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FAITH ON 68

# The Community View

Faith Community United Methodist Church  
Riverview United Methodist Church  
Faith on Jefferson, Faith on 68, Riverview UMC



February–March 2021

*Growing in Faith . . . Growing in Service . . . Growing in Christ!*

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# God Continues To Bless Us!

# And Uses Us To Bless Others!



Evie Whipple helping Dad with New Church Sign



Marsha distributing Food for Feed My People

Jodee Teaching Kids



Packing Christmas Shoe Boxes



## WORDS FROM Pastor Luke



### Greetings to those of the church who are near and those scattered abroad!

As I am writing, we had just flipped over a new calendar year less than two weeks ago. There was, for many of us, an emotional attachment to seeing this year go. We believed that in getting out of the year prior and into 2021 we would feel relief from all the burdens of the year that was.

But we quickly learned, within just a few days of the new year, that Covid19 is still affecting us -and that the country is still divided. Before all this, we were hoping to discover that throwing away last year's calendar would also toss out last year's problems. But a new year does not necessarily mean a new slate.

If you felt disappointed to discover that, you are not alone. I have felt the same disappointment. The change of this year, however, had me reflecting on some Greek words that I have learned in my biblical studies. These are words that have to do with **'time'**.

In the Greek language of the New Testament, there are several different words that express

different ideas about time.

First, the Greek word **chronos** (where we get our English word - "chronology") is used for 'time' in many places in the New Testament. This is "**measurement time** ." In other words, **chronos times** are the minutes, hours, days, and months that we measure. This is the time God created when God set the planets and stars into motion. It is the ticking clock of our universe. And this is the most common way we think about time. In fact, it is what we celebrate on New Year's Day - **we are restarting our count of the days and months of the year.**

But the biblical Greek uses another word for 'time' called **kairos**. It means the "opportune time." In our language today, we often talk about this idea in terms of "the moment." We often use phrases like "a moment to shine," "a moment of truth," or "a moment of opportunity." These types of moments are similar to what the bible means when it describes kairos. They are times when truly unique things can happen.

In the New Testament, you can see kairos used quite often to talk about Jesus and the moment when he arrived here. For example, in Mark 1 - John the Baptist announces to the world that Jesus has come. He says, "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand." When John says the "time is fulfilled" - he is not saying, "It's a new year! Say Goodbye to last year's problems!" Rather, he is saying, "This is kairos - we are at a special moment. God is moving! It's a moment of opportunity to experience the grace of God, because Jesus is here!"

## FROM PASTOR Luke continued

Through Jesus, we are given special moments. They are moments to see our lives deeply and radically impacted by Him. In kairos moments – broken hearts are restored, the sick are healed, dry spirits are refreshed, whole churches can experience revival.

So, as we live through the first months of this year - and I believe the closing months of the Covid19 pandemic - how will you spend your time? Will you live over the next few months stuck in the lulls of disappointment? Will you just accept that most of 2021 felt similar to the year prior? OR do you see this as an opportune time? Perhaps, Jesus wants to do something specific in your life! Perhaps, these next few months are the perfect time for God to begin a new work in you!

Perhaps, God is ready to use these next few months to prepare us as a church for something refreshing, renewing, and life-changing. That's what I am hoping for. May the first portion of the year be a time to prepare and seek for kairos moments ! Pray for it! Fast for it! Ask God again and again for it! And I trust that the Lord will "reward those who diligently seek him."

(Hebrews 11:6).

*Rev. Luke a. Whipple*

### ***Are you a member of Faith Community? Would you like to Be?***

Membership is the formal way we recognize your commitment to our church community. Pastor Luke will be leading 4 online membership classes. In those classes, he will guide you in obtaining a better understanding belonging to the church, what is Methodism, and what is your role in the church. **If you are interested in finding out where you fit, email Pastor Luke or call the church office to reach him or leave a message. Present members may also attend.**

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**See page 7 for more details**



"We are still live streaming our service from Faith on 68 each week. Please take a moment to share a service through Facebook

with your friends and family, spreading our social networking also allows us to reach more people for Christ each week. Even those who are not physically able to attend.

