



Faith in Action

Faith United
Methodist Church

January 2011



Good News for the New Year!

Friends, thanks to the hard work of many of our church leaders and to your generosity (we had a 14% increase in our 2011 financial commitments!), it is my great JOY to say that in 2011 we can expect at Faith to meet our entire budget (including Mission Shares) as well as pay off some of the debt that we are carrying into the new year. Your finance committee, Staff Parish Committee and Ad Council made some difficult decisions regarding finances and staff but it is so good to see that we are going to be FINANCIALLY STABLE in 2011!

Thanks also to the welcoming congregation we have and for those who have been inviting friends, family and neighbors to church we are seeing many NEW MEMBERS at Faith. You will soon be seeing their names/ faces on the bulletin board display at the top of the stairs.

As we look forward to a bright future with financial stability and new growth I pray that we can begin to reach NEW GOALS like training persons to do in home visits to persons in need. We have over 30 members who are home bound or living in assisted facilities. They so appreciate a short visit and a caring smile. We are also continuing to raise money to replace windows around the church- the difference in the building is definitely striking and I know the energy savings are paying off as well. There are plenty of "coming attractions" in 2011 that you will hear about and I pray that you will be involved in or lead one or more of our "new" ministries.

May 2011 be a year full of God's blessings and grace for us all!

Pastor Michelle

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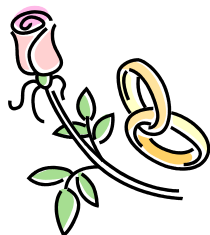


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Faith UMC
Family
Spotlight



***January Anniversaries***

- 4 - Marv & Carol Hilton
- 10 - Lyle & Lynda Henderson
- 14 - Lora & Rich Chandler
- Ron & Ila Loebig
- 27 - Stan & Roma Grube

Altar Flowers

REMINDER: If you signed up for altar flowers in 2010, please make sure you have given your contribution to the flower fund. Thank You!

2011 Altar Flower sign up available in the office now!



Nurse's
Notes



Are You Fit? Take Our 20-Second Test!

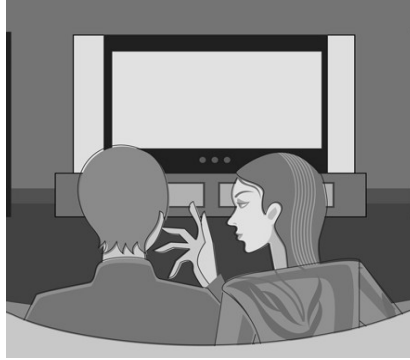
To measure your weight, you stand on a scale. But to measure your fitness levels, there's no simple or quick method. Yes, there are many scientific ways to measure fitness. But most of us don't have the opportunity to submit to formal testing to assess our strength and flexibility levels. Nor do we have the interest!

So how do you keep tabs on whether your fitness levels are healthy? Take the real-life fitness test! Take a few seconds and read the statements below.

For a person over the age of 45, you are probably in good physical shape if you can:

- ◆ Dance to a fast beat for more than 10 minutes without needing to sit and rest.
- ◆ Walk for 30 minutes straight without getting tired.
- ◆ Feel energized 14 hours after you wake up (so if you wake up at 7, you should still be going strong at 9 p.m.)
- ◆ Carry gallon-sized containers of milk or water in hand - or any heavy groceries from the car to the refrigerator - without feeling strained.
- ◆ Load your luggage into the overhead compartment on an airplane or train without feeling strained.
- ◆ Jump up and down 10 times without causing your heart to race.
- ◆ Carry a large basket of clothing up or down two staircases without struggle or strain.
- ◆ Trim your toenails without any discomfort from bending.
- ◆ Easily sit down on the floor and then stand up again.
- ◆ Raise your foot as high as your hip when kicking.
- ◆ Twist and look behind you without moving your feet.

If you experience discomfort or extreme tiredness from any of these activities, it's time to make a commitment to getting in better shape today. Your health depends on it!



New Women of Faith Event!

Who? Female friends and members of Faith

What? Christian Chick Flick Day- Lunch and a Movie

When? Saturday, January 22 –lunch at 11:30 followed by a movie and follow up conversation

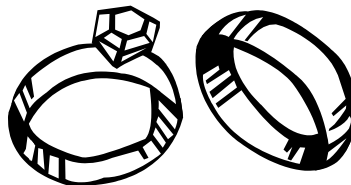
Movie and lunch menu TBA- mark your calendars, girls of all ages, this will be fun!



United Campus Ministries Outreach

January 23, 2011

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



MAKE THE PERFECT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Resolve to give the gift of love to your spouse by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend!! 2011 weekend dates are: February 25-27 in Kearney; March 18-20 in Omaha; September 23-25 at Camp Comeca near Cozad and October 14-16 in Lincoln. For more information, please contact:

Russell and Lanita Evans

2002 Cedarberry Rd.

North Platte, NE 69101

russellevans@internet-usa.net or call 308-520-1491.



Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

Hobby Sunday

January 16, 2011
1:00 p.m. -
6:00 p.m.

