

THE VOICE

Yearbook Edition - 2017 at Falkner Swamp UCC

(A year in the life of our church through pictures and words)

January—new kitchen floor



February—Fastnacht Social



March—peanut butter eggs



April—Easter Sunrise Service



May—Youth Sunday



June—Church Picnic



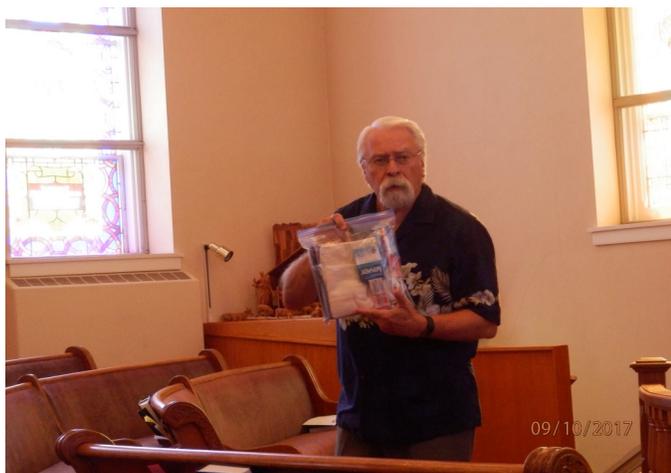
July—painting our youth room



August—welcoming our new choir director, Erin



September—mission project for hurricane victims



October—Anniversary Sunday



November—Women’s Ministries outing



December—caroling at Freed’s



From Rev. Frances



Dear Beloved Community:

I was lying next to my daughter in bed one evening, part of our nighttime ritual. After a moment or two of silence, I heard her ask, “Mom, what is the opposite of pray”?

What a question! was my first thought, quietly proud that my ten-year-old was entertaining such a precocious idea. “Um, let’s see, well, that’s an interesting question,” I managed, fumbling for a worthy follow-up comment to inspire more conversation. Then she came up with her own: “Oh! I remember now. It’s predator.”

Oh, that kind of “prey” I thought, inwardly slapping palm to forehead in a “doh!” moment. Of course. Abby loves animals. Prey, predator, knowing which is which is essential in the animal kingdom.

But my misinterpretation of her question did get me thinking. Adding the word “to” to “pray” creates the infinitive verb as a noun, rendering “to pray” an action, a thing to do or not to do. I mulled over this new question: “what is the opposite of ‘to pray’?”

There is the impulse to think of prayer as something one does as a finite activity. There is a start, a middle, and an end to a time of prayer. Think of the moments in worship called “Prayers for Loved Ones, Church and World” that conclude with saying the Lord’s Prayer together. It is our prayer liturgy (liturgy means “work of the people”) and as such, is deeply meaningful.

Yet we know that prayer is far more than a piece of liturgy in a worship service. Prayer is a way of being, not merely an activity we do. An obituary I read once quoted the deceased as one who lived his life “with a posture bent in prayer.” We embody prayer; prayer embodies us.

Joan Chittester, a Benedictine nun and prolific and wise writer, offers the following on prayer:

“...I have come to the point where I doubt that anybody can really “teach” anybody how to pray. That, I figure, is what life does. We can learn prayer forms, of course, but we do not learn either the function or the purpose of prayer until life drags us to it, naked and in pain.”

Describing how she was informed by her monastic community that takes its learning from the Rule of St. Benedict, Chittester notes that “... I learned enough about prayer to last me for a lifetime: first, that in order to learn to pray we need to do it regularly. And, second, that real contemplative prayer starts where formal prayer ends. Point: prayer is not a technique. It is an attitude of mind, a quality of soul and a dimension of the daily.”

Perhaps one way to define the opposite of “to pray” is, “to be asleep.” The Gospels tell the story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, anguished to know his disciples slept instead of staying up to pray with him (Matt.26:36-40 and Mark 14:32-37). Wake up, we can hear Jesus calling to us in our gardens where we have dozed off.

Wake up to turn our attention to God, and discover the things that God loves. For starters on the things God loves, see Genesis 1:31, Isaiah 61:1-4, Matthew 22:36-40, John 3:16-17, and Romans 11:36. They include me, and you. All that has been created, ever.

Wake up, wake up, Jesus speaks to us in our half-slumber. Pray with me and see how I love. Then, our embodiment of prayer can take shape as we wake up in the world to do the loving things God desires for all.

And goodness knows the world – as it has always been – is in desperate need of those who pray. And then, seeing how God loves, allows their prayers to move them into action.

Praying for you,

Rev. Frances

The quotes from Joan Chittester are from *Gospel Days* as reprinted in [Joan Chittester: Essential Writings](#), p. 89.

2017 Report for Consistory

We have had another good year in Consistory. First, I would like to thank those members of Consistory who are staying on for another year. Brenda Semach, Russ Miller, Lee Heffner, Vicki Fronheiser, and Robin Zerr. Thanks guys, for your service and your time. You are all involved in our church in ways other than Consistory. Thanks so much for helping to lead the church! Second, I want to welcome Barbara Geary to Consistory as our newest member. I look forward to what I am sure will be some excellent input from her! Finally, I want to thank those members of Consistory who are stepping down. Their years of service are SO appreciated! Thanks, Matt, Carol, and Shirley!

Looking back over my notes, I can see that the first quarter of the year was dedicated primarily to our youth. Matt and Laura Brown, Kim Erb, and Stacey Brennan are doing a great job leading our younger kids towards a Christ-like life, and at the same time preparing some of the older children for Confirmation classes and ultimately church membership.

Also during the spring, we began our community breakfasts again. I honestly don't know who has more fun at these breakfasts, Robin Zerr and her "crew," or the folks that we serve! The food is always great, and the fellowship and laughter is irreplaceable. Thank You Robin!

I also would like to once again thank Rev. Mary Etta Mest for all the visitations and outreach she does for Falkner Swamp. She is truly yet another one of the "angels" that has blessed us with her fine work!

