

## MARCH 2010 BUILDER



Jesus never called us to the status quo; in every encounter with Jesus there is a call to do something new. Listen to these words of Jesus as he encounters people throughout the gospels:

*Come and see.  
Drop you nets and follow me.  
I will make you fishers of men and women.  
Go and sin no more.  
Sell all you have.  
Repent for the kingdom of God is near.  
Do not be afraid.  
Take up a cross.  
Be made clean.  
Your faith has made you well, go in peace.  
You give them something to eat.  
I have set you an example, go and do likewise.  
Go home to your friends and tell them how much the  
Lord has done for you.*

Jesus called some people to come and others to go, but he never called anyone to stay the same. As people came to Jesus, they were challenged, healed, loved, forgiven, and always called into a new life of faith, hope and trust in God. In every encounter with Jesus, something happens – people's lives are changed.

In every encounter we have with Jesus, something *needs* to happen – our lives need to change. Worship and the study of God's word needs to upset our status quo. Prayer, fellowship and our service to God and one another needs to call us to experience new life. Do the encounters we have with Jesus change us? Are we different when we leave worship? Do we leave a small group study ready to head off in a new direction? Are we as a church still living in the status quo, or are we allowing our encounter with the living God to change us?

While these are tough questions to think about, I'm encouraged that everywhere I turn I see signs that Jesus is changing us. There are more people seeking God in worship. There are more people encountering Jesus through Sunday school and small groups. People are taking times of personal prayer and devotion seriously and many people are stepping up to be involved in the life, mission and ministry of the church.

Forgiveness and grace is being accepted and offered. Healing of body, mind and spirit is taking place. Sacrificial giving and living is seen among us, and the love of God is being encountered and shared. We are not living in the status quo, our encounter with Jesus is changing us and it continues to call us to new life.

As we continue to encounter Jesus during this Lenten season, it's not too late to allow the power of God to change us. It's not too late to come to Jesus in worship, repent of our sin and take up a cross. It's not too late to sell our goods, give to the poor and becoming fishers of men and women. It's not too late to leave the status quo behind and step out in faith to experience a new life with Jesus. And it's not too late for us as the people of God at Faith Church to find new ways to help our community and world experience the grace and power of Jesus. Our encounter with Jesus is calling us to new missions and ministries that will help the world see that the kingdom of God and the love of Christ are near.

Hear the call to come to Jesus.  
Hear the call to carry a cross.  
Hear the call to go and sin no more.  
Hear the call to tell others what God has done.  
Hear the call to leave the status quo and live a new life.  
Encountering Jesus with you.... Andy



Are you interested in learning more about the American Eagle? Then come join Young @ Heart to hear Cecil Houser tell us about the "Return of the American Eagle". He will also show slides to educate us about this large, powerful bird. The date is Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in room #40.

All you need to do is bring a covered dish for a Pot Luck lunch and your own table service. Tell your friends and neighbors and bring them along.

Call Jean Hampton at 353-3422 if you have any questions.





## EASTER EGG HUNT

Faith Church will be sponsoring a community-wide Easter egg hunt for children aged 1 thru 3rd grade. Please join us on Saturday, March 27th at 9am here at the church. (Rain or shine!) Please register children in advance, so that we can be sure to have enough eggs for all. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please have registration forms turned in by Sunday March 21st.

Your donations of small individually wrapped candy (please no nuts or peanut butter) would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please drop your donation in the box in the narthex. We will also need volunteers to help hide the eggs, serve refreshments, be present at the registration table, and monitor the egg hunts. Please let me know if you can be a part of this exciting event. Thank you so much for your support!  
(LeAnn Showers @ 355-0725 or [babi925@yahoo.com](mailto:babi925@yahoo.com))



## YOUNG ADULTS

We will be having our next potluck gathering on Friday, March 5th, at 6:00 PM at Eric and Katie Kline's house (414 West High Street - There is a municipal parking lot next to their house where we can park for free after 5pm). We will play the game(s) Girls against Guys! Let's do an Irish food theme since it's the month of Saint Patrick's Day! Perhaps we could all wear green for a crazy group photo. Please RSVP by March 1st to Katie/Eric with your food and number attending, so they can plan appropriately. Email: [kt6876@gmail.com](mailto:kt6876@gmail.com) or Phone: 355-1263. We hope to see you there!



We invite you to join the United Methodist Women on March 16 in room 40 for their monthly meeting. Pam Gudeman and Patty Taverno will be joined by several young women from our youth group who will talk with us about Girls Gathering for God. UMW supported these young women to encourage their attendance. The Response Minute will be presented by Mary Jane Cramer with the Prayer Calendar given by Barb Webster. Anne Benner will give a report on one of the books included in our reading program. Hostess for the evening will be Karen Soble.

