

FAITH CHURCH BUILDER



An unstable economy, job loss, mortgage foreclosures, health concerns, family stress, unmet expectations, retirement, marriage, the birth of children... there are many things that can bring fear into our lives. Wouldn't it be nice if we could live a life without fear? Wouldn't it be wonderful to wake up every day fearless of what was to come? Is that kind of life possible? I believe it is if we can learn to listen to and trust Jesus.

This fall we are going to look at how to live a more fearless life. Each Sunday we will hear from Jesus how we can overcome fear: fear of not mattering to God, fear of disappointing God, fear of overwhelming challenges, life's final moments, Global problems and what's next for our lives. Taken mostly from the gospel of Matthew, we will hear from Jesus and see from Him how to live a life that takes on our fears and overcomes them.

To really overcome our fears, we need to find strength, wisdom and encouragement from one another as well, so we invite you to join a small group to dig deeper into the teachings of Jesus and share together how to live a fearless life. A variety of Small Groups are being offered and we hope you will find one that fits your schedule and needs and begin to share with others how to put the teaching of Jesus into practice. Look for a listing of small groups in this newsletter or call the church office for more information.

More than maybe anything else, God wants us to live a fearless life, which is why God so says hundreds of times throughout the Bible, do not be afraid (or Fear Not!). Some have said that there are 365 *fear not* passages in the Bible, one for each day of the year. What's clear is that God wants us to find this message of courage in his word so to help all of us stay focused on living a fearless life, we are once again providing a weekly Bible study for your use.

Each Sunday in the bulletin will be a Bible Study written by one of the members of Faith Church. They will help guide us through God's word where we can find a message of faith and trust that can help us overcome any and all fears. I am so thankful to the people who have helped put this study together and I am excited that together we can learn from one another how to "Fear Not!" Please consider doing these daily devotions whether or not you join a small group – they will be a blessing to you and a

resource to strengthen your faith. The Bible Studies will also be available on the website www.bellefontefaith.com.

We do live in uncertain and fearful times for all kinds of reasons, but God invites us to be fearless. It is possible if we will listen to, trust in and walk with Jesus. Let us begin this fearless life today. ~Andy



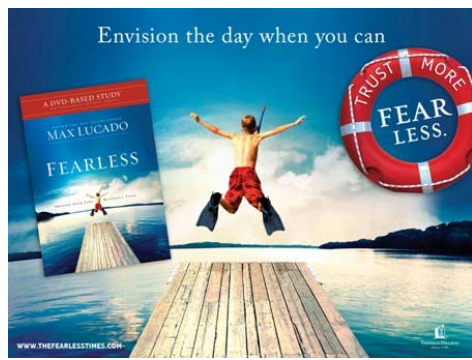
Fall 2010 Fearless Sermon Series -- Sign up now for the Small Group of your choice!

For 8 weeks this fall there will be opportunities to learn about how to trust more and fear less through Pastor Andy's sermons, personal Bible Studies and a variety of Small Group discussions. Sermons begin September 12, 2010 and topics include: Why Are We afraid?; Fear of Not Mattering to God; Fear of Disappointing God; Fear of Overwhelming Challenges; Fear of Life's Final Moments; Fear of Global Problems; Fear of the "Real" Jesus; and Fear of What's Next.

The theme for fall has been inspired by Max Lucado's book: ***Fearless - Imagine Your Life Without Fear*** (published by Thomas Nelson, 2009). While it is not necessary to buy the book to participate, if you want, books can be purchased from a local book store or from an online service of your choice like www.amazon.com or www.christianbooks.com. Personal Bible Study Guides will be provided each week in the Bulletin. These guides have been prepared by members of Faith Church and are based on 40 different fear-related scriptures. Fearless Small Group Discussion Guides will be available through the group Facilitators and are based on the topics and scriptures used by Pastor Andy.

Small Groups begin the week of September 12th. Sign-up sheets will be available on the attendance clipboard and at the Welcome Table.

Any questions, please contact Edie Hertzog at 237-7737.



FALL 2010 FEARLESS SMALL GROUPS

The Small Groups are listed below; please sign up on the attendance clipboard located in the pews or at the Welcome Table for the group that you would like to participate in.

Group #1 - 7 pm Monday; facilitated by Barry Johnson; hosted by Louise Mundy, 1228 Fox Meadow Circle, Bellefonte.

Group #2 - 10 am Tuesday; facilitated by Trisha Christopher; @ Church, Room 43.

