a leg up on fall reading! Pick up a reading log at the Library, read 50 books and earn a free kids' meal certificate from Texas Roadhouse. For ages 12 and under.

Teen Talk Board - All month. The Library invites teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to answer the question: "Who is someone famous you would love to meet?" For teens and tweens.

Denver Fair Coloring Sheet Pickup - Through September 14. Pick up a coloring sheet at the Library and get creative! Return the completed drawing to the Denver Recreation Center on Monday, September 14, from 3:00-8:00pm. Each participant will receive an ice cream coupon, courtesy of Kountry Korner. For ages 9 and younger.

Friends Book Sale - Every Tuesday, 9:00am-6:30pm. Whatever the genre, there's something for everyone at the Friends Book Sale. \$2 hardbacks, \$1 trade paperbacks, 50-cent paperbacks, plus kids' books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks. For all ages.

Young at Heart - Wednesdays, September 16 and October 7, 9:00-11:00am. REAL Life Community Services presents Young at Heart, a free program for anyone ages 60 and up. Stop by the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts and more on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit reallcs.org. For seniors.

Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime - Wednesdays, September 9, 23, 30 and October 7, two sessions: 10:00-11:00am and 11:00am-noon. Join the Library for stories and a fun, easy craft. For ages 3-6 with an adult.

Connect with a Social Worker - Wednesdays, September 16 and October 7, 11:30am-2:00pm. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help. Held every other Wednesday in the Library Community Room. To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email becca@reallcs.org. REAL Life

Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District. For adults.

Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime - Every Thursday, 10:00-10:30am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs and fingerplays. For families with babies.

"The Young and the Restless" Toddler Time - Every Thursday, 11:00am-noon. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with adults.

Library Closed - September 5-7. Adamstown Area Library will be closed Saturday through Monday for Labor Day weekend.

Cozy Stitch Collective - Wednesday, September 9, 5:30-6:30pm. Crochet, knitting, embroidery, cross-stitch and more! Bring a project and sit in front of the fireplace to practice your craft, trade tips and enjoy community. All skill levels are welcome. For adults.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, September 15, 6:30-7:30pm. Join Miss Jess and discover "whodunit!" Upon registration, participants will receive a Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during the meeting as the group works to solve the crime together. For teens and adults only due to some graphic content. Registration is required.

Author Storytime - Tuesday, September 15, two sessions: 10:00-11:00am. and 11:00am-noon. Join author Kelly Brower for a reading of her children's book *Bumble*. Follow Bumble the bee through the garden as he discovers the special gift he has to share with the world. For families with kids.

Grandparent Book Buddies - Wednesday, September 16, 10:45-11:00am. A multigenerational event for children and seniors to enjoy reading together by the fireplace. Sponsored by REAL Life Young at Heart Group. For all ages.

Customize Your Card - Wednesday, September 16, drop-in, 4:30-5:30pm. Celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month by decorating a Library Card with rhinestones, beads, charms and more. Choose between a classic bedazzled look or try the trendy decoden style with chunky, frosting-like decorations. For tweens, teens and adults.

Library Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 16, 6:30-8:00pm. Adamstown Area Library Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Open to the public. For adults.

Denver Fair Kiddie Day - Friday, September 18, drop-in, 10:00am-1:00pm. Enjoy a full day of family fun at Denver Park and stop by the Library while in town for Kiddie Day, a petting zoo, midway rides, contests, bingo, live music and more. For all ages.

Sean's Social Club - Friday, September 18, 1:00-2:00pm. Come join the Library for a meeting of Sean's Social Club. This club is for adults with differing abilities, as well as their friends, family, caregivers and guests. There will be new and exciting activities every month. Registration is required. For adults.

Mah-Jongg - Mondays, September 21 and October 5, 1:00-3:30pm. Join the Library's welcoming mah-Jongg group on the first and third Monday of each month for an afternoon of tiles, tactics and great conversation. Whether you're brand-new or a longtime player, these meetups are the perfect chance to learn, practice and connect with fellow enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome. For adults.

