

November/December 2019



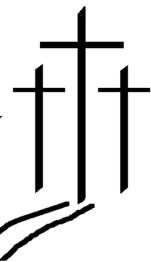
The Community View

Faith Community United Methodist Church

Riverview United Methodist Church

Faith on Jefferson, Faith on 68, Riverview UMC

Riverview
United Methodist
Church



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Growing in Faith . . . Growing in Service . . . Growing in Christ!



TUE. Dec. 10
from 1 PM to 6 PM
Faith Community
UMC
341 Jefferson St.,
Rochester, PA 15074

When you give blood
you give another birthday,
another anniversary,
another day at the beach,
another night under the stars,
another talk with a friend,
another laugh,
another hug,
another chance.

To Know Christ



You can find us on Facebook at "Riverview United Methodist Church," "Faith on 68," or "Faith on Jefferson UMC." Don't forget to like, share, and follow us!

Want to stay clued-in to everything that's happening in our churches?
Go to Faithcomumchurch.org or riverviewumchurchbf.org.

WORDS FROM Pastor Donna

Through It All

The year 2019 is on the wane! How can that be? Weren't we just beginning a new year?

Be that as it may, the year has flown by. The days and months fill up with everyday "busy-ness," and now comes the extra busy season of Advent.

Pastor Bay and I are looking at liturgy for candle lighting, music planning, worship preparation to make the approaching holy season special and memorable for you as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

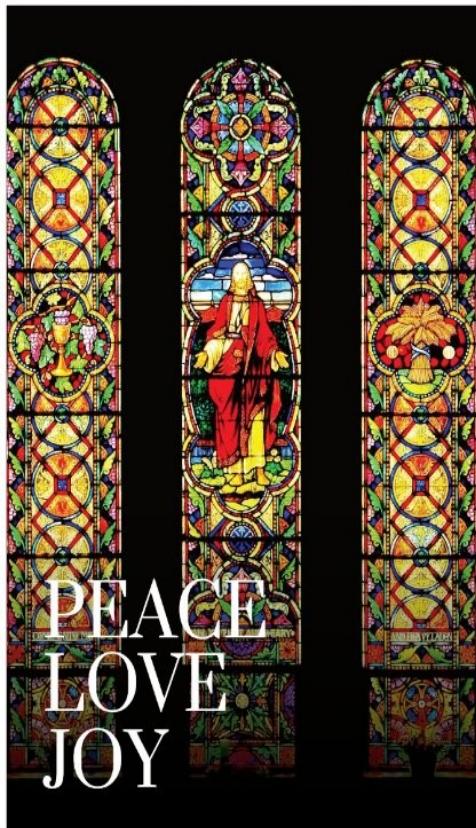
In the meantime, however, we still need to deal with issues that crop up on a daily basis. Most recent crisis is the closure of the daycare center, and replacement of the boiler system at Faith on Jefferson. We also need to finish the plaster work at Faith on Jefferson and fix or replace the roof at Faith on 68.

In our Thanksgiving acknowledgement, we can thank God for small victories such as the completion of the roofing work at Riverview and fulfilled by the faith and generous support of that congregation, and the fundraising gifts and support for the roof repair at Faith on Jefferson.

As the year closes, we certainly have our share of ups and downs at all of our churches, and sometimes it is a struggle to remember where God is in the scuffle to remain viable.

Recently as I prayed about everything on our congregational plate, I remember our beloved friend, Jerry Bierline. Often when he provided special music for us, his favorite hymn was that good old #507, "Through It All." Simple but pure lyrics: "Through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word." I can still hear Jerry's voice raised in praise.

My friends, Jesus assured the grieving father in Mark 5:30, "Do not fear, only believe." This we shall do. If nothing else, dear ones, we are a people of faithfulness. Let us remain faithful to this church as we finish this year, and anticipate the coming Messiah and the joy that it will bring.



