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# Pastor's Perspective

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons often bring with it a time of reflection and gratitude for the many things God has done in each of our lives. For me, the counsel of the old hymn comes to mind, "count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Over the years Joyce and I have experienced many blessings at Faith Assembly of God, not the least of which is, the privilege to worship every Sunday in our beautiful sanctuary on Spackenkill Road, a sanctuary so many of you helped make a reality many years ago.

Now, as we plan to move our morning worship services to our Casperkill campus sometime after Easter of 2019, we will again need our church family to help make that move a success.

Many things need to be done and numerous opportunities to serve the congregation will be available in

areas such as Kids Church, security, ushering, helping our seniors easily access the building and serving in a newly planned café and gathering area to name a few.

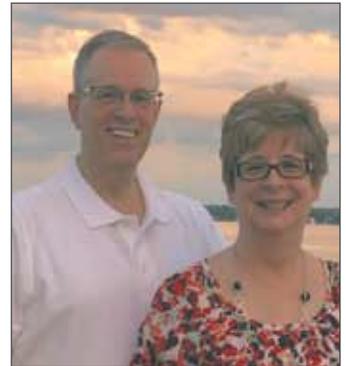
However, one of our biggest challenges in making the move to Casperkill a success is the need to upgrade the sound, lighting and video systems. We are humbly asking our church families to prayerfully consider giving in the Christmas and Easter offerings to this project. We need to raise \$170,000.00 in the special offerings in order to purchase enough equipment necessary to function effectively during our Sunday and weekly worship services and our many special church events.

Our Church Board has committed to give \$10,000 above their tithes during the six month period between Christmas and Easter and the church leadership and pastoral team has also committed to extra giving to the project.

There will be special offerings during the Christmas and Easter seasons to help with raising this money. You can give towards this offering anytime between November 2018 and April 2019.

We have designated Sundays December 9, 16, 23 and April 14, 21 for congregants to give.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and please be sure that whatever you give is so greatly appreciated.



*Pastor Ed & Joyce Jones*

## THANK YOU

ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR PASTORAL STAFF, WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRAYERS, CARDS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE ON PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28.

WE ARE BLESSED AND HONORED TO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST AT FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

PASTOR ED & JOYCE JONES  
PASTOR JEFF & ANTONIA BEHNKE  
PASTOR LOU & MARIE CANCEL  
PASTOR RON & TERRI CONTI  
PASTOR SAM & JAIME EDWARDS  
PASTOR CATE HEXEL  
PASTOR DAVE & LISA MARCOJOHN

## 2018 THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

This year Faith Assembly is changing from collecting food items for Thanksgiving baskets to collecting donation of grocery gift cards and cash to bless our Faith families. This enables families to do their own shopping and buy what they really like and need.

Please see the collection table in the foyer for your donation. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Andrews @ 914-489-1099 or Josie Wallin @ 631-897-8338. Donations accepted through November 11th. THANK YOU FAITH FAMILY!

## 2018 NEW YEAR'S EVE AT CASPERKILL

FELLOWSHIP DINNER  
5-6:30PM – TERRACE CAFÉ  
SIGN UP IN THE FOYER SUNDAYS 12/2  
THROUGH 12/23 RSVP NEEDED  
PLEASE BRING A DISH AND  
DESSERT TO SERVE YOUR FAMILY  
PLUS 4 MORE.

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE  
ENTRÉE

SERVICE FOLLOWS FELLOWSHIP  
AT 7:00PM

## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

ONE SERVICE ONLY, 12/24,  
7:00PM AT CASPERKILL

## THANKSGIVING FACTS

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving day...and if you're anything like my family, eat leftover turkey for a couple days following as well!

The first Thanksgiving lasted for three days...and we thought one day was a lot of food.

Since Harry Truman, every president has pardoned a turkey for Thanksgiving.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.

There are three places in the U.S. named after the holiday's traditional main course – Turkey, TX, Turkey Creek, LA and Turkey, NC.

“Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107-8-9

“Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.” Hebrews 12:28

# Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

by Sara Jacob, Dean of Academic and Administrative Affairs

*“Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name! For the Lord is good and His love endures forever.”*

*Psalm 100:4-5*

There is something about the holiday season that brings out the best in everyone. Maybe it’s the anticipation of getting together with family for a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast. Maybe it’s the apple cider and pumpkin spiced goodies that are so readily available during the Autumn months. Or maybe it’s the Christmas music that stations start to play as soon as November rolls around. Whatever the reason, there is no denying that November and December usher in a season of generosity, family, and thankfulness.

