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The Community View

Faith Community United Methodist Church
Riverview United Methodist Church

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

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God Continues To Bless Us!



VBS-Great Success. raised \$560 for Hurricane Relief

Back to School Bash

There were Abundant Blessings for all volunteers and attendees!



And Uses Us For His Glory To Bless Others!



You can find us on Facebook at "Riverview United Methodist Church," "Faith on 68," or "Faith on Jefferson UMC." Don't forget to like, share, and follow us! Want to stay clued-in to everything that's happening in our churches? Go to Faithcr.org or riverviewum.org.

Words From Pastor Luke from Church Conference

Reflections, September 23, 2021

“We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are *transient*, but the things that are unseen are *eternal*.”

-2 Corinthians 4:18



Dear Church,

Each year at church conference we include in the packet of church business this letter. In these brief words, it's my responsibility as your pastor to give you some perspective on the state of the church. That is a big job to do! In many ways, I believe this responsibility is tied to the words given to us in 2 Corinthians 4:18. In that passage, we are encouraged to be people who look not only to “seen” things but also that which is “unseen.” In other words, there are valuable, eternal things that can be only seen through the eyes of faith.

The eyes of faith allow us to see through the obvious and to the eternal.

As I think about this past year of ministry, there are some obvious things to see and celebrate. I celebrate the fact that our churches have gotten through the brunt of this pandemic. It is not over, but things at this point feel much different and far more positive than they did in the spring and winter of 2020. Another thing to see is the good financial footing the churches are in. The faithful people of God have been faithful in supporting the church. Because of that, we are not going into this next year fiscally flat-footed. Rather, we are leaning in the positive direction. I, also, am celebrating the new things you allowed me to lead you in as a pastor. We have combined services at points of the year to bring the body of Christ together as one, we have restructured our administration and meeting agendas in different ways, we have attempted new outreach endeavors, reinvested in children's ministry, adopted new logos and vision statements, and renewed our commitment to ministries that have been on hiatus due to the pandemic.

That is a glimpse of the things that have happened over the past year. In other words, this is the ministry and life of the church that can be “seen.” But what about the *unseen*?

I have to believe that all of these positive signs are pointing us in a direction of hope. Financial stability, efforts at renewed ministry, and a desire for outreach to the community are signposts of an outward facing church. It's proof that you believe there is a future for us as churches, and that there is still plenty of ministry work to do.

I am not saying that we are fully there yet. But I do believe the Holy Spirit is guiding us in the direction we seem to be heading. The Spirit of God is providing us opportunities to move forward, to embrace the mission we are called to do as a church - *to reach this broken world with the love and hope of Jesus Christ*. With every dollar we invest in ministry, with every new soul we welcome into the life of the church, and with every person (*whether young or old*) that we invest in their spiritual growth and discipleship - those are the eternal things that are being revealed. That is the kingdom work that lasts beyond anything else we can build, say, or do.

WORDS FROM PASTOR LUKE Continued

I would not want you to think I am giving you pie-in-the-sky optimism. Life on this side of eternity will have challenges. We experience the heartache of losing people in our church community due to their indifference, brokenness, offences, and sometimes death. We will feel frustrated or exhausted by the messiness of church. But I know and believe that while the difficulty is real, it is only another thing that is "seen." In other words it is merely transitory. It's a momentary affliction on the road to eternal glory.

As we look to the latter quarter of 2021 and into the next year, it seems to me that many people in Riverview and Faith Community are hoping for another positive step forward as churches. You have shown me, as your pastor, that you are open to change, new ideas, and investment in ministry in order to take those steps. So my question to you is: Are you willing to come with me a little farther? Are you willing to run after the vision a little longer? Are you willing to see through these temporal things we do as a church for the eternal value that lies within them?

- Are you willing to pray for a move of God?
- Are you willing to, personally, speak life to a broken heart?
- Are you willing to invite a wayward soul back to church?
- Are you ready to serve in ways that bring you into new ministry and avails you to new people?

I have chosen to go in that direction. Are you coming with me? With deep love as your pastor,
Rev. Luke Whipple

Save the Date For Baby Whipple

Hosted by Faith Community and Riverview UMC All are invited!

Sunday Oct 24 After Worship @ Faith 68

BABY SHOWER

PRAYER CHAIN

To Join our Prayer Warriors or Request Prayer

Please Call Pastor Luke @ 724-622-7763

"We are now live streaming our service from Faith 68 each week. Please take a moment to share a service through Facebook with your friends and family, stretching our social networking also allows us to reach more people for Christ reach week. Even those who are not physically able to attend.