Spring and summer saw the Property Committee going to work. In addition to Cemetery and Church maintenance, lights were repaired, security cameras were installed, new flooring in the bathrooms behind the kitchen and in the kitchen itself, and the sidewalks all around the church were upgraded and repaired.

September saw us back in the swing of things, preparing for the budget committee meeting in late September. Once again, our treasurer, Vivian Wentzel, had everything prepared so that even those of us with little or no accounting experience could understand what was happening with "the books." She is another HUGE blessing for our church! Thanks to her and her ability to see potential problems well in advance, our budget stayed well within what we thought it should be. She is doing a tremendous job for us!

And now 2017 is over. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the angels in our midst. Vivian Wentzel. Thanks to Vivian's great treasury management, and the Congregation's generosity, we are in good shape financially this year. This is the third year in a row that we have not had to take any money out of our endowment; a WONDERFUL thing!

More angels:

Robin Zerr, who feeds us, serves on Consistory, and heads the property committee. Lee and Becky Comer, who do so much of the "behind the scenes" work. Bob and Mary Ann Erb. Jim Kooser. Ron and Brenda Becker. These are people who, when you call them and ask for help, help with ANYTHING, they respond with "Where and at what time can I help?" Ken and Fran Berkowitz. Arlene Umstead, a real musician and a true lover of our church. Brenda Semach, the "sounding board" for all of us. All the guys in the Men's Choir. All the folks in the regular choir. The acolytes. The bell ringers. The lay leaders. The Sunday school teachers. Everyone who has ever told a person outside our church family "You ought to think about visiting our church." You're all angels!

And, of course, our wonderful spiritual leader, Reverend Frances. There are no words to express our gratitude that she has come to lead our "flock." The calming knowledge that she will be in the pulpit on Sunday. That she can lend us an ear when we're "jammed up" with doubts or lack of direction. That she sets an example every day of someone who knows what we ask her to do, and then does A WHOLE LOT MORE! Without her, we're just a club. With her, we have a reason to come together, to show our love for God, and to be kind to each other.

The list of angels is endless! And growing! And as we continue to reach out into the community it will get longer and longer! Turns out the Man from Galilee was right all along when he said, "I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me." As we do more to make the lives of others better, we will make ours better also. And there will be more and more of us!

So... let us all try, really try, to introduce the giving, loving philosophy of Jesus Christ to new people in our community, that they may join us in worshipping Him, and loving each other, every Sunday.

Blessing to you all!

-Bob Schnaars, Consistory President

Members: Brenda Semach, Vice-President, Vicki Fronheiser, Secretary, Lee Heffner, Russ Miller, Barb Geary, and Robin Zerr

Interested?

Community-wide discussion based on the book Waking Up White: Finding Ourselves in the Story of Race led by author Debby Irving. Event hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown (secretary Sharon's home church) on Sun March 4, 2-4:30 pm. There is no charge but reservations are required. Please sign up on the bulletin board in vestibule by Feb 18. Rev. Frances is reading the book and would love to discuss with others, so let her know if you are interested in going!

"Healthcare: Education & Action" Feb. 10 9:00 am—12:00 noon @

Reformed Church of the Ascension 1700 W. Main Street, Norristown. Worship, hear speakers, share your healthcare experiences, be educated on the healthcare system and learn what your congregation can do to organize around healthcare issues. The event will be sponsored by the Joint Conference Vision and Development Team, POWER, and the PSEC Justice and Witness Team. It is open to all churches in Penn Northeast and Pennsylvania Southeast conferences. There is no need to register, but for more information, you may call: Rev. Dwayne Mosier 610.539.1693, Rev. Joanne Marchetto 424.221.8856, or Rev. Barbara Pence 610.287.7966.



This past year a group of us went to a seminar in August. We did some wonderful team building exercises on reaching new people. We learned a lot about where we should focus our attentions on our community. For example on December 16th from 11am to 1pm several people from the congregation gathered outside of Freed's Market to sing Christmas carols handing out packets of hot chocolate with hand written messages of hope, faith and joy. It was a blessing to bring a smile to the shopper's hearts. We are hoping to do more functions like this in the coming months. Our goal is to just let the community know that the congregation at Falkner Swamp cares about them. We need to start building relationships with our community by sharing our stories of struggles, faith and how God works in our lives. It starts with an invitation by all of us.

In Christian faith,

Brenda Semach-chair

Members: Brenda Becker, Becky Comer, Sharon Schnaars, Stacey Brennan, Bob Schnaars and Rev. Mary Etta Mest

Cemetery Committee Report

It has been a fairly quiet year for the Cemetery Committee. We had a reorganizational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2017. All members and Rev. Frances were in attendance. New By-Laws were approved, new Deeds and a short form letter were drafted and new pricing was approved for interments.

We had one interment, Tuesday, June 19, 2017 for William D. Fagley. Mr. Fagley's interment was overseen by the Schumacher-Benner Funeral Home of Pottstown, PA. We issued one "Transfer of Indenture" to Brenda Semach for plots her parents purchased. Due to her father's move to Florida the original paperwork was lost.

The church grounds and the Hollowbush Cemetery, adjacent to the church, are mowed and trimmed by Rob Erb, Jr. The Falkner Swamp UCC Cemetery, East on Swamp Pike and next to the New Hanover Fire Company are mowed and trimmed by Bob Erb, Sr. Rob Erb, Jr. also helped with the trimming of that cemetery.

We held two cemetery workdays in 2017. The first was Saturday, March 18th. Robin Zerr made a meal for our committee and volunteers. "Thank you very much, Robin." The second coincided with the church's workday in October. There was no major work to be done, just the leveling of graves that had sunk due to rain and snow, and then those graves were reseeded. Very few tombstones needed to be straightened this year. Our workdays are usually held in the spring and fall. The spring date is pre-Easter when all winter and/or severely weathered decorations are removed in preparation of the families adding spring/ Easter decorations.

A reminder to members and family who decorate the gravesites: no glass may be used, and no wires may be used to hold 'blankets' or sprays to the ground. Glass breaks, and wires and broken glass can cause serious bodily injury and damage to equipment if they get propelled by trimmers or the blades of mowers. Thank you for doing your part to keep our groundskeepers safe from injury.