As Christians, we have the awesome responsibility of shining God’s light in a world that can often seem so dark. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays give us the opportunity to show God’s love in tangible ways. At FCA, the holiday season means blessing our community with food and toy drives, collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and participating in

local missions projects. I know that not everyone has the opportunity to be part of an overseas mission’s trip. But as I regularly remind our students, there are missions opportunities everywhere. Their homes, their neighborhoods, and their classrooms are their mission field. You don’t have to be a missionary in a faraway country to serve. Everyone can bless a neighbor with a meal, visit a lonely relative or friend, reach out to someone who has experienced loss, or invite a co-worker home for a meal. It’s not the amount of money that is spent or the publicity surrounding a big event that makes God smile. I don’t think that God is looking for us to impress him with the big things. He is Creator of the universe and doesn’t need our money, approval, or fancy things. What He does desire is our obedience and a grateful heart.

As you prepare for the upcoming holiday season, I invite you to take some time and really think about all that the Lord has done for you. When we “count our blessings one by one” we cultivate a grateful heart. During one of our staff meetings last month, we talked about cultivating a heart of gratitude and listed what we are thankful for. I would like to share a few of their responses with you:

“I am thankful to have the opportunity to teach in the same school that I grew up in and got my foundation in.”

“I am thankful for FCA and how it is a God-blessed example of how the body of Christ is supposed to be in the world. I haven’t had this in 10 years. What a blessing!”

“I am thankful for coffee and Jesus to get me through the day and of course, being surrounded by such supportive colleagues.”

Personally, I have so much to be grateful for. I work with the most amazing, dedicated, and loving group of people. We truly are a family. I am thankful that I have a job that inspires, motivates, and energizes me. What a blessing to be able to say that during my time at FCA, I have NEVER had a day when I did not want to go to work. I am thankful for my loving husband who supports my dreams and my children who are the joy of my life. And of course, I am thankful for all of you who support the ministry of Faith Christian Academy. Have a blessed and grateful holiday season.

## Operation Christmas Child

by Carrie Koch

The fall season brings the beauty of God’s hand to us in such a visual display, and the chill in the air reminds us that Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. Thanksgiving reminds us of all God has given us to be thankful for and Christmas reminds us to bless others. A perfect way to combine the two holidays is the kick off of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. OCC shoeboxes are a great

way to bless a child around the world. Please stop by the Narthex to pick up a shoebox, take it and fill it with special gifts you personally select the boy or girl who will receive it. Special gifts can be items such as stickers, flip flops, school/art supplies, toothbrush/comb, toys, sewing supplies or small tools, and a wow gift—a special lovey or soccer ball and hand pump; basically what you think he/she would enjoy



and/or could use. Then mark the box for either a boy or girl, put in \$9 for the shipping and return to the Narthex by Sunday, November 18th. Any questions please contact Carrie Koch at (845) 554-7092.

# Casperkill Update

by John Morabito, Director of Facilities

Things got off to a great start in September at FCA. Just before school started, we made two trips to West Point and picked up numerous items that went directly into some of our elementary classrooms. Teachers were able to get items they wanted and needed. There continues to be a high feeling of energy and excitement as students pour through the halls.

This summer, we added refrigerant to the chiller, which has given boosted its efficiency to cool the water in the lines. We made repairs to a few roof

drains, which were leaking slightly and have made other small updates, such as a rerouting two lengths of ductwork to pump more cool air into the kitchen and adding new locksets to the sanctuary side of the building for greater security. A big "Thank you" to Steve Adams for patiently handling the lock installation.

Speaking about volunteers, we can always use more, so if you have various skills, please consider how you can get involved in helping to maintain, update and upgrade our beautiful Casperkill

campus. The Bible tells us that faith without works is dead. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet people and be an active part of a growing church and school. We can set you on a task that suits your talents and preferences. If you are interested in helping out at any time, please feel free to contact me through the church office and I will be happy to speak with you.



# ONE Student Ministry

by Pastor Sam Edwards, Middle & High School Youth Pastor

This past month we enjoyed an awesome back to school rally when we hosted "THE LAUNCH". It was an incredible night where we saw youth from all over our district come to be elevated even higher into the future God had for them. As we move further into this school year and the close of 2018 we are confident we will see God's power moving in and working through the lives of our students.