Again, please help share what your church is doing on the internet, and who knows, maybe we'll reach people for Christ that otherwise would not have heard what God is doing right here in their own backyard!

## Financial Update from Skip



Dear Friends;

On behalf of our Finance Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to give you a brief update on our church finances; how we ended 2020 and our 2021 budget position.

We ended 2020 with a strong, approximately \$50,000 balance in our Current, Operating Fund. This result is primarily attributed to:

1. Your commitment to continuing your regular giving in spite of challenges to attend worship services and other church related events. Your dedication to finding a way to continue giving was remarkable, and we THANK YOU!
2. Our good friends at Riverview Church maintained their generous contribution toward pastor expenses and they provide the Pastor's parsonage;
3. Reduction in pastor's compensation and benefit costs beginning in July; and
4. The \$30,030 Payroll Protection (PPP) Loan that we applied for and received last May from the Federal CARES Program.

Our Board of Trustees manages their own funds, separate from the church operating fund. They have been able to complete several significant projects at both Jefferson Street and 68 with funds from generous contributions, income from our trust accounts and the very generous contribution from the Widmer family in memory of Aloha Widmer. In addition, the Trustees facilitated sale of our parsonage for the gross amount of \$155,000. After payment of closing costs and one of the loans that supported construction of our day care center, a little more than \$44,000 remains in a Trustee account for support of building and related costs. We continue to make monthly payments on the remaining loan (for day care center) with a balance of approximately \$36,000.

So, we have a good fund balance going into January to support our 2021 budget. The budget is based on giving being maintained at 2020 levels or better, resumption of operation of our day care center by mid-year and minimal, if any, repayment of the PPP Loan. We have not yet submitted our Loan Forgiveness Application for approval.

Thank you for your gifts, your prayers and all that you do for our church. If you have any questions about financial related issues, please contact me by phone, 724-601-3695 or email; or, contact any member of our Finance Committee. Blessings to all, Skip Homan



**Can you be an e-Giver? Yes You Can! It just takes a few clicks on your device!**

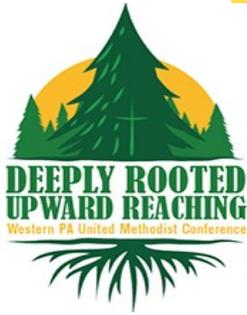
***"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."(2 Corinth. 9:7)***

The new offering envelopes for 2021 should be in your hands by now. But there's a way you can make your offering to our Faith Community easier. **No more writing checks. No more looking for stamps. No more leaving your envelope behind on the desk or kitchen table when you leave for church.**

You can make it easy on yourself by setting up weekly, monthly, or annual giving electronically through our secure link from our website or even use texting. If you prefer, you can make a single offering each week through the webpage also.

**Do you need to make a special offering? Simply designate that in the "memo" line. All you have to do to give your tithes and offerings is visit the link below!**

<https://www.faithcomumchurch.org/giving>



## Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching Campaign is Bearing Fruit!

The Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching Campaign promoting the Western Pennsylvania Conference camps and retreats is bearing fruit from our Faith Community/Riverview Charge. We made a 3 year commitment for \$500 per year & 2021 is our last year.

For 2019 we collected \$1,264; 2020 \$809. **We collect the change which is dropped in the container the first Sunday of each month.**

**Together, the churches in our Charge have raised \$2,103.50 .** What's truly amazing is that almost all of this was raised simply by contributing loose change. Please look for the container each Sunday and donate the loose change in your pocket or purse.

The Conference is promoting this campaign to raise no less than \$2.5 million but with an upward goal of \$5 million. The Conference Camping and Retreat Ministries service over 20,000 people each year through camps, program retreats and other ministry opportunities. These ministries are divided between six unique locations: At the Lake Ministries, Camp Allegheny, Healthy Village Learning Institute, Jumonville, Wesley Woods, and the favorite of the women on our Charge, the lovely Olmsted Manor. All of these entities serve our faith development.



**Thanks for Your Support!**

### New Yearly Offering Envelopes Are Here!

For your convenience, they are available at Faith on Jefferson St and Faith on 68.