Lots are for sale in the Falkner Swamp UCC Cemetery. All lots in the Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Currently, prices for Members are: 1 grave \$300, 2 graves \$500, 3 graves \$700, 4 graves \$900, 5 graves \$1,100, 6 graves \$1,300, 7 graves \$1,500, and 8 graves \$1,700.

Copies of the Cemetery By-Laws are available at the church office during normal business hours. Purchases of gravesites are available by contacting Bob Schnaars (President) or Mary Ann Erb (Treasurer).

Our thanks to Sharon Sgriccia for handling all of our inquiries and duties in regards to burials, paperwork and questions that come into the church by phone or in person. Your help is much appreciated!

The Cemetery Committee consists of seven members at this time:

Bob Schnaars, President and Trustee	Sue Dickey, Trustee	Bob Erb, Sr., Lot Manager
Mary Ann Erb, Secretary/Treasurer, Lot Manager	Ed Harvey, Trustee	Rob Erb, Jr., Lot Manager
Sharon Schnaars, Trustee		

Christian Education Report

Happy New Year

2017 was an exciting year for the Christian Education Committee!

We started out the year planning a Youth Fellowship Room that we will continue to work on throughout 2018, planning Vacation Bible School, and continuing with our strong Sunday School program. During Lent we hosted A Journey to Jerusalem, which was a fun filled "Journey" from Gilbertsville to Jerusalem between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It was a wonderful time filled with prayer, outreach, and coloring.

In May the youth provided a full Youth Service, including all readings and a sermon for the congregation. We followed the event with a meal and an ice cream social. July came and we painted our Youth Fellowship Room. We will continue this project throughout 2018 and provide a safe space for our youth to be able to hang out with their friends and enjoy fellowship together. In August we hosted our first one day Vacation Bible School, "The Life of Jesus" which was a fun event filled with crafts, games, fellowship and food. We started September with Rally Day and the youth sponsored a mission project supporting the youth of Charlottesville, with the #DearYoungPerson postcard campaign.

In October we started thinking about the holidays, and hosted the Operation Christmas Child program once again, leading us into November when the children designed and sent out Christmas cards to our homebound congregation members, friends of the congregation, local veterans, local emergency personnel and others. In December this year we got to honor and start our new Confirmation class! We are so excited for our Confirmands as they venture on this journey together throughout 2017 and into 2018! Our Sunday school program has been focusing on The Life of Jesus, throughout 2017 and we will continue this journey in 2018, hoping that our young people will be energized to take the love of Christ with them out into the world!

Many Blessing in 2018!

Laura Brown and the Christian Education Committee-

Matt Brown, Becky Comer, Kim Erb, Barb McDonough, Susan Mercer, and Luke Schwenk

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."-Matthew 19:14





Community Breakfast

Come one, come all! Bring a friend, your family! Invite people!

This is one way we can reach out to the community. We had fun at our breakfasts last year and had the opportunity to meet new people. In 2017, we fed a total of 277 people for the 3 breakfasts we held. If you didn't have the chance to make it out to one of the breakfasts, I invite you to come this year. Many local stores are very supportive of this outreach through donations (both monetarily and with food). If you are able to help, please come join us as many hands make light work. Even if you can only help for an hour or two, we welcome you. Our first breakfast in 2018 is Feb. 3rd from 8—11 AM. The remaining dates are March 3rd, April 7th, and May 5th.

Thank you to everyone who helped in 2017! I could not have done it without you. I am very thankful for this church and the people in it.

~ Robin

When you feed others you are feeding Christ.

Matthew 25:34-40 "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, my Father has blessed you! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me into your home. I needed clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then the people who have God's approval will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you into our homes or see you in need of clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "The king will answer them, 'I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you did for one of my brothers or sisters, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did for me.'

Isaiah 58:7 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

2017 Kitchen Report

Thank you for coming out for the PND meals in 2017. It is a very good time to fellowship and enjoy a meal. In 2017, proceeds from the meals went toward the new kitchen floor, which looks great. It is our hope that our next project will be air conditioning in Fellowship Hall. The kitchen has heavy use with peanut butter egg making, Women's Ministries making soup, and parties. Thank you for your participation.

Thank you to Doris Moser, Brenda Becker, Joyce Rothenberger, Kim Shaak and Penny Zerr for helping in the kitchen. I couldn't have done it without you and all who helped clean the tables and did dishes.

~Robin Zerr, Chair



SNACK TIMES

All are welcome to stay after worship for snack time. If anyone would like to make a treat, you are more than welcome. Please let Robin know in advance so she knows how best to prepare.

Thanks!



Peanut Butter Egg fundraiser coming up! It is that time of year again when we will be making peanut butter eggs . We plan to work Monday through Thursday the weeks of March 12 and 19. Come out for the fellowship and to help support the efforts of our church! We also plan to sell them at Freed's on Saturday, March 17.

More information will be coming soon but mark the dates on your calendar!

Please join us for the Fastnacht Social Friday, February 9th. Talent optional, it's more fun that way. Look for the sign-up on the bulletin board or speak to Mary Ann Erb for more information.



Hospice Volunteers Needed for Heartland Hospice. Call their volunteer department at 1-800-807-3738 for more information. Training is provided. Rev. Mest is affiliated with this organization.



We are again collecting cans of soup for "Souper Sunday." The boxes will be in the vestibule from Jan. 28—Feb. 11. Please bring cans of soup and put in the box of your choice based on who you will be cheering for during the Super Bowl on Feb. 4th. The cans will be taken to Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

Music and Worship Report for 2017



Music and Worship met eleven times in 2016: January 2, Feb. 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6 and December 11.

