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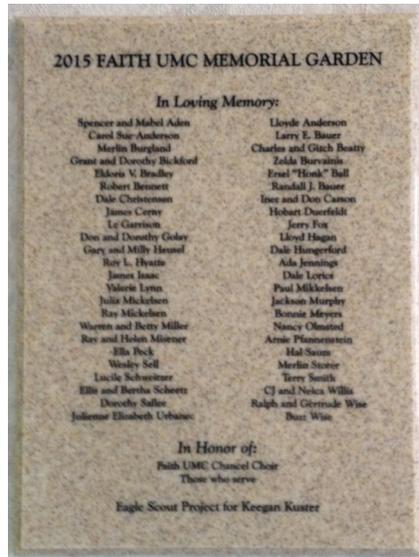
MISSION STATEMENT: At Faith United Methodist Church our mission is to worship God, teach the Word, and care for one another in Christian love by nurturing individuals in their spiritual journey.



- 5/03 Donna Day
- 5/03 Megan Chandler
- 5/04 Dean Carson
- 5/04 Maxwell Mizner
- 5/05 Penny Buettner
- 5/05 Janeen Cox
- 5/05 Sarah Stubbs
- 5/09 Charlotte Wisch
- 5/10 Mary Helen Samp
- 5/10 Chase Divan
- 5/10 Shyloh Gavierrez
- 5/11 Brenda Oliver
- 5/11 Brad Isaac
- 5/14 Blanca Korb
- 5/14 Nancy Blume
- 5/14 Sam Curtiss
- 5/15 Robert Perry
- 5/15 Joleen Perry
- 5/15 Joel Gargan
- 5/16 Patty McQueen
- 5/17 Raymond McLaughlin
- 5/17 Alyvia Shultz-Ramer
- 5/20 Mandi Vasquez
- 5/22 Roger Oliver
- 5/22 Shauna Brown
- 5/23 Matt Saner
- 5/24 Maxine Ridgway
- 5/24 Otto Lohrenz
- 5/24 Annette Froid
- 5/25 Dan Spellman
- 5/27 Rich Froid
- 5/27 Patricia Cook
- 5/28 Torrance Walters
- 5/29 Rhonda Kohel
- 5/30 Darlene Triplett
- 5/30 Roger Townsend
- 5/31 J. Harold Walker
- 5/31 Mike Johnson



- 5/04 Fran & Jan Wilson
- 5/05 Mike & Sue Lamkin
- 5/07 Benjamin & Kristi Vogt
- 5/14 Bill & Alta Crapson
- 5/16 Ronald & Janeen Cox
- 5/17 Shawn & Nikki Mizner
- 5/18 Diego & Abbie Castaneda
- 5/22 Tim & Mindy Lester
- 5/22 Pat & Jennifer Slack
- 5/23 Roger & Brenda Oliver
- 5/26 Jack & Janelle Beatty
- 5/29 Jerry & Lois Idt



Memorial Garden Plaque

The Memorial Garden plaque is inside the front doors mounted on the west wall. Stop and see this beautiful commemorative plaque.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May Out-To-Eat Night
Monday, May 23, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Perkins Restaurant
609 South 2nd Avenue



*Mother is the name for God
in the lips and hearts of little
children.*

~ William Makepeace Thackeray

Thanks to all of the mothers everywhere who love us, raise us, and work to keep us safe and healthy!

Health starts at home, and whether our mothers are biological, step, foster, or otherwise, they teach us everything from washing our hands to staying out of the street. When it comes to health and safety, remember what our mothers always said and the science that supports them!

~ Unknown

Mother's Day May 8, 2016

From Jennifer Slack:

I wanted to share this. Katelynn got her hair cut yesterday, 4/14/16. She donated it all to Wigs for Kids. She was so excited to give her hair to people who don't have hair. She also loves her new look. So, in case you don't recognize her, you know why.....

(P.S. We didn't actually measure the hair that was donated, but we are guessing it was over 12" in length.)



I've included before, during and after pictures for you. Enjoy!

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



PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Contact Information:
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Executive Director
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Become a CASA Volunteer!

