

# Faith in Action April 2016 Volume II

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- 4/05 Lee Carter
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- 4/08 Corinne Olmsted
- 4/08 Tony Miller
- 4/09 Quinten Clausen III
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- 4/10 Zachry Vasquez
- 4/10 Reggie Schriner
- 4/11 Patrick Garrelts
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- 4/15 Patricia Hilty
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- 4/17 Kaylei Royle
- 4/19 Lia Cool
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- 4/22 Katie Maschmann
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- 4/28 Julius Elwell
- 4/29 Karter Evans
- 4/30 Fred Blume
- 4/30 Sherry Krell
- 4/30 Doug Jesch

happy  
bRthday  
to you!



*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*  
~ Matthew 25:40

**God Bless You!**

Dear Friends of Faith United Methodist,

We wanted to say a big **THANK YOU** for your generosity shown to the foster parents of Compass. Your action of giving and serving has blessed us so much. We can't say thank you enough. We appreciate the partnership we have seen from the community of Kearney and especially the faith community, who step up and give and sacrifice to help vulnerable children and families.

Thanks again!

~ Ryan Stanton/Compass



***And A Good Time Was Had By All . . .***

Rich Froid snapped this photo at Faith's Out-To-Eat Night at Luke & Jake's Bar-B-Q on Monday, April 11. Stay tuned for information about the May Out-To-Eat Night!

- 4/02 David & Carolyn Forney
- 4/08 Darrell & Joan Epping
- 4/12 Donnie & Peggy Mak
- 4/13 Josh & Jenny Hanson
- 4/28 James & Regan Jennings



# Birds, Bees, Flowers, and Faith

~ Rev. Mark Price

When the weather turns warmer and the grass grows greener, it's easier to understand the promise of new life and renewed hope that Christians proclaim as "Easter people."

As we celebrate the Easter season, the 50 days after the Resurrection, we see reminders all around us. So be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.

**Birds:** The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a legend to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

**Bees:** It takes lots of buzzing bees to spread the pollen and make flowers grow. The honey these creatures create is a biblical symbol of God's favor. The Torah agrees, for it describes God's promised land again and again as "flowing with milk and honey."

**Flowers:** Long considered a symbol of hope and new life, the daffodil is one of the blooms most often connected to the Resurrection. Tradition says that giving a gift of daffodils will ensure happiness for the receiver—but always give a bunch: a single bloom signals doom.

The flowering shrub known as the forsythia is what I call the Easter tree, because when its spidery branches are moving with the wind, they seem to be arms waving in praise of the season. According to tradition, forsythia means anticipation—an appropriate companion word for Resurrection.

It is said the dogwood tree used to grow straight and tall, but after it was used as a crucifix for Christ, God made it short and twisted with a thin trunk so it could never be used as a cross again. The dogwood bloom has four parts, each with a rusty red color on the end and a small hole, a reminder of where the nails were driven into the cross. The center stamens look like the crown of thorns.

**Faith:** The traditions that developed around these spring symbols helped explain the concept that God in the flesh took on death and came back to tell us there is life on the other side. What fantastic news!

This spring, be a witness to the good news that Christ is risen:

- ◆ Learn about the symbols and notice them when you are outdoors this season. Even better: plant some dogwoods and flowers in your yard and on the grounds of your church.
- ◆ Fashion a cross from cuttings of spring flowers. Invite others to help. Set it out in front of your church, or even your house, for all to see.
- ◆ Make (don't buy) a gift for someone who needs to be reminded of the love of God made known in the Risen Christ.
- ◆ Play. Not a video game or a phone app. Physically play. Move. Dance. Interestingly, the Irish jig and tap dancing have their roots in an early Saxon tradition called the "hop-egg." The purpose was to step among a dozen eggs as if walking the Stations of the Cross. This egg dance is likely the distant relative of hopscotch.

The Council at Nicaea in 325 AD gave the Church a revised creed. The last line reads: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

As Easter people, we don't have to look further than spring for an exclamation point to that affirmation.

**Rev. Price is Minister of Spiritual Formation and Facilities Manager at Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin, TN.**

*This story was originally published on May 14, 2014.*

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/birds-bees-flowers-and-faith>





## 2016 Faith Softball Team

Okay Faith Softball Fans! We have a team put together for 2016! Some are returning favorites and others are unsuspecting victims... We guarantee to put a smile on your face and popcorn in your mouth! (to keep you from yelling at the umpire...) Block out your Monday evenings starting in May and be in Harvey Park to root for your favorite Church Co-Ed team! (that's us...) The schedule will be printed in the next newsletter and reminders in the bulletin! Thanks in advance for your fan-dom!