They can be picked up on Sunday or during the week. Personal tithe receipts also there.

To pick up one at Faith on 68, please call ahead or email Pastor Luke as there are not regular office hours at Faith on 68.

Many thanks and may you be Blessed Abundantly for your faithfulness in giving.



You can find us on Facebook at "Riverview United Methodist Church," "Faith on 68," or "Faith Community United Methodist Church." Please don't forget to like, share, and follow us! Want to stay clued-in to everything that's happening in our churches? Go to [Faithcomchurch.org](http://Faithcomchurch.org) or [riverviewumchurchbf.org](http://riverviewumchurchbf.org).

# Ministry Opportunities

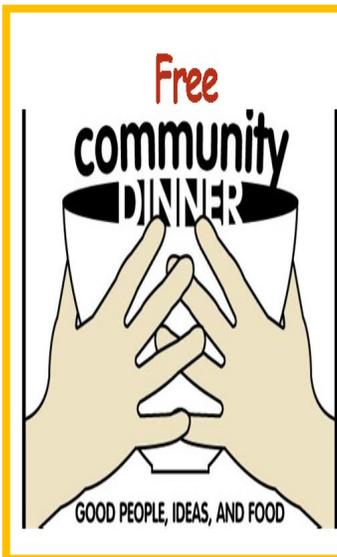
*Don't just go to church. Be the church.*

**Faith on 68 Passion Team: Casting Call!** - We are looking for some people that are passionate about the ministry and worship of our church! We are looking for people to help with the following...

**WORSHIP** *(not the band...this is the nuts and bolts such as scheduling, communion stewards, folding bulletins and newsleteters, ushers & greeters, preparing for communion and baptism etc., and we are also looking for someone gifted with...*

## SOCIAL NETWORKING / INTERNET PRESENCE

*(essentially, helping get a buzz out online by posting for us, helping get the word out with our live-streaming of the service, helping to be an admin on FB, twitter, instagram, or whatever happens to be trending these days...we don't know what that is...but if you do, you're perfect for this!)*



## Community Dinners Have Resumed On Tuesday, Feb 23th- 4:30-6 PM

Dinners resume as part of our outreach to the people of Rochester. Until restrictions are lifted dinners will be take-out/drop-off only. Help is needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Luke or Michael Beightley [msbeightle@gmail.com](mailto:msbeightle@gmail.com) or [pastor-luke@faithcomumchurch.org](mailto:pastor-luke@faithcomumchurch.org)

**Volunteers are needed to help with preparing the meals, and distributing the meals at the church or around the neighborhood. Dinners will continue every last Tues of the month. (Feb 23, March 30, and April 27)**

## ***Sunday School Teachers needed @ Faith on 68***

We are still looking for teachers to help lead our children in Sunday School .Requirements & Commitment would include child clearances *(we'll help you with that for free!)*. This volunteer position would also require discussing curriculum with the other teacher(s), making sure that things were ready for the start of class *(ie. glue, craft stuff, video, things like that...)* and a dedication to see our kids grow in love of Christ! If interested, please see Pastor



## **"The Open Door Sunday School Class"**

is continuing to sell candy bars to cover the cost of the Good Sa-



maritan shoe boxes at Christmas. Candy bars are \$1 & are sold at both Faith

campuses. Just take one and place a dollar in the basket. **YUM**



# NEW MEMBERS CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

## For the New Year!

New Membership Course begins in March ( if there's enough interest).

Pastor Luke will be leading the new On-line 4 week membership course. Those who would like to become members of Faith Community UMC or Riverview UMC will need to participate. **(Present members who are interested in some of the topics can join as well.)**

Riverview UMC will need to participate. **(Present members who are interested in some of the topics can join as well.)**

The 4 courses will last around 1 hour each. **Topics include:**

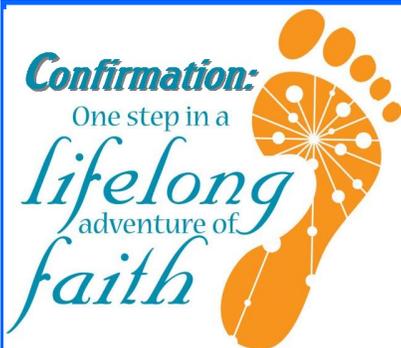
1. What is the church? ( founding, character, calling, history of our local churches?)
2. What is Methodism? (Part 1 - history, and purpose aka 'how we got here?' )
3. What is Methodism? (Part 2 - the Wesleyan Way aka 'what we should be doing?')
4. Your role in the church.

