

# Faith in Action

# SEPTEMBER

As you might remember, the head of a company survived 9/11 because his son started kindergarten.

Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.

One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident.

One of them missed his bus.

One's car wouldn't start.

One couldn't get a taxi.

One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone... all the little things that annoy me. I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong; the children are slow getting dressed, you can't seem to find the car keys, you hit every traffic light... don't get mad or frustrated. It may just be that God is at work watching over you.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

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# September



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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1- Joan Petersen     | 12- Rex Wiles        |                     |                      |
| 3- Delores Swift     | Karen McBride        |                     |                      |
| Jacque Triplett      | 13- Marci Gilbertson |                     |                      |
| 4- Aileen Osborn     | Carmen Brewer        | 19- Wauneta Clark   | Ashley Brown         |
| Jacob Garrelts       | Jenny Zwink          | Rod Bear            | 26- Burty Macwan     |
| Samuel Reed          | 15- Barb Saum        | 20- George Brown    | Andrew Reed          |
| 5- Rhelynn Schriener | Chet Graham          | Leon Welsh          | 27- Lola Mae Johnson |
| Rhidelle Schriener   | Evan Clausen         | 20- Katelyn Korb    | Elma Lohrenz         |
| 6- Jerry Idt         | 16- Sharon Buck      | 21- Kristi Streeter | Peter Rishel         |
| 7- Donna Carson      | Dan Brown            | 22- Vicki Wisch     | Michael Henderson    |
| 8- Barbara Rupp      | Graham Duester       | Heidi Tennant       | Lindsay Divan        |
| Robb Carter          | 17- Carl Royle       | Casey Arentsen      | 28- Bob Bradley      |
| 10- Marjorie Hughes  | Julie Royle          | 24- Kelsee Graham   | 29- Lynda Henderson  |
| 11- Butch Krotz      | Lance Bain           |                     |                      |

1 - Rick & Jacque Triplett

2 - Rick & Maggie Tighe

2 - Bernie & Barb Petska

3 - Chet & Kim Graham

4 - Eugene & Soffia Polhemus

4 - Keith & Marie Danburg

## Anniversaries in September

6 - Rick & Carol Reicheneker

10 - Neil & Denise Miller

13 - Lee & Rachel Woollen

29 - Andrew & Angie Olson

15 - John & Annette Harris

15 - Roger & Jan Pollat

19 - Bob & Sherry Krell

21 - Merlin & Esther Burgland

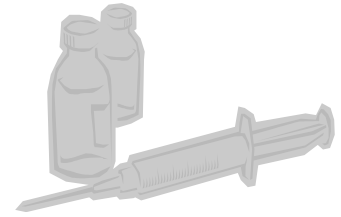
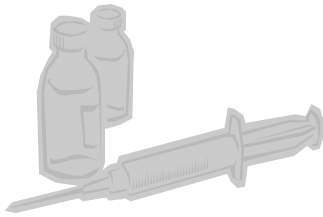
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Nurse's

# Notes



## Flu Campaign

Flu is a respiratory infection caused by a number of viruses. The viruses pass through the air and enter your body through your nose or mouth. Between 5% and 20% of people in the U.S. get the flu each year. The flu can be serious or even deadly for elderly people, newborn babies and people with certain chronic illnesses.

Symptoms of the flu come on suddenly and are worse than those of the common cold.

They may include:

\* **Body or muscle aches**

\* **Chills**

\* **Cough**

\* **Fever**

\* **Headache**

\* **Sore throat**

**Is it a cold or the flu?** Colds rarely cause a fever or headaches. Flu almost never causes an upset stomach. And "stomach flu" isn't really flu at all, but gastroenteritis.

The main way to keep from getting the flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine. If you get the flu, your health care provider may prescribe medicine to help your body fight the infections and lessen symptoms.

*NIH: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*

# Announcements & Events

## Gifts & Graces Breakfast

Sunday October 9  
10:00 a.m.

Has God been "nudging" you? You have been gifted and graced with abilities, wisdom and dreams for ministry here at Faith! If you are interested in how you can be a resource for leading, growing or supporting the church, please come to our Gifts and Graces Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall). You will hear from others who have been giving their time and talents and have the opportunity to join or start a ministry team at Faith.