Highlights of 2017 are as follows:

- Lenten and Easter Services included Ash Wednesday (with a light supper before worship), Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (also with a light supper before worship), Prayer Vigil, Good Friday and a 7:00 Sunrise Service on Easter followed by a potluck breakfast, as well as the traditional 10:00 Easter Service.
- On June 4th we welcomed new members Cassandra Krause, Rob Krause, Deb Taylor and Sarah Taylor.
- On June 11th we had our annual Church Picnic at Falkner Swamp.
- June 18th we honored our high school graduate Madison Miller and on August 13th we honored high school graduate Abby Keebler.
- On August 27th we had the School Start Blessing
- On October 8th we held our 3rd Annual Tailgate Sunday.
- On Anniversary Sunday, October 15th, Rev. Matt Hoover was our guest preacher.
- On November 6th, All Saints Sunday, we remembered our Saints (members Judy Heffner, Jim Miller, Linda Scott, Charlotte Herman as well as many others) with the lighting of candles.
- On Nov. 22nd we had a Thanksgiving Eve Service with a meal before worship.
- On December 3rd we had the Blessing/Consecration of the Confirmands: Isaiah Baez, Maggie Brennan and Grace Erb. Corrie Shaak later joined the group.
- Dec. 10th was the Hanging of Greens Service with children, youth and adult involvement.
- Christmas Eve Services included a 10:00 AM Christmas Eve Service with a "Rehearsal-Free Christmas Pageant" with the whole congregation participating, and the traditional 7:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.
- We enjoyed several guest and lay preachers, including Peter Detterline (Licensed Minister), Beth Eustis (Seminary Student), Rev. Wanda Craner, Rev. Becca Stephens and Rev. Elaine Ely. Angela Quashigah was with us in October and gave a Mission Moment telling us about the preschool she started in Malawi. We also enjoyed several dramas as part of worship.
- Rev. Frances officiated three baptisms: Landon Emerson Miuccio-Sutliff, Harrison Robbins and Forrest Wenk.
- Every third Sunday (except summer) was Youth Sunday with the youth as Worship Helpers and a Joyful Noise Offering. May 21st was a special Youth Sunday when the youth lead worship. A luncheon was hosted by the Sunday School students followed by the Ice Cream Social which was open to the public.
- We also enjoyed guest organist Tim Keebler.
- We had wonderful music provided by our choir, the Men's Choir, individual members, our Sunday School children and our youth musicians. Thanks to all of you.
- Worship Coordinators Fran Berkowitz, Sharon Schnaars and Becky Comer met after the Music and Worship Committee meetings in April, August, and December to coordinate the Schedule of Worship Helpers.
- Tearfully we accepted the resignation of our Choir Director Erica Creed and cheerfully greeted Erin Ahart as our new Choir Director.
- I would to thank Rev. Frances for her wonderful leadership and also Bob Schnaars, Consistory President, for attending our meetings.

Members: Chester, Arlene Butts, Sharon Schnaars, Fran Berkowitz, Erica Creed, Erin Ahart, Bev Ream, Brenda Becker and Becky Comer (Bob Schnaars, Consistory President)

We look forward to a wonderful 2018.

Becky O. Comer, Chairperson

Parish Relations Committee

The PRC Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support and trust in our committee. We always strive to do whatever we can do to help in all and any situation that may arise. Our goal is to always have a safe place where anyone in the congregation, or any one on the staff can express any joys, concerns or ideas. I would like to thank Bob Erb Sr., Lee Comer, Jane Harvey, Bob Schnaars and Rev Frances, for their joy, faith and love.

Blessings,

Brenda Semach

Chair of PRC

2017 Choir Notes

I am so excited to start 2018 as the choir director at Falkner Swamp! The church and its choir members have been so welcoming, and because of this, I feel like I am part of another family. Together we have accomplished so much in the name of the Lord. We have sung several beautiful and joyful anthems, sometimes accompanied by other musicians within the church, and have added a few new members. I am so thankful that the choir has been willing to try new music and even practice on their own in the short amount of time we have to prepare music each month. To anyone who is considering joining the choir, please come to any one of our rehearsals and give us a try! We rehearse on Thursday nights from 7-8 PM, and I think you will find that we are a fun group that laughs almost as much as we sing! The choir typically performs an anthem and a benediction on one Sunday each month, in addition to select holiday services. I cannot wait to see what beautiful music-making 2018 has in store for the choir at Falkner Swamp!



- Erin Ahart, Choir Director

Property Committee Report for 2017

2017 Property Committee Report

Mary Ann Erb & Robin Zerr, Co-Chairpersons

- New Kitchen Floor installed, January 5, 2017 by Farkosh Floor Covering. Total cost for the new flooring was \$3,846. The entire cost was covered by donations and fund raisers (PND), etc.
- Boiler (Ch Ed) was repaired after expansion tank's fill line clogged
- Boiler (Church) had a new "gun" installed
- Bob Erb and Ron Becker fixed the fluorescent lights over the bulletin boards in the fellowship room.
- New batteries were purchased and installed for the emergency lights.
- An auto-flush valve installed in the boys bathroom on the first floor of the Christian Ed wing
- First Alert 10-year battery smoke alarms were purchased and installed in the kitchen.
- Boiler Room Door / Overhead Enclosure completed by Carl & Debbie Redcay for a cost of \$4,392.00
- Book holders on back of church pews were repaired
- Bids were received for removing dead/dying trees near west parking, work to be done in the new year.
- A collar was fabricated and fitted for the leaning light pole
- The exposed top of down spout drain by kitchen was fixed using flexible hose
- Repairs were made to the sidewalks that had previously been marked with yellow paint to mark tripping hazards.
- Various items were moved and/or removed, and maintenance and repairs were made throughout the year. ie. white board in the Puppet Room, old TV's, piano in choir room, burned out lightbulbs in the entrance hall chandelier, a loose chalk board in the Nursery room, replaced an electrical outlet in the Nursery room, re-attached the rubber sealer on the red front doors, garden areas around the church were weeded, Robbie Keebler refurbished the play yard behind the Christian Education building,
- maintenance manual has been started by Robin so that jobs that are repeated every year aren't overlooked and are scheduled in a timely manner.
- The hillside to the west of the church was cleaned up: small trees cut down, brush removed, etc.