“I am a victim and survivor of child abuse myself. Everyone knew about it, but never said or did anything to protect me. When I heard about CASA first coming to Kearney County, it always had a place in my heart where I wanted to be involved. Once my kids got into school full-time, I took the training and am now on my third case over the past two years. I encourage everyone to look deep within themselves to become a voice for these children and go through the training to become a CASA advocate, to make a difference in a child’s life”.

~Kelly Jensen

CASA volunteers **donate their time to act as the independent eyes and ears of the court, investigate in the field, and speak solely in the interest of the child.** Volunteer Training is **scheduled to start the 12th of May 2016!** The training consists of 15 hours of coursework completed online and 15 hours in the classroom. CASA programs in Nebraska operate in compliance with the Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes §43-3701 et seq). The CASA training will be held in Kearney during the evenings to get to the 15 hours in class hours required. In surveys, Judges find CASA volunteers to be very effective in a wide range of activities that support the court process. They find volunteers most effective in considering the best interests of the child and in monitoring the case. Volunteer input is most highly valued on issues related to placement, stability, permanence and safety of the children while in care. To volunteer call 308/865-5675.



Samuel and Ella Rathod presented “Diversity: I was a Stranger” at the Kearney Public Library on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

The audience (which included many former parishioners) listened as the Rathods shared their personal story to promote understanding, acceptance, and tolerance of different cultures.

The photo on the left shows Deb Jesch modeling a sari. The photo on the right is Sam and Ella Rathod with Rich and Annette Froid.



Michael and Cassy Heuertz were members of Faith (and Cassy was office secretary and youth director). Michael has been deployed overseas. For those wishing to connect with Michael, his contact information is below:

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Cassy asks for prayers for focus and rest for Michael and all in the unit.



MAY DAY

May Day is not an overly prominent holiday in America. Yet it does have a long and notable history as one of the world's principal festivals. The origin of May Day as a day for celebration dates back to the days even before the birth of Christ. And like many ancient festivals, it too has a Pagan connection.

For the Druids of the British Isles, May 1 was the second most important holiday of the year, because it was when the festival of Beltane was held. It was thought that the day divides the year into half. The other half was to be ended with the Samhain on November 1.

In those days the May Day custom was the setting of new fire. It was one of those ancient New Year rites performed throughout the world. The fire itself was thought to lend life to the burgeoning springtime sun. Cattle were driven through the fire to purify them. Men, with their sweethearts, passed through the smoke for seeing good luck.

Read more at <http://www.theholidayspot.com/mayday/history.htm#fOS9jVD1kAqhJO.99>



Nebraska Brass In Concert
Brass in Time: 500 Years of Brass Music
Sunday, May 15, 2016
3:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church
3315 Avenue G
Kearney NE 68847

The **National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 5th. There are several opportunities to join with the community of Kearney in prayer for our nation and to give testimony to a watching world.

1. Reading Thru the Bible - May 1-May 5 at Solid Rock Christian Book Store (call 308-234-9813 or stop in this week to sign up for a time to read). Starting in Genesis Sunday evening and reading into the wee hours of Thursday morning, we will finish with breakfast and prayer at Perkins restaurant around 5:00 a.m.!
2. Christian Women Connection - May 5th - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Harmon Park Activity Center - Sing, prayer, coffee & cookies.
3. Evening Prayer Gathering - May 5th - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Harmon Park Stage Area - Click the link below to RSVP or catch us on Facebook! (National Day of Prayer at Harmon Park: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1718952535053412/>) - OR - National Day of Prayer @ Harmon Park



The HelpCare Clinic is asking for all kinds of treads.

From April 15 to July 15, the clinic is asking for gently used shoes of all sizes to be donated to its ShoeDrive to raise money for patient care.

“For every pound in shoes we collect, we will earn about 40 cents. The shoes will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and reduce what goes into landfills. It takes about 300 years for a shoe to decompose in a landfill,” HelpCare Executive Director Cheryl Bressington said.

The clinic will partner with Shoes With Heart, a division of Funds2Orgs, which will purchase the donated shoes. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout Shoes With Heart in developing nations. The organization helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries as such Haiti and in Africa and Central America.

To participate, bring new and gently worn shoes to the clinic at 3015 Avenue A, or drop them off at the church office. For more information, call 224-2392 or visit ShoesWithHeart.com.

