



# Faith in Action

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## Sneak Peek

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- 01/01 Alta Crapson
- 01/03 Ed Kohel
- 01/03 Mike Lamkin
- 01/04 Taylor Walters
- 01/05 John Reicheneker
- 01/09 Marci Jo Lambert
- 01/10 Paul Londer
- 01/10 Peyton Shultz-Ramer
- 01/12 Bill Crapson
- 01/12 Keenan Clark
- 01/14 Steve Christensen
- 01/15 Kathy Larson
- 01/15 Tab Eastberg
- 01/15 Logan Maschmann
- 01/16 Patricia Sadler
- 01/16 Jocelyn Hamaker
- 01/17 Darrell Epping
- 01/18 Millie Otto
- 01/18 Robert Eberhard
- 01/18 Jan Wilson
- 01/20 Richelle Schriener
- 01/21 Merland Clark
- 01/22 Lois Idt
- 01/22 Brandon White
- 01/22 McKenzie Mayo-Proell
- 01/23 Gayle Vavra
- 01/23 Zeanna Odens
- 01/23 Macey Pettit
- 01/26 Jennifer Slack
- 01/28 Andrew Olson
- 01/28 Ethan Mizner
- 01/29 Steve Curtiss
- 01/30 Bob Olmsted
- 01/30 Carol Hilton
- 01/31 Nancy Zwink
- 01/31 Kimberly Kohel

## WELCOME to Faith United Methodist Church!

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Please fill out the registration information on the attendance clipboard as it is passed through the pews. More information about Faith UMC's ministries is located on our website at kearneyfaith.org.

**FAITH INFORMATION:** We have several ways for you to seek information about Faith UMC. A great way to see what is happening is to check our website at kearneyfaith.org. You may also contact the church office (office@kearneyfaith.org) or 308.237.2550 to share prayer requests, update your contact information, or sign up for online giving. We also send e-mails periodically. **If you would like to be added to our e-mailing lists,** please contact the church office.

**REVEREND ROBERT PERRY** serves as Faith's pastor.

*We look forward to seeing you in church!*



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**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Perry  
**Director of Christian Education:** Lauryn Gustafson  
**Office Secretary:** Suzann Christensen  
**Custodian:** Doug Jesch  
**11:00 a.m. Choir Director:** Fran Wilson  
**Musicians:** Mary Nuss (8:45 a.m.) and Kathe Cox (11:00 a.m.)  
**8:45 a.m. Praise Team:** Penny Buettner, Keith Danburg, Jim Haws, Ed Kohel, Jake Maaske, Tari Poorman-Maaske



- 01/04 Marv & Carol Hilton
- 01/10 Lyle & Lynda Henderson
- 01/27 Stan & Roma Grube



Greetings to all from **Betty Geist**, who was in Kearney for the holidays and worshipped at Faith on Christmas Eve.

**WELCOME** to Doug Jesch, who begins work as Faith's new custodian on Monday, January 4. Doug and his wife, Deb, are longtime Faith members. Doug recently retired from Eaton Corporation. Thank you, Doug, for filling this important ministry at Faith United Methodist Church.



### How January Got Its Name

Ruler of new beginnings, gates and doors, the first hour of the day, the first day of the month, and the first month of the year, the Roman god Janus gave January its name.

He was pictured as two-headed (both heads bearded) and situated so that one head looked forward into the new year while the other took a retrospective view.

Janus also presided over the temple of peace, where the doors were opened only during wartime.

It was a place of safety, where new beginnings and new resolutions could be forged, just as the New Year is a time for new objectives and renewed commitments to long-term goals.

~ Old Farmer's Almanac



### WE MADE IT!

Thanks to the generosity and above-and-beyond giving of Faith UMC parishioners, we were able to pay our 2015 Mission Shares in full. Together, through our connected United Methodist congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

Thank you.

*Thank You!*



### TEAM MEETINGS

Are you interested in what each of the teams (formerly known as committees) is doing at Faith UMC? Faith's teams include Ad Council, Christian Education, Finance, Memorial, Nurture, and Trustees.

Contact the church office, and minutes of team meetings will be e-mailed to you following their meetings (with permission from the team chairpersons).

