



# Faith in Action



## Ways to Increase Worship Attendance

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1. Decide today to open your minds, hearts and doors to new faces, even if it means changing your music, sermon content, Sunday School and enlarging your personal circle of Christian friends.
2. Pray for the un-churched in your community. Pray for children being raised outside the church, couple in marriages that don't have Christ at their center, etc. But pray also for specific families and individuals - friends, relatives, associates, neighbors - by name everyday.
3. Know that personal invitations are the most effective method of increasing worship attendance. Invest sixty seconds once a week to invite someone to attend worship with you.
4. Continue to invite a person every two months even if they decline your invitations. Those invited may eventually come to a season of life when they are receptive to attending worship. Regular invitations are more likely to overlap one of these seasons.
5. Recycle your worship bulletins. Keep Sunday's bulletin in your car or on your desk until you have given it to someone along with your personal invitation for them to join you in worship.
6. Have a "Bring a Friend Day" or "F.R.A.N." Day - a church-wide effort to bring a Friend, Relative, Associate or Neighbor. Select a Sunday when something special is happening, such as homecoming, the start of Vacation Bible School or Christmas Eve. And prepare as you would for company coming.
7. Know that the people who are on the fringe of your church are your future, your prospect list and your next potential generation of deeply devoted disciples. Avoid the tendency to denigrate or alienate those who are not yet fully committed disciples.
8. Find ways continually to invite these "near the edges" of your church, especially those who already have a positive impression of the church, such as those who have come to the church for a wedding, a funeral or to vote and those who already worship a couple of times a year. Do not drop them from the newsletter or membership list.
9. Distribute door hangers in target neighborhoods near your church. It is more effective to cover the same 500 doors six times, than to do 3000 doors one time.
10. Send mass mailers to targeted postal routes near your church 6 to 8 times a year. The back to school season, pre-Christmas and pre-Easter times are logical for these mailings.

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*Send your email address to [faithumc@kdsi.net](mailto:faithumc@kdsi.net).*



Hi, Just a fast note to say how good it was to be with everyone. I have appreciated my cover. Thank you again for it, the prayers & concerns I feel from you. Love & prayers to you all. ~ Betty Geist

Faith United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for the prayer blanket. It is comforting to know that so many people are praying for me to win this battle against cancer. Thank you for your continuing support! ~ Sasha Ellmers & Family



Dear Faith Family, Thank you all so very much for the prayer blanket that was sent to me. I'm very humbled, it was very thoughtful of you. I miss everyone so very much. Know I will for a long time, but is nice to be close to my "kids". They are very good to me. I'm so blessed. Thank you & wishing God's Blessings on all of you. ~ Betty Hagan

Thank you all so very much for the "Prayer Blanket". How very special to have Steve C. deliver it here at the hospital in Omaha for Bob. We both greatly appreciate the blanket, prayers & concerns. He has been covering up with the blanket for warmth & especially for the prayers at this difficult time in our lives. Thanks again & thank you Steve! ~ Bob & Mary Reed



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| 2<br>Jon & Dixie<br>Obermiller    |                                |                             |                         | 30<br>Rex & Roberta<br>Wiles  |
| 4<br>Mike & Cassy<br>Heuertz      |                                |                             |                         | 30<br>Fred & Nancy<br>Blume   |
| 12<br>Steve & Holly<br>Curtiss    |                                |                             |                         | 25<br>Tony & Kerri<br>Miller  |
| 17<br>Randy & Marji<br>Shackleton | 17<br>Mike & Abby<br>Henderson | 18<br>Chuck & Pat<br>Sadler | 21<br>Rod & Amy<br>Bear | 22<br>Kurt & Linda<br>Johnson |

- 2- Lee Woollen
- 3- Bret Stubbs
- 4- Terry Smith
- Bret Obermiller
- 8- Amy Bear
- Lee White
- 9- Roberta Wiles
- Peggy Mak
- 10- Ben Vogt
- Lisa Tallent
- 13- Kathy Brisbin
- Bryana Royle
- 15- Barb Saum
- 16- Dayla Rhodus