The 2018 Property Committee is composed of Ron Becker, Bob Erb, Sharon Schnaars, Robin Zerr, and we welcome new members Rob Krause and Lee Heffner. We want to thank Bob Schnaars and Mary Ann Erb for their years of service on this committee as they move on to focus their efforts in other areas. We are grateful to the many members of the congregation who willingly help with our workdays, and throughout the year on all types of occasions. Without your continued support, we wouldn't be able to accomplish 'our' jobs.



- February 3rd: Community Breakfast ~ sign up to help on the bulletin board
- February 9th: Fastnacht Social ~ sign up to participate on the bulletin board
- March 3rd: Community Breakfast
- March 17th: Blood Drive @ Falkner Swamp (look for more details soon)

STONE SOUP



Are YOU the next Stone Soup reader? In past years at the February Penny/Nickel/Dine meal, the book Stone Soup was read by Jane Harvey and “acted out” by willing participants to the delight of children and everyone. Jane is “passing the torch” to a new reader....maybe this is you! If you would like to read for the enjoyment of all who enjoy soup for the February PND, please speak with Rev. Frances who can give you the book.

Ministry of Inreach

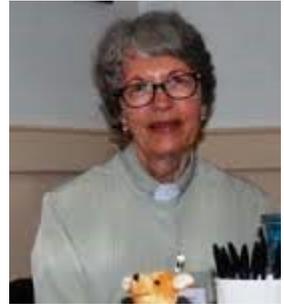
Rev. Mary Etta Mest provides visits with communion to Falkner Swamp homebound and hospitalized persons.

In 2017 she made 107 visits, 14 long phone calls and sent emails to numerous to count to members and friends of the church.

~ Carol Stevens, Outgoing Chairperson, Barb Geary, Incoming Chairperson
&
Rev. Mary Etta Mest, Visitation Pastor

PRIVILEGE OF VISITING

It is a blessing and a privilege to be the Pastor of Visitation with Falkner Swamp UCC. God is present in each visit so that each visit is special. Recently, a visit was especially joyous and exciting. When Bob Erb, Sr. had a serious heart problem and found himself in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, I visited. First, the staff people in his unit were extremely welcoming and kind. Upon being led to Bob's room, this familiar person named Sharon was standing at the door. No sooner did I call her name than this person, with a guitar permanently attached to his shoulder, appeared next to me - the other Bob. Comfortable chairs were brought and we were all seated around Bob. After a bit of chatting, music flowed - something beautiful with the patient singing. Roommate Frank was invited to join us in prayer which he readily accepted. We prayed. As I left to begin my "other work" day, the music resumed to brighten the day of anyone within hearing range. My whole day was blessed. And so it goes - smiles, hugs, prayers, the Lord's Communion, and friendly chatting! Thank you, members of Falkner!
~ Rev. Mary Etta Mest



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Jane Wilmer wanted to say "hi" to all of you. She keeps up with Falkner Swamp news on Facebook and Flocknote. She is spending the winter in NC since her FL house was made unlivable by Hurricane Irma. She's waiting for a new roof first, then some floor work and then rebuilding the interior. Her contact information is in the directory.

Women's Ministries

The year of 2017 was a busy one. In February, Valentine Bags were filled with goodies for our members and friends, and Valentine cards were also sent. For Ladies Night in May we tried something different, small rocks were painted with designs or words. Some women gave theirs to family and friends. In October, vegetable soup was made for our members and friends.

This year we gave 8 Thanksgiving baskets to Multi-Service in Boyertown. In November, 20 women made a trip to Bird-in-Hand to see the show "*Mennonite Girls Can Cook*." It was an enjoyable humorous show followed by a delicious meal.

Erica Creed showed us an old hymnal that was folded into the shape of an angel. We had many old hymnals around the church and the women were interested in trying that idea. 24 angels were made. More are being made so please place an order if you are interested.

Thanks for all of you who supported us in our endeavors.
Arlene Butts Umstead



LIVING MEMORIAL FUND - 2017

Beginning Memorial Savings Balance 1/1/2017 = \$3,961.90

Interest Earned 2017 + .32

Memorial Fund Income 2017 + \$520.00

Withdrawals (Donations given to church) - \$3,635.20

Balance as of 12/31/2017 = \$847.02

****Respectfully Submitted: Sharon K Schnaars**



Boyertown Area Multi-Service (Food Pantry) – 2017

In 2017, the food pantry at Boyertown Area Multi-Service distributed 95 Easter dinners, 126 Thanksgiving dinners, and 94 Christmas meals to families in the community. They served an average of 242 individuals in approximately 94 households per month. The food pantry began weighing their donations in March. The total weight through 9 months was 77,315.25 pounds! An average of 8,591 pounds per month! Falkner Swamp contributed 501 pounds to that total in 2017. The community food pantry was blessed with over 1000 volunteer hours.

As you are aware, Falkner Swamp provides a monthly food donation to the pantry. Multi-Service will again distribute flyers with information about our Community Breakfasts with their clients' food orders.

Multi-Service is very appreciative of the ongoing support of this congregation.

Thank you to Ed & Jane Harvey for delivering our donations monthly and to all that contribute to this important ministry.

The Pennsylvania German Society

PA German Society Annual Meeting

@ Falkner Swamp ~ June 2, 2018

- ◆ Speakers include former Interim Pastor Judith Meier, who will talk about her paper on Falkner Swamp's early history
 - ◆ Visit www.pgs.org for a tentative agenda for the day (registration is required)
 - ◆ More info to come!

