



FAMILY of FAITH

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JOINING HANDS

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Worship

Sundays 10:00 AM
Holy Communion

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| February 1 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| Micah 6:1-8 | |
| 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | |
| Luke 10:25-37 | |
| February 8 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany |
| Isaiah 58:3-9a | |
| 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 | |
| Luke 11:1-13 | |
| February 15 | Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| Exodus 24:8-18 | |
| 2 Peter 1:16-21 | |
| Luke 12:13-21 | |
| February 22 | First Sunday in Lent |
| Genesis 3:1-21 | |
| Romans 5:12-19 | |
| Luke 15:1-10 | |

Sunday School

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9:00 AM

From Pastor Phil

Not Beginning – Continuing

Unless there are unexpected delays, we will be taking occupancy of 170 West Davis sometime this month. We sometimes refer to this as a new beginning – the first time we do ministry out of a building we own and control.

In some ways this is a new beginning. In reality, it is a continuation. It is a continuation of a vision and mission we set out to pursue years ago. We did not form this congregation to secure a building for ourselves. We set out to connect people to Jesus, God's Word, and Each Other.

There were people who shared that vision and mission who are no longer with us. They will not see us enter our new facility and worship there. There is a part of me that weeps for their absence. They would have loved to see this day. At the same time, I have a deep appreciation for their dedication to the mission of Family of Faith that made this congregation what it is and made this milestone possible. As much as they wanted to see this congregation have a place of its own, I believe they wanted us to stay true to what makes us what we are – a movement of the Father's will, enabled by the Son's death and resurrection, empowered by the Spirit.

When the time comes when each of us is gone. When this building we are so excited about ages and needs to come down. May those who come after us not point to the corner of Davis and Oak and say, "This is where my dad or mom used to have a church." Let them say "Family of Faith impacted lives because dad and mom let God transform their lives and shared that with others."

We are part of something much bigger than just our time on this earth. We are custodians of a faith far older than ourselves. We are a part of a continuing testimony to what God has done, is doing, and will do. Something far greater than a building.

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants



February 1 Lynn & Dan Miller
 February 8 Lynn & Dan Miller
 February 15 Lynn & Dan Miller
 February 22 Lynn & Dan Miller

Lectors



February 1 Kathy Falter
 February 8 Jeff Shuey
 February 15 Jim Vassar
 February 22 Wanda Phares

Communion Bread Bakers



February 1 Kathy Heyman
 February 8 Zo Redman
 February 15 Robin & Dave Dickman
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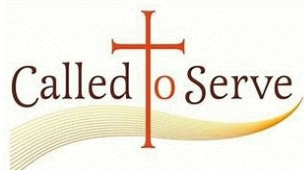
Coffee Brewers



The Java Café is open, with coffee being served Barista style and with snacks available.

Happy Birthday

February 5
 Ken Egbert, Jr.
 February 8
 Larry Frankenfeld
 February 11
 Jan Sellers
 February 12
 Phil Moerdyk
 February 13
 Bonnie Frankenfeld
 Lucy Lather
 February 16
 Julie Engle
 February 21
 Delilah Fissel
 February 24
 Kim Maxwell
 February 25
 Pam Moyer
 Austin Stine
 February 26
 LeeAnn Fissel
 Sharon Melick
 February 27
 Maryanne Stover



We have not just renovated a building. We have made a commitment to maintaining it as an effective ministry tool. This is the place that houses the mission for Family of Faith. We need to take care of the house we have been blessed to be in so it is always an effective ministry tool.

Once we have moved in we need to keep it clean: the entry, the kitchen, the multi-purpose room, the restrooms, the small group spaces. We don't hire someone to do it for us, the family does its own chores. We need a team to change the multi-purpose space from community space to worship space each week. We need to take care of the exterior space - the lawn, the landscaping, the general appearance.

Jeff Shuey will be coordinating this effort. Coordinating not doing it all. Where do you fit in? Let him know where your help.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School

February 4 - Unforgiving Servant

February 11 - Rich Man/Poor Man

February 18 - Parable of Two Sons/Ash Wednesday/Lent

February 25 - Parable of Tenants



Women of Faith will meet on Thursday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m. at Lynn Miller's.



If you need a ride to church on Sundays, can provide a ride, please let David Murray know. Also, if you can visit any of our shut-ins, please let David know.



Our February Mission Outreach Baskets will be the Baby Bottle Campaign for Heartbeat Hope Medical Pregnancy Center here in Tiffin.



Please take a baby bottle or two and fill them with your change, currency, and or checks and then return them to the church by Sunday, March 1, 2026.



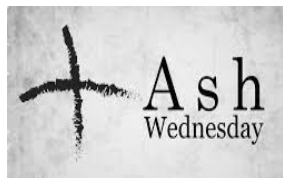
Pastor's recovery and inclement weather have cancelled Midweek discussions in the new year. With the coming of Ash Wednesday and Lent, we are holding off session until after

Easter rather than starting and having to take a big break. When we resume we will be discussing the Books of 1st and 2nd Timothy.