- 16- Denise Miller
- 17- Steve Zwink
- Pat Slack
- Tyler Jennings
- 18- Tyler Mizner

- 21- Keith Danburg
- 22- Ron Blessing
- 23- Roxann Clausen
- Lacy Marshall
- Holly Fellows

- 24- Gage Holoubeck
- 26- Rosalee Mickelsen
- Isabel Vasquez
- 27- Fran Wilson
- 28- Gary Lambert
- Jacob Maaske
- 29- Tom Shultz
- Donnie Mak
- Stuart Gilbertson
- Tim Lester
- 30- Archie Holoubeck
- Rich Chandler
- Gretchen Mak
- 31- Hannah Evans



# Nurse's Notes



## Nebraska Relay Makes Telecommunications Accessible for Nonstandard Phone Users

### What is Nebraska Relay?

Nebraska Relay is a free, completely confidential 24-hour public service that makes use of the telephone possible and a better experience for many thousands of citizens and visitors of the state who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, speech-disabled and hearing.

### How does Nebraska Relay work?

The person dials the toll-free Nebraska Relay number and gives the communications assistant (often abbreviated as CA) the area code and the number of the person receiving the call. An example of a Nebraska Relay service is a highly trained CA voices the typed comments by the TTY (text telephone) user types the spoken comments by the other person back to the TTY user. Nebraska Relay provides several options to meet the needs of people who do not use the standard telephone.

### How to connect to Nebraska Relay

Dial: 7-1-1

TTY: 1-800-833-7352

Voice: 1-800-833-0920

ASCII: 1-888-696-0629

Voice Carry-Over: 1-877-564-2481

Hearing Carry-Over: 1-800-833-7352

Speech-to-Speech: 1-888-272-5527

Spanish-to-Spanish: 1-888-272-5528

Spanish-to-English: 1-877-564-3503



# Children & Youth

**Schedule Note: NO activities on Wednesday, October 31 – Happy Halloween!**



## Confirmation 2013

Calling all Faith UMC 8<sup>th</sup> graders!!! We are piecing together our Confirmation class, to begin in **NOVEMBER on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm**. Explore Christianity, Methodism, and how to apply it all to our lives through the “Credo” curriculum, hands-on activities, journaling, and a retreat. Contact Cassy, our Children & Youth Ministries Director, through our office to be placed on the roster.



## C.C.F. (Children's Christian Fellowship)

We kicked-off this children's program on September 12 for yet another wonderful year! Want to send out a reminder that ALL Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us from **3:30 – 5:30pm on Wednesdays** for snack, games, Bible lesson, praise music, craft, and more. Contact Cassy, Children's & Youth Ministries Director, through the office with questions.

## U.M.Y.F.

### (United Methodist Youth of Faith)

Our year kicked-off with a community-wide Gaga Ball Tournament on September 5! We are diving deep into “Ruin Your Life”... that is, in a Christian way in a crazy world. ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm** for dinner, games, lesson, and music praise. (Note: we will be taking a ‘field trip’ on September 28 so be prompt)

## Kindergarten & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 21** when Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade Bibles will be presented at the 11am service. Parents will be asked to join their child for the presentation! Children will also be providing special music during the service with Mr. Music Mike. Contact Cassy, our Children & Youth Ministries Director to confirm that your child is on the list, if applicable, BY **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10**.



## Fireworks THANK-YOU!

Christian Education Committee, our children, and youth would like to send out a HUGE THANK-YOU for your support of our fireworks stand this year. Thank-you specifically to those that volunteered time during business hours to run the stand. We raised an approximate \$2,000 to assist in providing ‘extras’ for our ministries!

## Faith's Fall Carnival

Join us **October 28 from 12 – 2 pm** for our annual Fall Carnival! There will be games, activities, face painting, and the renowned cake walk. Watch for opportunities to support the Children's Ministry thru donations and volunteer help for this event.



**Chancel Choir Practice**  
Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.

# CCF Helpers

Welcome  
Back  
Team!



