

WELCOME TO:
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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11:00 AM	Worship	Rev. John Emig
12:00 PM	Church Picnic	Pastor
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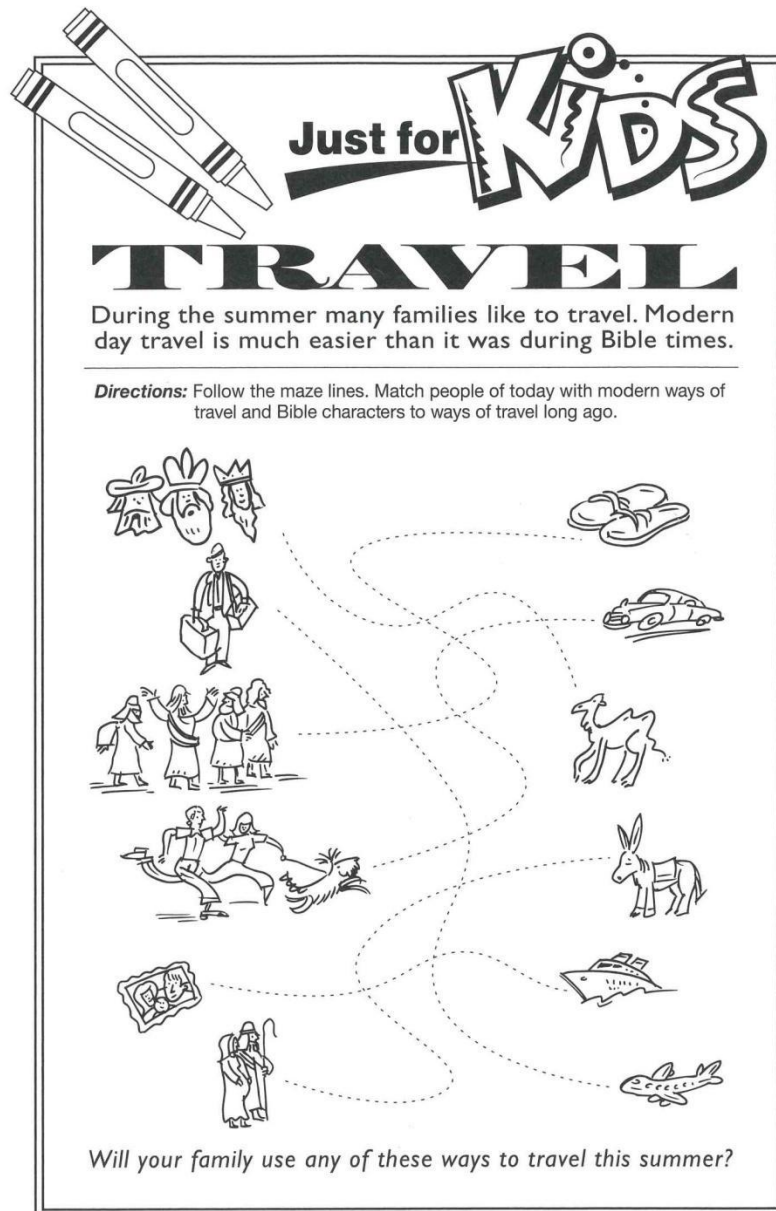
*No matter who YOU are or where YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here.*

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



**Welcome, everyone! May God open our hearts
so love can come forth – love for God and love
for one another! Rejoice! We're with the Lord!**

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



Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:

Sally Sprow Family, grieving

Rick Plowman

Richard Port

Vivian Fitzsimmons

Heather Guthrie

Nick Lonsinger

Janet Weyer

Baby Ridge

Dave Zimmerman

Lettie Allen

Dallas Webb

Peggy Mapes

Zach Lonsinger Family

Donna Skelley

Linda Hollen

Shawn Ellis

Scott Weyer

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.



Sunday, August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



“No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life’s journey, you are welcome at Faith United Church of Christ where God is still speaking.”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

P: God knows us and our hungers. God loves us like a father and nurtures us like a mother. God draws us to each other and claims us as people of God. Knowing this, let us offer thanksgiving and praise as we worship God.

***Hymn of Adoration: “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

***Greeting**

L: The world belongs to God,

P: the earth and all its people.

L: How good and how lovely it is

P: to live together in unity.

L: Love and faith come together;

P: justice and peace join hands.

L: If the Lord’s disciples keep silent,

P: these stones would shout aloud.

L: God open our lips,

P: and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

***Unison Prayer**

Loving God, we turn our thoughts and hearts to You in prayer. Thank You for being with us today and always. Thank You for ministering to our deepest needs in Jesus Christ, and help us to open our lives to the opportunities which He provides.

We thank You that we can be together today in this relaxed setting for worship, for a picnic meal, and for fellowship with others in Your Spirit. Increase our praise! Cause us to know again and again the love that is at the heart and foundation of all of life, and enable us to abide in that love forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Monday evening we have two meetings.

- 1) 5:00 PM, the Community Garden Committee (All are welcome!)
- 2) 6:00 PM, Consistory's Monthly Meeting

Faith Fellowship is on Tuesday at 10:30 AM. Please join us!

Credit card/debit card slips are available.

The Flower Calendar for 2025 is available on the board above the water fountain.

Large-print Daily Bread devotionals are available in the narthex (hall). Please help yourself.

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.



Attendance: 8 – 10 – 25 Worship: 18

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR August 10, 2025

Current	\$685.00
Flowers	\$ 40.00
Plate	\$ 27.00
TOTAL	\$752.00



Shane Schmitt

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 24th	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship

Welcome to our Annual Picnic! We are glad that you can be with us and are grateful for all the ones who made preparations for us to be here.

Many thanks to Rod Skelley who leads us in worship today on the guitar!

***Words of Assurance**

L: In faith through Christ we are offered a new beginning every day.

P: No matter where we have been or what we have done, or failed to do, God empowers us to leave the past behind and to faithfully enter into the future.

L: Let us claim the new beginning right now.

P: Let us share that new beginning with others.

L: Let us open our hearts to that new beginning in Word and Sacrament.

**P: And let us believe that God's Spirit is right here to lead the way.
Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1 – 7

***Hymn of Preparation: “Softly and Tenderly”**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12: 49 – 56

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

SERMON

***Affirmation of Faith (In Unison)**

I believe in the Lord, Father, Creator, who loves us all and shows us mercy. I believe in the Prince of Peace, Son, Christ our Savior. He is our door and our way to God. He is the human form, unselfish and gentle. I believe in the invisible and translucent Holy Spirit; it is the God which resides within us, reaching to all the people of earth and beyond. I believe that we, God's creation, are blessed with the great compassion of all three persons, made in His image. We are truly children of God.

***Invitation to Prayer**

L: Offer prayers of supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving for all people.

P: Pray for those entrusted with authority and power so that peace may result.

L: Pray with hands made holy by absence of anger and argument.

P: Pray through the one Mediator between God and us – Jesus Christ.

L: O God, bend our hearts to Your leading, clear our minds to heed Your call, teach us care for others; embolden us to neighbor love.

P: Let us pray.

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)**

Holy God, thank You for giving us a joy for generosity and a genuine love for those who are in need. Pour out Your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives that together we may bring healing and hope to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

***Benediction**

L: The grace of God,

P: deeper than our imagination;

L: The strength of Christ,

P: stronger than our need;

L: The communion of the Holy Spirit,

P: richer than our togetherness;

L: Guide and sustain us today

P: and in all our tomorrows.

All: Amen