That being said, this is the perfect time to start giving online! With new people experiencing our ministry in an online forum, it is great that we have an option for giving that can meet online congregants wherever they may be.

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 our own backyard!

Plea From Yard Cross Ministry

Dear Church, many of you know about “Yard Cross Ministries.” More than likely, many of you have seen the work of Yard Cross in the many thousands of wooden crosses that stand in yards all over our region. Below is a letter that was provided by Pam and Paul Vavro, this is the first time after many years of ministry, for making a formal request for financial support. Please read.

-Pastor Luke

Dear friends in Christ,

Most people throughout Beaver Falls, Ellwood City, Sarver, Ekastown, Saxonburg, New Castle, and other areas of Beaver Valley have seen me sitting on the tailgate of my old truck handing out Yard Crosses. The Yard Cross Ministry is an outreach program that is affiliated with Riverview United Methodist Church in Paterson twp.

We started out with a handful of 50 crosses in November of 2009. My wife Pam and I stood at the rear of our truck after services were over, on a cold, Sunday morning in order to hand out the Yard Crosses at our church. That morning, we went home with 49 of the 50 crosses and wondered what we were to do with all of them. Well, it took about 3 weeks to hand out the remaining crosses; we thought we were done. By October of 2020, however, we had handed out a total of 24,486 Yard Crosses.

Pam and I funded the ministry through August 2011 and gave all of the donations we received to our church’s elevator fund. After that, we had to use the donations we received in order to buy more lumber and supplies simply because Pam and I could no longer afford to purchase everything out of our own pocket. We are very active in the towns of Ellwood City, Franklin Twp., and New Castle with the crosses. To date, we have purchased 70,000 feet of lumber and 45, 625 wood screws. When we make the crosses, our electric bill climbs to \$250-\$300 a month. We also go through, at least, \$100 per week in gasoline when we are traveling around to hand out crosses.

The free Yard Cross Ministry is in need of your financial help. Any help that you might supply will be greatly appreciated. A tax deductible donation to help further the reach of the Yard Cross Ministry can be sent to:

The Yard Cross Ministry
1603 West 9th Street
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
Phone: 724-561-3878

Checks Made to : RUMC/Cross Fund

See Article on Web

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/beaver-falls-mans-ministry-brings-crosses-to-town/article_ab1437e1-30ec-51c9-aa24-c058bc60871d.html

Through Christ everything is possible....

Paul K. and Pam Vavro



Operation Christmas Shoebox & Other Ministries



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Pick yours up to fill for needy children. The cardboard boxes are free & the plastic boxes are \$2.

The cost of shipping is \$9 per box. Pray for who gets your box and bring the filled box by **Sunday, Nov. 15**. Brochures give packing ideas. For more information go to samaritanaspurse.org/occ

Anderson Candy Bars are also being sold for 1\$ each to help with this and future projects.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, **Faith Community/ Riverview UMC partners with Samaritan's Purse** along with other local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Boxes will be available at both Faith and Riverview Churches.

Filled boxes are due in church no later than November 21.

All boxes will be taken to the local collection site where they will be sent to a child in

need somewhere in the world, including United States.

Cost for shipping is \$9.00. Payment can be in the form of a check or done online. Please **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Preprinted boxes will be available and provided by the Open Door Adult Sunday School class free of charge. A small number of plastic shoe boxes will be available for a \$2.00 purchase. **How to fill a shoebox: Start with a "WOW" item! Suggestions are in the boxes or ONLINE-** For more information, please contact Pam Gill at 724-728-0287.

Pack a Gift Box for Mental Health Association Friends (it will be similar to Operation Christmas Child, but with items for adults in the program). More information coming soon!



Amen TO ACTION

You Can Make A Difference In 2021...

- **Volunteer** to pack food at one of the Amen-to-Action November 2021 events
- **Donate** to help provide the one million meals that will be packed in November 2021!

*There is power in our commitment to unity.
There is power in our commitment to service.*

AMEN TO ACTION IS ALL ABOUT BOTH!

