



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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serve God’s children”*

NOVEMBER, 2007



PJ'S JOTS

PASTOR JOHN HAWKINS

Happy and Blessed Autumn Sister and Brothers,

This will be a busy month for us here at Faith. We will be ending the current church year and preparing to start a new church year as Advent descends on us. What a time for a new beginnings in the church year and in the church family. One of the activities we have to look forward to is the Congregational Pledge time and budget meeting. I have been thinking about this and about the flow of information and other stuff that I have heard within the past few months floating around the congregation. One of the things I have learned is that people do not seem to know the information they need, information is misinterpreted, rumors and gossip flourish, or private material has been leaked publicly. Often congregants hear sensitive information that they have no need or right to know, yet they lack the information they do need to make reasonable decisions at a congregational meeting. The informal, and sometimes unhelpful, nature of congregational communication management leads to frequent joking about church business being done in the parking lot rather than at official meetings, or about the speed with which congregational rumors fly through the phone lines.

I think that often times congregates and leaders have wrong information. They may even be misled intentionally by another. I believe that unhealthy communications run rampant in the congregation because of many factors and agendas. In the process these unhealthy communications and gossip patterns cause a culture of mistrust and can bring positive growth to a halt. Unfortunately, I have witnessed this first hand in other congregations, and I see some of the seeds being sown here at Faith. I am choosing to address it generally in this article and will also deal with it in other fashions that may need to be necessary. What I want to address in this brief communication is how we can end this unhealthy pattern corporately and individually.

Kibbie Simmons Ruth and Karen A. McClintock, in an article entitled: Speaking the Truth in Love, state: “When people “walk the talk,” they have faith-life integrity. When people “talk the walk,” the intention behind their communication matches the precepts of their faith. Choices about when to speak and when to remain silent are never neutral. Sharing information can be well intentioned—or deceptive. Withholding information can be well intentioned—or deceptive. Every choice we make about communication stems from some conscious or unconscious expected outcome, which may be helpful or harmful to the health of the congregation. To create transparent congregations, each leader needs to “talk” a walk that is consistent with his or her faith. Communication choices cannot be separated from faith.”

The authors of the article talk about transparent congregation. Here I believe they are giving us an idea that a transparent congregation is one where the truth is spoken as part of a faith walk of the leadership and the congregants. That truthful information is shared with openness and that confidential information is kept confidential. This leaves no room for gossip or for hurtful communication. Speaking the truth in love should be the usual form of communication of all who claim to be followers of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Shalom

PJ

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

CLM NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER

Canned Corn

Can we reach 500
cans?

You bet we can!

Other non-perishable
items are appreciated
always

Plans for this year's Christmas Baskets are well under way. This is one of the ministries that the Center has been doing for many years. Faith has always been very supportive of this project as are the other churches in Clark County. Faith will be collecting canned corn for the month

of November which will be used in this year's baskets at the center. I am setting our goal at 500 cans of corn.

CLM will be one of the non-profit organizations in the community to participate in the Walnut Ridge Christmas Charity Raffle

this year. The Center has been assigned the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. If you are planning to visit Walnut Ridge for the holidays, please try to make it that weekend and consider entering the raffle. There are lots of lovely prizes to win.

OWLS

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

OWLS continue to enjoy our fellowship together. We had a lovely Halloween party at the home of Art and Edwina Anderegg, always the gracious host and hostess. Several of the OWLS dressed in costumes! SPOOKY!!!

On December 1 we are heading for Memorial Auditorium in Louisville, to hear the Thoroughbred Chorus and the Alley Cats, who perform Doo-Wop music. The OWLS will really groove! Dick Klemens is in charge of this activity.

A Christmas get-together is in the works. Check the church bulletin or call Arlys to learn when and where.

We continue to work on projects. Dorothy McCall has taken on the chairmanship of the Adopt a Shut-In Program and has this well in hand. Several people have volunteered to help; we can always use more volunteers,

and, no, you don't have to be an OWL to adopt a shut-in! We welcome and encourage any Faith member or friend to be a part of this project.