UPDATE

Pastor Phil is making good progress in recovering from the injuries and effects of his car accident in December and subsequent hospitalization in January.

He has been doing work from home and was present on January 25th to give the message when we were snowed out. He plans to be present of Sunday February 1st and at the annual meeting.



Ash Wednesday is February 18th. On that day and every Wednesday leading up to Holy Week, we have on the schedule services at 1:30 and 7:00pm.

They are on the schedule but will only be held if we are in our facility at 170 West Davis. If we are not in the facility, services will be cancelled and resumed once we are open. As we go to press, we have no clear assurance of if we will be in and no alternative space.

Apologies for whatever inconvenience this causes or whatever disruption to our traditions.

Renovation/Facility Update The final stages of work are underway at 170 West Davis. That being said, there are several critical tasks to be done before occupancy. These will be expedited as much as possible, but please be patient. All finish work must be completed. A walk-through to inspect, correct, or affirm all work is done satisfactorily will need to be done by our team with the contractors. Most importantly, the final work must be inspected and approved by local government inspectors. Finally, there are some set-up items that need to be completed after all these tasks are done.

If everything goes right, it likely will take place this month, but we still need your continued patience



Family of Faith's Inclement Weather Policy is that we will cancel worship services when Seneca County is at a Level 3 Snow Emergency. And remember, anytime you feel that it is unsafe for you to travel, please stay home. We want our "Family" to be safe out on the roads.

Happy Valentines Day

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Thank You's

A huge "Thank You" to the congregation for the many prayers spoken on my behalf, cards that were sent, food brought to the house, heartfelt thoughts for a quick recovery. All this and my faith in the Lord keeps me strong everyday. I know that God will never let me down. January 7th. I returned to the sports orthopedic offices to have my staples removed from my right femur. It's pretty scary for me, but I know I'm in good hands. I had the best team of surgical and medical doctors ever.

Lois Huffman

Above all things
Have intense
And unfailing
Love for one another
For love covers
A multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8



Monday, February 16, 2026

Vision Team Highlights

- **Pastor's Report** - Pastor Phil: Health Update: Teresa reported that Pastor Phil has been at St. V's all week and should come home soon.

- **Finance** - Mike Chlodewitsch: Mike reported on the checking account and building fund.

A check was received for the general fund (this will be added to the checking account).

The title search has been completed.

5 Star was recently paid, but there should be one more payment due.

A check by an anonymous donor was received - a portion will be deposited in the building fund account and the remaining will be deposited in the general fund.

We are now paying the lender principal and interest each month on our loan.

Because of the electric heater in the Phase 1 area, last month's electric bill was higher than normal. The new HVAC unit will be tested tomorrow. Hopefully, we won't have any more huge electric bills.

A letter will be sent to RCM Architects and AAON requesting a refund for the extra expenses incurred since our initial move-in date was last July.

The Finance Team has been working on a budget for 2026. 70% of the numbers are fixed, but 30% are unknown. We will have a better idea of expenses several months after we move in.

Tom asked if the gas bill increased, because the heater in the Phase 3 area is gas. Mike will find out.

We haven't received a bill for the sewer line repair yet.

● **Facilities** - Tom Nahm: Fire System and Monitoring: Randy reported that he's received two contracts and he will review them and report back.

The local company said they need to replace some existing equipment. Mike will check with our insurance company to see if they partner with anyone for fire monitoring.

Snow-plowing: Randy reported that each time the parking lot is plowed it will cost \$125.

Development of Cleaning Plan: Linda Grover contacted Crosswaeh and they will do the initial cleaning.

A crew from 5 Star is also doing cleaning as they ready the building for us.

● **Worship** - Kathy Falter: Coverage for Pastor: Randy said that Kathy Falter has been on top of getting people to fill in until Pastor Phil returns.

Randy wants each committee chair to mention in their annual report what extras had to be done during this transition period.

● **Spiritual Development** - Melissa Jameson: Sunday School: No Report.

Women of Faith: the women will meet February 14 at Zo Redman's house.

● **Congregational Care** - Dave Murray: Getting shut-ins to opening service: Dave reported that he will bring shut-ins when the weather is better. Also, The Willows has a van to transport our shut-ins.

We served at the Sharing Kitchen last Monday and Thursday.

● **Outreach** - Julie Engle: Mission Baskets: Julie reported that this month can goods and paper products are being collected for the Salvation Army.

Next month we will be collecting money for the baby bottle project.

● **Volunteer Coordination/President's Report** - Randy Schwartz: Randy reported that he still needs to find a chair for the Finance and Spiritual Development committees.

Site and Alternative for Annual Meeting: After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting on February 1. If at all possible, we want to meet at the West Davis facility.

● **Other Business:** 170 West Davis Update:

Transition Team Update: Linda Grover will give Randy a weekly update and he will pass along the information to the Vision Team.

Connection Team: they have not met lately.

Randy thanked everyone for their support.



Deadlines: Bulletins - Thursday each week.

Newsletter - the 25th of each month.

Please be mindful of the deadlines, so that the production of these important materials can be done in a timely fashion.

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