Group #3 - 7 pm Tuesday; facilitated by Jack Hastings; hosted by Lanny & Christine King, 1231 Parkwood Drive, Bellefonte.

Group #4 - 7 pm Thursday; facilitated by Gail Spotts; @ Church, Room 25.

Group #5 - 7 pm Monday; facilitated & hosted by Pam & Charlie Gudeman, 121 Limestone Drive, Bellefonte.

If you have any questions about fall Small Groups, please contact Edie Hertzog, 237-7737, ecb2@psu.edu.



YOUNG ADULTS

We will be having our first potluck gathering on Friday, September 3rd, at 6:00 PM at Mark and Judy Beer's home. (501 Millgate Road, Bellefonte) This would be a great time to join in the fun of a new season! We are a group of young Christian's (20's and 30's) who meet once a month for a potluck meal and games. September's potluck theme is 'tailgate party'. Bring your favorite tailgate party food to share and prepare for a game of 'Battle of the Sexes' (guys against girls!). If you are planning to attend, please call Mark/Judy at 353-0578 to tell them what food you are bringing. We hope to see you there!



F.U.M.Y (Faith UM Youth)

Fall is here and the school year is about to begin. Just as all Middle and High School students are entering into a new grade in their schools, F.U.M.Y. is starting something new, too.

Starting on September 12th from 5:30-7:00pm we will be rolling out a new format to our Sunday night Youth Group. We will be meeting in small groups that are age-specific so that students will be able to talk about topics and Scripture with other students their age. We'll all come together for snacks and worship and the rest of the time will be devoted to students connecting with students their age.

Haven't tried Youth Group or haven't been for a while? Now is a great time to start back up with FUMY! Friends are always welcome. Come and connect with your peers as you deepen your Faith.

For current and updated information, go to faithchurchoyouth.com.

Of course, if you want to get into contact with me, feel free to email me at youthministry@bellefontefaith.com.

David Carter
Director of Youth Ministries



"What is 5th Quarter?"

After 4 quarters of Bellefonte football, students are invited to enjoy a 5th quarter at Faith Church. Students grades 6 through 12 walk over to Faith United Methodist Church for an evening of music, free nachos & cheese, free soda, snacks, games and fellowship.

After football games, we are giving students a safe and fun environment to hang out with their friends.

This season, post game activities run from 9 – 10:30 pm on September 17th, 24th, October 15th, 22nd, and Nov. 5th.

Fifth Quarter is made possible by people who volunteer, like you, and your food and monetary donations. Please sign up on the attendance clipboards in the church pews. We thank you in advance for all you do for this ministry.



Can you believe our summer break is over and it is time to get back into the swing of things?

Have you been reading or hearing about the disappearance of the Honey Bee and the problems it can cause.

We'll mark your calendar for Thursday, September 23rd to hear the "Bee Talk". Our speaker will be Richard Walker and he will be able to enlighten us about this growing problem.

Bring a covered dish and your own table service to room #40 at 11:30 am and invite a friend or neighbor to join us for fun, food and fellowship.



The United Methodist Women recently held their annual summer picnic. If you missed it, you missed lots of good food, fellowship, and laughter. Following a delicious meal, and groans by those who ate more than they should have, everyone shared their favorite memories of activities this summer. Memories shared included vacations, trips to amusement parks, weddings, graduations, a surprise 75th birthday party, lots of good books read, and visits by out-of-town family members. At the end of the evening, it was quite apparent that all members of the United Methodist Women had enjoyed their two months summer recess.

Now we're ready to get back to business and our mission of supporting the needs of women, children, and youth. Won't you plan to join our group and participate in this important work? We meet regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room #40. At each monthly meeting, there's a thought provoking and interesting presentation, followed by a short business meeting, and refreshments.

Jackie Wolfe - Communications



HEALTHY STEPS SMALL GROUP

Healthy Steps small group will begin meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 7 pm in room 25. Beginning September 16th we will begin the Fearless Study and continue until November 4th.

At that time we will continue with the Healthy Steps small group discussions. We will discover what happens when we try to hide our inadequacies, doubts and fears instead of trusting God with our anger, frustration, flaws and regrets. Through studying God's word and applying it to day to day living, we can learn to exchange our junk for HIS joy, and discover the imperfect pieces of our lives shaped into a peaceful pattern of grace and pure joy. The Bible is a great book full of wonderful stories of faith, wisdom, anger, praise, prayer, love, and much more. Please join us for a time of fellowship sharing God's Word and taking healthy steps to better living.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Healthy Steps Small Group we thank those who purchased our church cookbook. We were able to donate over 1200.00 to the Food Bank.

