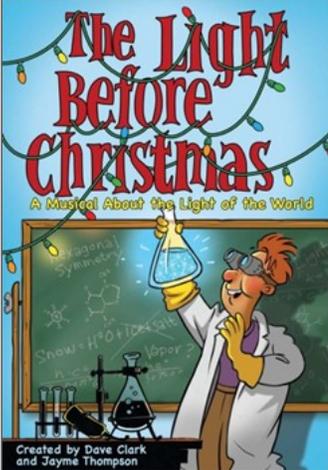


Faith in Action



Children's Christmas Program "The Light Before Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on Beaker's adventure of making snow for his class Christmas part and discovering what the light of the world is! A great afternoon outing to remember the reason for the season through story and song followed by refreshments and fellowship

Candle Nativity

Saturday, December 24 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a more informal service where children and youth are invited to light a Candle Nativity Scene.

Christmas Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Traditional with Special Guest Randy Shackleton, Accompanist and special music by Faith members and friends.

Christmas Communion Worship

Sunday, December 25 ~ 10:00 a.m.

(no Sunday School; one service only)

New Year's Day Communion Worship

Sunday, January 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.

(no Sunday School; one service only)

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*** THIS MONTH'S *
birthdays**

1- Tylo Spellman
3- Allie Clausen
5- Lyle Henderson
Dixie Obermiller
6- Carolyn Forney
Michael Streeter

Carter Graham
7- Sherilyn Hendricks
8- Angela Arentsen
10- Marlys Bauer
12- Sharon Meyers
Holly Curtiss

Crystal Duester
Melanie Brockhaus
Cassidy Tennant
13- Ila Loebig
Don Hendrickson
14- David Runge
16- Sean Evans

17- Annette Harris
Jimmy Tallent
18- Ed Foley
19- David Forney
Wanda Enns
Keegan Shultz-Ramer
21- Clarence Cafferty
22- Emily Wisch
Mario Grim
23- Gertrude Beatty
Bryan Royle

Moriah Chandler
24- Nina Croskrey
Merlin Burgland
25- Ruby Fish
26- Forrest Holoubeck
27- La Moine Meester
28- Tyler Divan
29- Bret Pettit
Brinlee Pettit
30- Sandy Townsend
31- Esther Burgland

9 - Dick & Kathy Larson

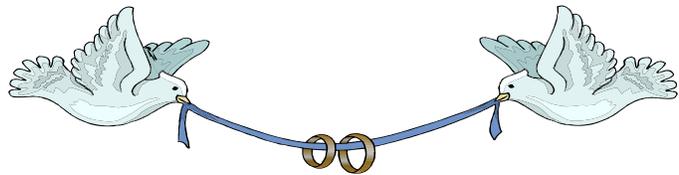
16 - Phillip & Pat Hilty

18 - Dan & Leigh Spellman

21- Larry & Sherri Peterson

30 - Bob & Corinne Olmsted

31- Forrest & Tanya Holoubeck



Events

60th Anniversary

Bob and Corinne Olmsted

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Meadowlark Manor Club House

2110 30th Avenue, Kearney

(no gifts please)

*There will be NO
Community Meal*

On Sunday, December 25

Please join us for worship

At 10:00 a.m.



Christmas Caroling with Faith Friends

Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m.

We will visit several places and then return to the church for soup, finger foods and fellowship.

Children's Christmas Program

Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10

3:00 p.m.



Nurse's

Notes



Clorox Versus Peroxide

Nita Fulmer was kind enough to e-mail me this article. I thought with the flu season coming up it would be a cheap easy way to keep everything clean. Here goes:

Very interesting and inexpensive. This was written by Becky Ransey of Indiana (a doctor's wife) and I want to share it with you. She was over recently for coffee and smelled the bleach I had used. This is what she told me. "I would like to tell you the benefits of that plain little ole bottle of 3% peroxide you can get for under \$ 1 at any drug store. What does bleach cost? My husband has been in the medical field for over 36 years and most doctors don't tell you about peroxide. Have you ever smelled beach in a doctor's office? NO!!!! Why? Because it smells, and it is no healthy!!! Ask the Nurses who work in the doctor's offices and ask them if they use bleach at home. They are wiser and know better!! Did you also know bleach was invented in the late 40's? It's chlorine folks!!! It was used to kill our troops. Peroxide was invented during WWI in the 20's. It was used to save and help clean the needs of our troops and hospitals.