Officers for 2010 were installed at last month's meeting: Anne Benner - President; Jean Hampton - Vice-President; Mary Jane Cramer - Secretary; Louise Mason - Treasurer; Marge Sholl - Education and Interpretation ; Barb Webster - Program Resources; Betty McDonnell - Social Action; Betty Woodring - Spiritual Growth; Pat Peters - Membership, Nurture, and Outreach; Betty McDonnell (chair), Trish Christopher, Joanne King - Nominations; Jackie Wolfe - Communications.

A training session for officers - past and present took place on February 20 at the Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church. This yearly training session provides an excellent opportunity to update knowledge on requirements of the various offices of the United Methodist Women.

A listing of books included in the United Methodist Women's Reading Program has been prepared by Darla Snyder. This listing is available in the church library.

Bellefonte cluster members will meet March 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church to plan for upcoming Spiritual Enrichment on April 17 at Grace United Methodist Church in Centre Hall. The State College Cluster has asked to join the Bellefonte Cluster for this year's Spiritual Enrichment. Please let Joanne King or Pat Peters know if you plan to attend this meeting.

The Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg has asked that we save plastic grocery bags for their use. We invite you to help us collect these bags by neatly folding them and putting them into a large collection bag located on a hangar on the coat rack in room 40.

Jackie Wolfe - Communications



The **4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Walk/Run of Faith** will be held on Saturday, April 10 at the Bellefonte Middle School. All proceeds will go to benefit the FaithCentre Food Bank and the Centre's Emergency Relief Programs. FaithCentre, founded in 2003, continues to provide food for more than 400 persons each month and, during 2009, provided more than \$20,000 in emergency relief for needy residents. The 2010 Walk/Run will help the Centre continue its programs in 2010.

Runners and walkers are urged to pre-register by contacting Nancy Baldwin at 814-355-3071 or David Carter at 814-355-0880.

FaithCentre is a Not-For-Profit Corporation, and is not affiliated with any local church.



***FAITH AND SPORTS***

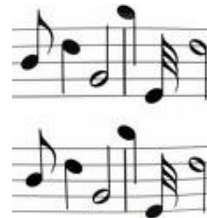
Faith Church sits in a unique location right next to the High School football and baseball fields, and there may soon be a new High School track on the south side of our building. With our location, does it make sense for us to think about a more intentional sports ministry? And did you know that through our Daycare and Playschool ministries we have a **Soccer Shots** program for young children to learn soccer? And did you know that on Thursday afternoons **Curves** holds their Zumba class in our fellowship hall? With all these sports programs that God has brought to us, does it make sense for us to think about a more intentional sports ministry?

These are important questions we are beginning to ask ourselves and there is a group that is exploring what a sports ministry in and through Faith Church might look like. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this new ministry, please contact Ed Adams or the church office.



***UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES***

The trustees are currently receiving and reviewing bids on installing a new roof on the fellowship hall, children's educational wing, narthex and Sanctuary. It is our hope to have this work completed this spring. Work is also underway in the construction of a new nursery directly off the narthex which will include a children's restroom. We hope to have this project completed in the next few weeks and then begin to relocate our Daycare and Ministry Staff offices. We appreciate your patience as we make these improvements to our building. If you have any questions about this work, please contact Mike Shutt through the church office.



***MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES***

The Music Ministry Team would like to extend an invitation to soloists and instrumentalists to provide special music during worship at both services throughout the spring and summer. If interested, please contact Linda Hoffman, 355-3929 or [pianogirl1905@yahoo.com](mailto:pianogirl1905@yahoo.com).

If playing or singing alone is out of your comfort zone, consider joining the Chancel Choir, led by Carol Hunt, or Shekinah, under the direction of Linda Hoffman. Both choirs meet on Monday evenings at 7:00. You'll hear the Chancel choir on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and Shekinah on selected Sundays at 10:45. Faith Bells rehearses Sunday evenings at 6:30 and also welcomes new members. The Faith church band, led by Sherry McGraw, provides another opportunity for involvement of teens and adults alike. Please call Linda Hoffman for more information on any of these music ministry opportunities. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!





Before Lilly went to kindergarten all she talked about was learning to read and doing "Reading Counts" quizzes. For those who don't know, "Reading Counts" is a program at the Bellefonte School District where students can take quizzes on books they have read and earn points. Easy books are worth 1 point and more advanced books can range between 20 and 40 points. Marion-Walker Elem has assemblies where students receive ribbons when they have reached 10, 25, 50, 100 points etc and there is also a bulletin board which has pictures of students who have reached 100, 200, 450 and 1000 points.