Proceeds from the drive are used to provide for those families with shelter, food and clothing. Anyone can help by donating new or gently worn pairs of shoes.

“By donating to the clinic, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in the people’s lives both here in Nebraska and in a developing nation,” Bressington said.



10 Fascinating Facts About John Wesley and United Methodism

~ Jeremy Steele

History is more than facts and figures. It is full of real people with real stories. Connecting with those people and stories helps us understand our lives and discern God's direction for our future. That is why it is important constantly to connect our teaching back to the important people in our history. To help you do that, we have gathered some interesting, and maybe even surprising, facts about John Wesley to help you connect United Methodist history to your next lesson.

1. John Wesley wrote one of the all-time bestselling medical texts.

Wesley was deeply convicted that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one. To that end, he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled *Primitive Physick*. Check out Global Ministries' summary or read the full version. The book detailed the current knowledge about home remedies and went through 32 editions, making it one of the most widely read books in England.

Many of Wesley's cures and tips on healthy living remain widely accepted. While some of his advice was wishful thinking, the most important part of his philosophy was his insistence on continual observation to support hypotheses. Wesley boldly questioned modern doctors — how they sometimes treated humans like machines; that much of their "medicine" lacked merit and they lacked evidence to support its efficacy. By the same token, some of Wesley's beliefs certainly needed more supportive evidence. For instance, Wesley recommended holding a puppy against the stomach to cure stomach pain. He offered dried and powdered toad pills for asthma. He also enjoyed regular dips in cold bathwater, thought to be a near panacea. It sounds strange to us, but many leading minds during Wesley's time, espoused these sorts of folk remedies. And honestly, who doesn't feel better after holding a puppy? The point is, like David — who had the heart of God and still fell short — even the greatest leaders with the biggest hearts are fallible.

2. John Wesley coined the term "agree to disagree."

Over the years, Wesley had serious theological differences with another popular pastor named George Whitefield. Though they both argued passionately, Wesley reflected on these differences in a memorial sermon for Whitefield by saying: "There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may 'agree to disagree.' But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials. ..." This appears to be the first recorded use of the term. It was a hallmark of Wesley's way of holding to his convictions while remaining in connection with those with whom he disagreed.

3. John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times.

Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. Asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay."

4. Wesley had serious doubts about his faith.

Questioning one's faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one's own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith, he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to "preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all of our doubts.

5. "Methodist" was originally a derogatory term.

Though the origins of the term "methodist" are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement. Way to own it, Methodists!

6. Wesley counseled people to "eat a little less than you desire."

Staying slim was far from Wesley's goal (1), though he did weigh in around 128 pounds. This was not the result of dieting, but rather of a practice to ensure that people were not ruled by their natural desires, but exercising control over them.

7. Wesley never intended to split from the Church of England.

However, when the revolution happened in the American colonies, most of the Anglican priests returned home. Faced with the fact that none of the Methodists in the colonies could receive the sacraments, Wesley ordained ministers whom he sent to do the same in America (he was practical even when it caused problems). That act was the beginning of the separation that formed the Methodist Church (2) in America. The Methodist Church in England did not officially form until after Wesley's death.

8. Wesley never said this famous quote attributed to him.

It has been on the back of more than one United Methodist youth camp T-shirt: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as ever you can.” Though the quote is often attributed to John Wesley and is consistent with his perspective on life, many historians have confirmed there is no record of Wesley ever saying that.

9. Wesley believed you could not be a Christian on your own.

He said that we needed to be involved in “social holiness.” Though some often think this term is synonymous with “social justice,” its meaning is quite different. Wesley believed we could only grow as Christians in community. In his preface to the 1739 hymnal, he was adamant that “the gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness.”

10. Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley’s lifetime.

The beginning of Methodism (3) was a group of four who called themselves the “holy club” at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.

Want to read more about our history as United Methodists? Global Ministries offers many of Wesley’s writings and sermons online. United Methodist Communications and the General Commission on Archives and History teamed to test your knowledge of more than 200 years of our church’s past. So after you study up, take the United Methodist Church History Quiz and share it with your friends and family!

These facts will equip you with lots of great discussion starters you can use at your next dinner party or church gathering. Let’s have some fun with history!