If you are interested in John Philip Boehm and early German Reformed church history in this area, of interest will be: Boehm's Church Crawl, written by Rev. Meier (2013) and available on Amazon. It's a self-directed tour of 12 area churches founded or served by Boehm.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Community Breakfast 8AM—11 AM
4 Communion Sunday Souper Bowl	5 7 PM Worship & Music	6 9 AM Women's Ministries 7 PM Parish Relations	7	8 7 PM Choir	9 Fastnacht Social	10
11 PND Meal Stone Soup	12	13 6:30 PM Property	14 Ash Wednesday 6:30 Potluck 7:15 Service	15 7 PM Choir	16	17 Fellowship Hall Rental 11 AM—5 PM
18 1st Sunday in Lent Apostolic Sunday Beth Eustis, Seminarian, preaching	19 7 PM Consistory	20	21 Lenten Prayer 12:30-1pm Sanctuary	22 7 PM Choir	23	24
25	26	27 7 PM Christian Ed.	28 Lenten Prayer 12:30-1pm Sanctuary			

Sundays at Falkner Swamp:

◇ 9 AM Sunday School ◇ 10 AM Worship ◇ 11:30 Fellowship Time ◇ 7 PM AA Meeting

February 4 — Communion, soup collection for Multi-Service

February 11 — PND Meal

February 18 — Youth Sunday, Joyful Noise Offering, Apostolic Sunday w/ Beth Eustis, CWS offering

February 25— Service of the Word

Rev. Frances Hours: (generally) Wednesdays 9:30AM-2PM	Secretary Hours: (generally) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9AM-2PM
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February Birthdays

3rd ~ Rob Krause

4th ~ Kevin Brennan

6th ~ George Moser, Jr.

8th ~ Brandi Kohlman

11th ~ Ed Harvey

12th ~ Jane Scheck, David Sell

13th ~ James Mercer

15th ~ Miriam Brown

17th ~ Ed Theirolf, Skip Hildenbrand

18th ~ Shelby Erb

23rd ~ Ron Beckley

28th ~ Alan Bingham

Falkner Swamp Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ Yearly Report of the Endowment Fund Accounts

Jan. 12, 2018

Current Members:

Lee Heffner, Sharon Schnaars, Donna Hoffman

Russell Miller, Chairman

Robert Schnaars – de facto Consistory President

Pastor Frances Chester – de facto Interim Pastor

Vivian Wentzel – de facto Treasurer of Falkner Swamp UCC

2017

Category A

Account #1 - \$60,000.00 CD @ Bally Savings Bank, rate 1.39% matures Feb. 2020

Account #4 – \$37,968.13 (on 6/30/17) Savings Account at Bally Savings Bank

Deposit Account - \$3,291.27 (on 7/31/17) Money Market at Key Bank

Total Category A - \$101,259.40

Category B

Account #1 - \$28,501.47 CD at Bally Savings Bank – interest to go to general fund annually

Category C

Account #1 - \$2,400.00 – CD at Bally Savings Bank – interest designated to use annually

We are in need of a volunteer to fill an open position on the committee.

We thank the members of the committee. If you have any questions, contact Russell H. Miller, Endowment Fund Committee Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell H. Miller *Russell H. Miller*

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ
Year Book Report - Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2017

	Dec 31, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Checking	14,557.59
BB&T Savings	93,185.36
Endowment	132,486.32
	240,229.27
Total Checking/Savings	240,229.27
Total Current Assets	240,229.27
TOTAL ASSETS	240,229.27
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	45.51
Other Current Liabilities	
Parsonage Rent Deposit	1,100.00
Payroll Liabilities	931.57
	2,031.57
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,031.57
Total Current Liabilities	2,077.08
Total Liabilities	2,077.08
Equity	
Not Restricted Funds	
Endowment Repay Funds	5,616.42
Future of FS Funds	8,186.97
Income from Parsonage Rental	27,109.67
	40,913.06
Total Not Restricted Funds	40,913.06
Restricted Funds	
Tree Removal	500.00
Confirmation Class Materials	270.00
Youth Room	1,296.34
Kitchen Funds	3,932.23
Air Conditioner	60.00
Cemetery (Univest)	6,210.74
Upper Cemetery Funds	745.00
Christian Education Funds	950.00
Heater Funds	10,414.91
Parsonage Deposit	1,100.00
	25,479.22
Total Restricted Funds	25,479.22
Unrestricted Net Assets	148,468.77
Net Income	23,291.14
	238,152.19
Total Equity	238,152.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	240,229.27

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ
Year Book Report
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
Income	
Parsonage Rental Income	13,200.00
Interest Income Savings	38.37
General Offerings	
Future of FS	2,146.00
Redner's Tape	122.11
Plate	4,121.52
Envelopes	96,699.40
Building Rental	1,131.00
Miscellaneous	
PB Eggs	3,235.45
Dogs CDs & Gigs	495.84
Miscellaneous - Other	145.42
Total Miscellaneous	3,876.71
Sunday School & VBS	72.01
Total General Offerings	108,168.75
Interest (from Endowments)	
Leidy Trust Income	3,461.46
Interest (from Endowments) - Other	270.86
Total Interest (from Endowments)	3,732.32
Temporarily Restricted	
Tree Removal	500.00
Sidewalk Repairs	290.00
Youth Room	1,383.00
Kitchen	3,863.55
Air Conditioner	60.00
Lady and the Tramps	0.00
Christmas Flowers	143.50
Playground Mulch	280.40
Kitchen Floor	1,040.00
Renovations	41.50
VBS	391.00
Music	75.00
Benevolence Offerings	
Saints of FS	200.00
OGHS	236.00
All Saints	118.00
Bethany Children's Home	724.50
Boyertown Area Creative Housing	207.00
Boyertown Multi Service	402.00
Church World Service	516.90
Neighbors In Need	244.00
Our Church's Wider Mission	
25% Endowment Repayment	1,127.74
75% Our Church's Wider Mission	3,384.28
Total Our Church's Wider Mission	4,512.02
Strengthen the Church	282.00
Veterans of the Cross	254.50
Total Benevolence Offerings	7,696.92
Building Fund	364.00
Cemetery	2,125.22

