

WELCOME TO:
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:30 AM Adult Christian Education
10:45 AM Worship
Fellowship Hour Following Worship

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Pastor
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*No matter who YOU are or where YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here.*

*“Never place a period where God has placed a comma” –
Gracie Allen*



**As summer eases into fall, we're glad
you've joined us to praise our timeless
God!**

Christ Jesus didn't reject anyone neither do we. God Is Still
Speaking.

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



***Those who are able are invited to stand.**
BOLD print – congregation participates.
Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.

*Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are Yours, and
our spirits are enlivened by Your call. Happy are we, O God, when our
lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, Holy God.
We gather to draw on all You would give us to be more fully Yours. In
Jesus's name, Amen.*

Organ Chimes

Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Greeting:

L: No matter who YOU are or where YOU are on life's journey,
P: YOU are welcome here!

Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship: “Be Still and Know that I am God” #743

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18: 21 – 35

Response: “Praise be to you, O Christ!”

***Hymn of Adoration: “Come God, Creator, Be Our Shield” #69**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us – we have not lived for you.**

**You have forgiven us – we have not
forgiven others.**

**You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.**

**Take pity on us and forgive us, God
Help us to forgive.**

Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

People of God, our sins are forgiven.
God is merciful and gracious and is
Lord of us all.

Reconciled to the God who loves us,
let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

***Gloria Patri**

First Lesson: Exodus 14: 19 – 31

Psalter: Psalm 114, page 698

***Hymn of Preparation: “Savior, Who Dying Gave” #452**

SERMON

***Words of Commitment**

L: Let us fast from despair

P: so that we may feast on gratitude.

L: Let us fast from worry

P: so that we may feast on trust.

L: Let us fast from anger

P: so that we may feast on forgiveness.

L: Let us fast from self-centeredness

P: so that we may feast on humility.

L: Let us fast from burdens too heavy to bear

P: so that we may feast on unceasing prayer.

L: Let us fast from gossip

P: so that we may feast on truth.

L: Loving God, empty us of every form of bitterness and resentment

**P: so that we may be filled with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Call to Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you

P: and also with you.

L: Let us pray: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

P: and renew a right spirit within me.

L: Cast us not away from Your presence

P: and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. (Pease be seated)

Morning Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore!

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in His name, be among us now so that these offerings may become instruments of Your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: "God Loved the World" #208**

***Benediction**

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Postlude



Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director

Claire White

Lay Reader

Janice Lonsinger

Church Secretary

Christina and Shane Schmitt

Minister

Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 9 – 6 – 26

Sunday School: 6

Worship: 16

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR September 6, 2026

Current \$752.00

Sunday School \$ 13.00

TOTAL \$765.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., September 20th

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

Worship

We practice "extravagant" welcome here at Faith UCC, just as Jesus would invite and encourage us to do. So WELCOME to each and every one!

Next Sunday, September 20th, Juniata Association will meet at St. John's UCC, Martinsburg for the Fall meeting. If you would like to represent our church, please speak with Pastor John. It will begin at 2:00 PM.

Consistory is on September 21st at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, September 27th, is "Dip Sunday". Please bring your favorite dip for veggies and crackers, and we will snack together.

The Mountain "Back Pack" Program is seeking everyone's help needed for student meals. 10 oz cans of soup, cans of Spaghetti-O's, cans or packets of tuna and chicken, or any single-serve nutritional food items would be acceptable. Donations are due by Sunday, September 27th.

Please mark your calendar! October 18th is the 25th Anniversary of Faith UCC, and we will celebrate, but it won't be complete without you!

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is available on the board above the water fountain.

Don't forget to like us and follow us on Facebook.

(www.facebook.com/faithuccaltoona) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (@faithuccaltoona).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! In an effort to keep our prayer list as up-to-date as possible, we request that you **personally notify the office**

any time a name needs to be added or deleted from the list. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:

Janet Weyer



Cindy Edmiston
Phil Keth
Dave Zimmerman
Donald Imler
Jeff Cain
Gracie Raihl
Rick Plowman
Heather Guthrie
Nick Lonsinger
Baby Ridge
Dallas Webb
Peggy Mapes
Donna Skelley
Linda Hollen
Carol Marlett
Our sick and shut-ins

We offer up our prayers for any of our **church family** not listed here who may be in need

Please pray for our men and women in the military.