Last year I made a deal with Owen to encourage his reading. I promised him a video game if he reached 200 points. Well he went beyond that and this school year he has more than 200 points already. So of course Lilly wanted a deal too. We decided together that 40 points would be her goal. Kindergarten children are not required to take "Reading Count" quizzes so I thought 40 points would be a good number. Let me tell you what happened, Lilly learned to read and as of right now she has 81 points! She will be taking quizzes soon and then will most likely be over 100 points and will have her picture on the wall. I am so proud of her!

As a Mom, sometimes I wonder if I am doing a good job. Mom's don't get job reviews. We are most likely to get complaints and arguments. When I see how well my children read (and yes, Jacob still reads for enjoyment), I know I am doing something right. I want to encourage you to read to your children, grandchildren, any child really. I still find books magical and I hope my children always will.

We have some new books available at the library that you may find magical. "Double Trouble" by Susan May Warren is the second book with PJ Sugar. I loved the first book in this series. PJ messes up but always tries to do right by God. I was so looking forward to this second book. It was full of suspense but I thought there were too many characters to keep track of. I found the message of the book to be very on target though. Because PJ had made so many mistakes, she was trying too hard to be perfect for God. In doing so, she was missing what God really wanted for her. I think you will enjoy this book if you can keep the characters straight.

Also new is "First Things First" by Kurt and Brenda Warner. Even if you are not a football fan I encourage you to read this book. Kurt Warner had many ups and downs in his football career. His wife Brenda really encouraged his faith and together they make God a member of their family. What I liked about this book was that neither Warner made excuses for past mistakes. They accept responsibility and don't sugar coat things they would rather forget about. I also was impressed with the amount of charity work this family does. And men, you will like this book to!

I can hear Lilly reading right now so like Lilly, Keep Reading!!!  
Trisha



### **COMMUNITY AID CONCERT**

Although we certainly need to continue helping our brothers and sisters in Haiti, we can't forget about those in need right around us, so we are planning to host a Community Aid Concert to benefit the Food Bank. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Admission price is just non-perishable food items that the Food Bank can use. The concert will feature a variety of family-oriented performers and musical styles in a Coffee House format. Refreshments will be available through the Faith Church Youth Group and proceeds from refreshments will also benefit the Food Bank. We would appreciate donations of cookies, cakes, muffins, and other baked goods for this part of the event.

Anyone who needs more information, who would like to help with the event, or any individuals interested in performing should contact Dan Christopher at 359-7041 (home), 441-9960 (cell) or email to [dte6@gotmc.net](mailto:dte6@gotmc.net). Together we CAN make a difference, one CAN at a time.

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
MARCH 17TH**





### **DRAMA MINISTRY AT FAITH CHURCH**

*Four Tickets to Christmas* was a huge success and many people have expressed an interest in an ongoing drama ministry in and through Faith Church. Drew Baker is not only working on drama for a new Good Friday worship service and our Easter Sunrise service, but he also looking to the possibility of an ongoing drama ministry here at Faith Church. If you would be interested in being part of this ministry, or want to learn more about it, please contact Drew Baker at 814-932-4085.



In a flash:

- Youth Group: Sundays, 5:30-7.
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7am in the youth room.
- Community Aid Concert: March 7th from 4-6pm
- Pizza and movie night: March 7th from 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Group will be meeting every Sunday this month, but on March 7th we will be doing things a bit differently. The youth will be selling refreshments at the community aid concert, all of which is benefiting the Faith Centre. Following the concert will be a pizza and movie night. Feel free to invite your friends. Feel free to come to either one of these events or both!

Check out [faithchurchoyouth.blogspot.com](http://faithchurchoyouth.blogspot.com) for up to date information about stuff going on with the Youth Ministry!

Of course, if you want to get into contact with me, feel free to email me at [youthministry@bellefontefait.com](mailto:youthministry@bellefontefait.com).

David Carter  
Director of Youth Ministries



### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Worship at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM  
Easter Cantata at 7:00 PM

#### ***Raise the Crown***

A celebration of both the sacrifice and sovereignty of Jesus Christ, ***Raise the Crown*** invites you to relive the events of Holy week through poignant narrations and breathtaking new arrangements of signature Easter songs from Deborah Craig-Claar and David T Clydesdale. Classics such as "Arise," "Where the Nails Were," Michael W. Smith's "Hosanna" and Babbie Mason's "All Rise" find new life in this emotional retelling of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 PM

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Community Worship Service at 12 Noon  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Pastor Andy will be preaching.

