

Faith in Action June 2016 Volume I

Faith United Methodist Church
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MISSION STATEMENT: At Faith United Methodist Church our mission is to worship God, teach the Word, and care for one another in Christian love by nurturing individuals in their spiritual journey.



6/02 Ron Frost
6/04 Shane Beatty
6/04 Vicki Evans
6/05 Nikki Mizner
6/05 Bobbi Runge
6/06 Daniel Rishel
6/06 Annie Switzer
6/08 Tina Rains
6/10 Brooke Rishel
6/12 Brett Duester
6/12 Kim Graham
6/12 Norma Isaac
6/13 Amy Chism
6/13 Mae Smith
6/13 Maggie Tighe
6/15 Jason Clark
6/18 Angie Olson
6/21 Eryn Swanson
6/23 Jordan Bain
6/23 Cassandra Kohel-Trotter
6/24 Richard Antillon
6/26 Janelle Beatty
6/26 Britney Royle
6/27 Tanya Holoubeck
6/28 Josh Hanson
6/29 Lisa Finley
6/29 Zachary Jennings
6/30 Marv Hilton
6/30 Mary Mendlik



6/02 Dan & Zeanna Odens
6/04 Michael & Roene Fox
6/04 Terry & Sara Holoubeck
6/07 Jim & Carmen Brewer
6/18 Chris & Mandi Vasquez
6/20 Ed & Rhonda Kohel
6/21 Quinten & Roxann Clausen
6/22 Gary & Marci Jo Lambert
6/25 Jon & Karen McBride
6/29 Ross & Lisa Finley



"Don't treat people the way they treat you. Treat people the way God treats you."

Dave Willis

From the Aunt of Isaiah Bauer...

Thank you so much for the prayer quilt you gave to Isaiah. They took it to Lincoln where he was transferred for rehabilitation. His whole family appreciates it.



~ Barb Bauer Stoltz

(Isaiah was in a motor vehicle/pedestrian accident and Covered With Prayer on 4-17-2016)

 **Summer Office Hours**

**Summer Office Hours June, July, August
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Suzann Christensen, Church Secretary
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Faith United Methodist Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our family during our journey with Graham. We truly appreciate the prayer blankets and will cherish them.

The Family of Graham Golter
(Mark, Jennifer, and Ryker)

*Jennifer was covered with prayer on December 20, 2015.
Graham was covered with prayer on February 28, 2016
and entered into eternal rest on April 8, 2016.)*



Sunday, June 5, 2016

Faith Barbeque

Hosted by

Deb and Doug Jesch

1421 Eagle Road

(Drive west of Kearney on Highway 30 about 6 miles; turn south on Eagle Road about 3/4 mile, turn east onto Jesch's driveway; they are the second house)

**4:00 p.m. Fun, Fellowship, Fishing
6:00 p.m. Dining**

**Hotdogs and Hamburgers and
Tableware Provided**

Please Bring a Side Dish and Lawn Chairs



**“What you are is God’s gift to you.
What you are becoming is your gift to
God.”**



*(20th Century Swiss Theologian and
Catholic Priest
Hans Urs von Balthasar)*

Dear Friends,

We invite you to be present Sunday, June 5th at 3:00 p.m. at an Interfaith Memorial Service honoring infants who have died during pregnancy. The Memorial Service will be held near Babyland on the east side of the Kearney Cemetery at the Good Samaritan Hospital Memorial Site.

Because we at CHI Health Good Samaritan believe each life is precious, we will be remembering all God’s children regardless of their span of life in days, weeks or months.

We hope you will join us and find some comfort and meaning in the Memorial Service.

Sincerely,
Family Birth Center
Pastoral Care Department



FAITHWORKS FIREWORKS STAND

We are once again sponsoring a fireworks stand to support our Christian Education programs. We will need volunteers to help us with this project from **Tuesday, June 28 through Monday, July 4.** Signup clipboards will be passed during both services beginning on May 29.

*Thank you for your consideration and assistance
with this very important fundraiser.*

Carmen Brewer, Chairperson
Christian Education Committee



JUNE

Summer Camp Information:

Don't forget about summer camps! They are so much fun and you won't want to miss out. There are pamphlets at the church if you want more information on Camp Comeca. Please contact the church office if you have any questions regarding camps this summer.

