

Faith in Action October 2016 Volume II



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.

- 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 Gavierez
- 10/13 Bryana Royle
- 10/15 La Vaughn Brown
- 10/16 Denise Miller
- 10/16 Dayla Rhodus
- 10/17 Ringo Gavierez
- 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



Prayers for Jan Hopkins, who recently has been diagnosed with Stage 4 esophageal and lung cancer. Jan and her husband Dale were members of Faith and sang and played in the Praise Band until they moved to Missouri in 2004.

Jan's address, for those wishing to send cards, is:

Jan Hopkins
2612 Jessica Trail
High Ridge MO 63049-3246



\$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 \$9,000** has been raised toward the challenge since August 14 from the elevator ride auction and additional gifts or pledges.

Matching Funds



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!

WHY DO I GIVE? I don't know why I wouldn't. I feel that we are all family, and of course, we would help others in need whether it be financially or with our presence or prayers. If we do not give, we cannot expect the world to get any better, and in fact, it would get worse. I don't believe God intended folks to be homeless or hungry or sick or frightened.
(Jill Williamson, Richfield UMC, Minneapolis, MN)

I GIVE to put a smile on someone's face!
(Krista Edmunds, Burlington, Iowa)



Sunday School is held 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.** Look for the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter!

For more information regarding any of our programs, please contact Lauryn Gustafson at kids@kearneyfaith.org or the church office (308) 237-2550.



Master Yoda and Believing

(<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/master-yoda-and-believing>)

The Star Wars movie series can teach us lessons about good, evil, redemption, and the power of faith. Here is one example of how we can tie secular stories like Star Wars to our Christian beliefs to help us find lessons in the modern world.

Today in Syria, there are two cities of Aleppo. One is government controlled, the other is rebel-controlled. In one you can walk the streets in relative safety with the proper identification, and in the other citizens consider themselves lucky to make it through the night. What can we do when we view situations such as this?

We pray.

We do not pray as an afterthought but as a step out in faith that peace and love are the conditions in which the kingdom of God exists. Jesus promised us that it was near, and with God's help it is our turn to bring it to fruition.

So we pray. We pray fervently as if those children were our own.

We also believe. It is often hard to believe nowadays, but that is why things keep getting worse. We are in a cycle of disbelief that things are too difficult even for God to figure out.

One of the most famous scenes in The Star Wars series is from The Empire Strikes Back. Master Yoda is training Luke Skywalker in the ways of the force when suddenly, Luke's ship sinks into the swamp and he is filled with despair about his situation. Master Yoda tells him to move the ship out of the bog using the Force. The doubt in his mind does not allow him to move it out and it sinks farther into the muck. Luke tells Master Yoda, "I just can't—it's too big." Master Yoda replies, "Size matters not, judge me by my size, do you?" Luke later responds, "You want the impossible!" As Luke turns away, Master Yoda uses the force to gently lift Luke's spaceship out of the bog and set in on high ground. Luke responds, "I don't believe it", and Master Yoda sadly replies, "That is why you fail."

We can choose to stop the whirlpool of disbelief that threatens to drown us and believe in God's promise.

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"
[Mark 1:15 (NIV)]

(YouTube clip from Star Wars The Empire Strikes back: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZbVLvT7qBU>)



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.

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.





**FALL FESTIVAL
AND
TRUNK OR TREAT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
COLLINS PARK
(EAST 16TH STREET AND AVENUE E)
COSTUMES ARE WELCOME!**

**Trunk or Treat
Bounce Houses
Candy Bar Walk
Balloon Artist
Costume Contest**

**FREE FOOD
Hot Dogs
Drinks
Chips
And Much More . . .**

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Sunday Worship Services 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages) 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.



Fall Festival



WHAT: FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

For those who are uninsured, living or working in Buffalo or Kearney Counties, and at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$23,760 for one person)

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: AT HELPCARE CLINIC – 3015 Avenue A

SPONSORED BY: WALGREENS, COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID NEBRASKA AND HELPCARE CLINIC

October 2016

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 8:30 W.W.
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.
9 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	10 Columbus Day 6:00 Christian Ed 6:30 Meet Bishop Saenz (First UMC) 7:00 Scouts	11 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	12 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF/Confirmation 6:00 UMYF 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	13 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	14 UMYF Retreat Camp Comeca	15 8:30 W.W.
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30 Reformation Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	31 Halloween 6:30 SPRC 7:00 Scouts					