Book Club - Monday, September 21, 5:00-6:00pm. Join the Adamstown Area Library for a monthly Book Club! Share thoughts on that month's book and get to know other readers in the community. The monthly book selection is listed in the Library newsletter and copies of the book will be available through our online catalog or by calling or visiting the Library. All are welcome, regardless of whether they've finished the book. Registration is required. For adults.

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Adamstown Library Events

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Community Hive at AAL - Wednesday, September 23, 10:00am-noon. Community Hive (formerly Ephrata Area Social Services) will be onsite at the Library every fourth Wednesday of the month to answer questions about their free programs, including food insecurity support, case management, transitional housing and transportation. Stop by to meet their friendly team, ask questions and learn more about resources available in the community. For adults.

Behind the Signatures - Thursday, September 24, 5:00-6:00pm. Dive into the biographies of some of America's Founding Fathers, analyze their handwriting and practice signatures with fountain pens and quills. Participants get to take home their own fountain pen and a copy of the Declaration of Independence. For adults.

Castañeda's Library Fundraiser - Wednesday, September 30, 11:00am-8:00pm. On the last Wednesday of each month, ten percent of proceeds at Castañeda's Mexican Restaurant, 323 Main Street, Denver, will benefit Adamstown Area Library. Alcohol is not included. Dine-in or take-out that day to enjoy great food, while supporting the Library.

Tips for First Time Home Buyers - Wednesday, September 30, 5:00-6:00pm. Learn about securing financing, identifying must-haves and nice-to-haves, and navigating a short-term home search. Presented in partnership with the Peter Heim Team at Keller Williams Platinum. Registration is required. For adults.

Doggie Downtime - Wednesday, October 7, 10:45-11:45am. Do you need tail-wagging tranquility? Gaze into therapy dog Twinkle's calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! Provided by Therapy Dogs International. For all ages.

Wildlife Wednesday - Wednesday, October 7, 5:30pm. Wildlife Wednesday returns this fall with a program about the importance of water, presented by the Lancaster County Parks and Recreation Department. For all ages.

2026 Altar Flower/Bulletin

Sponsor Sign-Up

The Altar Flower Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Format: To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call the Church Office, 717-336-2141, to arrange to bring them to the Church. Shirley will call you to find out the wording you want in the Church Bulletin.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.



Altar Flowers



Bulletins



Dear Faith United,
Thank You for the generous scholarship! Your support toward my nursing education is so very much appreciated. I strive everyday in my classes to do my best, and make everyone in the congregation proud.

With Thanks, Kyra Arment



August 6, 2026

Michele Lacy
Cozy Comforters/Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut St
Denver, PA 17517

Dear Michele,

Thank you for your donation to Hospice & Community Care's Labor Day Auction. Having a variety of auction items contributes greatly to the success of this event. Your item will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at this year's event. With the support of our community, we hope to raise \$1.1 million, which will enable us to fulfill our mission of compassionate end of life care and grief support.

As Hospice & Community Care continues to grow in both influence and reach, we can support even more families during life's most difficult moments. None of this would be possible without the dedication of supporters like you. Your gift not only sustains the exceptional care we provide today, but it also helps ensure we are prepared for tomorrow, so that every person in our community will always have access to the specialized care and compassion they deserve.

Your generosity is a powerful testament to what can be accomplished when individuals and organizations unite with a shared mission. We are honored to carry forward your investment and remain committed to helping patients and families experience dignity, comfort, and hope during serious illness, end-of-life, and loss.

Sincerely,

Coco Minardi

Coco Minardi
Annual Giving Manager

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DISCOVER DENVER'S 6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

It's time to start practicing your favorite chili recipe for **Discover Denver's 6th Annual Chili Cook Off** on **Saturday, October 10th**. The cook off will be held inside the Lighthouse Community Center at **239 Main St.**

Any type of chili is welcome so bring your best beans, sauce and all the secret ingredients you can find and see how you stack up to the competition!

Think YOU HAVE THE BEST CHILI?

PUBLIC SAMPLING OPENS AT 11:00 AM for as long as supplies last (approx. 12:45pm).

★ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ★	★ CONTEST DETAILS ★
Participation is limited to the first 15 registrations so be sure to submit your entry application early this year.	All sampling supplies will be provided by Discover Denver.
There will be 3 panel judges this year, who are honorees of our amazing community.	Contestants should plan to prepare a minimum of 8 quarts of chili to meet the demand for this year's event.
They will also be recognized at the time of the awards ceremony.	There will be space for one crockpot or serving dish as well as electrical hookup at each station and there will be other space to keep additional supplies warm.
	Chili must be brought, ready to eat, to the Lighthouse Community Center and set up by 10:30am in preparation for the event.

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 25TH!

To register or reach out with questions or concerns,
email aarendenverchili@gmail.com
call 610-927-7038

BRING THE HEAT & JOIN THE FUN!

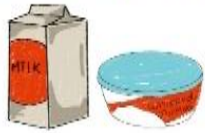
KID'S PAGE



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

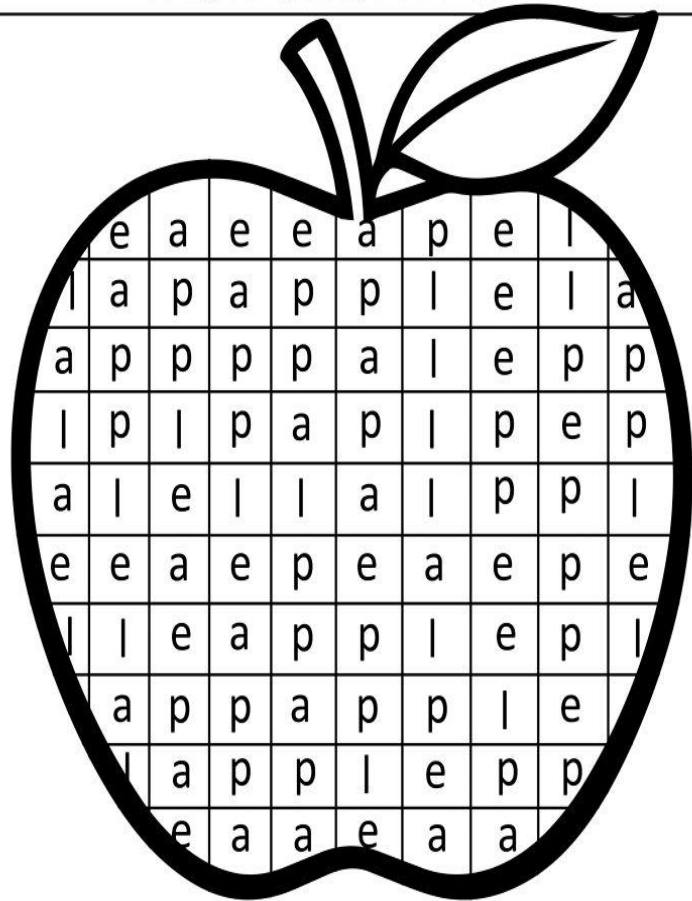
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



Community Events



Celebrate Recovery
RECOVERY THROUGH RECOVERY

Please join us on Mondays

At City Gate

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: 100 E. Main Street

Ephrata, PA 17522

Are you struggling with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup?

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for you to come!

For more information call 610-775-3667

77th semi-annual ST. PAUL'S ADAMSTOWN FREE COMMUNITY OUTGROWN EXCHANGE



Clothing for all ages - plus some other items see below
**DATES TO DONATE & COME SHOP
WEEK OF September 21-26**

Come and get items but we also will be taking donations of clean items on all the days except as listed below. You do not need to drop off to come get items. Donation & shopping days are as follows.

