

Views From a Hill

Faith That Works: A Summer Journey Through James



This summer, we're planning to spend five weeks in a wonderfully uncomfortable letter tucked near the back of your New Testament. The book of James doesn't ease you in gently. It assumes you believe in Jesus — and then asks what you're doing about it.

Eugene Peterson, in his introduction to James in *The Message*, puts it this way: wisdom, he writes, “is not primarily knowing the truth — it is skill in living. What good is a truth if we don't know how to live it?” That question is the heartbeat of everything James writes, and here’s the question we’re inviting one another to sit with this summer: **What would it look like for my faith to become visible in everyday life?**

We begin on June 7 (Rose Rent Sunday) with the opening chapter of James and the theme of steadfastness. James doesn't promise that following Jesus means an easy road. He promises something better — that God meets us in the hard places and forms us there. For anyone navigating an uncertain season right now, this is a word worth hearing.

On June 14, we turn to what James says about listening faith. Real faith, he argues, isn't just nodding along to sermons or knowing the right answers. It's letting God's Word actually change the way we treat people — especially the vulnerable. Faith without works, James famously insists, isn't really alive.

June 21 brings us to one of Scripture's most impactful passages on the power of our words. James spends a whole section on the tongue — how something so small can do so much damage, and how followers of Jesus are called to speak in ways that heal rather than wound. In an age of social media and culture wars, this one speaks loudly.

On June 28, we go deeper. Beneath our conflicts and restlessness, James says, there are disordered desires — places where something other than God has quietly taken the throne. This week is an invitation to honest self-examination and, more importantly, to the grace that meets us there.

We close on July 5 with a beautiful vision of what the church can be: a community of prayer, honesty, healing, and restoration. Not a place where everyone has it together, but a place where no one has to pretend they do.

James was written to real people under real pressure — people who were struggling to hold their faith together while the world around them felt unstable.

My hope for this is for our faith to move from something we believe to something we live — in our homes, our workplaces, our conversations, and our community. James will push us. He's not always comfortable, but he is always pastoral, and always pointing toward the God who gives wisdom generously to all who ask. I encourage you to read all five chapters of James each week during this series. Bring your questions, your doubts, and your honest heart. James has something to say to all of it.

Much love,

Brad

Caring Words from Rev. Meagan



Well friends, my time as your temporary, part-time pastor is coming to a close. We can be sad, and we can be glad – sad that this season is ending, but glad for having been gifted this time together. It has truly been a blessing to come alongside you in this time of transition, and like you, I am eager to see how FSPC responds to and flourishes with Rev. Schuldt's and Brad Hill's leadership in the months and years ahead.

Retirement for me was never going to be a cessation of ministry, but a stepping aside from full-time pastoral leadership. I knew that God would have other opportunities for me to use the gifts he has given me, while at the same time giving me more time to spend with John and our family. I can't thank you enough for respecting the boundaries the personnel team put up to keep my working hours under 15 hours each week. Only a few times did I go beyond that, and for that I am most grateful.

Life has many twists and turns, doesn't it? Some of those twists are expected, some of those turns are unexpected; some are good, and some are difficult. The key for me has always been to begin my day with this short prayer, "Lord, please order my day." To expand: "Lord, direct my steps. Help me let go of that project if you have something different you want me to do. Help me not to see a pop-in visit or a long phone call as an interruption, but as part of your answer to my prayer. Lord, direct my steps, guard my mouth, open my eyes, unclog my ears, and release my grip. This day is yours because I am yours. May I honor you in all I do and say today."

Dear Falling Springers: May each one of you allow God to order your days, and may the whole church family allow God to order your future, one day at a time.

Let's join in praying for Rev. Schuldt as he says farewell to his current congregation, as he sorts and packs (pastors have so many books), as he connects with family and friends, and as he makes his way to Chambersburg. *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

With love and prayers,
Rev. Meagan



FALLING SPRING

YOUTH MINISTRY

June Update:

As we wrapped up the school year we enjoyed an afternoon of field games, a youth worship night and a fun spring celebration! We are thankful for Julia Landon and the students who stepped up to lead the musical aspects of the youth worship night. While we are sad to be saying goodbye to our seniors, we are enjoying celebrating with them this transition into the next season of their lives.

Summer is in full swing and so is our summer youth ministry schedule. While we will not be having regular youth group each Wednesday over the summer, we will be having youth activities each month that focus on building community and serving our community.

Later this month we will welcome our new 6th graders into the youth ministry! On Wednesday June 24th they can begin joining in our summer youth activities.

