

Faith in Action October 2016 Volume I

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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.



10/02 Lee Woollen
10/03 Bret Stubbs
10/04 Bret Obermiller
10/08 Amy Bear
10/09 Peggy Mak
10/09 Roberta Wiles
10/10 Benjamin Vogt
10/11 Nathan Findley
10/13 Kathy Brisbin
10/13 Caleb Gavierrez
10/13 Bryana Royle
10/15 La Vaughn Brown
10/16 Denise Miller
10/16 Dayla Rhodus
10/17 Ringo Gavierrez
10/17 Tyler Jennings
10/17 Pat Slack
10/17 Steve Zwink
10/18 Tyler Mizner
10/20 Linda Vinderslev
10/21 Keith Danburg
10/22 Ron Blessing
10/23 Roxann Clausen
10/23 Lacy Donald
10/23 Holly Fellows
10/24 Gage Holoubeck
10/24 Macy Tagel
10/26 Rosalee Mickelsen
10/26 Isabel Vasquez
10/27 Fran Wilson
10/28 Gary Lambert
10/28 Jacob Maaske
10/29 Stuart Gilbertson
10/29 Tim Lester
10/29 Donnie Mak
10/29 Tom Shultz
10/30 Archie Holoubeck
10/31 Robert Cook
10/31 Hannah Evans



10/02 Jon & Dixie Obermiller
10/12 Steve & Holly Curtiss
10/17 Michael & Abigail Henderson
10/21 Rod & Amy Bear
10/22 Kurt & Linda Johnson
10/25 Tony & Kerri Miller
10/30 Fred & Nancy Blume
10/30 Rex & Roberta Wiles



Dear Church Members,

I want to thank you for the beautiful prayer blanket. I will use it as I am getting chemo treatments.

Thank You!

~ Jennifer Nichol

(Jennifer Nichol is undergoing treatment for colon cancer and was Covered in Prayer on 9/4/16.)

On November 15, 2015, Patricia James was Covered in Prayer. I received this e-mail from her sister:

Dear Friends and Family,

My sister Pat James, who was diagnosed with Stage 3 rectal cancer just about one year ago, has finished her treatment. She had chemo immediately after the diagnosis, then surgery, and then another round of "hot" chemo to make sure that they got it all. She finished with her last chemo on August 31. A week later she had a CAT scan to determine if there was still any cancer. She has found out the results of that scan: She is cancer free...they found no more cancer. She will live with a colostomy bag for the rest of her life, BUT she will live the rest of her life!!

I cannot begin to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes. Many of you shared stories of hope which I passed along to Pat during that very scary time as she began her treatments. Please say one more round of prayers of thanksgiving and then turn your attention to another dear soul who is in need of God's protection and graces. If you put Pat on a prayer chain, please pass along this good report and our thanks for the extra prayers.

Tanner Olson, a young man who is a friend of Rosalee Mickelsen's, was in a vehicular accident recently and is recovering from his injuries.

Although he is a stranger to us, Rosalee said he would greatly appreciate cards and notes of get-well wishes.

Tanner's address is:

Tanner Olson
406 East 29th Street
Kearney NE 68847-3543

please

write

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock.

And God has instructed us to recognize His servants:

*“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”
(1 Timothy 5:17)*

Take time this month to let Pastor Robert and Joleen know how very much we appreciate them and their work on behalf of Faith United Methodist Church.



**Kathy Brisbin's
Silent Auction
Quilt**

The name of the quilt is "Fresh Air". It is 66" x 85" and will be

great to throw over a sofa, cuddle with, or use on a bed.



**To All Lay Members of
the Gateway District**

You are cordially invited

**Monday, October 10, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

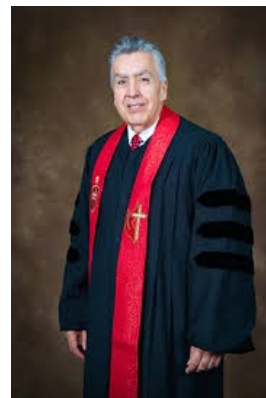
**Evening Reception with
Bishop Ruben Saenz**

**Kearney First UMC
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney NE 68847**

Bishop Saenz will be spending the day touring the Gateway District and attending two clergy meetings, followed by this laity reception in the evening.

The evening will consist of a meet and greet time, refreshments, and a special message from the Bishop.