**— ONLY ACCEPTING: Clothing (including shoes & coats),
linens, toys, games, puzzles, books, purses NO household
items, VHS, DVD's, Car Seats, Electronics**

DONATION ONLY DAYS

Monday, September 21 — 9 am—1 pm (donation only)

Tuesday, September 22 — 5 pm — 8 pm (donation only)

Wed., September 23 & Thursday, September 24— 9 am to 1 pm (donation only)

SHOPPING DAYS ONLY

Thursday, September 24 — 5 pm -7 pm (NO DONATIONS)

Friday, September 25 — 9 am — 1 pm (NO DONATIONS)

Saturday, September 26 — 8 am — 11 am (NO DONATIONS)

Follow the QR code to our Facebook page

No Public bathroom usage
Left over items will be
donated to various charities
We can limit the number of
children's items you take
No charitable donation forms



St. Paul's Lutheran
80 E. Main Street
Adamstown, PA 19501
For more info:
717-484-4885

MOMCO
MOHN'S HILL CHURCH

Community Group for Moms with kiddos of all ages
(Childcare is provided)

Every other Tuesday morning
September 8th, 2026 through mid-May 2027

9:15am - 10:30am
(Arrive anytime between 9am -9:15am)

Mohn's Hill Church (in the Cafe)
708 Mohn's Hill Road, Reading, PA 19608

If you are interested in more information about attending, please scan the QR code to fill out this form!

It will **really** help us to plan for childcare, snacks, & other things!

Questions?
contact
outreachmhc@mohnshill.org

Fairmount 37th Annual Benefit Auction & Pork BBQ

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

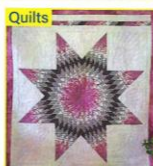
In-person

New Covenant
Mennonite Fellowship
529 E. Farmersville Rd.
New Holland, PA 17557

Auction starts at
9:00 AM



**Pork BBQ
Sandwich!**



37th Annual Benefit Auction & Pork BBQ Saturday, September 12, 2026

Schedule of Events:

6:30 AM Country Breakfast
6:30 AM Flea Market Opens
8:00 AM Auction Registration Begins
8:30 AM Singing Group, Sunnyside Quartet
9:00 AM Auctions Begin
9:00 AM Children's Activities
(Rides, Games, & Prizes)
9:00 AM Silent Auction Opens
(Featuring "Dining for Dollars")
10:00 AM until sold out - Pork BBQ (eat-in)
10:30 AM until sold out - Pork BBQ
(drive through - New Covenant)
10:00 AM Candy Drop (weather permitting)
11:30 AM Song & Prayer
1:30 PM Silent Auction Closes

Auctions: Starting at 9:00 AM

9:30 AM	Theme Baskets	Block 1
10:00 AM	Quilts & Wall Hangings	Block 1
10:30 AM	Furniture (also online bidding)	Block 2
11:45 AM	Specialty Items	Block 1
12:00 PM	Specialty Items	Block 2
12:30 PM	Lawn Furniture & Plants	Block 2
1:45 PM	Children's Auction	

This year's **in-person** auction will be held at New Covenant Mennonite Fellowship.
529 E. Farmersville Rd.
New Holland, PA 17557

For more information scan the QR code below.



Proceeds from this event will go to our Sharing Fund.

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Ephrata, PA 17522

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SEPTEMBER 5 & 7

SOLANCO FAIRGROUNDS
101 Park Avenue, Quarryville

PROCEEDS BENEFIT: **HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE**
A program of Choices Healthcare

WIN A 2026 CHEVY TRAX!

REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at
Swamp Lutheran Church
every 2nd Wednesday of the month
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Call 717.755.0345 or 717.556.2849
to let us know you are coming

New extended hours to fit your needs

Community Events



Seeking Safety

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT SEEK SAFETY FROM TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based group therapy program that focuses on coping skills in the present moment for persons with past trauma and substance abuse.

Many people affected by trauma may turn to addictive behaviors to try to manage difficult feelings. Learn to navigate triggers and successfully build a life of safety, security and wellbeing. People do not share stories of their traumas, but instead look towards the future and practice new ways to cope, safely.

Seeking Safety is a free, open-enrollment group. Participants may join the group at any point, and receive a certificate after participating in 10 complete sessions. This program is open to the community.

Classes funded in part by the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency.



Please register >>> www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered/

HELD YEAR-ROUND

Held Via Zoom
Wednesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required – please do so at www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered/.



Questions? Contact education@cobys.org or 717-435-8139.

Join us at Peter's Porch!