Blessings,
Sam Ray

Upcoming:

Youth Group
JUNE 3RD 6:30-8:30PM

Glow Volleyball
JUNE 10TH 7-8:30PM

Snack Attack
JUNE 20TH 1-2PM

Water Wars
JUNE 24TH 6:30-8:30PM



PCFS Kids SUMMER

**June
2**
6:30-7:30

Water Olympics

Be ready to get wet! We will be playing water games and cooling off with popsicles.

**June
15-19**
9-noon

Vacation Bible School

Must pre-register online.
www.pcfallingspring.org & click the VBS link

**July
6**
6:30-7:30

Superhero Night

Superhero themed games and activities. For extra fun come dressed as your favorite superhero!

**July
22**
6:30-7:30

Dog Days of Summer

Our games and activities will all be dog themed. Bring along a dog stuffed animal if you want.

**August
12**
6:30-7:30

Paint Night

Must pre-register by texting Jenn.
717-350-4138

All summer activities are open to families!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Come join the fun
this summer!**

Sunday school continues every Sunday morning in room 101 from 9-9:50. We will be learning about the fruits of the spirit.

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

"Exploring the Nature of God"

June 15-19

9am - noon

Falling Spring Presbyterian Church

221 N Main St Chambersburg

Open to children age 3 (must be potty trained) - grade 5

Register online at

vbspro.events/p/pcfsrcainforest or by

scanning the QR code



Email Jenn Smith at pcfskids@pcfllingspring.org with any questions.



News from Presbyterian Women



Come join us! Everyone is welcome.

All who support PW in any way are part of Presbyterian Women.

It is not a club; there is no membership requirement. There is no monthly meeting (except for the Coordinating Team for planning). Read this column each month, look in the church bulletin, and/or read info on the church's other media. Come and join us and take part in any of our missions.



Thank you for supporting our Hoss's Event in April in support of our local Cold Weather Shelter this time. The turnout was sparse but PW added to the amount earned and was able to send \$100.00 to the Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter. We plan to continue this local mission opportunity again with another local ministry selected to be the recipient.

PW of the Synod of the Trinity will hold a **Women's Retreat July 16-18** at the **Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA**. The theme is **"Finding Joy in the Journey."** Join for lively worship, special workshops, great food, spirituality walk, toe-tapping music, silent auction, games, crafts, mission opportunities and more. A **special guest speaker will be CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly**. There are flyers posted around campus and registration



forms are available. The cost is \$275.00 for a double room. Cost includes accommodation, materials, six meals as well as snacks. Sue Mummert has the details if you are interested. There are **scholarships available through PW at Falling Spring and/or PW of the Carlisle Presbytery**. We love to send "First Timers" so ask a friend to go along and come talk to us. Register now!

Ice cream! Ice cream! We all scream for ice cream!

The folks across the street at The Tower certainly do love when we visit in July for our annual ice cream social. Mark **Wednesday, July 15th from 1-3** on your calendar to join us in scooping ice cream and socializing with our neighbors. We could use some help. Let Becky Fritz know if you would like to take part.



Looking ahead to August—

The Annual Gathering of PW of Carlisle Presbytery will be held on August 22 at the Mechanicsburg Church. Ride sharing will be available. We will need preregistration for lunch. Watch for information in the bulletin.

PW Coordinating Team Members:

Linda Fisher, Sue Mummert, Marilyn Griffin, Karen Stover, Pat Phenicie-Grandel, Becky Fritz, Vicki Kaye, Wanda Hutchings, Lorraine Schwartz, Judy George and Joy Zimmerman.



June Worship Schedule

June 7 — Rose Rent Sunday. Brad Hill preaching on James 1:1-18.

There will be one service at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by the Rose Rent Ceremony at the grave of Colonel Benjamin Chambers. This will be followed by a church picnic.

June 14 — Rev. Dr. Meagan Boozer preaching in the Chapel and Sanctuary; Brad Hill preaching in the FLC. James 1:19–27 & 2:14-26.

June 21 — Father's Day. Paul Quesenberry preaching in the Chapel and Sanctuary; Brad Hill preaching in the FLC. James 3:1–12.

June 28 — Brian Truesdale preaching in the Chapel and Sanctuary; Brad Hill preaching in the FLC. James 4:1–10.

July 5 — Rev. Dr. Meagan Boozer preaching in the Chapel and Sanctuary; Brad Hill preaching in the FLC. James 5:13–20.

July 12 — Pastor Tad preaching in all three services.