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	Jan - Dec 17
Christian Education	1,390.00
Emergency	92.00
Flowers	1,318.10
Heater Fund	2,348.80
Organ Repair	13.84
Snow Removal	300.00
Total Temporarily Restricted	23,716.83
Total Income	148,856.27
Expense	
MINISTRY	
Printing Env and Wkly books	176.41
Community Breakfast	25.00
Music & Worship	
Worship Luncheon Food/Supplies	42.99
Music Supplies	
Copy Right License	124.00
Total Music Supplies	124.00
Music & Worship - Other	697.82
Total Music & Worship	864.81
Supplies	20.00
Christian Education Expense	
Rally Day	18.98
Youth Room	86.66
Books	
Subscriptions	30.00
Books - Other	244.41
Total Books	274.41
Confirmation Curriculum	189.14
Sunday School Supplies	305.30
Playground Equipment	424.50
Christian Education Expense - Other	765.70
Total Christian Education Expense	2,064.69
Benevolence	6,569.18
Conferences/Seminars	460.00
Emer. Fund (Pastor Discretion)	100.00
Evangelism	15.85
Flowers	1,305.68
Fundraising Expenses	
PB Eggs	335.50
Total Fundraising Expenses	335.50
Memberships	60.00
Vacation Bible School	242.46
Total MINISTRY	12,239.58
PASTORAL	
Pastoral Expenses	
Continuing Edu / Conf / Seminar	790.67
Total Pastoral Expenses	790.67
Pastor Pension	3,528.00

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ
Year Book Report
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
Pastor Salary	
Mileage Reimbursement	1,800.00
Social Security Allowance	2,151.12
Pastor Salary - Other	28,118.40
Total Pastor Salary	32,069.52
Visitations	
Visitations	1,615.00
Total Visitations	1,615.00
Pulpit Supply	1,200.00
Total PASTORAL	39,203.19
PROPERTY	
Bldg. Maintenance/Repairs	
Boiler Room Enclosure	4,589.70
Sidewalks	3,110.00
Kitchen Floor	3,846.00
Bldg. Maintenance/Repairs - Other	4,389.39
Total Bldg. Maintenance/Repairs	15,935.09
Cemetery	
Gas	450.93
Mowing	6,243.50
Mower Repair	824.45
Cemetery - Other	153.19
Total Cemetery	7,672.07
Comprehensive Insurance	6,535.75
Electricity	3,663.68
Oil - Church	
Oil Burner	2,002.10
Oil - Church - Other	6,698.46
Total Oil - Church	8,700.56
Organ/Piano Maintenance	1,054.66
Parsonage Maintenance	481.35
Parsonage Utilities	123.00
Security Monitoring	428.28
Sewer Service	600.00
Parsonage Sewer Service	600.00
Snow Removal	2,126.00
Waste Hauling	316.08
Total PROPERTY	48,236.52
STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION	
Online Communication	60.00
Bank Fees	170.21
Office Equipment	1,342.00
Copy Charges	
Color	194.58
Black & White	672.33
Total Copy Charges	866.91
Office Supplies	508.10
Substitute Organist	75.00
Payroll Fees	455.25
Phone/Internet	1,741.86
Postage	456.61

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ
Year Book Report
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
Staff Salaries	
SS, Medicare	959.48
Staff Salaries - Other	12,542.00
Total Staff Salaries	13,501.48
Treasurer	6,000.00
Website	241.42
Workers Comp Insurance	467.00
Total STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION	25,885.84
Total Expense	125,565.13
Net Income	23,291.14

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 Cash Basis

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Parsonage Rental Income	13,200.00		
Interest Income Savings	38.37		
General Offerings	108,168.75	108,976.00	-807.25
Interest (from Endowments)	3,732.32	4,000.00	-267.68
Temporarily Restricted	23,716.83	3,600.00	20,116.83
Total Income	148,856.27	116,576.00	32,280.27
Expense			
MINISTRY	12,239.58 ¹	7,250.00	4,989.58
PASTORAL	39,203.19 ²	45,470.00	-6,266.81
PROPERTY	48,236.52 ³	32,616.00	15,620.52
STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION	25,885.84 ⁴	31,240.00	-5,354.16
Total Expense	125,565.13	116,576.00	8,989.13
Net Income	23,291.14 ⁵	0.00	23,291.14

1. Actual expense higher than budget due to Benevolence expense - amounts paid out for OCWM offerings and special offerings, amount paid out for 2017 is \$6,569.18. We don't include this in the budget
2. Actual expense is lower than budget - we budget \$5,000.00 for Pastor's insurance and did not incur and expense for Pastor's insurance; pulpit supply and Pastor's pension expenses were both slightly lower than budget
3. Actual expenses are higher than the budget for 2017 - oil, cemetery expenses and building maintenance were all higher than amounts budgeted. Additionally one time expenses that are not budgeted were incurred, those expenses are \$4,587.70 for the boiler room enclosure; \$3,110.00 for sidewalks; and \$3,846.00 for the kitchen floor.
4. Actual expenses are lower than the budget for 2017, staff salaries were less than the budgeted amount
5. Overall net income for the year is \$23,291.14
 The net income is broken down as follows:
 Net income / increase in general funds \$7,975.56
 Net income / increase in restricted funds \$246.22
 Net income / increase in other funds \$15,069.36 - other funds are endowment repay funds, future of Falkner Swamp Funds, and Income from Parsonage Rental Funds

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
Parsonage Rental Income	13,200.00	13,200.00	0.00	0.0%
Interest Income Savings	38.37	33.48	4.89	14.6%
General Offerings	108,168.75	102,955.45	5,213.30	5.1%
Interest (from Endowments)	3,732.32	4,833.15	-1,100.83	-22.8%
Temporarily Restricted	23,716.83	16,399.72	7,317.11	44.6%
Total Income	148,856.27	137,421.80	11,434.47	8.3%
Expense				
Univest Cemetery Account	0.00	3,296.51 1	-3,296.51	-100.0%
MINISTRY	12,239.58	11,711.87	527.71	4.5%
PASTORAL	39,203.19 2	35,600.92	3,602.27	10.1%
PROPERTY	48,236.52 3	29,396.25	18,840.27	64.1%
STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION	25,885.84	25,521.30	364.54	1.4%
Total Expense	125,565.13	105,526.85	20,038.28	19.0%
Net Income	23,291.14	31,894.95	-8,603.81	-27.0%

From the Church Office: Falkner Swamp membership statistics for 2017 [2016 in brackets]

Total Additions: 4 (4 affirmation of faith) [4]

Total Losses: 7 (4 deaths, 3 transfers) [6]

Total Membership as of 12/31/17: 158 [161]

Total Baptisms: 3 [1]

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 54 [49]



What is Lent?