• 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517
717.336.2141
www.FaithUnited-elca.org

• 2nd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Lititz Mennonite Church
165 East Front Street
Lititz, PA 17543
717.626.8327
www.LititzMC.org

• 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Zion Lutheran Church
435 Main Street
Akron, PA 17543
717.859.2100
www.ZionAkron.org

• 4th Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church
2420 Kissel Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
717.569.6051
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors
There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches

First Friday Food Drive

On the First Friday of each month
Between 3:00pm-5:00pm
Drop off items at Warehouse 916

PLEASE NOTE:

All unexpired, unopened, nonperishable food donations are accepted. We list the items we REALLY need on our website each month and on Facebook. Thank you!

FOOD ITEMS:

Canned Chicken
Salsa (mild)
Green Chilis (4 oz. can)
Black Olives
Egg Noodles (1 lb.)
Ramen Noodles
Mushrooms
Ketchup
Mustard
Relish

OTHER ITEMS:

Body Wash
Shampoo
Deodorant
Picnic
Products – Plates
Napkins
Cups
Sun Screen

Gluten Free Food Items –
Soup, Pasta

For More Information or Questions,
Contact our Office at 717-336-7797.



Bethlehem Bus Trip

Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata invites you to join a Bus Trip to Bethlehem, "The Christmas City", on December 3. Start the day with two hours of shopping at Christkindlmarkt, a one-of-a-kind holiday event. Lunch will follow at Edge Restaurant, where you will experience a gourmet meal in a casual upscale atmosphere. Then free time on Main Street in Bethlehem. For the afternoon, we meet our certified step-on guide from Historic Bethlehem who will share the stories of the community and the Moravian traditions that helped shape the city. Cost is \$159.00 per person. For more information and registration form, call or text, Laurel Kluck, 717-701-0266. Registration deadline is October 13.

GRIEF SHARE

Grief recovery support groups

GriefShare

Weekly Support Group

Sundays- Sept. 13th-Nov. 25th

Time: 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Mohns Hill EC Church- Cafe

708 Mohn Hill Rd. Sinking Spring

This is a 13 week cycle to help navigate from a grief journey to a healing destination.

For more information

Please call 610-775-3667



REAL Life COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are a non-profit community services ministry serving Northern Lancaster County. We do everything possible to connect the community to Hope through partnerships, collaborations, and building purposeful relationships by meeting people's physical and emotional needs.

What We Offer:

- Faith-Based Social Services
- Affordable Housing Units
- Homelessness Prevention
- Food Distribution
 - Power Packs
 - Client Choice Shopping
 - Emergency Food Boxes
- Momentum - a Youth Mentoring Program
- Young at Heart - a Program for those 60 and older
- Parent as Teacher (PAT) Program
- Operation Warm
- Project Christmas Presents
- Back to School Backpacks
- Volunteer Opportunities, and More...

Scan here to visit our website



240 Main St., Suite B, Denver, PA 17517 717-336-7797 or email info@realcs.org



Lighthouse YOUTH CENTER

Come join us at the Lighthouse Youth Center!

Must be Cocalico School District Middle or High School students

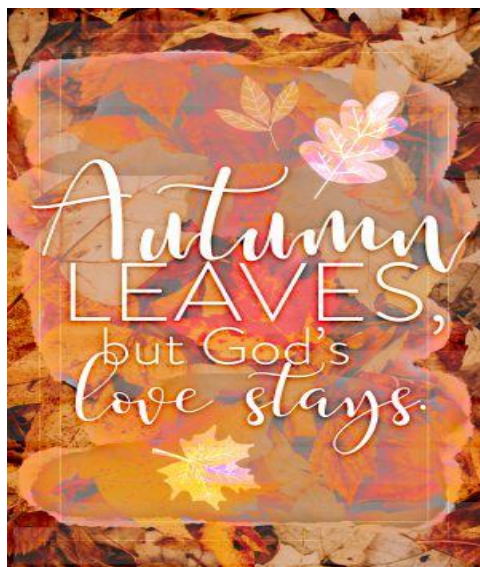
Youth Night: Tuesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

To register, go online at realcs.org/youth-center

Or if you would like more information, call our office at 717-336-7797



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