Fall is coming way too soon for most of us and soon we will be thinking of holidays, baking and cooking. What better gift than a great cookbook full of easy, healthy recipes! Some have given the cookbooks for housewarming gifts, birthdays and as a hostess gift. So you will want to order several and have them handy as a gift that will be appreciated and remembered.

We will be placing another order due to the overwhelming response and requests for more cookbooks. Please let Gail Spotts, Pat Peters, Jean Hampton, Janet Ivicic, or the church office know how many cookbooks you wish to order. We will let you know when they arrive.

As always, thank you for your generosity as we step out in faith once again to help people that live in our community.



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
COMMUNITY PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
5:00 PM AT WALKER TWP PARK**

To celebrate and prepare kids and their families for school, Faith Church, Bellefonte, is having a FREE Community Picnic and Blessing of the Backpacks at the Walker Township Park on Labor Day Sunday, September 5th at 5pm.

We want to send children to school with God's blessing and protection and we need your help. Invite kids and their families to come and create one of your great covered dishes to serve at the picnic. (See the sign-up sheets on the Attendance clipboard)

Being part of Faith Church is really great. Let's pass that feeling on to others at the Back to School Picnic, Labor Day Sunday, September 5th at 5pm.



***A Baby Named Grace
Christmas 2010***

As we approach the Grange Fair, the first day of school, and PSU football, much work has already been done in preparation for a Christmas season filled with music and memory-making. Even though 2010 is not a year for a big musical drama production, Drew Baker and Linda Hoffman will once again be joining forces to create an opportunity for singing, dancing, whispering, shouting and sharing the good news of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

An original story of testimony and faith will be woven through a collection of anthems, to include "A Baby Changes Everything", "Who Am I?", "Sing We Now of Christmas" and "You Alone Are My Rescue". The first gathering will be on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 2:00 p.m. for distribution of sheet music and listening to several of the numbers selected for the musical program "A Baby Named Grace." MOST of the subsequent rehearsals will be on Monday evenings at 8:00 for performances on Dec. 11th and 12th.

We extend an invitation to not only the Faith family, but also extended family, friends, and members of the community at-large to participate in this exciting Christmas celebration. There are MANY varied opportunities for involvement--solos, ensembles, multi-media, live instrumental accompaniment and dancing. Please come

and learn more. Bring two friends!! For more information call Linda Hoffman 355-3929, pianogirl1905@yahoo.com.



Book Review

Recently a book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, was donated to the library in memory of Lewis Woods. The author, Rueben P. Job, offers great insight as to how you can attain a more faithful way of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ. With three main principles to live by, you can change the world (okay, at least the world closest to you). He explains three simple rules: do no harm, do good and stay in love with God. Much of what he suggests will hardly be new but is condensed, scripturally-based thoughts on our needs today. The book is easy to read, is only 77 pages long and practically fits in a shirt pocket. Be the first in your pew to read *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*.



MUSIC MINISTRY AT FAITH

NEW: Contemporary Singers. Do you sing along in the car with the Christian radio stations but aren't quite sure of all the words? Do you wish you knew the songs that the Praise Team leads during 10:45 worship? Would you like to improve your singing skills? Then come join us in this new venture. Singers ages 10 through adult are invited to participate for the months of September, October and November to learn some new songs, polish up some almost-new songs, and share ideas about contemporary worship. We will provide special music at the 10:45 worship service 3 times during that period. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome!

Beginning September 20th, come to room 51 at 7:00 p.m. Let's get acquainted! Linda is my name and making music is my "game." Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord!





Some common questions keep being asked of various members of the Missions Committee. Hopefully the following will help answer some of these questions.

The Missions Committee tries to serve Christ by serving the needs of others both globally and locally. On the global front we support six missionaries around the world (please see the bulletin board at the sanctuary entrance for details of these missionaries), we coordinate Faith Church's effort for Crop Walk, Operation Christmas Child and Tools and Blanket outreach, we have sponsored mission trips to Mississippi, Red Bird Mission and Rosebud Indian Reservation, we have hosted a craft fair from Red Bird Appalachian Mission for several years. On the local front we have aided in the Hope for Kids outreach with the Christmas Angel program, contributed financially to some local charities, worked with Mission Central Hub in Continental Courts, supported fundraising for community needs, partnered with Habitat for Humanity by hosting the House Walk and making repairs on some houses in the community, and sent volunteers to the work camp in the Harrisburg region.

