

**PASTOR:** Rev. Dr. Charles E. Colson

**PASTOR EMERITUS:** Rev. J. Earl Naegele

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**CLOSER:** John Baittinger

**DEACON GREETER:** Marie Heffner

**FELLOWSHIP DEACON:** Sally Heimbach

**FLOWER DEACON:** Jack Decker

**SOUND TECH:** Hank Rath

**USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN:** John Stewart

**USHERS:** Beth Kunkle, Bruce Kunkle, Sue Lawall, Tom Lawall

**STEWARDSHIP REPRESENTATIVE:** Sally Heimbach

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Bob & Sue Vitale, in celebration of their 34th 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:** Diane Millick, Joanne Rath, Deanna Robinson, Louise Schaefer, Hallie Stewart, Dave Weber, and Chip Colson

**F.O.R. VISION TEAM:** Jack Decker, Sam Han, Susan Moring, Diane Perry, Janie Slamon, and Darcy Trop

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
9:15 AM  
JULY 27, 2008**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We thank you, God, for helping us serve your Son as an anchor in the neighborhood. We reach up to you in worship and praise. We seek your guidance as you reach in to our hearts to grow in your Spirit. You give us the power, through Jesus, to reach out to others—particularly children and youth throughout this community and around the world. Bless the children and youth. Keep them safe. Bring them peace. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 211 in the 2008 Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

THE WELCOME

THE PRELUDE : Kreider family

*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*  
CESÁREO GABARÁIN

*"Babylon"*  
DON MCCLEAN

THE SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

*"For Surely I Know the Plans"*  
G. S. OATEN

For surely I know the plans I have for your, says the Lord,  
Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

\*THE DOXOLOGY  
HYMN #592

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

**The reign of God is like yeast in a loaf of bread.**

Mustard seed.

**Loaf of bread.**

**Unison: The reign of God is a sandwich spread with mustard, zesty and full of life!**

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\*HYMN

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

CWM RHONDDA #420

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)

**God of both huge and tiny, you seem to speak more often about little things: little children, small seeds, bubbles of yeast, cups of water. We confess that we spend a lot of time thinking about how to be bigger, more noticeable, more important, more successful. We confess that we don't really want to change, if it means people won't pay as much attention to us. We are not sure we want to repent, if it means giving up our special cars, fancy clothes, or luxurious homes. Please let your forgiveness work in us like yeast, to lighten us up and transform our worldly ways into the healthy, holy bread of your table. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

HYMN #572

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #579

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

FAITH CHURCH LIFE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

CHURCH SIGNS: "Meet the Joneses"—Scene One

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

CHURCH SIGNS: "Meet the Joneses"—Scene Two

**July 27, 2008**

1. Here are the Scripture lessons that will be read during the drama by the cast.
  - a. Matthew 11:2-6

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus

answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

b. Luke 4:16-21

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

a. Jesus says he has been anointed to preach to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind and to let the oppressed go free. If we called them causes, which ones do you think relate specifically to Faith Church's ministry?

b. The reign of God involves the taking up of these causes that Jesus highlights. What would be different about Faith Church if we devoted ourselves to implementing them?

c. In preparing a new vision for Faith Church, what should we say that will make a difference to our members?

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

a. Reign of God

b. Good News

c. Vision

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](mailto:lowellga@ptd.net) or drop it at the church office.

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

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG

*"Seek Ye First"*

LAFFERTY #333

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

PRAYER SONG

*"Seek Ye First"*

LAFFERTY #333

Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE OFFERTORY

*"I Am the Church"*

Handbell Ensemble

Vocal Ensemble

\*DEDICATION HYMN

*"Join Hearts and Voices"*

DUKE STREET

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 14

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"O for a World"*

AZMON #386

\*CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Kreider family

*"Be a Good Friend"*

JOHN H. MORTON

This morning's special music is a **Vocal Ensemble**—Ann Greenwood, Jessica Mick, Owen Dredge, Meredith Dredge, Marie Comoglio, Annie Takacs, Emma Takacs and Liz Mick; a **Handbell Ensemble**—Carolyn Baittinger, John Baittinger, Tracey Gill, and Lynn Ingram, and an **Instrumental Ensemble**—Niko Kreider (cello, vocal), Josh Kreider (violin, vocal), Jay Kreider (guitar, vocal) and Kim Kreider (vocal).

Next Sunday's special music will be a **Vocal Ensemble** and a **Vocal Solo** by Dianne Macdonald.

### *Announcements*

#### ***Church Signs by Charles Colson*** ***"Meet the Joneses"***

##### **Cast**

Bill Jones-Andy Ingram

Carol Jones-Lynn Ingram

Mary Jones-Jayme Ingram

Questionmaster-Amy Waters

Narrator-Charles Colson

#### ***The Vision Team***

The Vision Team will be hosting a discussion following worship today, and over the next three 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](http://www.lcconfchurch.org)

The Fall Clothing Drive will be held as usual in October. Details in next month's Flyer.

***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 Angel***

An anonymous donor has offered to make a matching gift to pay down the balance owed on our newly purchased copier. All gifts must be received by the church no later than August 3rd to meet the matching offer.

When contributions towards the copier reach a **minimum of \$750**, the anonymous donor will match them dollar for dollar up to a **maximum of \$1300**.

As many of our congregation are aware, the new copier has made a considerable improvement in office efficiency and has been exceptional help in publishing documents to benefit all of Faith Church's programs. Please consider adding your donation to this cause.

**Update:** We need only **\$110** to meet the minimum! However, **\$660** in additional donations will pay off the copier! Thank you to those who have donated!