Evening Worship at Faith Church – 7:00 PM.  
Come experience the power of this day  
through drama and music.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Worship 6:30 AM  
Walker Township Park in Zion,  
Pastor Andy preaching

Faith Church in Bellefonte  
Worship through Drama and Music  
Leader: Drew Baker

Easter Worship at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM



## **MARCH NUSERY SCHEDULE**

Mar 7	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Mar 7	9:30	Barb Reed
Mar 7	10:45	Shelley Murray
Mar 14	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Mar 14	9:30	Louise & David Walker
Mar 14	10:45	Darlene & Gary Witmer
Mar 21	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Mar 21	9:30	Sandy Rothrock
Mar 21	10:45	Kelly Heckman
Mar 28	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Mar 28	9:30	Kent & Amy Laubscher
Mar 28	10:45	Heather Tomlinson

## **GREETERS FOR MARCH**

Mar 7	8:15	Richard & Joanne King
Mar 7	10:45	Paul & Sarah Neff
Mar 14	8:15	Jake & Sonda Knisely
Mar 14	10:45	Dona Bradley & Helen Alters
Mar 21	8:15	Dick & Darla Snyder
Mar 21	10:45	George & Diane Lyons
Mar 28	8:15	Pete and Louise Mason
Mar 28	10:45	Ken & Mary Kopp

## **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH**

Mar 7	8:15	Ethan Stewart
Mar 7	10:45	Cameron Coppolo
Mar 14	8:15	Gillian Stewart
Mar 14	10:45	Jordan Emerly
Mar 21	8:15	Alyssa McGraw
Mar 21	10:45	Cameron Coppolo
Mar 28	8:15	Zach Mothersbaugh
Mar 28	10:45	Jordan Emerly



## **JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER & SPRING EVENTS**

February 28	Sermon – Encounters with Jesus 'Challenged'
March 5	Young Adults Dinner – 6pm – Klines
March 7	Sermon – Encounters with Jesus 'Rejected' Community Aid Concert – 4pm Youth Pizza & Movie Night – 6:30pm
March 14	Sermon – Encounters with Jesus 'Transformed'
March 21	Sermon – Encounters with Jesus 'Empowered' Potluck Lunch – 12:15pm
March 26	Roast Beef Dinner – 5:00pm
March 27	Easter Egg Hunt – 9am Faith Church Easter Egg Hunt – 2pm Walker Twp
March 28	Palm Sunday Sermon – Encounters with Jesus 'Unfinished' "Raise the Crown" Easter Cantata 7pm
April 1	Maundy Thursday Worship – 7pm
April 2	Good Friday Worship -St. John's Episcopal Church – Noon -Faith Church – 7pm
April 4	Easter Sunday Worship -Outdoor Sunrise Service – 6:30am Walker Twp Park -Indoor Sunrise Service – 6:30am Faith Church Easter Worship – 8:15 & 10:45 am
April 10	Walk/Run for Faith – 10am Bellefonte Middle School
April 11	Potluck Lunch – 12:15pm
April 21	"Senior Institute" – Dinner
April 23	Roast Turkey Dinner – 5:00pm



## **GROWING IN FAITH DAYCARE**

Lately the children have been enjoying our winter snow. When the weather is warm enough the children have been able to dress in their snowsuits and boots and head out for some snow fun, making snow angels, climbing the big snow piles and tossing snow balls. However the children and teachers at Growing In Faith are in anticipation of celebrating the first day of spring on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The classrooms have many spring activities planned including the celebration of Johnny Appleseed day, a peach blossom festival and plant a flower day. Other lessons during March will include learning about Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick. Our lunch menu will even reflect Dr. Seuss's birthday as our cooks will be serving "Green eggs and ham" for breakfast! Our school-age class will be busy making the Leprechaun houses in the hopes to catch those silly little leprechauns. During the weeks of lent our children will be studying some special stories about Jesus as we approach the Easter season. Also this month we will be having a program presented by North Central Sight Services on ways to promote good eye health. "See-Well Bunny" will be leading the presentation and the children will receive free eye screenings as part of the program.

Our staff will be getting some professional development training hours completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> as the daycare is closed for teacher in-service day and we will be attending the Keystone Stars professional development conference in State College. It is a great opportunity for our teachers and administrators to learn the latest strategies and techniques on topics like child observation, health and safety, assessment and curriculum and business practices.

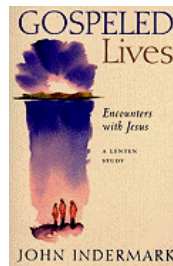
### **CHURCH SIGNS**

**No God-No Peace. Know God-Know Peace."**

**"Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!"**

**"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."**

**"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"**



## **ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS**

Small Group Discussion for the 40 days of Lent has started. We have a total of 11 small groups participating with approximately 85 people attending.