Meet Lydia, Summer Youth Intern

Hello!

My name is Lydia Willson and I am so excited to be the youth intern this summer! I am going into my sophomore year at Shippensburg University as a dual major in elementary and special education. I have wanted to be a teacher since I was in kindergarten, and I have a heart for kids. I love baking, running, travel, reading, hiking, watercolor painting, paddle boarding, playing games, singing, pickleball, taking pictures, and making memories with family and friends! Some of my favorite things are sunsets, donuts, flowers, spaghetti, goats (preferably the babies), autumn, coffee shops, bakeries, dogs (specifically golden retrievers), butterflies, succulents, lemonade, and laughter.

I applied to the youth intern role because student ministry has been incredibly impactful in my life and faith, and I wanted to have the opportunity to serve others in the same way. I am passionate about sharing the truth of the gospel and helping people see that they are abundantly valued, loved, and have a great purpose in Christ.

Something that I hope to learn from this experience is what it looks like to work in ministry, pouring out from the overflow of my relationship with God, and serving humbly. The aspect which I am most excited about in working with the youth this summer is *building relationships with the students!* I am also looking forward to being a part of Camp, Vacation Bible School, and all of the other events :)

Lydia



Meet Your Food Pantry Volunteers - Part IV



Wanda Hutchings, above left, is retired from the Chambersburg Hospital after a 17-year career as a registered nurse working in Infection Control and Employee Health. She resides in Scot-Greene. A former Elder and Deacon, she participates in Bible studies and volunteers at the House of Grace and with the PEO. Wanda is mother to three sons and has seven grandchildren. When volunteering in the Food Pantry, she is a floater assisting clients with their food selection.

Ellie and Dennis Cox, center, are a husband and wife team who live at Penn National in Fayetteville for six months of the year and spend the other six months in Nevada. Ellie is an inactive CPA and Dennis is retired from civil service as a Naval Auditor. Dennis enjoys coin collecting and genealogy. Ellie enjoys writing, cooking and jigsaw puzzles. When volunteering at the PCFS Food Pantry they both serve as floaters assisting the clients with their food selections. When they are in Nevada they both volunteer in their church Food Pantry there too.

Dave Finch, above right, lives with his wife Andrea in Guilford Township, Chambersburg. He is retired from the Borough of Chambersburg after 26 years as an Assistant Borough Manager. He has also served as a Tank Platoon Leader with the United States Army. Dave enjoys history, reading and computer games (a kid at heart). When volunteering at the Food Pantry he assists with computer registration and helps clients with their food selections.

THANK YOU! Wanda, Ellie, Dennis, and Dave for your volunteer service at the PCFS Food Pantry. We are very happy and grateful you are a part of the Food Pantry Team!

Food Pantry Update

The first four months of 2026 are behind us. And we are quickly moving through a lovely spring. Before we know it, "Summer of 26" will be upon us. We thought it time to share some Food Pantry statistics for 2026.

From January 1 to April 30, 2026, we served a total of **1,203** households and a total of **3,504** individuals comprised of 1,010 children, 1,529 adults (ages 18-59), and 965 seniors. We had a total of 56 *new households* which totaled 126 individuals.

As of 4/27/26 the income received from Mission & Outreach Committee totaled \$7,500 and green envelope donations were approximately \$3,600 with additional donations of \$5,000 coming from other sources such as community members & PA Food Bank grants. What life-giving blessings we have received! Food expenses amounted to \$10,510, leaving a balance of \$5,630 with some large food invoices, approximately \$3,600, yet to be paid. So, as you can see we are just slightly to the good after 4 months of the year. *Thank You!*

We purchase the following items from the Central PA Food Bank: ground chuck, chicken, ham steaks and canned foods and fish. Our monthly delivery from the PA Food Bank is generally 2,000 to 3,000 lbs. of product. Additional canned goods, cereals, milk and toilet paper are purchased by our volunteers locally from BJ's or Weis. Sue Reynolds buys additional canned goods, pancake mix & oatmeal; Vicki Kaye stocks cereals; Bill Meyers stocks milk; Karen Shoemaker shops for butter and Jane Morgan buys cases of toilet paper. Keeping our shelves full is a team effort!

We welcome donations and will be especially grateful for garden fresh produce this summer. Recently, Beth Francisco brought us sweet pea greens from her garden that were a big hit! Please keep us in mind for when your garden overflows!

If you have any questions about our mission, our revenue and expenses, or donations please call me at 717-377-2072 . Thank you for your support.

Marty Walker, Food Pantry Coordinator