Vacation Bible School:

Please join us **Sunday, July 17 through Thursday July 21** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a fun week of Deep Sea Discovery as we learn that God is with us wherever we go! Supper **WILL BE** provided for all the children and helpers. There are flyers at the church. Please grab one for your children/grandchildren/neighbors. There are postcards that we ask you to fill out if you are thinking about sending your child/children to VBS. These will assist us with numbers so we can be prepared. If you need a postcard, please contact the church office. We will send out registration forms toward the end of June and we ask that you send those back by July 4th. If you have **ANY** questions, please contact Lauryn at kids@kearneyfaith.org. If you need to reach me quickly, e-mail me or contact the church office for my cell number.

Looking forward to all the fun activities that are coming our way!

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2016 Annual Conference



The 2016 Great Plains Annual Conference Session is scheduled for June 1-4 and will be held at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kansas. The theme, "Serving Christ Near and Far", will focus on the global connection of the United Methodist Church. Featured speakers include Retired Archbishop Elias Chacour and George Howard, Deputy General Secretary for Mission and Evangelism for the General Board of Global Ministries. Representatives attending from Faith are Pastor Robert Perry and Lay Member to Annual Conference Penny Buettner.

General Conference 2016 Wrap-Up: Farewell, Portland. Thanks For The Doughnuts.

By Joey Butler



Believe it or not, General Conference 2016 spent more than twice as much time debating a Rule of Order than the hot topic of human sexuality. After almost three days of considering an alternative method for discussing legislation, The United Methodist Church's top legislative body referred its most difficult subject – sexuality — to a study commission and moved on to other matters. A move to adjourn at 6:30 every night meant no late-night sessions and hopefully healthier, less stressed attendees. During 10 days in Portland, delegates passed an increased budget, celebrated a number of church milestones and voted to create a new version of the hymnal.

(To read the remainder of the article, please see: <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/gc2016-wraps-up-with-budget-divestment>)

Lee and I, plus our extended family, would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers at the time of my sister Kathy's passing and since then. They were and are definitely felt!! I have lost my Prayer Warrior on this earth, so I appreciate you all very much. :)

~ Patty and Lee McQueen



Give Me Priorities

(Author Unknown)

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it's not granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

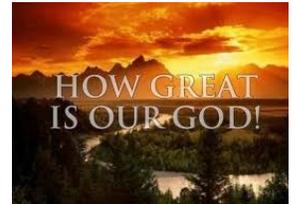
I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy Life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he Loves me. God said . . . Ahhhh, finally, you get the idea.

***Stop telling God how big your storm is.
Instead, tell your storm how big your GOD is.***



Faith UMC's choir made a field trip to Country House Memory Care Living Residence on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.



New Members Welcomed to Faith UMC on Sunday, May 15, 2016

**Heather Crowley
Dakota Tagel
Brittany Trobough**



**Faith UMC Graduating Seniors
Scholarship Recipients**

**Moriah Chandler
Madisyn Miller**

*(Awarded by Memorial Chairperson
Lynda Henderson on May 15, 2016)*



**CONGRATULATIONS
to Faith UMC's
2016 Graduating Seniors**

**Moriah Chandler
Chase Divan
Madisyn Miller
Brooke Rishel**

*(Photo taken at 8:45 a.m. service
5/15/16)*



**Earl May replaced all of the
Memorial Garden vegetation that
died over the winter months.**

**Deb and Doug Jesch planted the new
perennials on May 19, 2016.**

Thank you, Deb and Doug!



BIRDS

Birds have many hazards in their lives. They must constantly be on alert for everything from cars, cats, snakes and even other birds. They must contend with disease, starvation, habitat loss and hunting. The average life span of a bird in the wild is hard to determine but some have suggested for small birds like songbirds, it can be as short as two years.

There are so many dangers in a bird's life that they have adapted by learning how to sleep while being awake! They can sleep with one half of their brain awake. Furthermore they can control how much of their brain is asleep by how far they open their eyes. Some migrating birds can even sleep while flying. Yet one obvious perk of being a bird is that they can fly! What freedom there is in being able to soar through the air. Indeed flying is also a potent weapon against predators and the elements of destruction that a bird faces on a daily basis.