## THANK YOU!



The Spring Festival held at Collins Park on Wednesday, April 13 was a great success. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped . . . those who donated food, those who assisted at the Festival, those who worked behind the scenes, and those who prayed for its success . . . we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

P.S. We estimate attendance at 125-150  
(it's hard to tell with all those running youngsters!).  
*(Photos will be sent in a separate e-mailing.)*

## **What an awesome and orderly God!**

(author unknown)

For example:

The eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;  
Those of the canary in 14 days;  
Those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;  
The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;  
Those of the mallard in 35 days;  
The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.  
(Notice: they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadrupeds are so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.  
Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.  
Each orange has an even number of segments.  
Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.  
Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.  
Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold — all EVEN numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence.

**OUR GOD  
IS AN AWESOME GOD**

## **Prairie Rivers District Advanced Lay Servant Training**

**Others also invited and encouraged to attend:**

**Certified Lay Ministers, Clergy,  
Clergy Spouses, Lay Leaders,  
and all other church leaders**

**Advanced Course- Dynamics - How to be a Non Anxious Leader in Anxious Times" - focusing on Integrated Leadership: Intellect, Emotion, Spirit, Behavior**

This seminar empowers congregational members and leadership by offering a basic understanding of Systems as it applies to the congregation. The focus is on influencing and enhancing the strengths of the congregation, addressing, the natural reactivity, both positive and negative that occurs in any family system. In this seminar leaders, both lay and clergy, will learn about Systems thinking, the human brain, self-differentiation, leadership, anxiety – what triggers it and how it spreads like a virus, as well as healthy characteristics of response.

This seminar is designed to empower each person to become a healthier leader in their home, personal life, and professional lives. This seminar is an investment!

***For more information, see the bulletin board in the Overflow Room.***

### **Change of Address:**

Marlys Bauer  
Homestead of Kearney  
Room 20  
4205 6th Avenue  
Kearney NE 68845-3470  
Landline: (308) 698-2080  
Cell: (636) 212-2347



From Janelle Beatty:

I took Jerry McCullough his prayer quilt. He broke down and cried. It was very hard. He hugged me and said the people of Faith church are so kind and generous. He loved it and will take it to every appointment. Thanks be to God.

*(Jerry McCullough is being treated for liver cancer and was Covered With Prayer on 4.10.16.)*

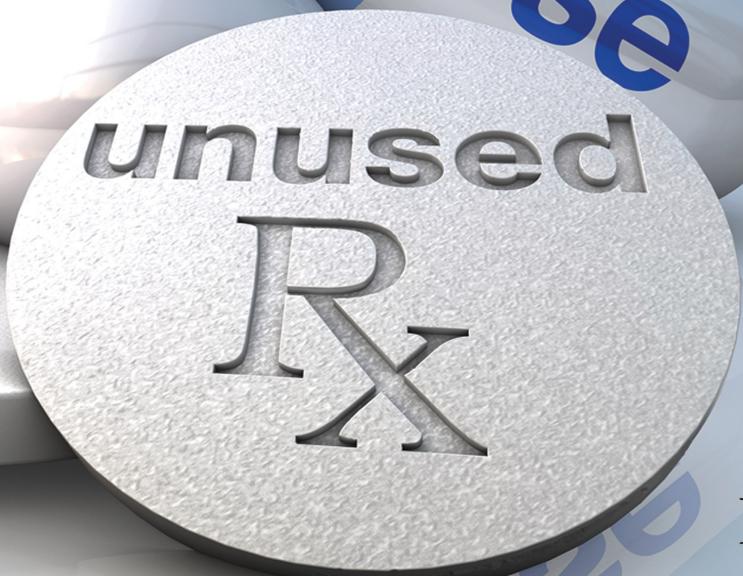
# Got Drugs?

Turn in unused or expired medicine  
Saturday, April 30, 10am - 2pm

Good Samaritan Hospital  
North Parking Lot

at the intersection of  
E 35th St. and A Ave.

For more information:  
[positvepressure@bcchp.org](mailto:positvepressure@bcchp.org)  
(308)-865-2283



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50 Days of  
**EASTER**

## Why is the Easter Season Fifty Days Long?

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation". As "Easter people", we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

[\(http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/why-is-the-easter-season-fifty-days-long?\)](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/why-is-the-easter-season-fifty-days-long?)