Faith on Jefferson Christmas Greeting Fundraiser Don't Miss this Opportunity— Order Early

Now you can share the beautiful Jefferson Church windows with friends and relatives. Available and ready for distribution are these specially designed Christmas greeting cards featuring the sanctuary triad stained glass windows at Faith on Jefferson. Each card is 5" x 7" in high gloss finish.

The interior of the card reads in a beautiful script, "¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:11-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

The back of the card announces the cover image as the "Sanctuary Triad" of Faith Community United Methodist Church

These elegant cards are available in packs of 4 for \$10.

Cards can be ordered by calling the church office at 724-775-3447. Don't wait, order early.

WORDS FROM Pastor Bay

Dear Friends of Faith,

This time of year is one of my favorites. The leaves that were once green and full, providing shade in those hot summer months, are beginning to turn, fade, and fall. The air is beginning to shift; chimneys are beginning to kiss the sky with their smoke; the coats that were hiding in the closets are making their way back onto our bodies.

In the midst of all this *change*, it is good to know that the love of our God is *constant*. November brings with it the thought of not only turkeys, and family, and traveling — it brings us this awesome reminder to give thanks! Thanksgiving is more than a holiday that is placed on our calendars; it is a response to God that is hopefully placed upon our hearts!

And then... just as the last guest has gone back to their homes and we are finally starting to get rid of the aroma of fresh pumpkin pies lingering in our kitchens, Advent is upon us. *Advent*, that time of year that we have all been waiting for (in fact the word itself implies a waiting...for what is coming...) There are candles to be lit in remembrance of who God is; there are candles that are often lit in remembrance of those who make our Christmas a little more blue since they are no longer here to share it with us... but eventually this time of Advent reveals to us who it is that is coming — *Jesus is coming!* Born as a baby into our grown-up world, a world with grown-up problems, and bills that need paid, and boilers that need replaced, and roofs that need repaired...all of it! Jesus comes as a baby, of all imaginable and beautiful things: a call to revisit what it means to be dependent upon others for support.

And so we depend upon our church. Our friends. Our neighbors. We depend on one another in various ways, and as the hustle and bustle of the shopping season leaves as quickly as it arrived... Jesus sticks with us. Jesus will not leave us, nor forsake us. Even when that smell of pumpkin pie leaves your kitchen (yes! that day will come, believe me!) Jesus is still with you every step of the way. Talk about gifts at Christmas...Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving! God gives us so much to be thankful for, not just in November...not just when the holiday appears on our calendars... when we wonder if we've got enough food for everyone...Jesus is always with us and is more than enough!

So this holiday season, I pray that you and your family have all the blessings that God can fit under one roof! I pray that you live well, laugh well, love well, and that it will last well into the new year! If you're looking for somewhere to worship this Christmas Eve, we will have a combined Christmas Eve service at our Jefferson St. location. Hope to see you there. We will not only encounter the light of the world, but we will be encouraged to carry that light into the darkest places of the world. I hope you'll join us.

Blessings In Christ,



"We are now live streaming our service from Faith on 68 each week. Please take a moment to share a service through Facebook with your friends and family, stretching our social networking also allows us to reach more people for Christ each week... Even those who are not physically able to attend.

That being said, this is the perfect time to start giving online! With new people experiencing our ministry in an online forum, it is great that we have an option for giving that can meet online congregants wherever they may be.

Again, please help share what your church is doing on the internet, and who knows, maybe we'll reach people for Christ that otherwise would not have heard what God is doing right here in our own backyard!

WORDS FROM The Pastors & Administrative Council



Faith Community/Riverview Charge

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The Rev. Bay Allen and The Rev. Donna Doutt

Dear Friends of Faith Community,

We are sorry to inform you that our JAM Children's Care Center was closed Friday, October 18, 2019.

Administrative Council approved leasing the Center to Early Years Child Care Centers from Cranberry at a special meeting September 16. It had been reported to Council that JAM's financial losses since opening were over \$40,000 and they owed the Church approximately \$4,000 for payroll payments and taxes.

