# FAITH UNITED CHURCH



# **OF CHRIST**

### JUNE 2018

The Bible was not written in one specific year or in a single location. The Bible is a collection of writings, and the earliest ones were set down nearly 3500 years ago. The first five books of the Bible are attributed to Moses and are commonly called the Pentateuch (literally "five scrolls"). Moses lived between 1500 and 1300 BC, though he recounts events in the first eleven chapters of the Bible that occurred long before his time (such as the creation and the flood). These earliest accounts were

10:30 am Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall WORSHIP

**SUNDAY** 

Fellowship

SERVICE

11:00 am

handed on from generation to generation in songs, narratives, and poetry. In those early societies there was no writing as yet and people passed on these oral accounts with great detail and accuracy.

The earliest writing began when symbols were scratched or pressed on clay tablets. The Egyptians refined this technique and developed an early form of writing known as hieroglyphics. The Bible tells us that Moses was "educated in all the learning of the Egyptians", so he would have been familiar with the major writing systems of his time. We also read that God gave Moses "two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God"(Exodus 31:18). All this leads to the conclusion that the earliest writings in the Bible were set down around 1400 BC.

The writings of the thirty or so other contributors to the Old Testament span a thousand years! They recount the times and messages from Moses' successor, Joshua, to the last of the Old Testament prophets, Malachi, who wrote his little tract around 450 BC.

Then there is a 500-year period when no writings were contributed to the Bible. This is the period between the testaments, when Alexander the Great conquered much of the world and when the Greek language was introduced to the Hebrews. Indeed, they began to use Greek so much that the Hebrew language was replaced by Greek and by another language, Aramaic, which was spoken all over that area of the world at that time.

The **New Testament** was written during a much shorter period, i.e. during the last half of the first century AD.

- It was the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, which ignited the flame that produced the New Testament, as the new faith swept across the Near East and then westward to Greece and on to Rome.
- Half of the New Testament books were contributed by one man, the Apostle Paul, in the epistles he sent to groups of new Christians and to his assistants Timothy and Titus.

The Bible closes with a majestic book of visions and dramatic views of the future. It was penned by the aged Apostle John around 95 AD and describes the new heaven and the new earth when God's kingdom will embrace the universe and all rebellion and death will be a thing of the past.

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#### "And now may the Lord show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing." 2 Samuel 2:6

Thank you to **all** who bring items for our weekly fellowship table.

Thank you to **Rick, Robert and Bill Houck** for mowing the grounds. With all the rain, its been keeping everyone busy!

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for getting the elements for communion and stepping in helping for Jim and Mary Francis.

Thank you to Mary Catherine Martz for getting a fruit basket for Jim Bostian.



Jim Bostian is still under doctors care. He is home and currently receiving antibiotic infusions. It will be a lengthy recovery and prayers are with him and his family. Jim and Mary Francis would like to thank Faith Church for the fruit basket with other goodies presented to him 2 weeks ago.



Outreach Opportunity !

The annual Lewistown Summer School Program is upon us! We love to participate yearly in this worthy cause. This year, the summer program will be held at Spring Ridge Elementary and Lewistown is collecting snack items, items such as gold fish, pretzels, popcorn and juice boxes. They will deliver to the Spring Ridge School. If you are interested in contributing, please bring in items to church by **Sunday, June 24th**.



Ashlee Sunday has been in *Fusion Fitness and Dance* for 5 years! Dance recitals show her hard work! All are welcome to enjoy the show. Her recital is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th at 6:00 pm and Sunday June 10th at @:200 pm held at Walkersville High School auditorium. Tickets are \$20 at the door.



GREETER Donald Shook /Jennifer Stull ORGANIST /PIANO Mary Frances Bostian ACOLYTES Kevin Sunday/Ashlee Sunday/Jim Bostian USHERS Jim Bostian / Doug Sunday ALTAR GUILD Jim & Mary Frances Bostian/Carole Houck Weekly BULLETIN Jennifer Stull CHURCH TREASURERS Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan Monthly NEWSLETTER & MAILING Jennifer Stull LABELS FOR HOFFMAN HOMES Loberta Staley **HOMEWOOD** Auxiliary Representative Carole Houck / Loberta Staley FELLOWSHIP MORNING Jennifer Stull CONSISTORY BOARD Mary Catherine Martz, Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Calvin Woodward, Jennifer Sunday, Jennifer Stull **PROPERTY COMMITTEE** Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, William Houck **CEMETERY COMMITTEE** 

Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull

Symphony of Summer BV ERMA GROVE



There's a symphony that greets the ears As the summer sounds unfold, From the whisper of wind in the pines To the drums of thunder rolled. All the birds trill their melodies sweet And the streams echo the strains. While the insects' calls a cadence beat Down the mountains to the plains.