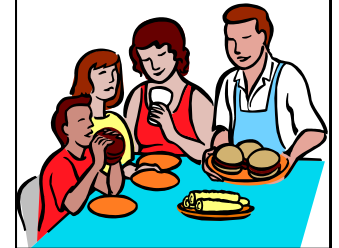


CCF

Wednesdays
3:30 p.m.

Community Meal

Bacon Sunday!
January 30 Noon



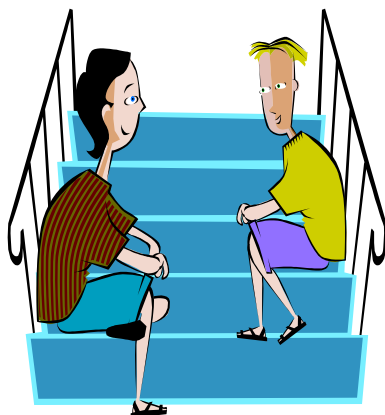
ATTRACTIONS FOR 2011...

Book Club

Men's Bible Study

Women's Chick Flick Bible Study

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION...



January Youth Group Schedule

Wednesday nights 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

In January we will:

- * Continue learning about God through the Bible
 - * Play games and laugh
 - * Share great meals with good friends
- * Go out on the town at least once (weather permitting)
- * Begin planning for Mission Possible 2011 (*Your mom wants you to go to church*)

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAPITAL FUND

In honor of Fran Wilson

Philip & Pat Hilty, Larry & Sherri Peterson, Sherry Krell

Donations with no designations

Art & Millie Otto, Steve & Suzann Christensen, Darlene Cerny

In honor of Pastor Michelle and the Church Family

Keith & Marie Danburg

In memory of Evelyn Gilliland

Evelyn Anderson, Otto & Elma Lohrenz

A Christmas Wish to Larry & Roberta Nansel and Marian Wisch

Otto & Elma Lohrenz

The contributions to the Capital Fund are greatly appreciated. The Capital Fund Committee.

Renovations update: Candy Sales for 2010!



We just want to thank everyone for their support of the candy sales again this year for Renovations. We sold at Church for four Sundays and at ACE Hardware on Saturdays for about four weeks and every crumb was gone by December 19th after first service. Our profit this year on the candy was \$ 912.15.

A big Thank You to those on Renovations who helped make the candy, donated ingredients and those who sold it on Saturdays or Sundays.

We will pursue the tile projects for the stairways and the upstairs after the first of the year.

Thank you again everyone for you help with this fundraiser!

Annette Froid, Renovation Chair



Nurture Committee Annual Report 2010



Brought to you by the Nurture
Committee 2010

We will be continuing many of
the activities from 2010 and
coming in 2011

Dinners out as a group throughout the year.

BBQ at Jesch's in June.

Caroling in December.

Hanging of the Greens in November.

Movies throughout the summer.

Warm Hearts Coat Drive in October.

Worship in the Park in September.

Coffee Bar throughout the year.

Mother and Father Day muffins.

Sedar Meal and speaker.

End of CCF Party including games with CE and
Nurture.

Yoga Class with Lisa Finley.

Go for a Ride Day with the Millers.

Donut Day in June.

Waffle Supper in March.

CCF Christmas Party with Church Members.

CCF Kids delivered Halloween treats to people.

Visitor bags with bread.

Book Club

Men's Bible Study Group

Women's Bible Study Group

Calling Group for visitors and shut ins.

Ushers - Work with Steve & Suzann Christensen
& Janelle Beatty on training, scheduling and a
breakfast thank you for ushers.

Talent Show

Flier in visitor bag of what opportunities there are.

More outreach to visitors.

Members information in Faith in Action.

More Dinners Out

Sedar Meal & Speaker

Game Day

Jubilee Center Meals.

Evangelism Training

Bread making party for visitors bags.

More time to greet people and make an effort to
introduce people to visitors.

BethAnn Reed & Angela Arentsen will stock
pews and check pencils.

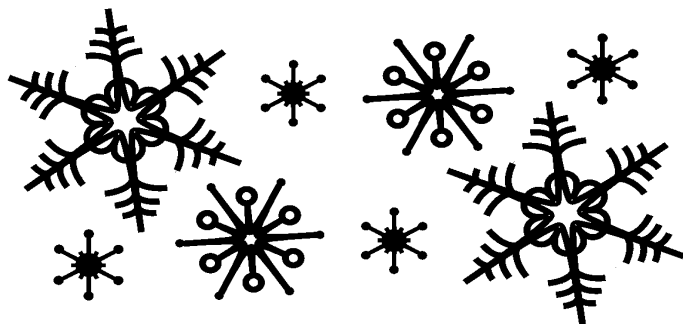
Movie & Concert Etc groups to go together.

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Lights Tour for those who cannot drive
at night.

College care package by Kim Graham.

Flee Market/Craft Market in the fall by Diane
Steinbrink.