***CASH & CARRY SCRIP!***

Available NOW!

4-\$25.00 GIANT cards

8-\$25.00 WEIS cards

To purchase please see Sally Heimbach

***August 10—5:30 PM***

***Picnic, Vespers, Bonfire***

**Menu:**

BBQ Chicken

Pork BBQ/roll

Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Macaroni Salad  
Fruit Punch, Iced Tea  
Assorted Ices

\$10 per family  
\$5 single

Come enjoy the warmth of Faith by the fire.

***Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.***

Payment is requested at that time.

(Dottie Nicholas will be in Fellowship Hall following worship.)

Parish Life Committee is requesting that whoever is able, please help underwrite the cost of this glorious event!

Thank you!

Please speak to Dottie Nicholas...610-966-2928

***Do you have a question...***

...about Faith Presbyterian Church?

...or about the Christian Faith?

Please see Alicia Orbin 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.

***Activity at the DevonHouse***

Attention Parents: Our next visit to the DevonHouse is scheduled for

**Wednesday, August 6th** at 10:00 AM. Our visiting schedule is the first Wednesday of every even numbered month.

The DevonHouse is an Assisted Living facility located at 1930 Bevin Drive in Allentown (behind Perkins, next to the South Mall). **This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to visit with the older members of our community, and also for the older members of our community to visit with our children!**

If you and your children are interested in participating in this visit, please contact Ann Lowell at 610-398-8267.

***September 27....***

***Save the Date!!!***

There will be a retirement party for Pastor Colson on Saturday, September 27. We are looking for people interested in being part of a committee to plan this **BIG** event. There is also a need for LOTS of worker bees. If you are interested in helping to send Chip off with a **BANG**, please contact Sue Vitale at 610-967-4689, or Sally Heimbach at 610-965-2102.

***We're on the Web!***

Our Faith Presbyterian Church website (<http://www.faithchurchemmaus.org>) is an incredible resource for access to our church news and information—available 24 hours a day. You can view our the bulletins days ahead of Sunday Worship. You can review past issues of The Faith Flyer. You can read Pastor Colson's sermons. You can learn about our many committees...and so much more! Questions and/or comments pertaining to our website should be directed to Mark Heimbach at [mheimbach@yahoo.com](mailto:mheimbach@yahoo.com)".

***Season up your  
Thursday mornings!***

Pepper is a devotional time from 6:30 –7:00 am Thursday mornings in the church parlor. We meet for meditation, discussion and prayer. Tune in to God before your day carries you away!

***"For Surely I Know the Plans"***

Our current Song for Assembly was written by a member of the Pen Argyl Presbyterian Church and inspired by the Jeremiah Initiative, which we are participating in as Faith on the Road.

***Birthdays this Week***

July 28—Jean Scott

July 29—Betty Dennis

August 1—Myrtle DiMenna  
Michael Fernandez

***Joys & Concerns***

**Keep these people in your prayers!**

**Blanche Ring**, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, recent hospitalization.  
The **Orbin** family, on the death of Mike's mother **Julie Orbin**.  
**Joanne Rath's** mother, diagnosed with cancer.  
**Dave Weber**, undergoing treatment for cancer.  
**Bob Gedney**, undergoing treatment for cancer.  
**Annamarie Fehr**, mother of **Melanie Shimer**, recovering from recent surgery.  
**Jack Ferlino**, recovering at home from a fall.  
**Moring Family**, on the recent hospitalization of Susan's father, **Hugh Moomaw**.  
**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 Presbyterian Church**—Stroudsburg, PA  
**First United Presbyterian Church**—St. Clair, PA

Please let the office know of any additions or deletions.

***Marie Heffner***

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 9

Jill Bard

Laurel Bard

Carole Brewer

Eric Brewer

Lindsay Fernandez

Michael Fernandez

Nelson Fernandez

Toni Fernandez

Carol Fry

Jeffrey Fry

Liz Kenny

James Kenny

John Krissing  
Katherine Krissing  
Michelle Krissing  
Sandra Krissing  
Ann Lowell  
Carter Lowell  
Geoffrey Lowell  
Graham Lowell  
Abigail Masenheimer  
Adam Masenheimer  
David Masenheimer  
Jana Masenheimer  
Curtis McDowell  
Phyllis McDowell  
Barbara Newman  
John Perella  
Julia Perella  
Nicholas Perella  
Renee Perella  
Laura Reider  
Deanna Robinson  
James Robinson  
Yvonne Stauffer  
Barbara Wisler  
Isaac H. Yates

*Two Weeks of Faith*

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

*This Week*

**Sunday, July 27**

8:45 am—Handbell and Vocal Ensembles Warm-up (S)

9:15 am—Worship Service

10:30 am—Ensemble for Aug. 3 rehearses (S)

**Monday, July 28**

4:00 pm—Vision Team

**Tuesday, July 29**

**Wednesday, July 30**

**Church Office Closed**

**Thursday, July 31**

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

**Friday, August 1**

**Saturday, August 2**

Midnight—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

*Next Week*

**Sunday, August 3 Communion**

8:45 am—Rehearsal of Vocal Ensemble (S)

9:15 am—Worship Service

7:00— Faith on the Road (P)

**Monday, August 4**

4:00 pm—Vision Team

**Tuesday, August 5**

**Wednesday, August 6**

**Church Office Closed**

10:00 am—Play Group @ Devon House

**Thursday, August 7**

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

**Friday, August 8**

**Saturday, August 9**

Midnight—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)