As we continue our theme of being launched we are discussing the "Flight Plan" God has for us and the ability

He has given us to navigate through some of the obstacles of life, as well as being able to keep our focus on the incredible things He has placed ahead of us.

In the coming weeks we will also be hearing from some of our own students who will be sharing what God has placed on their hearts. We will be having a bon fire on November 9th, a "Lock-in" overnight event which is still TBD and a guest speaker in the beginning of December.

**Important Dates**

**October 26th:**  
Youth Speaker- Sanjay Jacob  
Fine Arts Sign Ups

**November 9th:** Bon Fire

**TBD:** "Lock-in" overnight event

Fine arts is quickly approaching so sign-ups will start October 26th so if you and your student is interested in competing please make sure they are there!



# Small Groups And You

by Karen Grant

It's hard to believe, another year is coming to a conclusion with only two months to go. We are entering into the holiday season and there is much to look forward to. The first holiday we celebrate and enjoy is Thanksgiving. While usually we reflect on the previous year at the year's end, why don't we do something differing this year – let's reflect on 2018 and approach it with a thankful, grateful heart now! A heart seeking the face of Jesus will overflow with thankfulness when we see how His grace and mercy, kindness and love have carried us this year. You may have had a year of challenges and victories or a year of struggle upon struggle, feeling like your head is barely above water, but our Lord tells us that we will not be overcome, we will not be swept away, and that we have victory in Jesus!

Small groups are in full session. If

you have found a group that you are connecting with and thriving, praise God. If you would like to find a group, please contact me at [karenggrant531@gmail.com](mailto:karenggrant531@gmail.com), and I will help you find a group that you can become involved with to study God's word, fellowship, and prayer. Whether it be in iConnect



Small Group Bible study, Discipleship classes, MenConnect, 2-B-ONE, Men's Chorus, or another ministry where you can serve, we have a small group for you.

After the beginning of December, groups will be taking a break for the winter months and will pick up again toward the end of February.

In our small groups, we strive to be Acts 2:42 Christians . . . "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." "Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with his godly people." Psalm 111.1. When I found this verse, my heart leaped and I smiled because that is exactly how I feel about our church family.

For more information about iConnect Small Groups at Faith, please visit [www.faithag1.org](http://www.faithag1.org).



# Visitation

by Pastor Ron Conti

*"To be idle is to become a stranger unto the seasons, and to step out of life's procession..." – Khalil Gibran*

Acts 2:17 tells us: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out my of my Spirit on all flesh: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams...."

God does not want us to be a stranger in regards to the days we are living on earth. He has a major purpose for all of us to fulfill. God had promised that there would be a time when all those who followed Him would receive the Spirit, that would speak to and through all those who would come to Him, whether in

visions, dreams or prophecy.

In 2 Corinthians 12:1, Paul said, "It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord."

God wants His church to be in the right place at the right time, doing His will in spite of the season we are in. He gives us spiritual insight by way of the Holy Spirit, so that in our present season, the church will be in His perfect will. We would be like drifting sand going in all directions, keeping busy, going nowhere if it was not for His leading.

Through prophecy, revelations and visions God speaks to us and directs us so we are not strangers seeking out

His purpose.

I am so grateful for the many visions God has given our church. The Wednesday AM worship services has been a blessing to me and those that attend. Even when I cannot be there, Pastor Cate does a great job, and all are blessed. I am so grateful for that door God opened up for us. It is a service we all enjoy being a part of, especially those who minister in it. We worship and pray together, fellowship over lunch, and have made friends. It has certainly been a blessing to all of us.



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# The Theme OF Our Praise

by Pastor Lou Cancel, Worship Arts Pastor

Psalm 22:25a declares, “From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly...”.

During this time of year, approaching the “holiday season”, we focus more on the things for which we are thankful. We also wait with anticipation for the “right time” when it’s not too early to start playing Christmas music. Yet in all the self-imposed busyness of this time of year, accompanied by all the pressures of normal life, family gatherings, shopping, lions, tigers and bears... (just checking to see if you’re still with me), we can often lose sight of the “theme” of our praise. Yes, we know that Jesus is the “real”

reason for the season but sometimes life’s challenges makes it difficult to remember and we come into the Sunday and Wednesday services with a cloud hanging over our minds. This “condition” is not new to our day and age.