If you have any questions, please contact the Gateway District office by phone at (308) 234-3098 or by e-mail (gateway@greatplainsumc.org).



Class of 2020

<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/speaking-to-millennials>

**CLASS OF
2020**

With classes starting at colleges and universities around the country, here are some interesting facts about this year's class of 2020 . . .

- ◆ iPods came out the year they were born.
- ◆ As did Wikipedia.
- ◆ The class of 2020 wasn't even alive in the 90's.
- ◆ eBay always existed.
- ◆ The U.S. has always been at war.
- ◆ If you want to reach them, you'd better send a text – emails are oft ignored.
- ◆ John Elway and Wayne Gretzky have always been retired.
- ◆ The class of 2020 has never seen a billboard ad for cigarettes.
- ◆ Airline tickets have always been purchased online.
- ◆ The United Methodist Church always had “Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors” as their slogan.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done. Psalm 78:4 ESV

While each generation has its own sense of mind about what has happened in the world, we are all humans, created in the image of God, longing to return to our Creator. Generations have different motivations and ideas, and that longing within is always there. The question becomes how do we talk about God to this new generation within their own frame of reference? For surely God is already speaking, we need but shore up all that God is saying to them.

They know our denomination stands for open hearts, open minds and open doors. Hopefully they see us living out that understanding of what it means to be a United Methodist because this is the key to our role as followers of God's word.



RESPOND IF GOD NUDGES YOU

When God is training us, He often will nudge us non-verbally, calling our attention to something He wants to lead us into.

It usually happens as a gut-level knowing what we need to do.

United Campus Ministry needs our help.

A representative from Faith UMC is needed for the UCM Board, and a representative is needed for the UCM Fundraising Committee (which serves as a limited-need Booster Club and comes up with ways to finance UCM's ministry).

United Campus Ministry seeks to connect UNK students through Christian faith, fellowship, mission and service. It is sponsored by United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ churches.

***Questions? Please contact Ed Kohel
(edwardkohel@gmail.com) or (308) 224-6789.***

MY WIFE AND I give together. We give because we believe that we have a responsibility to respond to the grace that God has shown in our lives. We give because we believe that the church, the United Methodist connection and other organizations accomplish greater good in the lives of people, animals and the environment than we could on our own. We give because we believe that giving is a spiritual gift.
(Frank S. Dunnewind, Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery, Alabama)

I GIVE FOR two reasons: to fulfill a promise I made to my local church to support the ministries of the church, both locally and in the world; secondly, as a thank offering for the many blessings I have received.
(Mary L. Brooks, Lyndon [Kansas] UMC)

WHY DO I GIVE? It is simple. I give because God gave to me.
(Sandy Berl, Idlewylde UMC, Baltimore Maryland)



ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Linda and Mike Johnson won the Second Ride Bid for the 11:00 a.m. service at the auction on August 14 and would like to send a challenge out to all who bid for a ride.

During the auction, there were many individuals bidding for the elevator ride (1st or 2nd ride and early or 11:00 service). At this time the bidders had a dollar amount that they were willing to donate. Mike and Linda would like to challenge all the individuals who made a bid to donate the amount of their bid and then to join them on the second ride.

Remember . . . ALL that money goes toward the \$25,000 matching funds effort!

Interested? Checks should be made out to Faith United Methodist Church (with Accessibility Addition written in the memo line). Let's see how many people this elevator will hold!



\$25,000 Challenge Match for Accessibility Addition

The congregation has been challenged by an anonymous gifter to match gifts and pledges for the Accessibility Addition up to \$25,000! This challenge pertains to new gifts and pledges between August 14 and December 31, 2016. Over \$3,000 has been raised toward the challenge since August 14 from the elevator ride auction and additional gifts or pledges. Thank you for considering a gift or pledge toward the match. Watch for the elevator display in the church to track progress toward the \$25,000!

Matching Funds



Sunday School is underway for all ages. We have some exciting new curriculum and hope to see everyone on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We begin with music as a whole group and move into our classrooms afterward. Rachel Brown is teaching the PK—2nd grade class, Mary Nuss is teaching the 3rd—5th grade class, and Roene Fox is teaching the 6th—12th grade class.

CCF (for ages kindergarten through fifth grade) meets Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) for grades 6th—12th meets each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Supper is served at 6:00 p.m. We are exploring some new curriculum, serving the community through service projects and enjoying our time together in fellowship. Lauryn Gustafson and Roene Fox are leading this group.