Here are some way that you can use Peroxide:

Please think about this:

1. Take one capful (the little white cap that comes with the bottle) and hold in your mouth for 10 minutes daily, then spit it out. (I do it when I bathe). No more canker sores and your teeth will be whiter without expensive pastes. Use instead of mouthwash.
2. Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of peroxide to keep them free of germs.
3. Clean your counters and table tops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. Simply put a little on your dishrag when you wipe or spray it on the counters.
4. After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour Peroxide on it to kill salmonella and other bacteria.
5. I had fungus on my feet for years until I sprayed a 50/50 mixture of Peroxide and water on them (especially the toes) every night and let dry.
6. Soak any infections or cuts in 3% Peroxide for 5 to 10 minutes several times a day. My husband has seen Gangrene that would not heal with any medicine but was healed by soaking in Peroxide.
7. Fill a spray bottle with 50/50 mixture of Peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system like bleach or most other disinfectants will.

All Church Meeting Notes

Meeting held November 14, 2011

Discipleship Report: Presented and highlighted by Karen McBride, Ad Council Chair. Successes for 2011 include raising \$50,000 in our Challenge Campaign and hiring a new youth and children's ministry staff member. Goals for 2012 include seeking ways to bring new followers to Christ.

Membership Report: Presented by Pastor Michelle. We celebrate 20 new or reinstated members for 2011 with several planning to join. A moment of silence was held for nine deceased members: Evelyn Gilliland, Margaret Daggett, Phyllis Wilsey, Betty Miller, Evelyn Routh, Elmer Dahl, Lloyd Freburg, Marjorie Hughes and Joan Petersen.

Trustees Report: Presented by Kathy Garrelts. Current safety concerns include our elevator and handicapped accessibility. Otto Lohrenz spoke regarding the Capital Fund and its purpose, which is to provide funding for special Trustees projects that require large expenditures.

Budget Report: Presented by Sue Divan, Chair of Finance Committee. Anticipated revenue for 2012 is less than 2011. Members of the Finance Committee and Ad Council voted on a motion by Amy Bear to reinstate \$10,000 to the Trustees line item in the 2012 budget. Motion carried. Total budget for 2012 is \$231,575. Total anticipated income for 2012 is \$219,679.

Election of Church Leadership: Pastor Michelle presented names of new committee members. After some other additions, Leadership slate for 2012 was approved.

Miller Estate: \$400,000 is in a fixed income bond fund at the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation. Of this, \$50,000 is designated for scholarships and \$10,000 is earmarked for Troop 158. The Miller home, when sold, will add to this fund. Karen shared that the Administrative Council is in no hurry to make decisions regarding this gift and that we need to determine a consensus process, which may involved a consultant.

Transparency is desired and communication is of the utmost importance. Linda Johnson spoke on behalf of the Trustees, asking that we consider using Miller Estate funds in three areas: updating or replacing our elevator, completing the Capital Fund so Trustees may begin using the interest revenue, and completing the window drive.

Pastor Michelle urged us to remember that our ultimate goal is that of transforming lives. Meeting closed with prayer.

Suzann Christensen (notes edited for Newsletter for size; full minutes and meeting packet available in the Church office)



Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

CCF Helpers

- 7—Kim Graham
- 14—Sandy Townsend
- 21—Pat Hilty



CCF
Wednesdays
3:30 p.m.

Community Meal

No Community Meal in December



USHERS

THIS MONTH

8:45 AM

- 4** - Steve & Suzann Christensen and Ashley & Shauna Brown. **Scripture** - Penny Buettner
- 11** - Darrell & Joan Epping and Doug & Deb Jesch. **Scripture** - Roene Fox
- 18** - Steve Christensen & Jacob Brown and Dan & Jason Odens. **Scripture** - Deb Jesch
- 25** - Marie Danburg, Kathy Larson, Dayla Rhodus & Diane Steinbrink. **Scripture** - Kathy Larson

WEDNESDAYS
6:30-8:30PM
DINNER PROVIDED



MATTHEW 5:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

DECEMBER 7: *Optional Attendance*—Travel to Westmark Church between Holdrege and Loomis to join the Faith Praise Team in performing music. *Contact Cassy for details if interested!*

DECEMBER 14: Ringing the Salvation Army bell at Wal-Mart (north doors) AND preparing gifts to sponsor a family from our community

DECEMBER 21: "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and how it still relates.

DECEMBER 28: NO UMYF (Merry CHRISTmas!)

Cassy Heuertz
Children & Youth
Ministries Director

Renovations Update

Candy sales have begun for the Christmas Season. We have added a new candy this year— that being the red Cinnamon Candy (\$2.50). This is in addition to our Peanut Brittle (\$3.50), Toffee (\$4.00) and Anise Candy (\$2.50). We will be selling each Sunday after both services and have been selling the candy at Ace Hardware on Saturdays. If you need to purchase candy during the week, please call Annette Froid (237-7849).