The same Psalm which contains “From you comes the theme of my praise...” begins with, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Psalm 25:1). It’s because He knows our feelings of weakness and sometimes even hopelessness that we can take heart that His work on the cross is complete and then focus our thoughts on the goodness of God. As

we worship, whether corporately or in our “closet”, remember that the theme of our praise comes from God and is meant to bring Him glory. It doesn’t mean that our current trials will magically go away but letting God determine the course of our praise will create a heart of trust in Him.

“They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!” Psalm 25:31

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# Spiritual Food

by Pastor Cate Hexel, Stephen Ministry

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:48). “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.” (John 6:51) “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.” (John 6:53)

The Holy Bible is very clear in quoting Jesus. We remember his words and sacrifice when we take communion –spiritual food. We attend church on Sundays and Wednesdays to hear pastors’ sermons-spiritual food. We fellowship with other believers who are like minded and help us stay on the narrow path-spiritual food. We participate in Bible studies and other small church groups-spiritual food. We serve others through various church ministries-spiritual food.

In Matt 6:11 we recite: “Give us today our daily bread.” Daily prayer, devotions, reading the Word, singing and praising Him-all are spiritual food.

Spiritual food strengthens our relationship with God and helps fortify us against daily battles in this life which often reflects the battles above. We need strength to do battle. When we are under attack by non-believers in the community, at work, at school, we feel weakened. When we are most vulnerable, it feels like we are in the fire. Do we walk away from these battles feeling overwhelmed and stressed? Do we try to fight against these forces alone? OR, do we ask God to fight for us and with us.

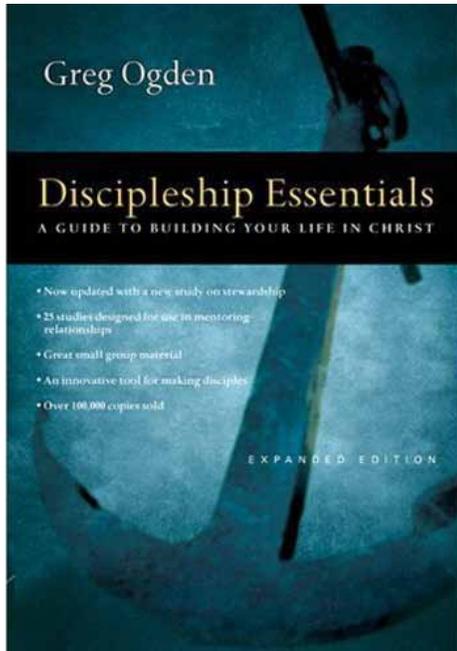
Despite all the spiritual food laid before us, we often don’t partake enough to sustain our resolve to live the Christian life fully. Sometimes the attacks are frequent and seem to multiply daily. You’ve lost your job, you have exhausted your savings and now your car needs \$1200 worth of repairs. Where to turn? The only answer for the born again believer is TURN TO GOD.

Sometimes you are just too beaten down to get out of bed for church Sunday morning. God wants you front and center. You’ve done all you can and still you feel so stuck. Reach out and ask God’s people to help you. Call the church and put in a Samuel Prayer Ministry prayer request. Ask fellow believers in your support circle to pray for you. And, call the church for a Stephen Minister to walk this trial through with you.

Stephen Ministers are trained to be God’s hand extended, to listen, to support, to pray with you and share scriptures to sustain you. Stephen Ministers are God’s love and care during such a rough patch. Your relationship with a Stephen Minister is confidential and private. All Christians find themselves in life trails, it is not unique to any one of us. So, please, ask a Stephen Minister to partner with you. To get started, call Pastor Cate Hexel at the church: 845-462-5955 x151.

# A New Season Of Discipleship Classes

by Pastor Dave Marcojohn



Fall is upon us and a new season of discipleship classes has begun. We have three groups continuing with our second book titled, *Connecting With God*. I would like to say thank you to our group leaders and students for their commitment for a deeper relationship with Jesus.

We are also very excited about the new group that has said yes to journey through our book, *Discipleship Essentials*. This material is some of the best discipleship teaching available and we had great results launching it last year. Faith Assembly of God is committed to building up strong leaders with sound doctrine.