*Please understand that if topics of a sensitive or confidential nature are discussed, those minutes will not be shared.*

Thank you.

### New Address For Bob Eberhard

Following a bout with pneumonia and quadruple bypass surgery, longtime Faith custodian Bob has relocated to Omaha, where he will convalesce under the care of his daughter, Kim, and her husband, Joe.

While Bob will be sorely missed at Faith UMC, we wish him the very best in the future. *(And we know he would love to hear from you . . . especially since his birthday is January 18 . . .)*

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Bob's cell: (308) 236-1360





Do Not Be Afraid

Matthew 10:24-39

## Do Not Be Afraid

(from [www.umcdevelopmentcenter.org](http://www.umcdevelopmentcenter.org))

This is what they reported to Moses: "We went to the land where you sent us. It really is a land flowing with milk and honey. Here's some of its fruit. But the people who live there are strong, and the cities have walls and are very large. We even saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev. The Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the mountain region. And the Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and all along the Jordan River."

Caleb told the people to be quiet and listen to Moses. Caleb said, "Let's go now and take possession of the land. We should be more than able to conquer it."

But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people! They're too strong for us!" So they began to spread lies among the Israelites about the land they had explored. (Numbers 13:27-31)

"Do not be afraid" is mentioned 365 times in the Bible, the same message for every day of the year. "Do not be afraid."

Be fearless, the Bible admonishes us. Sometimes this is not so easy to do. When forced with a Goliath or invading army, the fear is always present, but what we do in spite of the fear is our faith. We have faith in God to be with us as we move through this scary time. We must have courage, which isn't the lack of fear, but faith in spite of our fears.

Much like Caleb, we must have courage in the face of overwhelming odds, even lies. We cannot allow our fear to overcome us even when we face great challenges, both externally and internally.

Anyone interested in becoming either certified in Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED through CCC, please contact Joleen Perry. This will be onsite training at Faith UMC.

Joleen's contact information:

402.310.8383

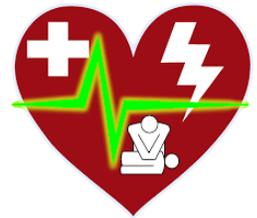
or

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or

Facebook me.

If I have 5 more people sign up, the instructor will do it at the church for \$39.00, a day-long activity.



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I recently heard Rev. John Edgar, pastor of The Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio, talk about the **'Divine Economy of Abundance.'** This is an asset-based approach that focuses on people and connections instead of needs and problems. The essence of it is the belief that whatever we offer up to God, no matter how small, God will bless that and use it to transform lives.

(Rev. Susan Nienaber, superintendent for the Big Waters District within the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church)



## NEW YEAR



(Taken from <http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/new-year>)

As the calendar year comes to an end, the church calendar has already begun.

We have felt a new anticipation of the arrival of our Savior. We have witnessed once again his birth and triumphant announcement of his government and reign. Soon will come epiphany and the recognition by others to the kingdom of God coming near.

Let us remind ourselves of all that we have been given in the past year and all we look forward to for the coming year.

We have been given another second, another minute, another day to work out our faith on this journey to perfection. Will it be tough? Yes, sometimes. It is in those times we must remember our Savior born into God's creation, knowing the human condition. In doing so, we can learn to lean ever more upon him during the hard times of this year.

Will the coming year hold joy and happiness for us? Yes if we are open to the possibility. Our God is love; rejoicing and celebrating are a part of love.

There will be wars and rumors of wars. There will be death and destruction from the deserts of God's creation to the landscapes of humanity's labor.

Yet know this ... Jesus destroyed the power of death. It is this act of self-sacrifice and redemption that we will soon celebrate with Easter.

Hold onto what is good in the world, pray for what is not, and above all delight in the coming again of our Christ.

Happy New Year!

## Recognize This Face?

An unexpected illness and a serendipitous phone call led to our own Pastor Robert filling in for Santa Claus at the annual residents' Christmas at Mother Hull Home on December 22.

Pastor Robert and Mother Hull employees presented residents with gifts and refreshments. Pastor Robert even fooled a couple of Faith members who were visiting — they had no clue who was calling them by name. (*It was Santa!*)



## *An ancient Irish New Year prayer blessing for a friend or loved one.*

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.





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