The three new outside doors for the church have been ordered and are due to be shipped the middle of December. Due to some weather issues back East this summer the manufacturers are behind and this has slowed up our order for the doors.

Renovation Committee thanks everyone once again for all their support for our projects in 2011. Again we have been able to do some needed renovations at Faith with the successful fundraisers this year.



CAPITAL FUND: DONATIONS

Contributions without a designee: *Steve & Suzann Christensen, Philip & Pat Hilty, Carol McIntosh, Dan & Zeanna Odens, Otto & Elma Lohrenz and Rich & Annette Froid.*

In Honor of Dayla Rhodus, Amy Bear, Larry Nansel and Roberta Nansel upon their birthdays: *Rich & Annette Froid.*

The support of these contributors is greatly appreciated. ~ The Capital Fund Committee

2011 TRUSTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUMC Trustees Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who help support the maintenance and improvement of our church facilities. The committee has been mindful of budget restraints in making decisions effecting our buildings and grounds. Our year in review shows mostly "maintaining", which doesn't always look flashy but is very necessary.

I (Patty McQueen) submit to the Congregation this list for 2011:

- * CD Burner Repaired
- * Phone System Repairs
 - * Microphone Repair
- * New Pastor Body Pack & Receiver for Wireless System
- * Mower Serviced/Repaired. New Battery for Mower
 - * Snow Blower Serviced
- * Lawn/Weed Control care
 - * Garden Shed built
 - * Van Maintenance
 - * Van A/C Repair
 - * Van Tires
- * Shelving for Stage Storage Room
 - * Sr. High Sofa Repair
- * Boiler Inspection Paperwork for State
 - * Boiler Valve/Pump Repair
- * Painting of outside door/window trim and Bell Tower
 - * Sidewalk caulking completed
- * Parsonage Master Bedroom Ceiling Repairs
- * Parsonage Master Bath Shower Repairs
 - * Parsonage Clothes Dryer Repair
- * Flow adjustments on Drinking Fountains
- * Minor repairs to leaks, doors, light fixtures, locks etc.
 - * New Doorbell

- * New Front Door Magnet/Security repair (also changed code to front door)
- * Removal of curtain & installation of Boy Scout display case in basement
 - * Electrical outlet installed upstairs
 - * Ice Maker Repair
- * Lightening Strike caused electrical problems
- * Lightening Strike caused Smoke Alarm system problems – working on upgrade as well
- * Window Project suspended for the Capital Campaign Push
- * (2010) Buying copier for \$1 and dropping Service contract saving us \$275 month
 - * Locked in 260 week Linen Contract for \$35 a month.
- * Purchased (with trade-in) used industrial-grade Vacuum

Renovations:

- * Tiled stairways, upstairs bathrooms, rooms N&S of stage, Choir Room
- * Replaced 3 Metal Outside doors (2 South, 1 North) with more energy efficient
 - Contributions by Others (approved by Trustees)
- * Grounds Grooming (trees/bushes) – Methodist Men
 - * GaGa Pit – Youth paid for & installed
- * Boy Scout Work Days on grounds and outbuilding

Ongoing:

- * Elevator Issues; possible repair/replacement. * Emergency Lighting/Exit Sign installation.
- * Accessibility Issues on the grounds. * Handicap Pews. * New Riding Lawn Mower.

I want to say Thank You for the prayer blanket. It warms me clear through and soothes me as well. A thanks for all the cards, calls and visits from Pastor Michelle. I do feel blessed and know God is with me.

God Bless to All ~ Diane Steinbrink

Faith Family:

Thank You for your thoughts, prayers and the prayer blanket after my father passed away.

Mary Mendlik

CCF:

Thank You to the kids who brought treats instead of tricks. It was appreciated—a pleasant surprise.

Thanks again ~ Doneta Gifford

Thank You to all the ladies that came in to cover for me during my wedding and honeymoon.
Thank You to those of you who blessed us with cards, well wishes and many smiles.

Thank You for the Prayer Blanket! It is amazing to know others are praying for us! — Selia Martin

CCF Kids & Sponsors:

Thank you for the “reverse trick or treat”! We really got some good candy, apples & bananas. Thanks bunches kids for thinking of us! ~ Bill & Alta Crapson



To those who bring sunshine to the lives of others... cannot keep it from themselves!

Thank you so much for the Halloween gift of fruit and candies you brought to me yesterday. It was so nice of you. May you have a fun Halloween and many other great days!

