

Riverview Walk With Jesus



This Good Friday Riverview hosted the "Walk with Jesus" experience. It was an opportunity to read scripture, pray, and reflect on Jesus' journey from Pilate's courtyard to the place of his crucifixion, a place the scriptures called Golgotha. This year, we were blessed with perfect weather for an outside walk. Some of the members of the church came dressed as 1st century bible characters, and Jeff Edmonds reprised his role as Jesus from last year. He and Dale Southwick worked together to move our wooden cross from the beginning of our walk to it's final destination outside the sanctuary of the church. We were blessed to have over 30 people join us on the walk this year, and we look forward to doing it once again next year!



Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who purchased Easter flowers to adorn our altars. They were very fragrant and beautiful. Special thanks to Diana Bowden for all her work and organization to make this possible and all those who helped her in this mission.



Articles for the Summer Newsletter must be submitted by August 15 to be included in the newsletter. Please send all information and photos to the church email- faithonjefferson@gmail.com.

Front Porch Bible Study Retreat 2022

"Come Away, Seek God, Find Rest" was the theme for the women's retreat at Olmstead Manor. Pastor Donna Doubt led the group through a series of exercises designed to leave our burdens behind through scripture. They also enjoyed several craft projects. Some of the ladies were from the Front Porch Bible Study Group and they also had new faces there this year. Friendships were renewed and souls were refreshed.

Picture: Back to front L to R: Susan Boehm, Lorrie Moore, Jodee Kirchner, Eileen Ketterer, April Merryman, Mary Hendrickson, Karen Miller, Zana Fye, Joline Mannion, Barb Graw, Pastor Donna Doubt, and special surprise guest Susan Shane.



Light of the City Children's Choir



This past February we were glad to welcome the Light of the City Children's Choir. These were students 1-6th grade from the greater Pittsburgh area. They are a part of a ministry of Pine Valley Bible Camp (Ellwood City). We were so thankful for the opportunity to see these children bring their gifts of music, their passion for singing, and their heart to worship Jesus. Along with all these children came an entourage of adults and teen chaperones that filled our sanctuary with a lot of energy and joy.

Easter Egg Hunt 2022



Church Picnic 2022

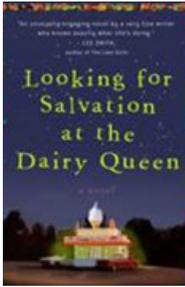
We were blessed to have perfect weather, a great turn out and a lot of delicious food to enjoy. We had games for the kids, bingo for all and a wonderful time of fellowship. Thanks to all who made this possible.



Inspirations Book Club

Our Meetings are always at Grand Valley Inn at 1:00 pm
Please RSVP to Carol Campbell at (724) -987-2652

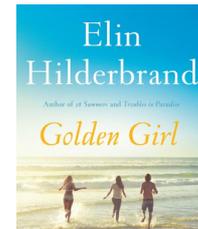
Book Selection for May 25, 2022



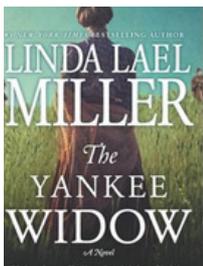
Sometimes you have to return to the place where you began, to arrive at the place where you belong. It's the early 1970s. The town of Ringgold, Georgia, has a population of 1,923, one traffic light, one Dairy Queen, and one Catherine Grace Cline. The daughter of Ringgold's third-generation Baptist preacher, Catherine Grace is quick-witted, more than a little stubborn, and dying to escape her small-town life.

Book Selection for June 29, 2022

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Book Selection for July 27, 2022

A richly layered saga is set against the backdrop of the Civil War. Gifted Storyteller Linda Lael Miller explores the complexities and heartbreak that families experienced as men took up their arms to preserve the nation and defend their way of life.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers"
Acts 2:42

United Methodist Women News



The United Methodist Women's Rummage sale was a great success! We made \$1,526.00 for our charities. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked diligently to make this happen!

Our new logo represents the past, present and future of our organization. The symbol refers to our Christian roots. The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and the inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith. The typography is solid, modern and bold, showcasing our power to support the causes in which we invest.