Maureen Bergdahl, Owner and President of Early Years, informed us October 9 that due to family issues that arose unexpectedly, they could not take over operation of the Center. Maureen said that Early Years would honor the signed lease agreement and begin paying the Church \$1,800 per month plus Center specific costs beginning November 15. She recommended that the Center be sold or leased to another operator under the terms of the lease agreement, and that she would assist us with the sale or lease.

Previous JAM Board Chair, Jackie Sniezek, Pastor Donna, and Finance Chair, Skip Homan initially tried to keep the Center open. However, Teresa Bergdahl resigned, and two of the longer term staff members resigned to take higher paying positions, making it impossible to operate within Pennsylvania State child/staff ratio requirements. We could not place the church in a non-compliance position.

The Center is being thoroughly cleaned this week and Maureen Bergdahl has retained, at Early Year's cost, a broker who will work together with her and the Church to market it to potential operators. The Church will exercise appropriate care in conducting due diligence and evaluation of interested operators. All offers with recommendations will be presented to Administrative Council for review and approval prior to any commitments. We are hopeful that the Center will be re-opened within the next several weeks or months.

If you have questions, you may speak with Jackie Sniezek, Pastor Donna, Council Chair, Bob Gill, or Skip Homan.

Next Executive Meeting- Tue. Nov. 19, 6:30 PM at Jefferson

Sincerely,
Bob Gill,
Chairman, Administrative Council

Skip Homan
Chairman, Finance Committee

WORDS FROM Passion Team- Faith on 68

Jeff Gray, Passion Team Leader at Faith on 68, recently shared this article with the rest of our team. The author of this piece, Steve Patterson, blogs under the title "Courageous Christian Father." He makes some simple yet profound points in his commentary about the "Three T's of Giving," – **"Tithe, Time, and Talents."**

He reminds us that we are to give God our best. He asks us to give to others and even Him. The three "T's" are part of what we need to give back to God.

TITHE – GIVING T

God asks us to give our first fruits to Him. We are to give back to him a small portion (10%) of what He has blessed us with. I know it can be hard. I have been there too. This is one thing I will admit I lack on at times. I am trying to work on this. But, I do know God provides and will take care of us. If we give back to Him what is His, things seem to stretch further then when we don't give back. After all everything we have, everything we do, etc. belongs to God. He is the creator. Tithing helps your local church and/or ministries so they can help do more for the Kingdom of God.

TIME – GIVING T

Giving your time can be another way you can give to other people. Giving your time can help show love, encouragement and more for other people. Any time you have free time do you use it to benefit the Kingdom of God? God gives us free time, we should use it wisely. Do we go and bring food to the elderly or the shut ins? Do we go visiting those in our church who cannot get out or haven't attended in a while? We can even use our time to use our God given talents, see below. There are many ways you can give your time to help benefit the Kingdom of God. Meals on Wheels is a good example as well. Giving your time enables you help someone in need.

TALENT – GIVING T

When we use our talent to benefit the kingdom of God this talent becomes a gift. God gives us a special gift so we can use it to give our talent to other people. Like I can do graphic design. I have helped my church with flyers. Plus, I don't charge my church for this because I am giving my time to use my talent. I also do some graphic design work to help out a few ministries that benefit the Kingdom of God. Are you using what God talented you with to benefit His Kingdom? Not to mention, are you getting paid to do that or are you giving your time freely with that talent? As you can see time and talent can go hand and hand. I encourage you to give your free time talent freely to help the Ministry of the Kingdom of God. He is the one that blessed you with the talent so make it useful and give back to others. You don't always have to give money, you can give your talent.

By using any of these three forms of giving you are not only blessing other people, but when you bless others doesn't it bless you too? What are ways you give your time and/or talent to benefit the Kingdom of God?

You can read more from Steve Patterson at <https://www.courageouschristianfather.com/the-three-ts-of-giving-tithe-time-talent/>





Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the church.

Faith on 68 Passion Team: Casting Call! - We are looking for some people that are passionate about the ministry and worship of our church! We are looking for people to help with the following...