While captive birds do not have to deal with many of the dangers of the outside world they often live very long lives. However, their ability to fly is often curtailed if not totally taken from them. Their freedom is the price of being cared for.

Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food? Job 38:41 (NRSV)

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. Psalm 147:9 (NRSV)

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. Matthew 10:29 (NIV)

Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Luke 12:24 (NIV)

Despite their vulnerability, wild birds get up every morning and fly. God provides.

The world today often feels very dangerous. Places that once seemed safe no longer appear to be that way, and we see more examples of people reacting violently in public. We spend too many nights unable to sleep because of our worries and fears.

Let us not domesticate ourselves by hiding in cages of fear, too frightened to fly anymore. We too must have courage built upon faith, founded on the belief that God's love will provide. To perch on the hand of God, we must fly to receive God's provision.

"You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good"

Psalm 104:28 (NASB)

(<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/birds>)



Faith UMC,

Thank you for the opportunity to receive a scholarship through the church. The money will be used at UNL in the fall! I would also like to thank all of the members of the Faith family for being a part of my life for the past 18 years. The guidance, love, and support are greatly appreciated! I have been blessed to grow up within this church family.

Love,
Madisyn Miller



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose.

Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.

Begin the journey. Discover your gifts. Talk about your gifts with others. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God, neighbor, and world.

You have been gifted. You have been given a purpose.

The Spiritual Gifts Assessment helps individuals identify their God-given gifts for living faithfully as Christian disciples day by day and find meaningful ways to use their gifts in connection with others through the community of faith. The process helps people understand the nature of spiritual gifts and ways to enhance the effectiveness of their gifts by linking together with others.

Please be aware that this online assessment is designed to introduce you to the gifts of the Spirit. To more deeply understand your spiritual giftedness, we recommend that you explore your gifts in a group setting such as your local church. Enjoy!

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment>

Monthly Mission for April, May and June: Nebraska Youth Camp

Nebraska Youth Camp is a non-profit organization of Christians who joined together in the early 1960's to provide opportunities for young people to enjoy camping in a Christian setting. The campsite is just north of Fort Kearny where the Oregon Trail, the Oxbow Trail, the Nebraska City Cut-Off and the Pony Express Trail came together.

Nebraska Youth Camp has been serving the greater Nebraska area for the past 50 years, providing 8 weeks of youth camping each summer at Trail Junction along with several activities for families. The camp is governed by fifteen directors who are chosen by the general camp membership at its annual meeting in September.

Donation Requests

Kitchen

Heavy Duty Pot Holders
Gently Used Dish Towels
Scotch Brite Scrubber Pads-No Sponge
Trash Bags 55 Gallon
Trash Bags 32 Gallon
Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets
Gallon Jug of Vinegar
Zip Locks One Gallon Size
Zip Locks Quart Size
Antibacterial Pump Soap
Paper Napkins
Big Bottles of Dish Soap-Antibacterial
Toilet Paper

Cabins

Brooms and Dust Pans

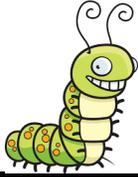
Crafts

Magic Markers
Glue Sticks
Colored Pencils

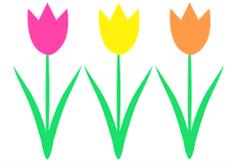
Beach

Life Jackets
Canoe Paddles





June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team	2 5:45 W.W.		4 8:30 W.W.
5 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Faith BBQ (Home of Deb and Doug Jesch)	6 Double Header 6:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 1 7:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 2	7 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance	8 1 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team	9 5:45 W.W.	10 6:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park (Rainout Reschedule)	11 8:30 W.W.
12 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	13 5:30 Christian Ed 6:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 4	14 Flag Day 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W.	15 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team	16 5:45 W.W. 7:00 PFLAG	17	18 8:30 W.W.
19 Father's Day 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	20 First Day of Summer 5:30 Nurture 6:30 Ad Board 8:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 1	21 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W.	22 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team	23 5:45 W.W.	24	25 8:30 W.W.
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