To participate - please email Pastor Luke ( [pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org](mailto:pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org) ) or call the Church at 724-775-3447



Grief Share is held in Wesley Room on Thursday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm. Grief Share is a group counseling program to help those that have lost someone dear to them. For more information, please call the church office at 724-775-3447.

### Confirmation or Baptism?



College Ave UMC (Beaver, PA) recently contacted me to see if anyone from our congregations are interested in confirmation. Confirmation is for those who are already baptized and wish to "proclaim their faith" before the church.

Typically, confirmation has been offered to teens (12-16). Actually, confirmation can be provided for anyone who wants to affirm their love of Jesus and the living presence of the Holy Spirit

in their lives. So whether young or old, typical or non-typical, you can get confirmed. If there are those in our congregation who have not been baptized and would like to be, let pastor know..

Anyone in these categories - wanting to be baptized or wanting to confirm your baptism - just contact Pastor Luke ( [pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org](mailto:pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org) ) or call 724-622-7763 so he can plan for these.



### NU2U will set up on Friday Feb 12 at 1PM. Clothing Giveaway is Sat. Feb 13, 10 AM to 1PM.



Volunteers are needed to sort clothing, see picture below, Friday afternoon and Saturday at 1PM to help prepare leftover clothing for the March giveaway. Much clothing has been donated and there is a great need for volunteers to help sort it. March dates are the 12th and 13th at the same times as Feb. Contact pastor or church office for more details.



## Other Opportunities

### **DISMANTLING RACISM**

**PRESSING ON TO FREEDOM**

**UMC.org/EndRacism**

#### Dismantling Racism

Each month, the WPAUMC Action Pledge Team, posts suggested "tasks" and articles related to Anti-Racism Movement. The "January Tasks" emphasizes education. In order to tackle racism in our own churches and become a truly antiracist

denomination, it is necessary to confront the past. The January post includes articles that outline the history of racism in our denomination and U.S. Christianity as a whole. The website to access this information is [actionpledge@wpaumc.org](mailto:actionpledge@wpaumc.org)

*What can we do to make a difference?*

**Pray & Sing With  
Pastor @ 3 PM each  
Mon- Jefferson St.**

Please Contact Tracy Wilson  
at 724-494-7579 or  
tracywilson1103@gmail.com

or Pastor to make requests  
or become a part of this  
Prayer Warrior Group right  
from your own home.



**TIME  
OF  
PRAYER**  
Agree with us in prayer



February 7 will be Scout Sunday at Faith on Jefferson St. with the Scout Pack we sponsor.

## Spring Forward



**Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
begins  
Sunday**

**(Change @ Bedtime Sat Nite)**

**March 14, 2021**

There will be no inspirations book club in January or February. Our next meeting will be set for March 31 pending any covid restrictions. The book is "The Love Story of Missy Charmichael" by Beth Morrey. Please RSVP by text or call Carol Campbell at 724-987-2652. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at Grand Valley Inn.

# INSPIRATIONS





# Holy Week & Easter Events

The beginning of Lent is marked by many with ashes, hence the name Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday (**Feb 17 this year**) is the first day of Lent, and Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter Sunday, which is Sun-

day, April 4 this year. The observance of Lent spans 40 days, ending on the Saturday before Easter

The last week of Lent is called **Holy Week** and includes Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday (technically not a fasting day), Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Friday, and Holy Saturday or Black Saturday.

Unlike Advent, which is a time of celebration and excitement looking forward to an arrival, **Lent is observed in a more solemn way preparing for and reflecting on Jesus' sacrificial death.** But at the end of Lent is **Easter Sunday, and that is the most joyous celebration because our Savior Jesus Christ was resurrected and lives on.** Because of his death and resurrection, we are offered new life to live as covenant children in the kingdom of God forever.

