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CLOSER: John Baittinger

DEACON GREETER: Melanie Shimer

FELLOWSHIP DEACON: Andy Ingram

FLOWER DEACON: Chuck Waters

SOUND TECH: Hank Rath

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Liz Kenny

CHILDCARE: Abbie Olson

USHERS: Carolyn Baittinger, John Baittinger, Melanie Shimer, Chas Shimer

STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE: Sally Heimbach

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Osterwald family, in celebration of Ariane's birthday.
Alicia & Mike Orbin, in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary.

ELDERS:

Class of 2008—John Gill, Alicia Orbin, Sue Vitale, Mike Yen

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lyda Byers, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett

DEACONS:

Class of 2008—Jack Decker, Terry Eck, Andy Ingram, Diane Millick

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters

Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Marie Heffner, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer

FAITH ON THE ROAD TEAM: Jack Decker (*Vision Team*), Sam Han (*Vision Team*), Diane Millick, Susan Moring, (*Vision Team*), Diane Perry (*Vision Team*), Joanne Rath, Deanna Robinson, Louise Schaefer, Janie Slamon (*Vision Team*), Hallie Stewart, Darcy Trop, Dave Weber, and Chip Colson.

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:15 AM
AUGUST 10, 2008**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, we give you thanks for the many blessings you have poured out on us over the years. Use me and use our church as your instruments to end homelessness in our affluent society. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 225 in the 2008 Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD

THE WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

"Voluntary and Fugue in C"

G. F. HANDEL

THE SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

"For Surely I Know the Plans"

G. S. OATEN

*THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN #592

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God dresses us in special garments:

Robes of justice,

Sandals of mercy,

Stoles of humility,

Cloaks of love,

May we wear them as chosen servants, bring honor to God.

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*THE HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA #281

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please use "debts & debtors".)

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, you know that we are always comparing ourselves to each other. We are always judging and feeling judged. We are convinced that you love someone else more than you love us. In our fear, anger, and pain, we conspire to harm those who seem more blessed: we gossip and spread false rumors; we enact unjust laws; we abuse, imprison and oppress; we declare war. Give us the humility to ask for forgiveness and the courage to accept it, so that we may not become like Joseph's brothers. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

HYMN #572

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI HYMN #579

*THE PASSING OF PEACE

FAITH CHURCH LIFE

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GOD DRAWS NEAR

CHURCH SIGNS: "At the Poconos" - Scene One

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

CHURCH SIGNS: "At the Poconos" - Scene Two

August 10, 2008

1. Here are the Scripture lessons that will be read during the drama by the cast.

a. Ezekiel 36:22-28

22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. 28 Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

b. Acts 2:1-8, 37-42

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

2. Here are three questions that will be asked by the Questionmaster between Scene 1 and Scene 2.

a. We've been following two families, the Joneses and the Millers. How are we like them? How are we unlike them?

b. Evelyn said that she believed the Bible is hard to understand; John says he's been influenced by those who think the Bible doesn't have a whole lot to offer. Does that lead us to put the Bible aside, or is that the incentive to try harder?

c. We are trying to put together a new vision for Faith Church. How do we articulate what God wants for us so that it inspires the congregation, so that the congregation looks forward to putting it into practice?

3. Glossary: Listen for the use of these terms this morning. What do they mean to you?

a. Foretaste__

b. Heart of Stone_____

c. Holy Spirit_

4. What are your own questions and comments that you'd like to raise during the time for congregation conversation?

5. Faith on the Road's Vision Team would like your continued conversation: Here's how you can do it.

a. Following worship this morning, take your coffee and join Diane Perry, a member of our Vision Team, in discussing the issues in this morning's drama. The discussion will meet in the parlor.

b. Write a response to the question "What is your new commitment to our church, as a result of the drama in the worship?" for inclusion in the September Faith Flyer. Send it by email to lowellga@ptd.net or drop it at the church office.

c. Participate in a Vision Dialogue, the times and dates to be announced shortly.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORE LOVE TO THEE #359

Verse 1

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

PRAYER SONG

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORE LOVE TO THEE #359

Verse 2

THE OFFERTORY

"Sing a New Song"

STAN PETHEL

Doug Boyd and Barbara Rich, vocal duet

*THE DEDICATION HYMN

"Join Hearts and Voices"

DUKE STREET

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED - PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 14

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE CLOSING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE #341

*THE CHARGE

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

J. P. SWEELINCK

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

* * * * *Latecomers may be seated at this time

Next Sunday is the deadline for the September issue of The Faith Flyer!

Early submissions are greatly appreciated!

This morning's special music is a **Vocal Duet** by Doug Boyd and Barbara Rich, (Doug & Jonna's daughter); and **Guest Organist**, Suzanne Seem

Next Sunday's special music will be a **Violin Solo** by Mary Lee Wilbur; and **Guest Organist**, Suzanne Seem.

Announcements

Church Signs by Charles Colson

"At the Poconos"

Cast

Bill Jones-Platte Moring

Linda Jones-Susan Moring

Mary Jones-Leigh Moring

John Miller-Jim Millick

Evelyn Miller-Diane Millick

Denise Miller-Rachel Shussett

Kevin Miller-Will Moring

Narrator-Charles Colson

Question Master-Alicia Shussett

The Vision Team

The Vision Team will be hosting a discussion following worship today, and over the next two Sundays. The leader will be team member, Diane Perry. The topic will be the issues raised in the drama during worship on that day. Bring your coffee and come to the parlor! Also, the Vision Team is now making plans for a vision dialogue. It will be for the whole congregation to take part in. Dates, times and place will be announced shortly.

Interfaith Effort to help area's hungry...