Thank You

Dear Faith UMC:

The NE AIDS Project office here in Kearney would like to thank you for hosting this years World AIDS Day service at your church. Your church sanctuary was a perfect location for our candlelight vigil and we feel that many lives were impacted here in your church this past Wednesday.

Thanks again to your Youth Group and their leaders for helping to set up and tear down tables and chairs in your fellowship hall, for keeping water and tea glasses full at the tables and thanks to the many others who worked behind the scenes to help make sure this service and meal that was served was done in a loving manner.

Thanks again and may God bless each and every one of you during this holiday season.

Andrew Brackett & Erin Cantrell (NAP)

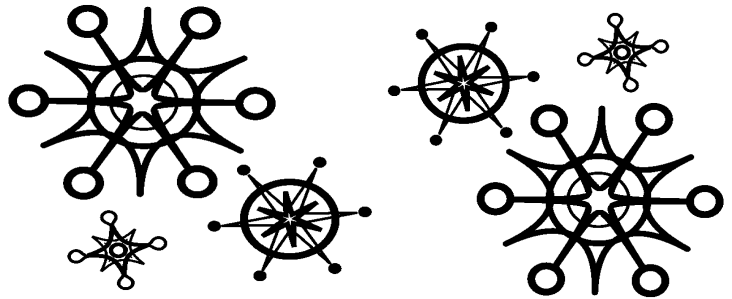
Dear Pastor Michelle & Congregation:

Thank you for your very generous gift of winter coats, gloves and scarves to the Kewanee, IL Alternative School. There are a lot of young people owning coats and hats this winter because of your gift. Thank you again!

Ken & Diane Nikels

Thank you to all who remembered me with well wishes on my 100th birthday. God has been so good to me. God bless each of you!

Lucile Schweitzer



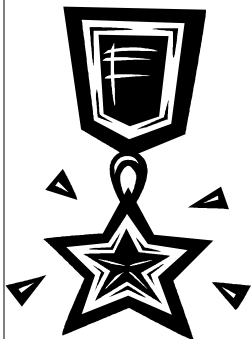
Our thanks to the carolers for their visit last Sunday December 5. We were pleasantly surprised and enjoyed their visit immensely. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Clarence & Phyllis Wilsey

Thank you so much for your support. It was truly a blessing opening the box and finding the prayer quilt. I love the blanket! Thank you so much! I especially love that you have me in your prayers. God bless your congregation. The youth I work with say "Hi!".

Happy Holidays ~ Kenny S.

(the young girl who works with the Hispanic youth in Omaha and does a lot of it with her own money)



January Honoree

Pastor Michelle Reed

It seems appropriate that we begin the new year by honoring our pastor, Reverend Reed. She has served Faith Church capably for several years and we want to show our appreciation and support. She has demonstrated sincere commitment to her profession and our church, and has been energetic, resourceful and innovative. She merits our encouragement. We urge all of you to recognize her efforts and achievements with a contribution to the Capital Fund in her honor.

The Capital Fund Committee



Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Rich & Annette were married in Fort Collins, CO in 1970. Rich obtained a Masters Degree from the University of Northern Colorado and then moved to Kearney in 1972. They have two children; David & wife Kim and Mike & wife MaryJo; and four grandchildren; Zachary 7, Mikaela 5, Avery 4 and Gabby 2.

Rich is a piano tuner and a retired social studies teacher from Kearney Public Schools. He taught at Kearney Junior High for 16 years and at Kearney High School for 12 years. Annette is a retired day care provider for teachers' children. Before their boys were born, she worked as a secretary to Earl Rademacher at Kearney State College.

Rich & Annette are members of Dobytown Kiwanis where they help with the backpacks for students each year and volunteer at the Kearney Area Children's Museum. They love to travel when possible and Rich loves his photography hobby. (The grandchildren are well photographed!!!) They both love sports, especially UNK and Husker teams.

Rich serves our church by tuning the pianos while Annette serves on the Trustees Committee, Renovations project and fundraising for those projects.

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Keith & Marie Danburg married in 1987 at Faith UMC. Keith has attended Faith all his life. He has a son, Stu, of Lincoln and a daughter, Stacey, of Denver, CO along with 7 grandchildren. Keith retired from Eatons in 2000 after working there for 32 years. He belongs to the Central NE Auto Club, NE Hotrod Association and cherishes his '62 Olds Starfire and '73 Custom VW Bug. Keith also loves music; he plays the guitar and sings with "Rough Around the Edges", the Praise Band and Chancel Choir. He also enjoys golfing, dancing and biking. Keith has served with many of the church committees.

Marie "retired" 10 years ago but returned to work in two weeks. She has been a surgery nurse since 1966 and has been at Good Sam since 1972. She also works in the Red Cloud Surgery Dept. on Wednesdays. Marie has three sons; Dan and Dick of Kearney and Mike of Lincoln. Marie's real passion is the rescue and survival of any and all animals. She loves placing them in homes (so if you want an animal call Marie). Keith and Marie own two Dachshunds. Her hobby is accompanying Keith to his activities. Marie has also served on many committees in the church.

Keith & Marie are both active in Sunday School and Bible Studies at Faith UMC.



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