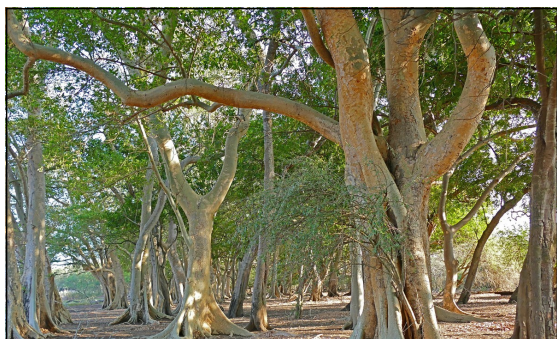


# *Faith*

## *United Church Of Christ*

**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 am**

*May*  *2021*



### JESUS CURSES A FIG TREE BIBLE STORY

12 The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.  
13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. 14 Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it. 15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" 18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. 19 When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. 20 In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. 21 Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" 22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

## FROM THE BIBLE

### ([Matthew 21:18-22](#))

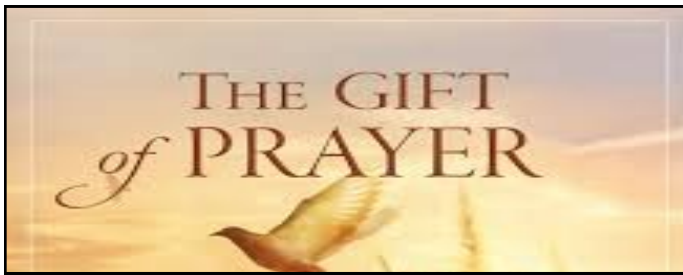
18 Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered. 20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. 21 Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

### MEANING OF THE FIG TREE PARABLE

Cursing the fig tree was Jesus' way of saying that the whole nation had become spiritually barren before the Lord. They had the form of religion but not the reality. They knew the right words to say, but their hearts were far from God.

According to [Smith's Bible Dictionary](#), the fig tree was very common to the area both in Biblical times and still today. And it was common knowledge in Jesus' time that if you saw leaves on a fig tree, you could also expect fruit unless the tree was barren.

Throughout the [Bible](#) ([1 Kings 4:25](#); [Micah 4:4](#); [Zechariah 3:10](#)), sitting under their own fig tree was a common phrase symbolizing peace and prosperity.



**" And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven "**

**James 5 : 15**

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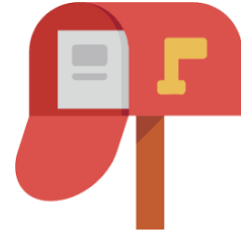


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**Names on the prayer  
list will remain for 3  
months unless  
otherwise requested  
longer.**

Bob Warner thanks Faith UCC for thinking of him with the gifts given to him at Christmas and Easter. He thoroughly enjoys getting the useful items and the delicious snacks in each gift. Thanks to Jennifer Stull for getting all the items and presenting them in such a nice way for the season. Thanks to everyone at Faith Church for the beautiful cards during the year.

To ADD or REMOVE names to :

- *Prayer List*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*

Please contact Jennifer Stull  
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**NEXT**  
**CONSISTORY**  
**MEETING**  
MAY 16 @ 1:00PM



MAY 9, 2021

## Thank You!

*And whatever you do whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks to God the Father through him.*

*Colossians 3 : 17*

Our continued many thanks to the **Houck** brothers for keeping the church grounds mowed and weed whacked. It is a time consuming and weekly job and we appreciate it so much!



Thank you for all the donations for the food basket in the arcade. The Thurmont Food Bank is grateful to restock their shelves!