Leaders from Jewish, Christian and Muslim congregations have joined together with the Lehigh County Conference of Churches to reach out to hungry citizens.

Faith Church is joining this effort to address the reality of hunger in the Lehigh Valley. People living on fixed incomes are choosing between food and medicine. Children are having their one meal of the day at school. What happens in summer when school is out? What happens in winter when families may have to choose between food and heating their homes?

Every Spring and Fall, Faith Church sponsors a Food & Clothing Drive. This year we are sponsoring a continuous FOOD DRIVE (benefiting the Emmaus Food Bank), beginning now and continuing through Thanksgiving. If every member of the congregations brings just one item of food a week, think of the impact we can have.

It's difficult at times to remember to bring that item every week when the rush is on to get ready for church. How about putting a little note on your offering envelope as a reminder?

More information on this interfaith effort is available online at www.lcconfchurch.org
The Fall Clothing Drive will be held as usual in October. Details in next month's Flyer.

Daybreak – August 11, 2008

Needed: 1-2 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each. If you can help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Cookies need to be in the church kitchen by 12 noon.

(Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. The rewards of helping with this Mission service cannot be measured. Daybreak is a drop-in center for people recovering from mental illness. Donations of homemade cookies are always welcome, even preferred. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated. *NOTE: Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them.* Drop them off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 2:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, see Barbara Newman, Jean Scott or Pastor Colson. Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others.")

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 17, 2008

10:15 am following worship

Session has called a special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee towards filling two (2) elder vacancies in the Class of 2010.

Office Copier

Donations for the copier reached a total of **\$790**. Our copier angel will be matching that amount, meaning that together, we have paid off **\$1,580** of the cost of the copier. Between that and the money others have donated through the SCRIP program, we've done a really great job! There is still a balance, but it has certainly been reduced through these efforts.

Thank you so much to those who donated!

CASH & CARRY SCRIP!

Available NOW!

4-\$25.00 GIANT cards

To purchase please see Sally Heimbach

Meadow Pool

Meadow Pool is open to the public during the month of August. Flyers with information on daily admission rates and details about the pool can be found on a table in Fellowship Hall.

FPC Camping Trip!

Come join the fun! It's not too late to join in the outdoor fellowship. Flyers are available on the literature rack outside Fellowship Hall.

Do you have a question...

...about Faith Presbyterian Church?

...or about the Christian Faith?

Please see the representative from the Membership Committee, who will be standing in the narthex by the Guest Book, immediately following the service and will be glad to speak with you.

Birthdays this Week

August 10—Alicia Orbin, Ariane Osterwald, Steven Seem

August 12—Richard Cole

August 13—Ruth Bieler

August 14—John Baittinger, Thomas McWhinney
August 15—Olive Pearn
August 16—Clara Leigh Kennedy, Marilyn Rippon, Joyce Richards

Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Peter Ferguson, recent hospitalization.
Dorothy Handy, mother of **Lynda Scheirer**, recovering from a recent fall.
Carole Brewer, recent hospitalization.
James Kenny, recent surgery.
Blanche Ring, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, recent hospitalization.
Joanne Rath's mother, diagnosed with cancer.
Dave Weber, undergoing treatment for cancer.
Bob Gedney, undergoing treatment for cancer.
Peggy Barabas, undergoing treatment for leukemia.
Emma Takacs, **Ann Greenwood's** granddaughter, recuperating at home.

In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Mike Goodhart, grandson of **Harry & Betty Dennis**.
Daniel Bartos, friend of the **Bannister** family.
Doug Durn, son of **Bob & Brynn Durn**.
Bradley Ellison, great nephew of **Flo Bannister**, serving in the Marines.
Daniel Merritt, son of **Hobart Merritt, Jr.** and grandson of the late **Irene Merritt**.
Doland J. Miller, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**
Amanda and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.
Charles VanHeest, grandson of **Dave & Kay Weber**, serving in Iraq.
Lucas Whittington, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.
Lehigh Presbytery Churches
Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

First United Presbyterian Church—Weatherly, PA
White Haven Presbyterian Church—White Haven, PA

Melanie Shimer

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 11
Jack Decker
Jacqueline Decker
Lisa Decker
Marissa Decker
Bobbi Greb

Brandon Greb
Elizabeth Greb
Kathryn Greb
Natalie Greb
Todd Greb
Marie Heffner
Andy Ingram
Jayme Ingram
Lynn Ingram
Mark Ingram
Rachael Ingram
Katrina LeFevre
Emily LeFevre
Joy LeFevre
Clifford Lucas
Donna Lucas
Jenny Lucas
Robin Mathias
Patricia Rinehart
Robert Rinehart
Jean Scott
John Scott
Samuel Scott

Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

This Week

Sunday, August 10

Scip Orders Due

9:15 am—Worship Service

Guest Organist: Suzanne Seem

5:30 pm—Church Picnic, Vespers, Bonfire

Monday, August 11

2:00 pm—Daybreak

Tuesday, August 12

Wednesday, August 13

Church Office Closed

Thursday, August 14

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 15

Saturday, August 16

Midnight—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Next Week

Sunday, August 17

Flyer Deadline

9:15 am—Worship Service

Guest Organist: Suzanne Seem

10:15 am—Congregational Meeting (S)

Monday, August 18

2:00 pm—Daybreak

7:30 pm—Mission

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

Church Office Closed

9:00 pm—Emmaus Garden Club (FH)

Thursday, August 21

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

10:00 am—Flyer Crew (FH)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

7:30 pm—Nominating (P)

Friday, August 22

FPC Camping Trip

Saturday, August 23

FPC Camping Trip

8:00 am to 3:00 pm —Fellowship Hall Reserved

Midnight—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)