Also, Faith Community will be participating in the Beaver County location for **Amen to Action**. Beaver Presbyterian church is leading the planning. See the links below for more information. Faith Community has been scheduled to help-

**BEAVER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
(8:30 AM – 12:00 PM)**

<https://ametoaction.org/> <https://ametoaction.org/volunteer/>



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Don't wait for Deadline for submissions Tue. Dec 22- Thanks

Thanks & Blessings to All that Support Our Ministries

Ministry Opportunities

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

Tuesday Nov 2
Nov 2 Election Day
 Soup Sale @ Riverview
 7\$ Qt- Noon til sold out- Ham & Bean, Chicken Noodle, & Potato

Riverview
 Sat Oct 9
Church Rummage Sale
 8 am-2pm

Pre- Orders can be called in at Riverview and picked up! 724-843-3620

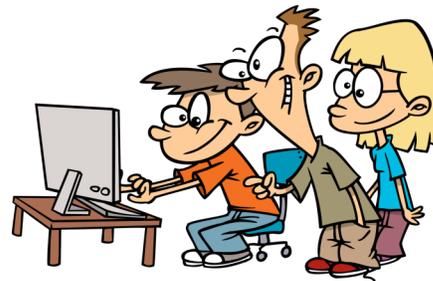


SOCIAL NETWORKING / INTERNET PRESENCE

(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 FaceBook, Web Site, 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!)

Pastor Luke can use help.

Assistant for Faith 68 Media Team is needed as back up for Betty Allen (in case of illness, bad weather etc.). Please contact Betty if you are interested in being trained for this essential position of inserting sermon slides, and announcements into the computer used for Worship. It can be done on Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning before service. Basic computer skills & email are required. Please Contact Pastor (pastor-luke@faithcomumchurch.org)



or Betty (baballen123@gmail.com) or 757-328-7344 cell.

Pray about Using those gifts and talents you've been Blessed with for the



WOW!!!

Over 1150 Apple Dumplings Made and Sold at Riverview in September. The sale netted approximately \$3500 profit to be used for special needs or projects. Many thanks to all!

Worship Services



Christmas Services

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 7PM | FAMILY ORIENTED | FAITH ON 68

CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30PM | TRADITIONAL | FAITH ON JEFFERSON ST.

Sunday November 7, 11am - ALL SAINTS WORSHIP - Faith on Jefferson (Lunch follows).

Sunday December 19, 7pm at 68 (alternative Christmas Eve - Family/evangelistic)

Friday December 24th - Christmas Eve - Jefferson. Time TBA

Sunday Dec 26– Normal Services– Check Bulletins, or e-news for more Service information.

For the November 7 service, we would like to honor those saints who have gone onto glory. If you would like to have a family member, friend, or church member who passed away in the last year recognized as part of our "All-Saints Worship Service."

Please contact Pastor Luke with that person's name:

email: pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org or by phone 724-622-7763



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

FAITH COMMUNITY

Hanging of the Greens

FAITH ON JEFFERSON | Following our 10am service

FAITH ON 68 | Monday Nov. 22, 6-8pm

ALL OUR WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE DECORATE OUR WORSHIP LOCATIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Capital Campaign

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY

FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest"
Leviticus 23:10

In 2022, our church will begin a 5 year campaign to raise funds for upcoming building maintenance. **First Fruits Sunday** will be the beginning of that campaign. *Come with a gift to plant a seed.*

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE MAILED.