Dorothy has also created OWLS cards for OWLS to hand out to friends and acquaintances, to invite them to join our Faith church family.

We plan to visit the Ken Ellis Center this month to entertain the folks there with a presentation by our own Dan Diekhoff portraying Pastor Muehlenberg, along with some games, songs, and refreshments. Date is not yet set!

We decided in October, at our monthly "meeting" after church to take on the project of providing both a Thanksgiving and a Christmas basket, through CLM. Arlys Johnson is coordinating this project and will let us know what items to bring to

church to fill this baskets.



OWLS does not have a formal organization, nor any officers. We all have been there and done that and we avoid organization and meetings, if possible. Having said that, some of us decided that it might be wise to have a short monthly meeting on the first Sunday of the month, right after church, to discuss and plan up-coming activities and projects. Please join us! We would love to hear what you have to say!

Jim and I leave for Florida on November 7. We hope to be here for church for one or two Sundays in December. We'll miss you! Come visit! God bless all of you! Signing off until Spring, Nancy

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

The Youth will have their annual Halloween Party for 3yearolds- 5th graders. The party will be October 26th, and it will be from 6:30-7:30pm. All youth need to be at church by 6:00pm to set up. Whitney Hayes, Stephen Fox, and Caitlynne Fox will be in charge of the 3 year old group. Sammi McCoy, Chelsea Layton, and Arielle McGannon will be partying with the 4 year olds. Kindergarteners through 2nd graders will have fun with Lauren Rayborn, Kristina Peter, and Jack Hayes. The 3rd-5th graders will hang out with Katie Rife, Will Czerwonka, and Tyler Landis. The costume judges will be Josh Landis and Jordan Emily. And the delicious food will be provided by Kyle Czerwonka, Kirsten McCoy, and Sarah Rife. After the party we will clean up everything and head out to Montgomery Farms. There we will have a bonfire, go through the corn maze, and go on a hay ride. The cost is \$10 for everyone. When we get back to the church, we will have pizzas from Papa Murphy's, so everyone will need to have \$3 for that. Everyone who is in high school needs to bring a 2-liter, and everyone in

middle school needs to bring some sort of snack food. Make sure to bring movies and games, so we don't fall asleep. Make sure you sign up your name on the list on the red doors, so we know how many pizzas to order, and include any friends you're bringing.

At the last youth meeting on October 7th, we elected our youth officers. They are as follows: Sarah Rife as president, Jordan Emily as vice president and council representative, Kirsten McCoy as secretary, Whitney Hayes treasurer, and Katie Rife vice treasurer. There is a sign up list up on the window for the National Youth Convention in 2009. The youth will be going to New Orleans, July 22-26th of 2009. So if you have finished 9th grade by, 2009 you can go.

Finally, in November, our next youth meeting will be the 4th, the Trailblazer weekend is November 2nd-4th, and our Turkey dinner will be November 9th, so be at church right after school to get ready for the dinner. We will also be going paintballing November 11th.

Youth Group Presents:

Annual Turkey Dinner

Friday, November 9

6 pm

\$7 Adults ♦ \$4 Children

**Tickets on Sale after
worship**



Menu:

- Turkey & Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Sweet Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Red Cabbage
- Cranberries,
- Assorted Desserts

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

CHUCK LANDIS & SANDY NEATHAMER

A great time was had by all at our first get together October 7 despite the 90+ weather. We played volleyball, football, corn shot and bobbed for apples.

Our next activity is scheduled for Nov 11th where we will be putting together some thanksgiving baskets for our

shut-ins and we hope the OWLS will be able to join us. So come join us on the 11th after church and show off your creative talents!



PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

- Dot Clerici
- Betty Condra
- Hallie Kusch
- Kay Winn
- Roger Rice
- Walter Clive
- Ron and Marilyn Thorenson
- Betty McLaughlin
- Ron Barr
- Natalie Lane Clark

Adam Sizen

Our prayers for support and guidance continue as the call process comes to an end. Our prayers of thanksgiving are with all of the call committee members, and particularly Dick Klemens, the chair.