Michael Wilkins in his survey of Christian groups states that people will readily identify themselves as “Christians” but be quite reluctant to call themselves disciples. Why might this be? Becoming a Christian is easy. The only thing required is that we acknowledge our need of a Savior and to receive a gift that we cannot earn nor deserve, but if I identify myself as a disciple then I am making a statement about the quality of my fellowship. Being a Christian is a statement about what Christ has done for me; being a disciple is a statement about what I am doing for Christ.

## “2-B-One” Barbecue and Game Day

by Terence Michos

It was a day of fun, fellowship and interacting with new and old friends as nearly 40 people gathered for the recent 2-B-One Barbecue and Game Day at the Faith Assembly Casperkill Campus.

2-B-One Ministry leaders, Anne & Bruce Rutty and Jackie & Arnaldo Martinez, say the focus of the group is to help nurture healthy family relationships that reflect Christ centered homes and to create a fun atmosphere through recreational activities that help develop friendships with other couples and singles in the church.

The day began with a lunch that featured an assortment of choices, including special Korean Barbecue Ribs prepared by Johnny and Becky Sim that were a huge hit.

While those attending enjoyed the well prepared lunch meal, they



also shared memorable, funny and remarkable stories that took place on their wedding day.

Later the group participated in different activities including a good natured competitive bowling contest in the Casperkill bowling facility.

“The stories really helped my wife and I see into the lives of several people we had not known before” said Church Board member, Lester Sohun, “and the bowling competition

brought everyone together and was a tremendous amount of fun.”

Not only does the 2-B-One ministry sponsor fun social activities but it also offers opportunities to grow through Bible studies, videos, group discussions and marriage inventories that help couples develop male to female relationship and marriage skills.

For more information, leave a message at the church for Anne Rutty or Jackie Martinez.

A chill is in the air, and leaves are beginning to blanket the lawns of houses across the valley. Fall is here, and Winter is just around the corner. As a seasonal transformation takes place outside our church walls, there is a transformation that continues within our Children's Ministry.

We spoke last month about some of the changes we were implementing, and one of those changes included incorporating an all-new digital check-in system. Well, shortly after the release of last month's newsletter, we were able to make that a reality! Overall, the new system seems to be a success, with many parents embracing the new technology. Of course, there have been some hiccups that we needed to overcome, but the new server-based system has truly helped to streamline the check-in process, and enhance our children's security.

Most parents are aware of the number display notification system we currently use at our Spackenkill campus, which prompts them to attend to the needs of a child. In preparation for the move to Casperkill, where no such system exists, we are

going to begin incorporating a new notification alert via text messaging. This software works in conjunction with NEXMO and the new Roll Call check-in system software. Parents, add this number to your address book: (415) 800-1710. This will be the number that you will receive a text message from, which will alert you that your child(ren) needs your attention. Of course, please ensure



that your cell phones are on vibrate, so as not to disturb the service.

In order for us to contact you, we need to ensure we have your current mobile number in our system, so please be sure to verify we have this information in our records the next time you drop off your little ones!

A branch of the Children's Ministry that many parents may not be aware

of is the YES (Youngsters Especially Special) Ministry, which attends to children with special needs, be it physical, emotional, or academic. Our YES leadership possesses Masters degrees in special education, and many of the staff are certified NYS teachers. Parents with special needs children can worship without worry, knowing their children are safe, and learning about the Lord in a calm, loving environment. YES is available during 11am service for children and teenagers ages 5 to 21. This is an exceptionally rare ministry to find, so if you know of a friend, family member, or neighbor that can benefit from it, have them contact Roy Arnesen (YES Coordinator) at (845)416-8075.

If you feel called to work with special needs children, or children of any age, please contact Dave or Alison Phelps at [aphelps@faithag1.org](mailto:aphelps@faithag1.org). We have a great need for more volunteers within the ministry, in all areas including teaching, support staff, cleaning, snack provisions, and more... "For whatever you do for the least of these, you do unto me."

Congratulations to Honor Stars Angie Odeniyi and Amanda Vidal who achieved this milestone on September 30, 2018 after three years of hard work and dedication. While in third, fourth and fifth grade, the girls had to complete 27 units, 9 honor steps, read through the entire New Testament, among other requirements. Most importantly, they each love Jesus and are getting to know Him better through the Girls Ministries program.