Calendar Oct/ Nov/Dec *of Events*

Date	Events	Where
One Monthly– TBA	Beaver County Youth Gatherings– Check Bulletins etc for Info– p9	Location TBA-
Oct -Nov	Anderson Candy Bar Sale for Operation Child Shoe Box– p 10	Faith Community
Oct 4– Nov 1– Dec 6	Passion Team Meetings– Location TBA (1st Mon)	TBA
Oct -Dec Every Sunday	Open Door Adult Class at 9AM– see p 10	Jefferson– Hebrews Cafe
Oct 3– Sunday	World Communion Sunday– Bring Special Offering– see p 11	RV, Jefferson, Faith 68
Oct 6-Dec. 29–Every Wed.	Mid-Week Worship w/Communion 11:00—Noon	Riverview UMC
Oct –Dec Thur @ noon	Prayer Walk moves inside if bad weather for devotion & prayer	Jefferson
Oct 9– Nov 13– Dec 11	NU2U Clothing Distribution– Help Needed Friday before-see p. 11	Jefferson
Oct 9	Rummage Sale– 8am-2pm– see p 6	Riverview
Oct 10– Sunday	Pastor Appreciation Day and all of Oct– Show your appreciation	All churches
Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8	6 PM Riverview Administrative Board Meets (2nd Wed)	Riverview
Oct 19 & Nov 16-Tue	Noon-UM Women meet, bring Thank Offering– page 11	Jefferson– Hebrews Cafe
Oct 24- Sunday	Baby Shower for Baby Whipple after service—see p 3	Faith on 68
Oct 26 & Nov 30	Community Dinner every last Tue except Dec– see page 10	Faith on Jefferson
Oct 27, Nov 17, Jan 26	Inspirations Book Club 6:30 PM– see page 10– must RSVP	Grand Valley
Nov 2, Tues	Election Day Soup Sale– see page 6	Riverview
Nov 3, Wed	Trustees Meeting 6 pm	Jefferson
Nov 7– 12 AM	Daylight Saving Ends– Turn Clocks Back Before Bed Nov 6	Everyone
Nov 7, Sunday	All Saints Service 9 AM (combined service) see page 7	Jefferson
Nov 14– Sunday	Last day to turn in Operation Shoeboxes– see p5	All Churches
Nov 20– Sat– see p 5	Beaver 1st Presbyterian- (8:30 am-12pm) help pack meals– p5	All Churches
Nov 21– Sunday	Hanging of Greens & Capital Campaign (see page 7)	Jefferson
Nov 22– Monday	Hanging of Greens , 6-8pm (see page 7)	Faith 68
Nov 28– Sunday	1st Sunday of Advent and Blessing of the Greens (see page 7)	All churches
Nov. 25-Thursday	Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!!!	Everyone
Date TBA	Comfort and Joy– Dinner & Christmas music—TBA	Riverview
Thur. Dec. 19– 7 PM	Family Oriented Christmas Service– (see page 7)	Faith on 68
Thur. Dec. 24– 7:30 PM	Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7 PM (see page 7)	Jefferson
Sun. Dec. 27	Regular Services at each church– No Joint services	All churches



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IN LOVING Memory

Bless You for
Your Kindness and Generosity

Of Donald & Louise Bunn From - Diana Bowden, Robert & Pam Gill

Of Peggy Curcio From - Barry Howe

Of Ralph Clifford Zahn From - Karen Zahn and family

Of Robert & Margaret Gill From - Diana Bowden, Francis & Melva Petcovie,
David & Mary Haney, Barb Noonan. George Pettibon

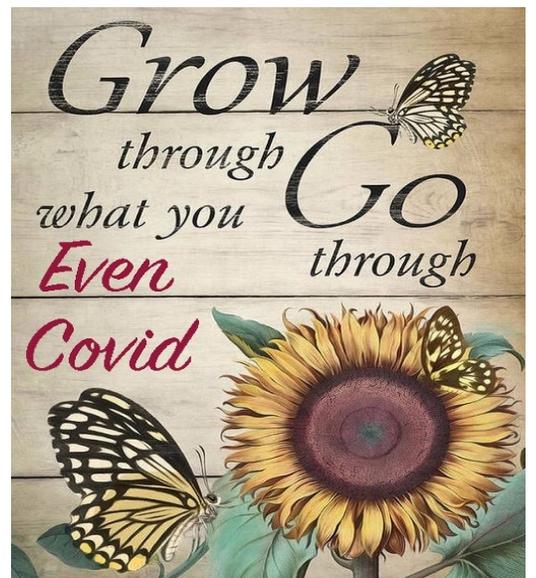
Of James Gray from George Pettibon

Contributions Made to the Faith Community United Methodist Church
in Honor of: Pastor Luke From Robert and Pam Gill

**BEAVER COUNTY
YOUTH GATHERING**

**NEXT GATHERING
TBA - Check Bulletins
6-8PM Grades 5-12**

Once
Monthly
Watch
Bulletins for
dates and
location
Contact
Pastor if
interested in
attending.
For Grades
5-12



Our Pastor is a
for everything he does. He is
always there to pick up the
and answer our
Sometimes we act like
and you probably think we're
from the
made a
of difference in
our lives. Thank you for getting us
in
condition. And thanks for
making us
you deserve
every
! You will
ALWAYS be in our hearts

October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month
We Need to
Uphold
Pastor Luke
and Family
in Prayer!

Pastor
Matthew 25:21
A pastor devoted to
giving so much,
God only knows
all the souls
that you touch.
Committed to serve
when you answered
God's call,
you prove it by being
a servant to all.