## Waffle Man

Sunday September 25  
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join United Campus Ministry for their annual fundraiser being held at First United Methodist Church 4500 Linden Drive.

## *National Back to Church Sunday*

Come worship in the Great Outdoors!  
Sunday, Sept. 18

**ONE service 10:00 a.m.**

Great Music! Great Fun! Family Friendly! Invite a Friend!



Garage Sale will be Saturday, Sept. 17th from 8-1. We will be setting up Friday evening from 5-9. Please have any items to the church by Friday. We will need lots of workers so please volunteer. With school starting and college back in session, we can use clothing, coats, furniture, kitchen goods, etc. Proceeds go to the general budget. Please call, 236-6530, or email, [sue.divan@frontier.com](mailto:sue.divan@frontier.com) Sue Divan if you can help for an hour or two. Thanks!

## **THE GREAT RECOVERY**

### **It Starts with You!**

The past two years have been hard and many are hurting. It's our place to join together as believers and lead America out of this economic mess.

Faith UMC is offering a Financial Peace University class that will teach you God's way of handling money. Together we'll climb out - one family, one church, one community at a time.

**Classes begin Thursday September 15, 2011.**

Call 308-237-2550 to register today!

[www.thegreatrecovery.com](http://www.thegreatrecovery.com)



**Chancel Choir Practice**  
Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.

### Hobby Sunday

Break until further Notice.

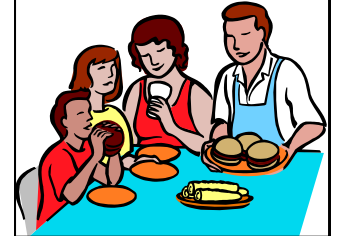


# CCF

Wednesdays  
3:30 p.m.

### Community Meal

September 25,  
2011  
12:00 p.m.



# USHERS



8:45 AM

11:00 AM

**4** - Steve & Suzann Christensen & Rick & Jacque Triplett. **Scripture** - Penny Buettner

**11** - Steve & Suzann Christensen & Chase & Tyler Divan. **Scripture** - Keith Danburg

**18** - Bill & Alta Crapson & Pat Bailey & Darrell Pettit. **Scripture** - Doug Jesch

**25** - Dan & Rachel Brown Family.  
**Scripture** - Rachel Brown

**4** - Jon Obermiller Family

**Scripture** - Carolyn Forney

**11** - Tony Miller Family

**Scripture** - Madisyn Miller

**18** - Sue Anderson & Kim & Kelsee Graham

**Scripture** - Barb Saum

**25** - Rich Chandler Family

**Scripture** - Moriah Chandler

## September Youth Group

### Schedule

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

Suppers! Youth is back to regular schedule beginning September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Join the fun every Wednesday!



# CAPITAL FUND: DONATIONS

**Contributions with no designee:** *Rich & Annette Froid, Steve & Suzann Christensen, Dan & Zeanna Odens, Pat & Phyllis Hilty and Carol McIntosh.*

**In honor of Larry & Roberta upon their wedding anniversary:** *Bob & Corinne Olmsted, Rich & Annette Froid, and Otto & Elma Lohrenz.*

*In honor of Randy Shackleton: Bob & Phyllis Bennett.*

**In honor of Otto & Elma Lohrenz upon their wedding anniversary:**  
*Larry & Roberta Nansel.*

**In memory of Evelyn Routh:** *Bob & Corinne Olmsted.*

**In honor of Steve & Suzann Christensen:** *Rich & Annette Froid.*

**In honor of the Sunday School Teachers:** *Bob & Phyllis Bennett.*

**In honor of Bob & Phyllis Bennett:** *Dan & Zeanna Odens.*

Thank you very much for your donations, The Capital Fund Committee.