If you know a girl in pre-school



through their senior year of high school, why not bring them out to join us in Girls Ministries on a Wednesday night? We meet at Casperkill from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday

from September through June. And don't worry, because if you have a son, grandson or other boy in pre-school through 12th grade, Royal Rangers is a great place to meet other boys and be mentored by men who love the Lord.

For more information, check out the church website, call the church office or email Janice Bailey, GM Coordinator at [jabscrapper@yahoo.com](mailto:jabscrapper@yahoo.com) or Bill Leman, Royal Rangers Coordinator at [bleman@optonline.net](mailto:bleman@optonline.net).

# Calendar

## NOVEMBER

SUN	4	Communion 6pm: 1st Water Baptism Class   Parlor   Casperkill
MON	5	7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill
SAT	10	8am-5pm: RR Boys Leadership Merit Class Casperkill
SUN	11	1:15pm: Baby Dedication 1:15pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting   Rm 110 Spackenkill 6pm: 2nd Water Baptism Class   Parlor Casperkill
MON	12	6:30pm: Church Board Meeting   Casperkill 7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill 7pm: Overcomers Outreach 2   Library   Casperkill
SUN	18	5pm: 3rd Water Baptism Class   Spackenkill 6pm: Water Baptism Service   Spackenkill
MON	19	7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill
WED	21	7pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service   Casperkill NO GIRLS MINISTRY/RANGERS/JBQ MEETING/ AM OR PM MEALS
THUR	22	Thanksgiving   Church Office Closed
FRI	23	Church Office Closed
MON	26	7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill

## DECEMBER

SAT	1	11:30am: SASA Single & Single Again Christmas Party Double O Grill, RSVP Needed 7pm: Men's Prayer   Prayer Room   Spackenkill
SUN	2	Communion
MON	3	7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill
SAT	8	1pm: MSK Christmas Tea   Terrace Café Casperkill
SUN	9	1:15pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting   Rm 110 Spackenkill
MON	10	7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill 7pm: Overcomers Outreach 2   Library   Casperkill
SAT	15	8am-2pm: C-Force Christmas Party   Terrace Café Casperkill
MON	17	7pm: Overcomers Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill
MON	24	12 noon: Church Office Closes 7pm: Christmas Eve Communion Service Casperkill
TUE	25	Christmas   Church Office Closed
WED	26	NO SERVICES/GIRLS MINISTRY/RANGERS/AM & PM MEALS
MON	31	12 noon: Church Office Closes 5-6:30pm: Church Fellowship   Terrace Café Casperkill RSVP NEEDED 7pm: New Year's Eve Service   Casperkill
TUE	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR   Church Office Closed

## ONGOING CALENDAR EVENTS

Mondays	7pm: Overcomer's Outreach   Parlor   Casperkill
Wednesdays	11am: Daytimers Service and Luncheon 7pm: Mid-week Service

## SINGLE AND SINGLE AGAIN (SASA)

You are invited to SASA Christmas party, Saturday, December 1 at 11:30am, Double O Grill, Wappingers Falls.

Please RSVP to Clarissa Smart at 845-226-6098 and leave your name and telephone number.

## SOLACE POINSETTIA SALE

Beginning November 25 through December 9, Solace will sponsor the sale of poinsettias in honor or remembrance of loved ones to beautify the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost: \$8.00 for 6.5" pot Color: Red

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pastor Ed Jones celebrates his birthday on November 10. Cards may be sent to: 43 Loockerman Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY 12601

Mrs. Bettie Damiani celebrates her birthday on November 14. Cards may be sent to: 11 Lynn Road, Poughkeepsie NY 12603

Pastor Dave Marcojohn celebrates his birthday on November 22. Cards may be sent to: 12 Beatty Road, Wappingers Falls NY 12590

Pastor Jeff Behnke celebrates his birthday on December 6. Cards may be sent to: 6 Tall Tree Lane, Poughkeepsie NY 12601

## CARENET "WALK FOR LIFE"

A special thanks to all at Faith Assembly who supported the CareNet "Walk for Life".

Faith Assembly had 8 sponsored walkers for the event and was second in the amount of funds raised with a total of \$5,034 dollars. Our own Carmen Michos was number three on the individual list of fundraisers.