Despite the high temperatures, twenty-two volunteers went to the work camp in Harrisburg in July and participated in a variety of projects. Some worked at the Capital Area Therapeutic Training Association rebuilding stable walls, wooden fence, and barn doors; cleaning the water troughs and stable; and weeding the garden, etc. Other volunteers did repairs at a senior center and a drug rehabilitation facility. Still others replaced or built porches, painted, and repaired gates for low income home owners.

Monies for six missionaries and some local charities are part of the annual church budget. In general, monies raised from fundraising projects are used to buy building supplies for the mission trips and/or local housing repairs. In some instances the fundraiser may be designated for a specific project such as the chicken BBQ to cover travel expenses for the Red Bird personnel to bring the crafts from Kentucky.

Please note: Volunteers in Mission pay for their own transportation and housing when they go on mission trips. Anyone may volunteer for mission trips or local mission

efforts, just watch the bulletins for information. You also may tell Paul Neff that you are interested in helping and what experience you have.

Upcoming mission activities include:

- Habitat for Humanity referral for repair of a roof on a local house (Sept./Oct.)
- Mission Central Hub (Sept.)
- Crop Walk (Oct. 17)
- Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child (Nov.)
- Christmas Angels for Hope for Kids (Nov.)

A mission trip, or perhaps trips, is being planned for next year. Some possible destinations are the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Indian Reservations in New York, Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, and Harrisburg work camp. More details will be provided as possibilities are further investigated for needs and times.

If you are interested in joining the Mission Committee, please come to a meeting (usually the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in room #40). Membership in the mission committee does not require volunteering for mission trips; we also need support from prayers, encouragement, fundraising, etc.

Sue Quick – Mission Ministry



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

Our church will be participating in the collection of shoe boxes again this year during the third week in November. It is a wonderful time to start buying school supplies for your boxes. There are many sales on school supplies in August...so take advantage of the savings. This is a great opportunity to make the difference in a child's life and to introduce him/her to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Heidi Michelle Lingle
Memorial Fall Foliage Ride**



The Heidi Michelle Lingle Memorial Fall Foliage Ride is on Sunday, October 10th. Anyone interested in participating, helping out, or donating a dessert or auction item, please contact Larry or Cindy Lingle at (814) 280 2271 or 355 7316, or calingle1@yahoo.com. Thank You!

SEPTEMBER NUSERY SCHEDULE

Sept 5	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Sept 5	9:30	Barb Reed
Sept 5	10:45	Shelley Murray
Sept 12	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Sept 12	9:30	Louise & David Walker
Sept 12	10:45	Darlene & Gary Witmer
Sept 19	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Sept 19	9:30	Sandy Rothrock
Sept 19	10:45	Kelly Heckman
Sept 26	8:15	Margie Luckovich
Sept 26	9:30	Kent & Amy Laubscher
Sept 26	10:45	Heather Tomlinson

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 5	8:15	Jeff & Joanie Walker
Sept 5	10:45	Dick & Janet McDowell
Sept 12	8:15	Lewis & Pat Wian
Sept 12	10:45	John & Lois Zimmerman
Sept 19	8:15	George & Linda Brown, Jr
Sept 19	10:45	Shawn & Kelly Smith
Sept 26	8:15	David & Betty Dimmick
Sept 26	10:45	Don & Barb Reed

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR SEPT

Sept 5	8:15	Gillian Stewart
Sept 5	10:45	Cameron Coppolo
Sept 12	8:15	Alyssa McGraw
Sept 12	10:45	Jordan Emerly
Sept 19	8:15	Zack Mothersbaugh
Sept 19	10:45	Cameron Coppolo
Sept 26	8:15	Ethan Stewart
Sept 26	10:45	Jordan Emerly

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

9/03	Don Ohmit	9/18	Martha Confer
9/04	Connie Stahlman	9/18	Diane Kerstetter
9/05	Emilie Hancock	9/19	David Walker
9/05	Jalene McClure	9/20	Kathleen Emerick
9/06	John Ripka, Jr	9/20	Ray Shomo
9/07	Marcia Noll	9/22	Dick Snyder
9/07	Nick Ramish	9/22	Susan Watson
9/08	Marion Wallace	9/24	Patricia Lose
9/08	Allison Brungard	9/24	Larry Lingle
9/09	Ray Gephart	9/25	Michael Murray
9/10	Danielle Hosterman	9/26	Shawn McGraw
9/11	Gregg Spotts	9/27	Bill Bittner
9/12	Edna Dreibelbis	9/27	Mark Heckman
9/13	James Hoffman	9/28	Beverly Wilson
9/13	Robert Martin, Jr	9/29	Julie Elnitski
9/16	Pam Hosterman	9/30	Joe Shuey, Sr
9/16	James Andrews		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY LIST