## ATTENTION, RELATIVES OF GRADUATING SENIORS



If you are the relative of a graduating high school senior and wish for them to be covered in prayer by their Faith family, we ask that you please provide a quilt/blanket and a biography for the Covered in Prayer insert. You may choose the Sunday for your graduating senior to be covered in prayer; please deliver the information and quilt/blanket to the church office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday you choose. Questions? Please contact Dayla Rhodus ([daylarhodus@gmail.com](mailto:daylarhodus@gmail.com) or 308.234.4225) or Suzann at the church office ([office@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:office@kearneyfaith.org) or 308.237.2550).

## ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

As a member of Faith United Methodist Church, you may apply for a scholarship. The application form is very simple; it asks about your church and community involvement.

Forms are available online ([kearneyfaith.org/Scholarships](http://kearneyfaith.org/Scholarships)) or e-mail Suzann in the church office ([office@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:office@kearneyfaith.org)) for an application.

Please direct questions to Lynda Henderson, Memorial Team chairperson ([lynda1@frontiernet.net](mailto:lynda1@frontiernet.net)).

Deadline for returned applications is May 1, 2016.



A poster for the Tri-City Revival. At the top, it says "TRI-CITY REVIVAL" and "April 17, 2016 1:00 pm Grand Island Grand Theater". Below that is a decorative gold sunburst graphic. In the center is a portrait of a man in a suit, identified as "Seth Denny NTV Weeknight News Anchor will share his testimony". Below the portrait is another decorative gold sunburst graphic. To the left of the portrait, it says "Old Fashioned Gospel Music provided by: Randall Shackleton, Danielle Young, Marci Lindau and Jared Hansen". At the bottom, it says "Non Profit - Non Denominational Promoting the Love of Jesus in our Spiritually Challenged World" and "For more information contact: Randall Shackleton @ 308-380-1414".



## Diversity: I Was a Stranger presented by Ella and Samuel Rathod

Kearney Public Library   Thursday, April 21, 2016   7:00 p.m.

Sam and Ella Rathod share their personal story to promote understanding, acceptance, and tolerance of different cultures. They believe that the first step toward learning to embrace diversity is to learn and celebrate one's own heritage and culture. Their PowerPoint presentation gives practical ideas on how to relate and be comfortable in today's multicultural world.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 308.233.3282 or e-mail [cwalsh@kearneygov.org](mailto:cwalsh@kearneygov.org).

*(The Rathods served at Faith UMC from 2003 to 2008)*



### Sunday Morning Program

Come join us for Sunday School as we continue to learn about God and His amazing love. Classes start at 10:00 a.m., please join us for games, lessons and music.

### Wednesday Programs

Wednesday programs are in full swing. If you haven't attended in a while, please stop by and check out all the fun we're having. CCF is at 3:30 p.m. and UMYF is at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Lauryn Gustafson at the church ([kids@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:kids@kearneyfaith.org) or 308.237.2550).

### Summer Camp

It's time to register for Summer Camp! Each of the United Methodist camps are offering a wide variety of camp themes this summer. Check out the camp listings on the website below to see which one best fits you! <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/camps>

Scholarships are available for kids who are interested in attending camp. Contact Lauryn at [kids@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:kids@kearneyfaith.org) or the office ([office@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:office@kearneyfaith.org)) for additional information.



Dear UM Faith family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, and flowers following my fall and hip fracture surgery.

The prayer blanket is with me at all times----I love it.

Faith Church is my home on earth and I hope I can get back some day. Keep working on that new elevator.

I love all of you because God loved us first.

God bless,

Marlys Bauer



# It Always Seems too Early, Until it's too Late.



Come and learn about the conversations you can have with your family members to make health care decisions, together.

Celebrate National Health Care Decisions Day April 16

**April 4, 12pm**

*Get Ready: Prepare for the Conversation*

**Susie Peterson**

Community Outreach Specialist  
Nebraska Alzheimer's Association

**Deone Anderson**

CSW, Community Health Worker  
Family Practice

Conference Room, West Tower of Good Samaritan

Hospital \*Lunch provided to first 40

**April 11, 12pm**

*Get Set: What Matters for Me*

**Tom Tye**

Lawyer, The Tye Law Firm

**Dr. Ken Shaffer**

Retired Physician, UniNet

**April 20, 7-8pm**

*Consider the Conversation Film*

World Theater

Film and discussion following

**April 22, 7-8pm**

*Being Mortal Film*

Kearney Library, South Platte Room

Film and discussion following

**April 27, 12pm**

*Go: Healthy Habits for Life*

**Kaiti George**

Registered Dietician

HyVee

Conference Room, West Tower of Good Samaritan

Hospital \*Lunch provided to first 40



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