WORSHIP (*not the band...this is the nuts and bolts such as scheduling communion stewards, folding bulletins, ushers & greeters, getting communion and baptism stuff ready, etc.) and we are also looking for someone gifted with...*



SOCIAL NETWORKING / INTERNET PRESENCE

(*essentially, helping get a buzz out online by posting for us, helping get the word out with our live-streaming of the service, helping to be an admin on FB, twitter, instagram, or whatever happens to be trending these days...we don't know what that is...but if you do, you're perfect for this!*)

Sound Operator Needed for Faith on 68 - Jeff Gray is seeking an assistant that he can train to run sound with the worship band; if you like music and have an ear for what sounds good, you've probably already got what it takes to learn how to get involved with this exciting ministry! Please see Jeff Gray, Pastor Bay, or Tom Perkins because this opportunity/need is just for you! **Use those gifts and talents you've been Blessed with for the Lord!**



GOT AN OLD iPAD LAYING AROUND?

Help give it new life by donating it to our worship team! we are accepting donations of iPads so that our worship team can organize their music electronically, which will also cut back on our carbon footprint (care for our environment by not going through tons of paper copies) and will help declutter the stage area in the long run. Thanks for considering it.

**if you need a receipt for tax purposes, we can supply you with that for this donation, if desired!*

DIY Sign Event-Nov 9 @ Faith on 68



Join us at our Faith on 68 campus for a night of craft and fun! Make your own sign to decorate for the holidays...a full sized sign for \$40 or a double for \$50. Don't let this one pass you by, something to show off to friends and family and say, "yeah...I made that!" Please check out the facebook event or call the office for more details. You must pre-register for this event so that we can have enough materials for everyone.

How About Making a Candy Cane Shaped Wreath?

Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 6:30 PM

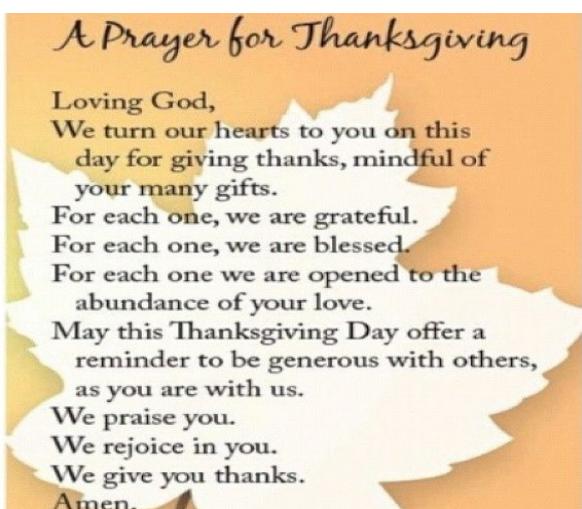


Join the Divine Sisterhood at Hebrews Café to make yours! Lots of sweet fellowship, and Christmas Joy! Check bulletins for more information and how to reserve your spot. Hang it upside down to represent Jesus!

April Merryman will lead the group.



Church Decorating Nov 24 - Plan on sticking around after church on November 24 as we get God's house ready for Christmas! We'll be decorating and praying God's blessing upon Advent (which starts Dec 1) and upon all of those who join us in worship! All churches will be decorating. Many joyful hands are needed!