This study focuses on the positive and negative responses of people in the Gospels who encountered the living Christ and his offer of good news, in addition to considering how we encounter Jesus in our lives today.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact the group facilitator listed below.

- Group #1** Sun 6:30 pm Room #40  
Facilitator: Sue Quick
- Group #2** Mon 10:00 am  
Facilitator: David Dimmick  
(@their home: 258 Washington Ave., Bellefonte/Zion)
- Group #3** Mon 6:30 pm  
Facilitator: Vaughn Meyer  
(@ Mundys: 1228 Fox Meadow Circle, Bellefonte)
- Group #4** Tues 10:00 am Room #43  
Facilitator: Trisha Christopher
- Group #5** Tues 3:00 pm  
Facilitator: Patty Taverno  
(@Barry Johnson home: 426 Gregory Lane, Bellefonte)
- Group #6** Tues 7:00 pm Room #43  
Facilitator: Jack Hastings
- Group #7** Thurs 7:00 pm Room #25  
Facilitator: Gail Spotts
- Group #8\*** Sun 6:00 pm  
Facilitator: Randy Brown  
(@Browns: 132 Robin Circle, Bellefonte)
- Group #9\*** Thurs 7:00 pm  
Facilitator: Paul Neff  
(@Neffs: 101 Bending Oak Drive, Bellefonte)
- Group #10\*** Thurs 7:00 pm  
Facilitator: Scottie Showers  
(@Showers: 198 Kathryn Drive, Bellefonte)
- Group #11** Thurs 7:00 pm  
Facilitator: Pam Gudeman  
(@Walkers, 123 McNichol Lane, Bellefonte)

\*These groups are currently full.



Last month, our Playschool classes had a wonderful time celebrating love and friendship with Valentine's Day. Even the snow didn't discourage us! Our Pre-K classes also learned about the heart muscle and how it beats fast or slow depending on activity. This group participated in the American Heart Association's Wear Red Day on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Below is a picture of our three Pre-K classes in all their red!



Thank you to everyone who has ordered Little Caesar's Pizza Kits from the Playschool. We appreciate your support of our fundraising efforts! The pizza kits and other items will be here at the church on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and may be picked up between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm in the Narthex. We will find freezer space in the church for friends and members who can't pick-up their items until later.

On **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, the Bellefonte Playschool will be holding an **Open House and Registration Evening** to encourage new families to meet our dedicated staff, and to see our child-oriented classrooms and play facilities. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this fun-filled event! We will be here welcoming families from **6:00-7:30 pm**. Children are encouraged to attend with their parents or grandparents and, of course, refreshments will be served and toys will be ready to play!

In the classrooms this month, our teachers will be busy reading Dr. Seuss books and teaching the children about rhyming. Our older, Pre-K students will be learning more about the unpredictable weather of March, and both age groups will be studying rainbows and how they are made. The younger, Three-Year-Old classes will also be focusing on the color green as they learn about leprechaun legends and other green-colored things. For St. Patrick's Day, all of our classes will be learning a little about the Irish saint and the shamrock's connection

to the Trinity. We expect to see lots of little green people...and some bigger ones too...on St. Patrick's Day!

For the second half of March, our students will be focusing on Easter. The children will learn about Jesus' Resurrection, and also prepare adorable baskets for the Easter Bunny to fill. Each age group will make beautiful Easter crosses and relate the colorful, new life of Easter to all the new plants and baby animals that we usually see at this time of year.

If you know anyone interested in The Bellefonte Playschool please have them contact me at 357-9086 or at [playschool@bellefontefait.com](mailto:playschool@bellefontefait.com). Registration Packets for our 2010 Summer Session and our 2010-2011 school year are available, and spaces are already filling up. We also are planning *Bring a Friend Days* in April for children who want to try out one of our classes. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to check out our PDE-licensed, Christian preschool!

Have a Happy Spring!  
Carol-Beth Book, Director



### **HARRISBURG MISSION TRIP**

Paul Neff is organizing a VIM (Volunteers In Mission) trip to Harrisburg to work on houses in that area from July 12-16. Our church group will probably travel to Harrisburg on Sunday evening (July 11) and will be staying at a local church. Sleeping bags will be used for overnight accommodations. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone that has thought about participating in a mission trip, but didn't want to travel so far away from home. If you have any interest in participating or have any questions, please contact Paul Neff at 355-3935. More details will follow at a later date.