9/04	Dan & Linda Hoffman
9/05	David & Louise Walker
9/05	Brian & Carol-Beth Book
9/05	William & Diane Hughes
9/06	Mac & Elsie Longwell
9/07	Dan & Sandy Hoy
9/08	John & Linnea Ripka, Jr
9/09	Ken & Joan McMullen
9/16	Larry & Cindy Lingle
9/25	Don & Janet Swires
9/26	Clay & Pam Hosterman
9/28	Paul & Violet Schaeffer
9/30	Dick & Darla Snyder



CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

The church office will also have abbreviated hours on Thursday, September 23rd, Friday, September 24th and Monday, September 27th. The hours will be 9:00 am till noon. Linda Brown will be in the office during those hours.

If you need pastoral care, please call 355-3189 and leave a message for the Pastor.



Back to School time is here! September is always a wonderful and exciting time, with a new start for children and families, teachers and staff, and everyone connected with the amazing world of education. At the Bellefonte Playschool, we have been hard at work during these past weeks as we prepare for the coming year and our new classes. We are so happy to have a nearly full enrollment, with 39 four year olds, and close to 30 three year olds who are registered at this time!

We will have three Pre-K classes, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:00 to 11:30. Our three sessions for three year olds will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, also from 9:00 to 11:30. Playschool will be a busy place every morning! Mrs. Ruth Rogers, assisted by Mrs. Linda Yarnell, Mrs. Julie Skellen, assisted by Mrs. Denise Schomer, and Mrs. Laine Seibel, assisted by Mrs. Molly Corl, will all be returning again this year to offer their gifts of teaching and caring to our Playschool children and their families.

We will be greeting new and returning children and their families at our Open House, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 8, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Classes will begin on Monday, Sept 13 for four year olds, and Tuesday, Sept. 14 for three year olds. The teachers have so many special things planned for this Back to School month! I would like to welcome anyone who is interested in visiting the Playschool to stop in the office in room 25. I think you would enjoy seeing the amazing program that we are so fortunate to be a part of here at Faith Church.

Please keep the Playschool children, families, and staff in your prayers, for a safe, healthy and exciting year of fun learning experiences.

Diane Johnson
Director, The Bellefonte Playschool



GROWING IN FAITH DAYCARE



Our summer was fun...but now it's done. We enjoyed our summer session of sunshine days and summer fun. From water sprinkler days and bike days to camping themes and indoor fishing ponds, we sure had a lot of fun.

“Back to School” is our monthly theme for September. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our students who are returning to their classrooms this September. We wish all the best to our eleven preschool graduates who are beginning their Kindergarten year. We will be having an open house/back to school night on Thursday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. Come join us and experience our classrooms hands-on. Teachers will be available to guide you through a classroom activity and answer questions. We will also be having many of our partnership groups here as well. Head Start along with Soccer Shots and Melody Makers will have informational tables about their programs.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be on display beginning Monday, September 27th and run through our open house. Feel free to come browse through the many popular children's books. Any purchases can be made by stopping in the daycare office.

Many of our activities during September will include “All About Me” as we meet new friends and those returning from summer break; and “Fall Harvest” as we begin to touch on the changing season of fall towards the end of the month. Our preschool class will have the opportunity to take a field trip to Way's Fruit Farm for Apple Harvest Days as well.

Growing In Faith would like to thank Carolyn Wittkowski for her time spent volunteering in our infant classroom. Carolyn comes in on Thursday mornings to volunteer some time in our Honey Hut. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer at Growing In Faith please stop in or call the daycare office. As a reminder all volunteers are required to have criminal clearances on file with Faith Church.

Growing In Faith recently renewed our STAR FOUR rating through the Pennsylvania Keystone STARS program! The highest rating in Keystone STARS! We look forward to purchasing some new equipment for the “big room” with some of our grant funds. If you have any ideas on items you would like available for children to use in the big room please let us know.

Christine Ebeling, Director