**Ash Wed is Feb 17 and begins Lent (11 AM and 7PM at Riverview-all invited- no ashes imposed due to Covid.)**

**Palm Sunday, March 28 Begins Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday – April 1, commemorates the foot washing– Faith on Jefferson**

**Good Friday April 2, commemorates crucifixion-**

**Easter Sunday, April 4, Sunrise Service– Riverview 6:30 am & 9 am- Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over sin and death.**

**Easter Day Service-Jefferson at 10 am and Faith on 68 at 11 am**



Passion Teams continue to meet monthly and look forward to fellowship opportunities, in-person gatherings, and planning shared dinners by the Spring. **We are hopeful!**

As we journey through Lent, we anticipate lifted restrictions and a return to some normalcy. See services mentioned above. Remember, it is possible Covid restrictions will still apply.



**Remember- All Sunday Services Can Be Watched On-line, or TV Depending on Your Device! Just use the Links Below:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Faithonjefferson/videos>

<https://www.facebook.com/FaithOn68/videos/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverviewUnitedMC/videos>

After Restrictions Lifted	Divine Sisterhood– no meetings due to covid	
Monday's	Prayer at 3 PM	Jefferson
Wed. Every week	Mid-Week Worship w/Communion	Riverview UMC
Wed. Feb 10, Mar 10	Admin Meeting—6 PM	Riverview UMC
Every Thursday	Grief Share—6-7:30 pm– Wesley Room	Faith on Jefferson
Every Saturday	N/A—noon-2	Faith on 68
Every Last Tue– Pick up	Free Community Dinner— 4:30 pm– Help needed	Faith on Jefferson
1st Monday each month	Passion Teams— ( combined every other month)	Jefferson & 68
Wed March 31	Inspirations– see page 8	Grand Valley
Thurs Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Grief Share—6:30 PM–page	Wesley Room
Thurs Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Grief Share—6:30 PM–page	Wesley Room
Fri Feb 12	Nu-2-U Clothing Closet Setup Day—1:00 pm	Faith on Jefferson
Sat Feb 13	Nu-2-U Clothing Closet—10:00 –1:00 pm	Faith on Jefferson
Fri Mar 12	Nu-2-U Clothing Closet Setup Day—1:00 pm	Faith on Jefferson
Sat Mar 13	Nu-2-U Clothing Closet—10:00 –1:00 pm	Faith on Jefferson

*Watch e-news, and all bulletins for information on changes or more upcoming Events! You'll be glad you did so you won't miss out on Blessings that are in store for you!*



The next issue of Faith Community—Riverview News Letter will cover April, May and June. Please send Betty (baballen123@gmail.com) any information or pictures of events in February -March, or information on upcoming events, meetings etc for April, May, and June.

In order to prepare the newsletter, print, fold, label, mail, etc., **please** start sending me information as soon as you know it. Deadline for all submissions is March 16, 2021. Please plan early especially for Easter, retreats, Bible School, Rummage, Battle loaves, etc. **Please** don't wait til the last minute as I also have other obligations. Others who print, fold, label, etc have other obligations also. **It is our desire to get the newsletter out to every one before April 1. May God Bless You for your Help!!!**

*If you have not received a digital issue in the past and would like to, please send me your email or text phone number requesting it.*



# MEMORIALS

October 2020/JANUARY , 2021

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT:

CARMEN BARBARO Donald Flick, Dave & Mary Haney, George Pettibon, Debby Roberts

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT:

AARON GEORGE Rich & Marsha George

TRUSTEE'S FUND

CARMEN BARBARO

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*constant love*  
*caring* OF *friends*  
 SOFTEN YOUR SADNESS  
 MAY  
*cherished*  
*memories*  
 BRING YOU  
*moments of comfort*  
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 SURROUND YOUR  
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*In Loving Memory*

# News to Use From Faith Community



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## New Worship Times:

### Faith on Jefferson UMC

Traditional Service Sundays @ 10 AM

Riverview: 9:00 AM Sunday,

Mid-week Communion Wed @ 11 AM

Faith on 68: Contemporary Service

Sunday @ 11 am

Office Hours: see page 1



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