FALL FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT: Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Collins Park.** Details to follow!

For more information regarding any of our programs, please contact Lauryn Gustafson at kids@kearneyfaith.org or the church office.



CONGRATULATIONS to Shane Beatty and Kelsey Pavkov, who were married on September 10, 2016. Shane is the son of Jack and Janelle Beatty. His bride is from Hastings, Iowa, and is the daughter of Bill and Ann Pavkov. Shane and Kelsey were married in Lincoln, where they will reside.





Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale October 6—7—8

WANTED: Used Books
Please deliver them to the public library

October 6 and 7: book sale is during library hours
Saturday, October 8: books are \$1 per bag
(and the bag is furnished)

Thank you for supporting this Kearney Public Library Fundraiser.

SUNDAY FAMILY DINNER—UNIQUELY ME

We're going to have an old fashioned Sunday family dinner! You know—with roast beef and mashed potatoes and gravy (*a la Hot Beef Sundaes*)! We'll top that off with homemade desserts!

Like any family gathering, we're going to catch up on what makes our family tick. For instance, do you know who collects Barbies, and who is into earrings? Can you guess who likes Batman things, and who's the Pepsi guy and the Coca-Cola couple? Have you seen the beautiful quilts made in our family, or the scrapbooks, cards, wreaths, woodworking and other crafts?



Kathy Brisbin has offered to donate a homemade quilt as part of a silent auction with proceeds going to the accessibility addition. ***If any other crafters would like to donate a homemade creation to raise funds, please do so!*** All silent auction items will be on display in the Overflow Room each Sunday and you may bid on them through the end of the dinner on October 23rd.

On **Sunday, October 23rd**, after the 11:00 a.m. service, gather in Fellowship Hall for dinner and the unveiling of who does what. We'll provide tables for collections, hobbies and crafts. All you have to do is decide how you'd like to participate:

- ◆ Provide an awesome dessert!
- ◆ Display a collection, hobby or craft
- ◆ Have a "show and tell"—maybe you don't have a whole collection, but have a special something you'd like to share. ***We especially invite our kids to get involved here—tell us about your favorite thing.***
- ◆ Just show up and have a great time!!

There will be a "Family Dinner" table in the Overflow Room for you to let us know if you can bring a dessert or would like to display items. **Please sign up in advance so we can plan space.** You may also contact the church office.

Pickles





WHAT: FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

**WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 3:00
P.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M.**

WHERE: AT HELPCARE CLINIC

**SPONSORED BY: WALGREENS,
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God's beloved in the Great Plains,

Grace and peace.

Now a little more than two weeks into my new role as your bishop in Kansas and Nebraska, I wanted to pause for a moment to tell you how honored and excited I am to be your episcopal leader and partner in the mighty works that God has in store for all of us in the Great Plains Annual Conference.

I am doing my best to learn quickly about the many aspects of our two diverse states and the opportunities we have for a wide variety of ministries as we work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to live out the lessons our Savior taught about mercy and justice for all of God's children.

Many organizations aspire to change the world. But very few have all the elements required to offer the fullness of life, hope and healing to a volatile, uncertain, chaotic and ambiguous world. Friends, the church can and does have that transformative power through Christ.

As the people of The United Methodist Church of the Great Plains, we will continue to teach about Jesus' love for all and the message of hope that comes through his resurrection. Together, we will work to embody God's good and tangible gifts of healing, liberation, salvation and caring in the neighborhoods surrounding our churches, in our surrounding communities and throughout our world.

Please know that I will prayerfully and joyfully offer you my best and most meaningful efforts toward the great kingdom work before us, as I know you will offer yours. Please pray for the work that is at hand, for your pastors and for the laity who serve as the hands and feet of Christ in today's world.

Again, it is a great honor to join you on this next phase of your journey. I look forward to getting to know more about your ministry settings, the many aspects of mission work in which you are engaged and about God's people in the Great Plains.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in my travels, which will include visits to your districts. And all are invited to a celebration service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. For those of you who can't attend in person, I invite you to watch the livestream broadcast online at www.greatplainsumc.org/livestream.

Thank you for your prayers and for the warm welcome I and my wife, Maye, already have received.

Paz,



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October 2016

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 World Communion Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	3 7:00 Scouts	4 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	5 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF/Confirmation 6:00 UMYF 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	6 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	7	8 8:30 W.W.
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