# Welcome August 2011 Visitors!

## 8:45 AM

Bryan Brede \* Shawna Buettner \* Bob Eberhard

Mike & Cassandra Heuertz

Jack & Sanna Landin

Vic & Marie Coy \* Melody Rockefeller

Bob Strachan \* Shirley VanDuzer

Lee Ann Young

## 11:00 AM

Paul Stroh & Family \* Amy & Jessica Chism  
Diane Wolf \* Dan & Gay Correll \* Sherryl Wilke

Gary & Jeanie Deaney \* Judy Dvorin

Bo, Michelle & Cole Egge \* Keith Fox

Bonnie Hahn \* Sandra Hanson \* Barb Koenig

Brittany Kube \* Donna & Eugene Marshall

Jeff, Leah, Becky, Candy & Hannah Marshall

Jan Moore \* Esther Pemberton

Stephanie Crouch \* Shalaine Young

# Prime Festival

**Needed items for Prime:**

- 5 - 32 oz. frozen corn
- 5 - 32 oz. frozen peas
- 5 - 32 oz. green beans
- 5 bunches of celery
- 40 lbs. of potatoes
- 10 lbs. carrots
- Tomatoes
- 4 head of cabbage
- 7 dozen eggs
- 2 large jars pickle relish (64 oz.)
- 1 - 24 pk. Bottled Water
- 1 - 24 pk. Coke
- 1 - 24 pk. Diet Coke
- 3 - 16 oz boxes Saltines
- Homemade Pies

Once again, Renovations will be serving the concession stand at the Prime Festival on Thursday, October 13. we would appreciate your help with donated food items for the soup and sandwiches for this event. A list of the needed items is below and also on a poster in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to sign up to donate. We will also need homemade pies!!! Last year we sold 55 pies at the Prime Festival. Remember we can use fruit or crème pies for this event.

Our profit last year for the day's concession stand was \$ 2800. we hope to achieve this again this year. Renovations is looking at replacing the old white outside entrance doors to the stairways with sturdy metal doors so our profit from Prime Festival will go toward that renovation project.

Thank you in advance for all your help!

Dear Faith Family,

Shortly after surgery, I received a card that said "There is a circle of caring all around and you are right in the middle." That's what receiving a prayer quilt feels like. I've felt surrounded and supported and lifted by prayers for the past month. "Thank you" is a woefully inadequate expression for how much your phone calls, good thoughts, e-mails, cards, words of comfort and encouragement, and prayers mean to me. I truly am overwhelmed by the power of prayer. After meeting with my oncologist and a radiation oncologist to discuss test results, it was decided that I do not need either chemotherapy or radiation. GOD BLESS all my prayer warriors! I am grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you.

Suzann Christensen



Dear Faith Methodist Family,

I would like to say a big THANK YOU for the beautiful prayer quilt! Special Thanks to my friend Mary Helen Samp for presenting it to me. You have no idea how much this meant to me and how special it makes me feel every time I use it. I truly feel "covered in prayer".

Thank you for thinking of me.

Marilyn Van Vleet

# Announcements & Events

## *Holy Family Ecumenical Church*

Saturdays ~ 5:00 p.m.

Join Holy Family for services every Saturday followed by a Community Meal at 6:00 p.m.

## Member Recognition Celebration

The Nurture Committee will be leading the celebration throughout the next few months. Be checking your mail for a letter informing you of your celebration Sunday!

## **HELP WANTED!**

Faith is ready to hire a Christian Education and/or Youth Director part time person. Christian Education responsibilities include managing Sunday School program, coordinating children's events, programs and activities, promotion of camping, and supporting the Christian Education committee. Youth Director responsibilities include managing Wednesday evening Youth Program including curriculum, dinner planning, and special events. For full job description or for an application, please call 308-237-2550, or contact Roger Townsend at [roger.townsend@chiefind.com](mailto:roger.townsend@chiefind.com).

## *Finance Meeting*

September 12, 2011 ~ 6:00 p.m.

## *Drummers, strummers or singers*

We need YOU! To join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 and Sunday mornings at 8:45 as we Praise God and lead worship. We are especially in need of persons who play instruments of any kind to add life and excitement to our worship times together! If you want to know more, contact Pastor Michelle (308-240-1502), visit with Penny Buettner or Keith Danburg, or simply join us for a Wednesday rehearsal.



## Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Pat was born and raised in Kearney. Her grandfather, Ira Bailey, was raised here as well. He was a member of the old UB Church and Pat's Dad was a member of the Methodist Church. As a child she attended the First Christian Church. Pat left Kearney, after marrying, when she was 18. Pat was away from Kearney for about 25 years but made sure to return for visits off and on. She attended Faith in the late 70's and her family members have attended Faith for many years as well. When Pat returned to Kearney she made Faith her home church. She really enjoys Faith. Pat is a Mother of 6 children, the grandmother of 10 and great-grandma of 6.