Specifically Lent is 46 days. Exactly 46, every year, **starting with Ash Wednesday (Feb 14 this year) until Easter (April 1)**. “But I thought Lent was 40 days, to mirror Jesus fasting for 40 days?” you question. You’re right: those extra 6 days are Sundays and don’t count in Lent. They are “little Easters” and are a break from the somber nature of those other 40 days.

Lent is particularly Christian though the name is not: **it means “lengthen”** which is what is happening to those gray days of winter. We are moving toward more light in the physical realm. The practices of Lent offer ways for us to move toward more “light” in the spiritual sense, as Jesus Christ is called “the light of the world.”

In the ancient church, Lent was a time for new converts to be instructed for baptism and for believers to focus on penitence. Today, Christians see Lent as a season to be reconciled with God and one another and to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

The Christian discipline of Lent involves three aspects: **praying, fasting, and almsgiving**. All three aspects are intended to renew our relationship with God.

Many church traditions focus on the **praying** aspect of Lent, providing extra bible studies and opportunities to worship during these 6 weeks. We spend extra time and effort to make room in our hearts and lives for God as we learn God’s ways through the example of Jesus.

Fasting often focuses on giving up a food we enjoy, though we could actually choose a day to fast from everything. Maybe your observation of others or upbringing centered on giving up a favorite food for Lent: like sugar or chocolate. The practice of fasting is connected with the 40-day fast that Jesus undergoes ([Mark 1:13](#); [Matthew 4:1–11](#); [Luke 4:1–13](#)). We often hear one of these texts read in worship at the beginning of Lent. Mark tells us that Jesus was tempted by Satan, but it is in Matthew and Luke that the details of the temptation are fleshed out. All three accounts say that Jesus went without food for the 40 days.

Giving of one’s resources on behalf of another is considered **almsgiving**. Specifically it refers to donating money or goods to others, as well as other acts of charity.

Today, many churches of all stripes (Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, unaffiliated Christian) take up Lenten practices to grow closer to God before the Easter celebration. It is key to note that **nothing we do will “earn” God’s love and grace for us. It has already been given.** If we approach Lent thinking we’ll save ourselves or someone we love through “giving up” something, we have a serious theological problem.

God’s grace is given unconditionally; **Lenten practices provide openings through which we more fully receive this love and allow it to change our hearts and minds.** We give up things that distract us. We focus our energy and time on prayer. We worship the source of all life, the ground of our being. In drawing close to God, we may hear the words pronounced to Jesus at his baptism, and by extension to us in our baptism: “You are my Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Lent 2018 @ Falkner Swamp UCC

Our Lenten theme this year is Journey to the Heart of Jesus. What are implications for us as we “take up our cross and follow Jesus?” Scripture and sermons will focus on the work of Jesus and what lies at the heart of his teachings and practice.

Worship & Prayer opportunities

Wed Feb 14 Ash Wednesday, dinner at 6:30 followed by worship with ashes and Communion, about 7:15

Lenten Prayer, Wednesdays from Feb 21 to March 28, 12:30-1pm, led by Rev. Frances in the sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, Thurs March 29, dinner at 6:30 followed by worship with Communion, about 7:15

24-hour Prayer Vigil, Maundy Thursday until evening of Good Friday

Easter Sunday, early outdoor service and 10 am sanctuary worship

Throughout Lent and Holy Week, a framed “heart” will be placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule. All are invited to tie their written prayers to the “heart,” and they will be prayed over during the 24-hour Vigil from Maundy Thursday into Good Friday.

UPCOMING Daily Readings from the Common Revised Lectionary, Year B

Sunday, February 4, 2018:

[Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany](#)

Monday, February 5, 2018:

[Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7](#)

Tuesday, February 6, 2018:

[Psalm 102:12-28; 2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41](#)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018:

[Psalm 102:12-28; Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12](#)

Thursday, February 8, 2018:

[Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17](#)

Friday, February 9, 2018:

[Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20](#)

Saturday, February 10, 2018:

[Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44](#)

Sunday, February 11, 2018:

[Transfiguration Sunday](#)

Monday, February 12, 2018:

[Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4](#)

Tuesday, February 13, 2018:

[Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16](#)

Wednesday, February 14, 2018:

[Ash Wednesday](#)

Thursday, February 15, 2018:

[Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10](#)

Friday, February 16, 2018:

[Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5](#)

Saturday, February 17, 2018:

[Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13](#)

Sunday, February 18, 2018:

[First Sunday in Lent](#)

Monday, February 19, 2018:

[Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018:

[Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a](#)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018:

[Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Thursday, February 22, 2018:

[Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; Romans 3:21-31](#)

Friday, February 23, 2018:

[Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12](#)

Saturday, February 24, 2018:

[Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30](#)

Sunday, February 25, 2018:

[Second Sunday in Lent](#)

Monday, February 26, 2018:

[Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12](#)

Tuesday, February 27, 2018:

[Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19](#)

Wednesday, February 28, 2018:

[Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43](#)

Thursday, March 1, 2018:

[Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

Friday, March 2, 2018:

[Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40](#)

Saturday, March 3, 2018:

[Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8](#)

Sunday, March 4, 2018:

[Third Sunday in Lent](#)

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Ash 
Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th

6:30 PM ~ Potluck Dinner sponsored by Music & Worship

7:15 PM ~ Worship Service w/Communion

◆ CWS Offering

Falkner Swamp's mission is to be a place of Welcome to All of God's children. To be a place of spiritual retreat for all who seek to know the loving Still Speaking God using the scriptures found in the Holy Bible, the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and utilizing modern interpretations and resources to make the word alive and well in the age we are in.

~From "Constitution & Bylaws," September 29, 2013