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.**

- Psalm 118:1





Calendar of Events

Nov/ Dec

Fri. Nov. 1	Anderson Candy Bar Sale for Operation Child Shoe Box	All churches
Sat. Nov. 2-Dec. 28– 6 PM	Turning Point Worship Experience (non Traditional non– clergy)	Faith on Jefferson
Tue. Nov. 5	Election Day Soup Sale– call 724-843-3620	Riverview UMC
Wed. Nov. 6	S.E.N.I.O.R.S. First Wednesday 11:00—2:00 pm	Riverview UMC
Wed. Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27	12 Disciples Bible Study w/Pastor Donna 9:30—11:00 am	Riverview UMC only
Wed. Nov. 6—Dec. 18	Weight Watchers 5:30 PM	Faith on Jefferson
Wed. Nov. 6, 13, 20, 22	Revelations Bible Study w/Pastor Bay—7:00 pm	Faith on Jefferson
Wed. Nov. 6-Dec. 18	Mid-Week Worship w/Communion 11:00—Noon	Riverview UMC
Thur. Nov. 7-Dec 19	Reading & Mentoring Program– call 724-775-3447 to volunteer	Faith on Jefferson
Frid. Nov. 8	Administrative Council Meeting– 6:30 PM	Riverview
Sat. Nov. 9	DIY Sign Workshop Fund Raiser for new roof at 6—9 PM	Faith on 68
Mon. Nov. 11 @ 6:30 PM	Finance Committee mtg	Faith on Jeffeson
Wed. Nov. 13	Divine Sisterhood, Hebrews Café– makng wreaths	Faith on Jefferson
Sat. Nov. 16	Game Day 1PM	Riveview
Sun. Nov. 17, 6 PM	Youth Group ages 11 and up	New Brighton UMC
Tue. Nov. 19, 6:30 PM	Executive Team Meeting	Faith on Jefferson
Thur. Nov. 21, 4:30-6 PM	Battle of the Loaves	Faith on Jefferson
Sun. Nov. 24	Hanging of the Greens (following service)	All Churches
Tue. Nov. 26	Blessing of Greens 11 am	Riverview
Wed. Nov. 27– 6:30 PM	Inspirations,	Grand Valley Restaurant
Thursday Nov. 28	Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!!!	
Sun. Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent	All churches
Mon. Dec 2 , 6 PM	Comfort and Joy– Dinner & Christmas music 6 PM	Riverview
Wed. Dec. 4	Trustees meet at 6 PM	Faith on Jefferson
Sat. Dec 7, 11AM– 5PM	Genesis NA Anniversary Mtg, 25 + years	Faith on 68
Tue. Dec 10, 1 to 6 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive	Faith on Jefferson
Wed. Dec. 11	Our Friends Christmas Dinner Party	Faith on Jefferson
Sat. Dec. 14	Second Hand Santa– Wagners Home Center (bring wrapped gifts)	New Brighton, PA
Sun. Dec 15, 6 PM	Youth Group ages 11 and up	Faith on Jefferson
Sat. Dec. 21, 7PM	A Blue Christmas Service for those remembered	Faith 68
Tue. Dec. 24– 7 PM	Christmas Eve Services– Jefferson & Faith 68 joint	Faith on Jefferson
Tue. Dec. 24– 7 PM	Christmas Eve Service 7 PM	Rivrview
Sun. Dec. 29	Regular Services at each church– No Joint services	



THE HOLIDAY SEASON
IS HARD
FOR SOME OF US.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

JOIN US
FOR A DIFFERENT KIND
OF SERVICE...OF COMFORT,
OF LOSS, OF HOPE.

7 PM SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21,
FAITH ON 68

Welcome to a Unique Blue Christmas Service

Saturday December 21... 7pm...

For some, Christmas is a season mixed with emotions as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but remember the loss of loved ones who are no longer with us to celebrate this year. This is an opportunity to remember those who passed away but will never pass from our memory, this Christmas. A simple service of liturgy, love, and light. Join us and Be Blessed!

Secondhand Santa 10 am - Dec 14 -
start setting aside those gently used or new items to help bless someone this Christmas with our annual, Secondhand Santa! We will be hitting the streets of New Brighton at 10 am with gifts and sharing the love of Christ so that everyone we meet on the street can experience a blessing this Christmas. So start setting those gifts aside: boy, girl, man, woman, even clothes...if it is something that you would like to receive, someone else will, too!



Combined/Joint Christmas Eve Service Dec 24 @ Jefferson St. 7 PM

This Christmas Eve we will have a joint service at our Jefferson Street campus at 7 pm. Plan on attending for something old, something new, something family, something blue. There will be carols, special music, a family message that will warm your heart, candle-lighting, and more! This is a Blessing you don't want to miss!