# Pat Bailey

Kurt works at Midway Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram as Parts & Service Director.

Linda works for the Buffalo County Highway Department & has been employed with Buffalo county for the past 24 years. Hannah, 24, graduated from Kearney High & then attended Morningside College in Sioux City, IA where she played on the women's soccer team for 4 years. She is starting her 3rd year with Grand Island Senior High as a math teacher. She also served as the assistant girl's soccer coach for the past two years. Hannah recently married Gabe Evans on July 9, 2011 & they reside in Kearney. Gabe has a son, Karter, who is 5 years old. Lance, 20, graduated from Kearney High & is attending Central Community College in Grand Island where he is taking classes through the electrical program. While in high school Lance



was the goalie for the boys' soccer team & played Legion Baseball for Kearney. He is employed at Midway Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram as a lube technician for the Express Lane & with Johnson Brothers as a merchandiser. Kurt & Linda both grew up in North Platte & were married October 22, 1983; shortly thereafter they moved to Kearney & transferred their membership to Faith UMC in 1988 when Hannah was baptized. Kurt & Linda have served as youth group leaders & volunteered as ushers, helped with VBS & CCF; Linda has served on the Christian Ed Committee, taught Sunday school & volunteered in the nursery. The Johnsons like being outside and enjoy all kinds of sports, especially Husker football!

# Kurt & Linda Johnson

**Faith UMC Family Spotlight**

I grew up in Derby, KS just outside of Wichita. My dad had a sailboat and so we camped, sailed and sang our way through many weekends at Cheney Lake. In my freshman year my mom remarried and we moved to Phoenix, AZ where I lived for 10 years. In 1990 I moved back to Wichita and completed my BA at Wichita State University. I worked at the Child Support Enforcement Office in Wichita and took a part time job at my home church, Saint Paul UMC, as the Christian Education Director. It wasn't very long before God called me into full time ministry and I began working towards becoming an Ordained Elder. During my time at seminary I began to date my Nebraska friend Greg. We married in July of 1999 in Kansas City at the chapel at Saint Paul School of Theology. After graduation I received a call from the

District Superintendent in Lincoln where I served at Southminster UMC for 8 years. During this time Greg served at Lakeview UMC and Roca UMC (part time during seminary), Warren UMC and Faith UMC (full time after graduation) all in and around Lincoln. Greg and I have four children- Beth Ann (22), David (17), Samuel (10 on Sept. 4) and Andrew (7 on Sept. 26). Greg pastors at the Pleasanton and Haven's Chapel UMC's. He is an avid bicycle rider and vacation planner. Beth Ann lives here in Kearney with my mom, Sue Miller, a retired music teacher. I have learned to love gardening through our church garden and I also like to scrapbook in my spare time. We recently adopted two Chihuahuas, Harvey and Cecil, into our family. They enjoy romping around in the backyard, barking at anything that makes noises outside, eating and curling up in laps for naps.

**Pastors Greg & Michelle Reed**

Thelma has lived in Kearney all her life with the exception of one year spent in Holdrege, NE. She graduated from Kearney High and married Ralph ( Buzz ) Wise. He passed away in 2001. They have four children, Mick Wise, (Sue), Sue Divan, (John), Nancy Straatmann, (Randy), Audrey Carrier (Ty), five grandchildren, Ryan Wise, Heather Hasbrouck, Lindsay Divan, Sarah Straatmann, and Hannah Straatmann. They also have ten great-grandchildren. Thelma is a very lucky lady as all her children, all her grandchildren and all her great-grandchildren live in Kearney. In 1954 Buzz bought a body shop and Thelma became a "silent" working partner as the bookkeeper. In 1956 Buzz & Thelma took on the Marine business and became Buzz's Body Shop & Marine Supply. In 1971 we became Buzz's Marine. Her son owns it today. Thelma was on the cradle role at Grace Evangelical, was baptized and joined the church in April 1943 or 44. In the past she has served on the Funeral and Wedding committees and more recently the Memorial Committee. She enjoys her church family. Since retirement Thelma's hobbies have included spending time with family, boating, fishing, beading, painting, woodcrafts, and some stamping with Sue's help.



**Thelma Wise**