MAY 10 - WILLIAM HOUCK  
 MAY 20 - ALI WRIGHT  
 MAY 24 - FRANCIA STANLEY  
 MAY 27 - LINDSEY STANLEY  
 MAY 27 - MARY CATHERINE MARTZ

## CASH/BASKET /HANDBAG BINGO!



### Faith Church

#### SPRING BINGO FUNDRAISER!

**Saturday, MAY 22, 2021**

Held at Lewistown Fire Company

Doors Open : 4:30 pm

Games Start : 6:00 pm

#### CASH/BASKET/HANDBAG BINGO

Tickets are \$20. Several door prizes and King Tut. Baskets for specials and raffles are filled with great items. Bake table items for dessert for sale by Faith Church. Great food, sodas, water, and chips will be sold by the Lewistown Fire Company. Always a wonderful opportunity to gather together for this fellowship and fun. Invite friends and family! For more information call Jennifer Sunday @ 301-788-2427 or Mary Frances Bostian at 301-271-7573.

## *THE MYSTERY OF PAIN*

*By Erma Grove*

'Tis not for me to understand  
 The mystery of pain,  
 Yet I would seek to learn God  
 Through all the stress and strain.

I know that God is good and wise,  
 His power and purpose great,  
 And patiently He teaches me  
 I must cooperate.

It may be from my ignorance  
 I suffer pain or loss;  
 Perchance another's burden bear  
 As Jesus bore the cross.

God does not will my suffering,  
 But from it can bring good:  
 Compassion, service, deeper love,  
 And faith, and brotherhood.

If from my pain God may achieve  
 Some glorious purpose here,  
 With patience I accept my lot  
 And humbly persevere.

And though I cannot comprehend  
 All mystery of pain;  
 I will not fight nor fret nor fear  
 For God doth surely reign.



## CONSISTORY NEWS

**In January of this year, work was completed on replacing all of the membraned roof surfaces on the Education Building, including the flat roofs over the kitchen and the office and the entire length of the front breezeway (Arcade). At the end of April, a new air conditioning/heat pump system was installed in the Fellowship Hall. The current air conditioning units were installed about 25 years ago and are no longer able to cool the Hall. The new units will be able to cool as well as heat the Hall. In cold weather, the oil furnace will no longer be used to heat the Hall thereby saving us the cost of oil for this part of the building. The new roofing and air conditioning/heat pump systems have resulted in a cost to the church of over \$50,000. To help Faith defray some of this cost, we would appreciate any extra financial help members and friends can provide for this huge but necessary undertaking.**

## OTHER THAN YOURSELF

One day, while I was walking in the park, I noticed a little girl. Barefoot and dirty, she was watching all the people indifferently going by. She was silent and did not say a word. Everybody just passed by and did not pay any attention to her.

The very next day I decided to go back to that park and clear up if the girl was still there. She was right there in the same spot as yesterday, sadly looking around. I felt that I am worried about her, as a park full of strangers is not a good place for small kids to play alone.

I started approaching her and suddenly noticed that the girl's back was oddly deformed. A thought crossed my mind that maybe this was the reason why everyone was avoiding her and did not try to help. I got closer and smiled to let her know that I was there to talk, to help. I started with "Hello" and then sat down near her. The girl was very surprised, however, after a long stare into my eyes, she replied "Hi".

We talked and talked, so many hours passed by and darkness came. The park became silent and empty. Then I carefully asked the little girl, why she was so sorrowful and lonesome. "I am different, that's why" – was her reply. I agreed with her and smiled "Yes, you are", and then I continued "you remind of an angel, pure and sweet". She slowly got to her feet and smiled "Really?" I confirmed that she looks to me like a little Guardian Angel to watch all the people going by. To my surprise, she nodded her head and admitted "I am, I am your Guardian Angel", then she spread her wings. I was so amazed, that I couldn't say a word. After a moment she explained "Think of someone other than yourself – that was the purpose of my job here".

Then I got to my feet and asked "Why nobody stopped to help you?"

"Because only YOU could see me", was her answer and then she was gone.

*"Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared."*

*Exodus 23 : 20*



# Elijah Prays Word Search

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