There's a symphony that greets the eyes As the summer colors blend, Snow white clouds are adrift in the blue, Stately trees green beauty lend; Orange lilies border golden fields, Silvery mists bring rainbows near; As magenta sunset glories fade Soft. pale moonbeams will appear.

*There's a symphony that greets the nose* As the summer breezes play: Honeysuckle is wafted o'er The fragrance of new-mown hay; The exquisite perfume of the rose Is distilled in dew and rain. As the smell of harvest is muted By sweet clover in the lane.

There's a symphony that greets the mind As a summer day appears: So play well your part in creation, In the music of the spheres. Harmonize on a butterfly's wings, Crescendo with ocean's roar. Improvise on the tireless rhythms That repeat forevermore.



### FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

TOM BAZAN PATTY BLANK JIM BOSTIAN BILLY BOWSER RILEY BRANNAN TRISH BRANNAN CLARKE BURELL BRYAN DINKLE BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT MARION DOUGHERTY JOHN DREISONSTOK ROGER FARBER NOAH FINDLEY BRADLEY FLOOK JR ANGIE FORREST DOT GLASSCOCK BOB GOEDERT EMILIE GOEDERT JERRY GOEDERT JR JERRY HAYES LILLIE BELL HOBBS ROBERT KALASKI SR

SARA KNIGHT ANTHONY MAIN MARY FRANCES MAIN ROBERT MARSH PEGGY MEEUWSEN MARGARET PASLAWSKY JERRY PENICK DORIS PENROD KATHY PETERS MEHRL RAMSBURG THELMA RAMSBURG BOBBY REMSBERG GARY SMITH JR MELVIN SMITH BARBARA SNOOTS SANDY SPENCER BOB STANLEY LINDA TROPE PATRICK VASOLD BOB WARNER CALLIE WATKINS JOEL WILCOX

BILL WISSMAN HEATHER ZIMMERMAN

## To <u>ADD</u> or <u>REMOVE</u>

names to :

Prayer List

• Newsletter Mailing

Birthday/ Anniversary
Please contact Jennifer Stull
mychurch.js@gmail.com
 301-788-1656

#### Our In-Home Members

**Margaret Sunday** lives at home, visitors welcome —*call first 301-304-0214.* **Brenda Dinkle Wright** lives at home, call to say hello or visit—*call first 301-663-8341.* 

### **Bingo UPDATE !**

Thank you to the bingo committee for organizing the bi-annual fundraiser. Thank you to Jennifer Sunday for getting the permits and Mary Francis for picking up the pies we sell. Thank you to Carole Houck for providing all the door prizes. Thank you to all who helped work the tables and contributed baked goods for our bake table. We always have so much fun and raised \$2,403!



JUNE 12 - VICKIE WARNER JUNE 21 - JENNIFER STULL



13 - Tom & Shirley Bazan19 - Joey & Francia Stanley



CONSISTORY MEETING Wednesday JUNE 13 @ 7pm



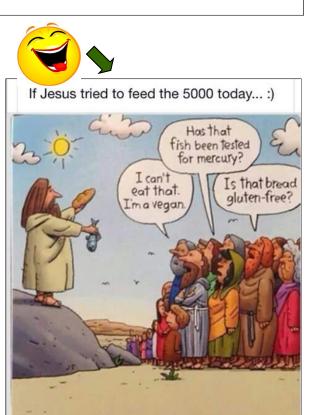
*REMINDER!* July and August Faith Newsletter will be combined.



The Food bank Program operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) provides a threeto five-day supply of food to families and individuals

who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA Food Bank serves between 600 to 800 households each month ranging from very low-income families who use the Food Bank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need food assistance. This is an important outreach for our church to be a part of. Thank you to all who have contributed to this outreach. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the items to Thurmont. These products are always needed: **PAPER PRODUCTS** - **CANNED GOODS** -**BOXED DINNERS** - **CEREAL** 

Thank you to **Carole Houck** and **Mary Catherine Martz** for bringing and handing out potted flowers for Mother's Day!



## Ezra & Nehemiah

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