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Hawkins at 812-282-6993 or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531)

or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these November birthdays:

- Daniel Maas 11/01
- Cathy Holman 11/05
- Claire Mitchell 11/06
- Nancy Falkenstein 11/15
- Michael Fitzpatrick 11/16
- Kevin Hall 11/16
- Chuck Landis 11/18
- Sarah Glaab 11/23
- Edie Maas 11/27
- Natalie Lane Clark 11/28
- Julie Rayborn 11/30
- Jim Vogt 11/30

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in November:

- Kris & Roy Searcy 11/07
- Art & Edwina Andregg 11/19
- Chuck & Beth Landis 11/19
- Janet & Matthew Kaluga 11/24
- Don & Edie Maas 11/28



Congratulations, Grad!

Our congratulations go to Peg Gernand, who recently completed the requirements for B.A. in Management. Peg will be graduated from Ottawa University in a ceremony Saturday, November 2, 2007, at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, IN.

Well done, Peg!

Faithful Quilters

We are meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays of November at 10:00 AM, at the church.

Please join us for fellowship and hand work for those who use our warm, cuddly quilts. Also, remember to bring your lunch.

Nancy Vogt

**WELCA
NOTES**

**November Meeting
Schedule:**

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 am to noon at the home of Marsha Woods. This is our annual cookie exchange.

Sunshine Circle Bible study is changing its meeting day to the second Wednesday of the month. In November, they will meet on Wednesday, November 7 at 10 am.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study will next meet Tuesday, November 20 at 7 pm.

Women of the ELCA 

Sunshine Circle

The morning Sunshine Bible Study is changing its schedule to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

We learned a lot from David's prayers last meeting.

Next meeting we'll study Secret # 8, "Expect Results from the Lord": The Prayer life of Elijah.

When the prophet Elijah voiced requests to the Lord, he expected--and received--results.

His prayer life illustrates four specific results for which we can look in our prayer lives.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

Wheadon Circle

The Wheadon Friendship Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month. Thanks to Arlys Johnson for leading the October meeting and finishing up Lesson #3.

At our Bible study on November 20, we will begin Lesson Four, "Putting Your Feet to the Fire," in the Celebrating Friendship Series. This lesson explores commitments in friendships and we'll study examples of committed friends in the Bible. Come join us!

Our annual cookie exchange will take place at the home of Marsha Woods on Saturday, December 1.

We will meet from 10 am to noon, so there will be time for those who plan to join the OWLS trip to the Thoroughbred Chorus concert can make that event as well.

Please bring two dozen cookies, one to share at the meeting and one to package to give our homebound members.

A light brunch will be served.

Part of the agenda will include discussion of what projects we want to continue and leaders for the coming year. If you have items for the agenda, please contact Patti Smith or Marsha Woods.

**Time Change
Daylight Savings Time Ends!
Change your clocks
before you go to bed Saturday,
November 3**



**Quarterly WELCA Meeting
& Christmas Cookie Exchange**

Saturday, December 1

10 am to noon

Join us for brunch & fellowship

Marsha Woods' home

162 Forest Drive ♦ Jeffersonville

Bring two dozen cookies!

See you there!

LIBRARY NEWS

NANCY THOMPSON

Here is a listing of a few of our most recent additions to the collection, thanks to contributions from the Cyndi Emily Fund, Barbara Morris-Nix, and Donna Baugh . Also, I'd like to extend an invitation for you to take a look at the changes made in the library's picture book collection. They have been reorganized into two major sections: easy picture books and Bible related books. All have author-based colored labels (white for picture books and blue for Bible books) so individual items can be easily found with the use of our card catalog. These changes have been made in hopes of eventually making it possible for Faith's preschoolers to check out books of their own choosing.

The Gospel of Jesus: In Search of the Original Good News, by James Robinson.

To Henry in Heaven: Reflections on the Loss of a Child, by Herbert Brokering.