**CCF**  
Wednesdays  
3:30 p.m.

## Community Meal

October 28,  
2012



# USHERS

THIS MONTH

**8:45 AM**

- 7 - Rick & Jacque Triplett
- 14 - Steve & Suzann Christensen
- 21 - Kathy Larson
- 28 - The Divan Family

**11:00 AM**

- 7 - Please Volunteer
- 14 - Volunteers Needed
- 21 - Please Volunteer
- 28 - Volunteers Needed

The Worship Committee asks those who are reading scripture to please begin with an introduction to the scripture reading, which will be up on the lectern on Sunday morning before service. Please read the introduction, followed by the scripture for the day which you can read from your choice of Bible or from the sheet printed out for you. The introduction to the scripture is a way to give us some background info and to prepare us to hear God's Word. Thank you.



## October Bus Driver Schedule

- 7 - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens
- 14 - Tony Miller & Ryan Findley
- 21 - Jim Brewer & Pat Slack
- 28 - Mike Fox & Jake Greder

# Volunteer!

## Faith Needs

Leader for a young adult Sunday School class to start in November. As Faith is growing, we see the need for this in order to continue including and drawing individuals ages 18 - 25 into our church family. Please contact Pastor Michelle or Cassy Heuertz by October 31 for more details on this need.

## Be A Faith Prayer Warrior

Faith Prayer Warriors will commit to prayer one time a day (either 7 a.m. or 8 p.m.) for just 30 seconds to one minute beginning October 1 through Thanksgiving Day. Where ever you are at that time, your commitments is to pray from the heart for the Holy Spirit to guide and bless Faith UMC members, friends, Pastor Michelle and the staff. A sign up sheet will be passed around for those who are interested. Suggestions to get started in your prayers:

- Read Joshua 6
- Pick a name from the new church directory each day and pray for that person
- Focus on a particular ministry or committee each day

The idea is that there is more power in "together".

~ Marlys Bauer

## Flower Coordinator

Volunteer will work with church members to schedule flowers on the altar given in honor/memory.

## TeamMate Mentors Needed

The TeamMate Mentoring Program of Kearney is recruiting area adults to serve as mentors for Kearney Public Schools middle school students who have been nominated for the program by their teachers and counselors. TeamMates is a one to one, school-based mentoring program originated in 1991 by Tom and Nancy Osborne. TeamMate mentors build positive relationships with young people to help them reach their full potential, graduate from high school and reach for a brighter future. Being a mentor for a child is an excellent way for ordinary people to make extraordinary contributions to their community and country. One hour each week can make a difference in two lives. Yours and a young persons.

TeamMates meet one hour per week. Mentors are encouraged to make a one year commitment. Training and on-going support is offered to mentors by the TeamMate program. Adults interested in spending one hour each week to make a difference in the life of a child should contact Deb Eickhoff, Kearney Public Schools TeamMate Coordinator at 698-8104 or email –

[deb.eickhof@kearneypublic.org](mailto:deb.eickhof@kearneypublic.org) for more information.

## Power-Packed Prayers for Public Schools

1. **Love.** "Father, may the students and staff of this school experience Your love through the Christians they know in profound and authentic ways." (Jn. 13:35)
2. **Repentance of Christians.** "May the students and staff of this school who have been hurt by the careless or unkind words or deeds of Christians find healing and forgiveness through the repentance of Christians they know." (1 Cr. 10:32)
3. **Truth.** "Lord, release truth in this school. Help students to rightly discern truth and not believe false teachings." (Prov. 23:23)



# Prime Festival Around the Corner

The Kearney Hub has asked Renovations once again to host the concession stand for the Prime Festival on Thursday, October 11th at the Fairgrounds. Because the Fairgrounds will be remodeling the exhibition building where we have Prime, the Fairgrounds told the Hub they couldn't guarantee that we will be able to continue serving the Prime Festival after this year. The Fairgrounds may choose to contract the food for events out to restaurants in the Kearney area like they have done at the new building. SO - this may be our last year to reap the good profit from this fundraiser that we have served since 2001!!!! A poster will be up in the Overflow Room soon with items needed for the soup and sandwiches. We will also want our great variety of homemade pies (crème or fruit) for the event and seed money for bread and paper products. Last year we sold all the soup and pies at the Fairgrounds that day and had a profit of \$3002, so with your help we can do it again in October. Renovations really appreciates your support and if this is our last time to serve Prime we hope to make it another great fundraiser like it has been in the past!!