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Dear Sports Fans!

Faith Softball begins Monday, May 9th at 8:45 p.m. on Field 4 of Harvey Park! We hope you will join us!

FAITH UMC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE
All games will be played at Harvey Park
(south of Kearney Cemetery)

Monday, May 16

6:45 p.m. on Field 1

Monday, May 23

8:45 p.m. on Field 2

Monday, June 6 Double Header!

6:45 p.m. on Field 1
and 7:45 p.m. on Field 2

Monday, June 13

6:45 p.m. on Field 4

Monday, June 20

8:45 p.m. on Field 1

Monday, June 27 Double Header!

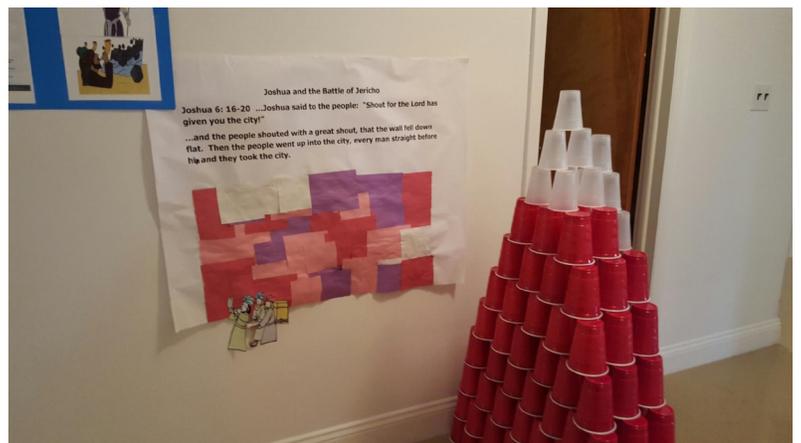
6:45 p.m. on Field 2 and 7:45 p.m. on Field 2

Friday, July 8 Double Header!

8:45 p.m. on Field 3 and 9:45 p.m. on Field 1



3-5 Grade
Sunday School
Fun With Old
Testament
Bible
Characters



Never bring plants into the house.

A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze.

It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants and when it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa.

She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa.

He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor.

His wife thought he had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance.

The attendants rushed in, wouldn't listen to his protests and loaded him on the stretcher and started carrying him out.

About that time the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher.

That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor man.

He volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief.

But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the sofa.

The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her.

The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.

The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that he had been bitten by the snake. She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat.

By now the police had arrived.

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little green snake.

The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife.

The little snake again crawled out from under the sofa.

One of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it.

He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over and the lamp on it shattered and as the bulb broke it started a fire in the drapes.

The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car.

Meanwhile, the burning drapes were seen by the neighbors who called the fire department.

The firemen had started raising the fire truck ladder when they were halfway down the street.

The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires and put out the electricity and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car, and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

That's when he left her.



The school year is winding down and summer is near! With that, there are some important dates you should know about, along with some important summer information you won't want to miss.

Wednesday, May 11th - Last Day of C.C.F.

- ◆ We will be going to the Big Apple that day! Pickup will still be at the church and there is no cost for this fun event.
- ◆ Information regarding CCF for the fall will be announced in August.

Sunday, May 15th- Last Day of Sunday School

- ◆ There will not be Sunday School classes during the summer for Pre-K through High School.
- ◆ Information regarding Sunday School for the fall will be announced in August.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	2 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Mens Bible Study	4 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Bible Study	5 National Day of Prayer 5:45 W.W.	6	7 8:30 W.W.
8 Mother's Day 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	9 5:30 Christian Ed 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 12:15 W.W. 3:30 Final C.C.F. for the year 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Bible Study	12 5:45 W.W.	13	14 8:30 W.W.
15 Pentecost 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School (Last Day for Children) 11:00 Worship	16 5:30 Nurture 6:30 Ad Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Bible Study	19 5:45 W.W. 7:00 PFLAG	20	21 8:30 W.W.
22 8:45 Worship 10:00 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship	23 5:30 p.m. Faith Out-to-Eat Night at Perkins Restaurant 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:00 Rental 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Bible Study	26 5:45 W.W.	27	28 8:30 W.W.
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