If God is Love: Living Graciously in an Ungracious World, by Philip Gulley.

Inside My Heart: Choosing to Live with Passion and Purpose, by Robin McGraw.

DVD'S FOR CHILDREN

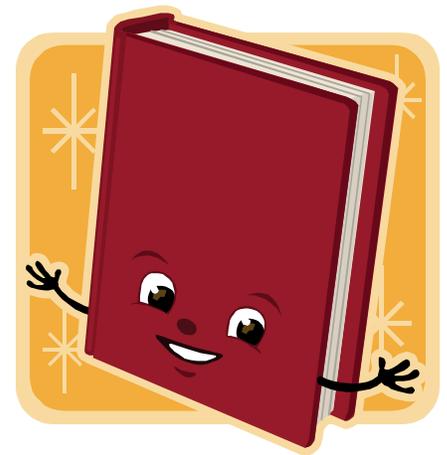
Life at the Pond: The Little Things. A story About Responsibility. 30 minutes.

The Bedbug Bible Gang: Friendly Friends! 23 minutes.

The Bedbug Bible Gang: God's Little Heroes! About David and Goliath and Zacchaeus. 23 minutes.

Akeelah and the Bee. 112 minutes.

Because of Winn-Dixie. 106 minutes.



PICTURE BOOKS

100 Favorite Bible Stories. This includes 2 compact discs that were used for VBS this summer.

TEEN BOOKS

Stuff You Gotta Know: Straight Talk on Real Life.

Nightmare Academy. From The Veritas Project, book 2. A mystery and detective story.

ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS

Facing Your Giants, by Max Lucado.

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

The children have been busy looking at the changes in their outside world. They have been for walks around our church building and collected fallen leaves, pine cones, dry grass and anything else they could carry into the classroom that showed them that God "s plans for the fall season were being carried out everywhere. Some of the children glued their fall stuff on plates to make a fall collage, some of them covered the fallen leaves with a piece of construction paper and rubbed over it with a crayon to make a leaf rubbing that showed the veins and different shapes of the leaves. The really exciting day was the day

the pre-kindergarten class turned a yellow delicious apple into apple sauce. They washed and chopped the apple before they put it into the big pot with water to cook. After the apples were soft, the children turned the crank on the food mills and out came AP- PLESAUCE !!!!. This was taken home and shared with their family. Hopefully they also shared the fact that God put a star in the middle of the apple, and the seeds to make more apple trees for the next year. God you are so wonderful to plan for all of this, was the closing prayer for school that day. " Thank you God for making ap- ples," was the thought on

each child's mind as they left our building.

There are still two spots in the youngest first year class. Mrs. Lake can take 12 children in her class and at present her class has only 10 members. If you know a 3 year old who will turn 4 years old between January 1st and August 1, 2008, and they would want to become a member of this class, call Carol Taylor at 228- 1329.



No School

Tuesday November 6

Election Day

Thursday November 22

Thanksgiving day



**Time Change
Daylight Savings Time Ends!
Change your clocks
before you go to bed Saturday,
November 3**

FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH

It's hard to believe it has been almost a year since I said yes to having my name put on the ballot for the Council. I can say without a doubt I do not regret this decision. It has been a learning experience.

I stepped up to be the financial secretary. Was this a mistake? I would say no – it has led me down a path that I believe has helped me present a new outlook on our churches financials and stewardship roles.

I have spent minimal time and word addressing our financial situation. I have focused on stewardship during the whole year. What can we do as a congregation to make the biggest impact on our Faith Family and our community?

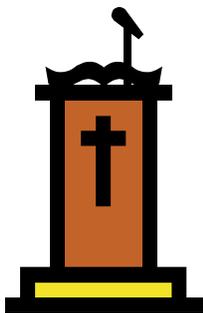
There is an old story regarding an elderly man rescuing starfish at low tide. He threw one at a time back into the water. When asked if this really made a difference, he said it did to the ones he was able to save. I live each day with this same attitude. I may only be one person, but I can make a difference on those lives I touch. That is what I have attempted to do over the past year.