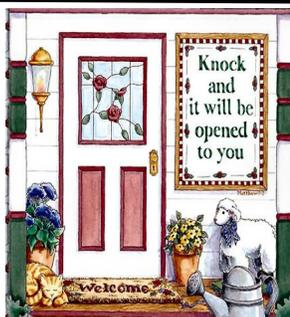
MORE OPPORTUNITIES



Community Dinners Resumed On Tuesday, Sept 28th- 4:30-6 PM

Dinners resume every last Tue of the month as part of our outreach to the people of Rochester. These dinners will be take-out/drop-off only due to the Covid 19. Help is needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Luke or Michael Beightley msbeightle@gmail.com or pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org

Volunteers are needed at 3 pm to help with preparing the meals, and distributing the meals at the church or around the neighborhood. Dinners will continue every last Tues. (Oct 26, Nov 30, None in Dec)



9:00 AM Open Door Adult Sunday School Class- Jefferson

Anderson Candy bars continue to be sold for \$1 at both locations to provide the Christmas Shoeboxes. Pam & Bob Gill are once again leading the weekly group. All are welcome to join from week to week as able. Meetings take place in the Hebrews Café from 9 AM to 9:45. Church starts @ 10



INSPIRATIONS

Wed Nov 17

No Dec Meeting

Wed Jan 26, 2022

Grand Valley Inn 6:30 PM
RSVP Carol Campbell- 724-987-2652

Battle of Loaves

HAM LOAF

VS

MEAT LOAF

**October 21, 4-6 Jefferson
Take Out Only**

Contact
Mary Haney
or Pam Gill

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
25TH ANNIVERSARY
Open Door Sunday School Selling 25% off coupons for 5\$ (which goes to Shoebox project)
On sale now at Jefferson and Faith 68
Also register to win \$100 Gift Card!

Bible STUDY
Join us!

Coming Soon!



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

150

UM Women of Jefferson St The next UM Women's meetings are **Noon Tuesday, October 19th**, and **Tuesday, Nov 16** in the Hebrews Cafe at Jefferson St. **(All women are welcome)**. Please wear masks and bring your Thank Offering Jar.

No December Meeting

Next Rummage Sale to be Friday, May 6 and Sat. May 7, 2022.
Plenty of time to donate items and plan to help.

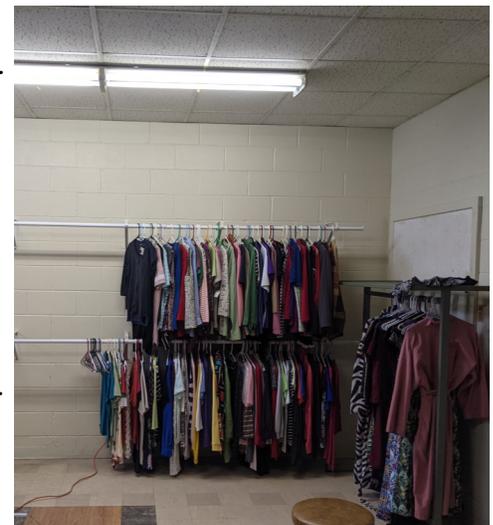


**NU
2U**

NU2U Clothing distribution will be from 10am to 1pm On Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11. Masks must be worn and capacity is 30 people at a time. Help is needed with Set Up on Fridays the day before from 1–? Help is needed each day, Please contact Office Phone: 724-775-3447 or faithonjefferson@gmail.com
All contributions must be dropped off at Jefferson.

Nu-2-u is Getting A New Location! — Praise the Lord!

An important ministries our church provides to the community is our Nu-2-U clothing ministry. One of the challenges, however, is that currently Nu-2-U is set up in the fellowship hall at Jefferson St. Many hours of work is required to move and sort the donated clothing in and out of the fellowship hall. This Summer, however, Faith Community was able to receive a \$2,000 grant from the United Methodist Founda-



tion to begin renovations to the old basement classrooms. Those classrooms will become a permanent Nu2u clothing closet. Making that ministry easier for our volunteers and more accessible to our community on a regular basis. We have begun some early work in renovations and wanted to share that progress with you. If you would like to help move this project forward, please contact Pastor Luke Whipple. Above picture shows renovation before and then done at this point. **Much help is needed!**

Oct. 3– Lend a Helping Hand—World Communion Sunday

Please bring a special marked offering which will benefit ethnic minorities by providing scholarships for higher education/special skills training.

You will certainly be Blessed!



News to Use From Faith Community- Oct-Dec 2021



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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

TITHE AND OFFERINGS ONLINE

**PLEASE
NOTE**

For your convenience, we have online giving

www.faithcr.org/give

**Before
Bedtime
Saturday
Nov. 6**



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or FaithOn68, or Riverview United Methodist
Church. Check out everything there is to know at
faithcomumchurch.org