Sincerely, Mrs. Hal Saum

Please let the CCF kids/helpers know how nice it was to have them stop at my place with Halloween treats. It was a treat to have them stop in.
Happy Halloween! Thank you! Marlys Bauer

Announcements

*2012 Calendars are now available in the Overflow Room

*Advent Devotional Books are still available— contact the Church Office if you haven't received one yet

*Thank you to those who helped with the Live Nativity at Christmas on the Bricks!

*Church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and Tuesday, January 2 for Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

*Weight Watchers will be adding a meeting at Faith on Saturday mornings. Please continue to check with the church office (237-2550) before scheduling your event.

* There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25 (MERRY CHRISTMAS!) & Sunday, January 1 (HAPPY NEW YEAR!) due to the church service schedule.



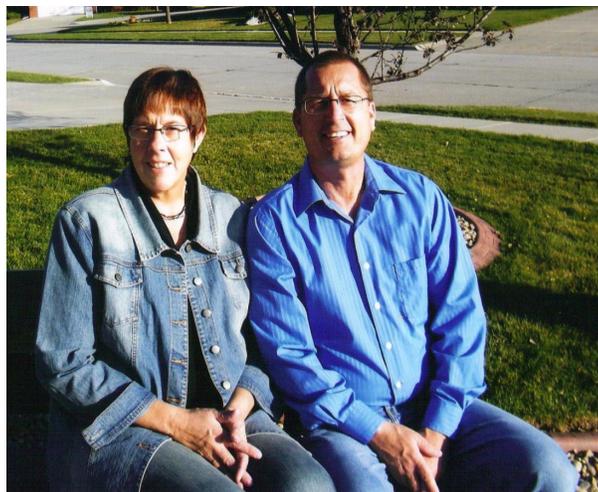
Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Rod and Amy were married on October 21, 1978. They have two daughters and one son: Ryan who lives in Kearney with his wife Erin; Amanda Pfeil who lives in Alma with her husband, Nathan and children Jessica 7, Brett 5 and Nolan 3; and Ashley who lives here in Kearney.

Both Rod and Amy have been members at Faith for 21 years and both were confirmed United Methodists, Rod at Ong UMC and Amy at Shickley UMC. Rod works at Central Nebraska Home Care as a controller and Amy works at Hair Junction.

Amy loves to gold and they both love Storm Hockey (Rod says he loves ALL hockey) and Husker football.

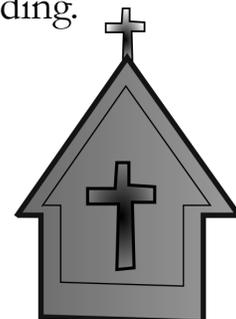


Rod and Amy Bear

You may see Charlene at the 8:45 a.m. worship service sitting in the chairs in the back of the Sanctuary. She has been attending Faith for many years. She has an older brother and a younger sister that both live out of state. She works at Walgreen's.

You will often see Charelene at our monthly Community Meal with her dad George, who lives at Kearney Manor. He is a retired pastor and a regular attender of the monthly worship service that Charles Kelliher and Pastor Michelle lead there. Charlene grew up in the Wesleyan church and her favorite hobby is reading.

Charlene Francis





Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Rick and Jacque Triplett met at Kearney High and married shortly after graduating. They both spent most of their growing up years in the Kearney area. Rick served in the Navy for 8 years, so they spent some time on each coast. Rick works at Wardcraft Homes in Minden and Jacque works in the Financial Aid Office at UNK. The joy in their lives is that their 4 children and 9 grandchildren all live close so they can be an active part of their growing up. Tom and his wife, Kristy and children Travis (20) and Tressa (12) live in Lincoln. Everyone else currently lives in Kearney. This includes son Tony and his daughter, Gracie (7) who helps usher sometimes; daughter Michelle Hamaker and children Jocelyn (18), Zane (15), Isabella (9) and Natalie (7); and daughter Allison Kwiatkowski and her husband, Scott and children Keely (3) and Cain (1). Both, Rick and Jacque have served on various church committees and are very active as ushers at first service.



Rick & Jacque Triplett

8:45 AM

Georgianne Anderson * Bryan Brede

Carrie Bruggeman * Patti Chochrane-Crites

Gordon & Joann Leaf * Caleb Schoneman

Tony & Gracie Triplett * Cindy Mangels

Bob Danburg * Jane Kantor

Derrick, Kristin, Solana & Noah Burbul

11:00 AM

Gary & Pat Johnson * Tess Hufford * Mike Flury

Andrea Zecha * Lorraine Bagaus * Gwen Traxler

Marie May * Ron Alexander *

Betty Ehlers * Michelle Green * Stacey Holmes

* Abby & Danielle Larson

Terry Larson * Bobby Lewelly

Esther Pemberton * Carolyn Walker

November 2011 Visitors!