By now, you have heard our campaign on your personal treasure chests. The article that sparked my interest and gave life to the "Stewardship" campaign for this year was found in a "Giving" magazine. In the article it references Matthew 6:21 which says "Where your treasure is, there

will be your heart will be. The article that was written by Mark Allen Powell is titled "Give of your Treasure and your heart will follow."

Have you shared the treasures God gave to you with our Faith Family? Are you the man saving one starfish at a time? There is nothing wrong with that – we don't all have the same treasures to give. As yourself – have I shared the Treasures God has given me? Can you help more? As you commit to the future, are you sharing your treasures? What can you do to help our Faith family grow.

FAITH CALLS A PASTOR



At a congregational meeting held at the end of worship on October 21, Faith members voted 68-1 to call Rev. Scott Meier as the new pastor at Faith.

According to the call process, Pastor Meier has 30

days to accept or reject the call.

In a separate action, a proposed compensation package, which was prepared by Council under the Synod guidelines, was approved.

Should Pastor Meier accept the call, he and Council will determine the date he will begin service at Faith. Should he reject the call, the process starts at the beginning with the Call Committee screening prospective candidates.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Sunday Church School

The adult class has been bulging at the seams. They have begun their new study of the Prophets. So far they have studied Nathan and Amos. They are still using the "No Experience Necessary" units of study. Each book covers a different topic so their discussions cover many subjects. The class averages 22 adults each Sunday. The discussion is lively, the coffee is hot, and there is still room for more chairs in the room.

Why don't you consider getting up a little earlier on a Sunday morning (class starts at 9:15) and join in the learning and fellowship. See you in class.

The teen class attendance has been falling behind. Are you going to let the adults have better discussions than you? All of you know that it takes many ingredients to make a good submarine, and all of you know what this secret code means. Come be a piece of ham or a cucumber and lend your flavor to the class. We really hope to see you guys in class also.

The middle school bunch has been staying at 7 or 8 students each week. They have been studying the history of the Christian church from Christ's birth to the present day. We have looked at Paul's journeys, the story of Polycarp, one of the early Christians who was a martyr because he would not call the Roman Emperor God, the great persecution in 304, the writing of the Nicene Creed in 325, Boniface who spread Christianity to Germany in 732, and St Francis of Assisi, the monk who gave up all he had to serve God in 1219. Our next stop on this history train is the early 1500's. It will be a 4 week study of Martin Luther, the great reformer and the founder of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Gernand had no kindergarten through 4th grade students three weeks in a row. Then she had two one Sunday! Marsha Woods had 6 pre-schoolers in her class recently, but averages 1-3. They did the study of Moses and had a great time making a basket for baby Moses. It

is so much more fun when we have larger classes. If you are coming to Sunday Church School consider bringing a friend with you. This is the way we will grow as well as spread the message of God's love for each of us. This is one way for us to be God's hands in the world.

The teachers are meeting to plan a Christmas program for the children and adults on a Sunday evening in December. There will be more information on this as it becomes available.

Vacation Bible School

The writing group of 4 or 5 people have continued to meet to write the Vacation Bible school material for summer 2008. We have the theme narrowed down to two ideas and one will be decided on at our next writing party on October 29th. We can still use any and all persons who have any interest in this project. We turned out a good program last year and are working on some great ideas for this summer. We even have an interesting guest speaker lined up. The group meets one evening a month to share ideas and plan for the fun of summer. Come join us on Oct. 29, at 7:00 at the church.

