WELCOME TO:
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:30 AM	Adult Christian Education	Rev. John L. Emig
10:45 AM	Worship	Pastor
Fellowship Hour Following Worship		*814-244-1602*

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



There is joy in the Lord's presence. We welcome every worshiper present and invite everyone to discover the joy of God's unending love.

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



Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
"Good Shephard Sunday"

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

Almighty God, grant that the words we hear this day may, through Your grace, be so grafted within our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruits of the Spirit, to the honor and praise of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: "He Is Lord" (Congregation Sings)
"He is Lord; He is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow; every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Gospel Lesson: John 10: 1 – 10

Response: "Praise be to you, O Christ."

***Hymn of Adoration: "God Is My Shepherd" #479**

***Call to Confession**

L: Friends, in as much a God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin so that God may restore our souls.

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God,
our world is filled with corruption:
power disguises itself as truth;
convenience masquerades as goodness;
selfish pleasure imitates love.
We confess to You, O God,
that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,
that we may see the joy of Jesus's resurrection
and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

***Words of Pardon and Assurance**

L: Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

P: Amen. Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

L: Amen. Let us sing praises to God.

P: We will continually praise God's holy name.

***Gloria Patri**

First Lesson: Acts 2: 42 – 47

Psalter: Psalm23 page 633

***Hymn of Preparation: "Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows" #248**

Second Lesson: I Peter 2: 19 – 25

SERMON

***Affirming our Faith (Colossians 1: 15 – 20)**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled in God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.

***Call to Prayer**
L: Followers of Jesus, by His cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.
P: Alleluia!
L: By His rising we are free from the fear of death.
P: Alleluia!
L: By His love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.
P: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!
L: Let us pray. (Please be seated)

Morning Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Offering Response: "Halleluja" #236**

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**
Holy and generous God, You have anointed us, and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need Your comfort and restoration. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #252**

***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: 4 – 19 – 26 **Sunday School: 5** **Worship: 18**

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR April 19, 2026

Current	$345.00
Plate	$ 28.00
Sunday School	$ 5.00
TOTAL	**$378.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 7th 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!

Our thanks to the Rev. Joe Long for leading our worship this Sunday. Pastor John is out of town and should be back on Tuesday of this week.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the fund raiser for Faith Fellowship.

Next Sunday is "Spring Cleanup Day" here at the church. If you have an hour or two to devote, please join us. We begin at 9:00am (rain date is May 16th.) Thank you.

Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday in worship.

Dates Ahead
May 17th – New Member Sunday
June 20th – Yard Sale
July 7th – Curve Game ta PNG Field
August 16th – Church Picnic

Would you like to donate a Memorial Tree to our Community Garden? We will be planting around 8 fruit trees with plaques costing around $125-$150. Please speak with any of our Committee Members if you have any questions.

The Flower Calendar for 2023 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.

<u>Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers</u>:



Lettie Allen Family (grieving)
Alesandro Bond Family (grieving)
Dave Zimmerman
Donald Imler
Jeff Cain
Richard Port
Gracie Raihl
Rick Plowman
Heather Guthrie
Nick Lonsinger
Baby Ridge
Lettie Allen
Dallas Webb
Peggy Mapes
Zach Lonsinger Family
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.