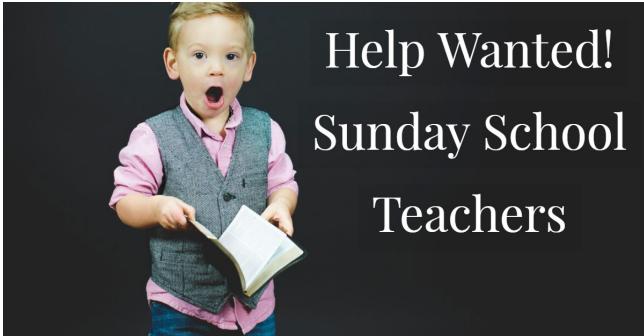
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box is Here!

Shoe boxes will be in the East Narthex at Jefferson and Faith on 68. The cardboard boxes are free and the plastic boxes are \$2 each. The cost of shipping is \$9 per box. The last day to bring a filled box is **Sunday, Nov. 17**. There are brochures at each church of "How to pack a Shoebox." They also give ideas of what to pack.



For more information go to samaritanspurse.org/occ

Anderson Candy Bars are also being sold for 1\$ each to help with this and future projects.



"⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deut. 6:6-7 (NIV)

Rochester School Children Have Many Needs!

Can You Share Your Blessings With Them?

1. **UM Women are collecting new and gently used mittens, hats, scarves, folding umbrellas and other winter clothing.** There will be a box in HeBrews Café to place your donations. This is an ongoing project throughout the year. Contact Susan Boehm for more information.
2. **Reading and Mentoring Program on Thursdays at 1 PM.** Reading to the kindergarten children takes about 1 hour. It is a very rewarding experience. More volunteers are needed and will also need clearances. Contact the church office at Jefferson if interested. We can help you get your clearance.



IN LOVING Memory

September 2019

Memory of Mildred Huntsman:

Robert & Pam Gill, Skip & Nancy Homan,
Trinity Chapter NO 138,
Order Eastern Star, Somerset, PA 15501

Memory of Myrtle Caputo:

Robert & Pam Gill

Memory of George Merges:

Skip & Nancy Homan

November 2019

Memory of Helen Reader:

Roof Repair: Diana Bowden

Memorial Account:

David & Bobbi O Leary,

Frances Boyde,

Dave & Linda Widmer,

Thanks for Your Kindness and Generosity

**Every Thursday 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Wesley Room at Jefferson**

Each session is "self-contained" &
you can start and stop at any time.
If interested please call the church
office @ 724-775-3447. Leave
your name and number and your call
will be returned as quickly as possi-
ble.



YOUTH NIGHT



Riverview
United Methodist Church



NEW BRIGHTON
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

A monthly Youth Event that is brought to you by four different
United Methodist churches who share the unified vision of
reaching the Beaver Valley's youth for Christ!

**3rd Sundays- 6 pm to approx. 7:30 pm
for ages 11 and up!**

**Fun, Food, Formational Learning
Call Pastor Bay at 724-775-3447 for info**

November 17 - New Brighton UMC

December 15 - Faith on Jefferson

January 19 - Beaver UMC

February 16 - Youth Retreat TBA

March 15 - New Brighton UMC

April 12 - Easter with Your Church Family!

May 17 - Celebration! - TBA

Saturdays at 6 PM

HeBrews Café

Jefferson St.



Please Call Pastor Donna @ 724-732-1043

or Pastor Bay @ 724-333-2643 for all

INSPIRATIONS

We meet the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm
at the Grand Valley Inn. (Nov. 27) Reservations need to
be made with Leah Martin by the Monday before. Call
Leah at 724-494-3380, or email at
leahmartin68@hotmail.com

- Nov. selection is "Bride Test" by Helen Hoang
- We will be taking a break during December.
Watch bulletins for January book title.

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Worship Times:

Faith on Jefferson UMC

Traditional Service Sundays @ 8:30 am & 11 am

Riverview: 9:00 am Sunday, Mid-week

Communion Wednesday @ 11 am

Faith on 68: Contemporary Service

Sunday @ 10:30 am



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