Sunday Morning Nursery Worker

We never figured that it would be this hard to find someone to hire (\$30 per Sunday) to work for 3 hours babysitting our littlest members during Sunday school and the church service. We have run two 2 week ads in the Louisville newspaper and have gotten 4 replies. The first three all found permanent work before their interviews with us. The fourth one did not meet our qualifications. Please talk to your friends, neighbors, and anyone who can spread the word that we need a Nursery worker. There has to be someone out there who just loves these little ones and would like to come each Sunday so we can have the same person each week for these little people. If you find someone, have them send their resume to Faith Lutheran Church, 2014 Allison Lane, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

In one of our Sunday school classes last month we were having a discussion about God and how He talks to us. Mr. Taylor asked what the most difficult part of listening to God was. One classmate answered that being receptive to God's voice was the most difficult. As I thought about this for the next few days, I came to realize that was only half the answer. It's being receptive to God's voice as in knowing that God is speaking to you, and then having the courage to do what He asks of you. Considering the price His son, Jesus, paid for us, nothing He asks should be too much or too difficult. Whether it be at home in your private life, at work, or at church. It shouldn't be that tough. Now I know what He asks sometimes seems like an awful lot, but He doesn't ask for anything He can use except us. He doesn't ask for anything that He hasn't done for us either. Those are my sentiments, not the sentiments of the church or Pastor, probably.

You are not a God created by human hands. You are not a God dependent on any mortal/man. You are not a God in need of anything we can give. By your

plan that's just the way it is. You are God alone. That is the first verse of a praise and worship song that you just might hear one day. It's a very true song.

Let's face it. God doesn't need us, He doesn't need anything we have. If everyone on earth disappeared tomorrow and didn't go to Heaven, God would still be God. I'm not saying no one's going to Heaven, so relax! The one whom our next breath is in His hands deserves all our worship and praise. But do we do this? I know I feel like I don't. I say the prayers, the creeds and sing along, and some days I just feel like a fraud. There are days when I wonder if I should even take communion. Then He says to me, "All your sins are forgiven. I took your burdens and carried them for you and delivered them to the pit." I owe Him everything! All I have to do is believe in Him and His grace. That's it. Nothing more, nothing less. Besides, what could I do for Him that compares to what He did for me?

Well, for starters, I could help feed the hungry. I don't mean send someone

money and then let someone else feed them. I mean go to the Loaves and Fishes with Barb and help out. I could go to CLM with Sue and Beth and give them a hand. I could go to Noah's Ark and help build a playground or cut grass for these kids. I could go visit the shut-ins with the Owls. I could write a thank you note to Pastor for the sermon he gave. I could give more money to the church. I can help the Stud Club cut grass or work around the church. I could join a committee and help out there. There is so much I could do to say Thank You, Lord, for what you've done for me. But I do so little! Why? Maybe it's pride, maybe it's I tell myself I don't have time for that, or someone else is doing it. Maybe it all boils down to that it makes me uncomfortable. That's right, takes me out of my comfort zone. Maybe it's the fear of trying something different. I could feel like it might be too difficult. But you know, usually after I try something different I find it wasn't that bad. Actually I end up feeling better about things. I just have to get out and try.

On my mirrors, on the big truck, there are the four

letters G.O.A.L. They put them there to remind us that if we are going to back up, Get Out And Look. I think we should put those letters on the inside of the church doors. Then we could be reminded too. All we have to do is Get Out And Look. And we can see how we can give thanks to God. Because if you Get Out And Look, eventually you will see something that has to be moved. It's amazing what a simple question in Sunday School can do.

God's Peace to You.

Tom



NEWSLETTER

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SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

USHERS: BRENT AND BEV HAIRE, DENNIS JOHNSON, PATTI SMITH

ALTAR GUILD: CARRIE MCCOY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: TAMI CZERWONKA

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSIST</u>	<u>ACOL.</u>	<u>CRUC.</u>	<u>NURS.</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
4	B. HOLMAN	E. MILLER	W. CZER.	B. HAIRE	HAYES	WOODWARD/ FARMER	JIM H.
11	B. HAIRE	W. HAYES	L. RAYBORN	?	LANDIS	HAYES	JIM H.
18	T. HAYES	C. FOX	K. RIFE	?	STEABAN	MCCALLS	BILL H.
25	?	J. HAYES	S. RIFE	?	RIFE	RIFE	BILL H.