United
Women
in Faith

NU-2-U



Our NU2U program has moved into the new space created in the basement. When you come, you will enter through the rear door of the church near the handicap parking places. After you enter, you will go down a few steps and get signed in. You will then be directed to the appropriate area to choose your clothing.

Upcoming Clothing Give-away Dates:

May 14 from 10 am - 1:00 pm

June 11 from 10 am - 1:00 pm

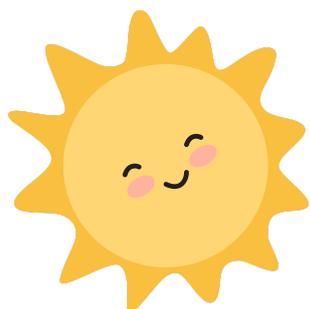
****There is no NU2U clothing give-away in July ****



IN MEMORY OF:
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Diana Bowden
Paul & Shirley McKinnis
Mary & Dave Haney

Bless you for your kindness
and generosity!



Summer Events

Pastor Donna Doutt - Retirement Luncheon

Pastor Donna Doutt will be retiring on July 1. Her current church, Savannah UMC, is having a luncheon immediately after the Church service at 10:00 on June 12. All are welcome to attend. The address is:

Savannah UMC
84 Savannah Gardner Rd. New Castle, PA 16101

Pentecost Worship in Beaver Falls: June 5 - Riverview

Administrative Council Mtg: June 13 7 pm JS

Gideon Bible Sunday: June 26/Baptism Blinn Family

Community Dinners: June 28, Aug 30

Inspirations Book Club: June 29, July 27 and Aug 31

Summer Family Night: June 29

Vacation Bible School: July 25 - 29

Pastor Luke's Vacation: July 11-17

NU-U Clothing Give Away: June 11, Aug 13

SPRING 2022



THE COMMUNITY VIEW

Faith on Jefferson, Faith on 68, Riverview UMC

A Note from the Pastor

Over the past two months I have been thinking a lot about baptism. It has been a part of our membership classes that I led this Spring, an Easter Sunrise service, and most importantly we have had several baptisms across our campuses at Faith Community (with some additional baptisms on the schedule). For the church, one of the great celebrations in the life of a congregation happens when a new Christian is made through the sacrament of baptism.

Whether that person being baptized is a baby, a youth, or an adult, the meaning is the same: Christ Jesus welcomes a new Christian into his fellowship. But it's never just about that individual person. Baptism is truly a moment for the whole family of God! The congregation, which is there to bear witness, makes a commitment to help that person grow in the grace of God through discipleship. Baptism is a moment where we see another soul marked as belonging to God, but for those who already belong to God we take that moment to confess that we also belong to each other. As a church, we are a close-knit community, growing in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Along with celebrating the glory of baptism, I did want to offer a simple encouragement for those of you who have been baptized, whether long ago or recently. In the Wesleyan Christian tradition, we only offer baptism to an individual once. One baptism is sufficient. Why? Because we see in the New Testament that the sacrament of baptism is used for entering the family of God. You only need to be baptized once to be marked as His, but the beginning is not the end. There is a whole journey marked out for you following your baptism. The journey leads you deeper into the life-transforming work of Jesus. There is a pastor, Fred Edie, who says that growing in our faith is akin to "learning to swim in our baptismal waters." In other words, baptism is the outward sign of God's claim on your life. The water that covers us at baptism is a sign of God's grace poured into us. But as you have been brought into this new life: you must now learn how to swim in those waters of grace.



So how are you doing that? How are you growing in the grace poured on you at baptism? My encouragement to you is to realize that : **NOW IS THE TIME**. Now is the time to open up that Bible and saturate your mind in the words God has given us. Now is the time to seek out some other Christians where through encouragement and prayer you can grow together in faith. Now is the time to seek God's healing where you are broken, jaded, or unfulfilled. Now is the time to seek the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that you might be a more effective witness to this world. You have been baptized in the waters of grace! Now is the time to swim.

In His love,

Luke A Whipple

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