### Items needed:

5 - 32 oz frozen green beans  
Homemade pies

2 large jars pickle relish  
Seed \$ for bread

1 - 24 pkg bottled water  
Seed \$ for paper products

*Blue Hill School*

*Class of 2020*

*& Beyond Scholarship Fund*

This scholarship fund is in memory of Caroline Grace Thallman, cousin to our own Katie Bauer, that was killed in the Blue Hill bus accident. If you feel moved to give to this fund, please mail your donation to:

**South Central State Bank  
PO Box 157  
Blue Hill, NE 68930**

\*\*Be sure to clearly mark your donation's destination.

## Scheduling an Event

The church schedule is back in full swing with small groups, committees, boy scouts, girl scouts, special interest groups, etc.! We love having organization so all groups have the space and time they need. Please make sure to schedule your event with the office via email or phone.

\*\*Please remember that if your group is not scheduled, the group that is on the calendar has priority.

*World Communion*

*Sunday*

*October 7, 2012*

The image of the world's people gathered at one table, communing with God and enjoying the bounty of God's blessings, resonates delightfully with all of us. At the same time, we know that not all of God's children have the same access to share that bounty. The church-wide offering given on World Communion Sunday is one step toward improving that access. World Communion Scholarships (formerly known as Crusade Scholarships) ease access to higher education for people of various ethnicities here in the United States and around the world. Your gifts also provide Ethnic Scholarships and support Ethnic In-Service Training. When your church observes World Communion Sunday, you widen the table and make room for more to share the abundant bounty of God's blessings!

## *Volunteers-in-Mission (VIM)*

### *Leadership training*

**McCook Memorial UMC ~ Oct 13, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT.**

While this is training for persons who intend to lead VIM groups, it also contains valuable information for those who plan to participate in a VIM project in any capacity. There is no charge for the training but pre-registration is encouraged. If you plan to attend, please contact the McCook Memorial UMC at 308-345-2445 by Thursday, October 11. VIM Leadership training will also be offered at the United Methodist Church in Alliance in the near future but the exact date is yet to be determined. More information will be coming soon.

### *Christmas Caroling*

**Sunday, December 9th @ 2:00 p.m.**

Soup, provided by the Nurture Committee, following caroling in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods and join in!

### *Safe Sanctuary Classes*

**Tuesday Oct. 16 6:30 pm** led by Michael Evans  
**Monday Oct. 22 6:30** led by Colleen Jacobsen  
 Contact Mike: [mikee@kearneyfirstumc.org](mailto:mikee@kearneyfirstumc.org)

### *Hanging of the Greens*

**Sunday, November 18th @ 1:30 p.m.**  
 All church family & friends are invited!

### *Reel to Real*

**Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.**

We will be starting a new bible study group called: Reel to Real. We will be watching popular movies and learning how their story and ours relate to Scripture. This group is open to any high school seniors and college students (IE:18 yrs.-24 yrs.) This group will be led by Rachel Brown, so bring your favorite movie snack and come join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the Youth Room.

### *Press On Ministries Fundraiser*

Join us at The Alley Rose for Sunday Brunch  
**October 14, 10am-2pm**

Free will donation at the door. We are grateful for the overwhelming support that you have given to us over the years and we continue to say Thank You for helping us help Kids and Families on the Road of Life.

### *Faith in Fellowship*

**When:** Sundays

**Time:** 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**Where:** Overflow Room

**What:** Join us for fellowship & morning beverages after and before services, or somewhere in between.

### *All Church Birthday Party*

**Sunday, October 14th ~ 5:00 p.m.**

If you had a birthday or will have one in 2012, come celebrate! We will be serving a Hot Beef Sundae Meal. Sign up to decorate a table or provide a cake or dessert for your table. More details soon!