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am - 4:30pm

### ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AT FAITH:

#### DAYTIMERS SERVICE

Wednesdays 11am, Lunch 12:30pm  
Rev. Ron Conti | p. 845-462-5955

#### GRIEF COUNSELING

Bereavement classes offered periodically  
Rev. Jeff Behnke | p. 845.674.3177

#### HONOR BOUND MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY

Motorcycle outreach ministry  
Stephen Adams, President  
email: honorbound@faithhag1.org

#### LOVING HANDS

A ministry to those in our church family fighting cancer. Members cook meals and/or provide transportation.  
Lisa Bowman, Coordinator | p. 914-489-3019

#### MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

We support more than 100 missionaries & missions projects. Contact Dave Marcojohn for information about short term missions trips.

#### MY SISTER'S KEEPER

Reaching, discipling and training women.  
Juanita Wallace, Coordinator  
email: jwallace@faithchristianacademy.org

#### OVERCOMERS OUTREACH

Mondays at 7pm | Parlor | Casperkill  
Recovery group for those who are struggling or have struggled with an addiction or compulsive behavior to find freedom in Christ.  
Contact Chris Detweiler | p. 845-242-3447 or Nancy Key | p. 845-229-9693

#### SAMUEL PRAYER MINISTRY

Receives prayer requests from congregants and prays during the Sunday morning services to intercede for the congregation.  
George & Kerri Andrews, Coordinators  
email: prayer@faithhag1.org

#### SHIFT MEN'S MINISTRY

Ministry to Men - Contact at SHIFT@faithhag1.org or go to www.faihtag1.org/SHIFT

#### SINGLE & SINGLE AGAIN (SASA)

Fellowship for single women over age 35.  
Clarissa Smart, Coordinator | p. 845.226.6098

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Confidential 1:1 spiritual and emotional care for adults provided by trained laity Care Givers.  
Pastor Cate Hexel, Stephen Ministry Leader  
845-462-5955 ext.151

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:30am  
Teen & Adult classes for men & women  
YES Ministry (Youngsters Especially Special) All ages, 11:00am  
Joe Lukaitis, Coordinator  
p. 845-214-4680  
email: lukaitis@earthlink.net



### *Annual Christmas Tea*

**Saturday, December 8, 2018  
1:00-4:00PM in the Terrace Cafe**

*Theme: White as Snow*

**Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."**

*Guest Speaker: Terri Conti*

**Cost: \$10.00 (Bring your favorite tea cup)**

**Sign up in the Narthex area on Sunday Nov. 11th, 18th, and Dec. 2nd. Limited space is also available for members of our congregation who are interested in serving as a vendor. For further information, please contact Juanita Wallace, My Sister's Keeper coordinator, by phone at (845) 462-0266 or email jwallace@faithchristianacademy.org.**

# Welcome to faith assembly!



Rev. Dr. Edward A. Jones  
Lead Pastor

## Meet the staff



Alexander Averin  
FCA Headmaster &  
Business Admin.



Rev. Jeff Behnke  
Bereavement Ministry



Rev. Lou Cancel  
Worship Arts & Media  
Ministries



Rev. Ronald Conti  
Pastor of Visitation



Rev. Sam Edwards  
Youth Ministries



Rev. Cate Hexel  
Stephen Ministry



Sara Jacob  
FCA Dean of  
Academics



Rev. David Marcojohn  
Discipleship Ministry



Terence Michos  
Church  
Administrator

God is the author of creativity. Here at Faith Assembly, we celebrate this. Our congregation represents the nations of the world and its many ethnicities. We welcome this individuality and hope all who enter our doors will feel comfortable to worship here.

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We are therefore committed to teaching and preaching the Scriptures. We believe that the Bible teaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that it is the power of God unto salvation, and that there is no other name by which we must be saved but Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:16, Acts 4:12).

We believe in the person and work of the Holy Spirit. As a charismatic and Pentecostal congregation, we believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the 21st century (Acts 2:38-39).

Our worship crosses generations, combining sound theology and the desire to involve many backgrounds into the worship of God in spirit and in truth.

So, welcome, and make yourself “at home” at Faith Assembly.

*Rev. Dr. Edward A. Jones*

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*In conjunction with our Pastoral staff, we are blessed to have additional credentialed ministers who volunteer within our congregation:*

*Rev. Phil Behr*

*Rev. Bettie Damiani*

*Rev. Maeola Farquharson*

*Rev. Jim Quinn*

*Rev. Dan Vail*



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