



Faith in Action

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Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference — together"

October 2015

Day of Service — October 18

Sunday, October 18 after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. To help us prepare for the day of service we need your help to bring items for the kits and shoebox gifts we will be making that day. We are making three kinds of kits that will be sent through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to places in need. We will also be making Christmas Shoebox gifts to reservations there.

Below are the items needed for each area:

- **Health kits** — hand towel (15"x25' to 17'x27'), washcloths, combs (at least 8" long), metal nail file or clipper
- **Birthing kits** — receiving blankets
- **School kits** — ruler, eraser (2" or larger)
- **Shoebox gifts** — small toys or gifts for various ages, candy, hat, mittens, Christmas wrapping paper, shoeboxes (either paper or plastic with separate tops)

Please bring the items to church before October 11 if possible and place them under the money pot in the Narthex or outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help.

10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Beginning on October 4 we will begin "Making Sense of the Bible" with Adam Hamilton. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible. The book begins with foundational questions such as, How and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? And, Is the Bible ever wrong? From there, Hamilton considers the real questions people frequently ask that continue to divide Christians and denominations alike. All are welcome to participate.

Faith Church Presents our

Annual Bazaar

Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

along with our

Soup & Salad Luncheon

lunch served from

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Lunch:

ages 13-adult: \$8.⁰⁰

ages 4-12: \$4.⁰⁰

All proceeds support

the mission work of

United Methodist Women

Come enjoy the day with us as you browse our great selection of homemade goodies — and our unique handcrafted items featuring Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas motifs. Join us for a lunch of homemade soup together with a variety of unique salads from which to choose. Bring a friend!



October Birthdays

10/1 — Rebecca Seaquist
 10/6 — Joan Fitch
 10/8 — Jenifer Stehr
 Matthew Spatafore
 10/11 — Kim Van Siclén
 10/12 — Judy Turk
 10/13 — Nicholas Pate
 Elliana DeNardo
 10/14 — Richard DeNardo
 10/15 — Linda Cox
 10/16 — Ward Mens
 10/17 — Carol Schuldt
 10/17 — Lynn Mens

10/18 — Lori DeNardo
 Joshua Pate
 Lauren Pate
 10/20 — Shawn Knudson
 10/23 — Debra Schneider
 Jack Groth
 10/24 — Richard Root
 Nicole Brummund
 10/27 — William Kostner
 10/29 — Rick Henk
 10/30 — Clayton Van Siclén

• *If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/changes. Happy Birthday, everyone!* •

Thank you to and for during September...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Maryanne Maurer, Ruth Campion, and Fred & Bonnie Dick
- **Liturgists:** Carol Schuldt, Sharon Yekaldo, Isabelle Pippert, and Bill Bonkowske
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, Jody & Brian Sielski, and others
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to Bonnie Dick, Ruth Campion and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the September newsletter
- **Thank you** for your September food donations to Neighbors! After the Duck Races, now we look ahead to Breakfast with Santa on December 5th. More information coming in the November newsletter. (Remember, Santa asks you to bring a food item to donate to Neighbors when you come to see him.)
- **The craft group sends a big "thank you"** for your wonderful generosity with helping us get a fine group of keys for our projects. We are busily using them now and they are just great!



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ◆ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care
- ◆ **Ben Brummund** had surgery on his kidney; he is home and doing well
- ◆ **Steve Peterson** has had a recurrence of his cancer

Care Centers:

- ◆ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*

Ongoing Concerns: *(these will be listed for 3 months. Please contact the church office for concerns to remain on the list longer.)*

- ◆ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.

Concerns beyond our doors:

- ◆ Those being persecuted for their faith
- ◆ Those separated from family
- ◆ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ◆ Those who are hungry
- ◆ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ◆ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ◆ Those who grieve
- ◆ Those who are uncertain about the future

We Extend our Sympathy:

- ◆ Our sympathy to **Ann & Charles Beardshear** on the sudden death of Ann's aunt.
- ◆ Our sympathy to **Vern Hauser** on the death of his wife Lois on September 9.

We Welcomed in Baptism:

- ◆ During Sept. 27 worship, Faith church welcomed in baptism brothers **Carter Johnson & Evan Johnson**. Their parents are Christian & Laura Johnson.

October Money Pot Donations



The Money Pot welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and support the offering of the month.

This month's money pot donations benefit Food for His Children, a development program in West Africa that uses goats in helping communities to be self-sufficient. Food for His Children (FFHC) exists to meet the needs of extreme poverty in rural communities of Tanzania, Africa through holistic development; providing training in spiritual, agricultural, environmental, health, and financial development.

You can help by contributing to the money pot in the church lobby.



FOOD FOR HIS CHILDREN

"Creating Dignity, not Dependency"



The Prayer Chain is active.

If you have a prayer concern, contact Carol Schuldt at 651-306-0542. Please make sure the pastor also knows of the prayer request, so that she can respond to pastoral care needs. Pastor needs to know about telephone prayer chain requests in order to share the concern on the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being either on the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to Pastor Gail. If you wish to be involved in this ministry please see Pastor Gail.

Hospital Calls: If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

For your personal devotion time this Fall:

Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issues** of devotional publications The Upper Room (daily readings in regular or large print), or Alive Now. These booklets are found on the table by the parking lot door.



Steps on the Journey

When we begin to think about our lives do we operate out of possibility or fear, do we move out of abundance or scarcity? Pause and consider for a moment which one is it for you?

Too many times in our lives we miss the many blessings God is sending our way because we do not allow ourselves to enter into fearless living. We get caught by the things that hold us up, the might have beens, the should have beens, the if onlys, and miss that God is offering us a way of life that invites us to live fearlessly.

When we begin to live fearlessly it leads to seeing many good gifts that God gives us, which can lead us to servicing others fearless; stepping out in a passion or calling to reach out to God's beloved people.

When we begin to live fearlessly we invest our resources with courage. We use our time, our talents and our gifts in ways that share God's love with the world. WE become generous people.

In the months of October and November we will think about what it means to live fearless lives that will lead us to fearless generosity. Generosity that is possible because we a God who is fearless and is open to helping us become the imprint of God for the world.

I hope as we move through this time together you will be praying and thinking about what and where God is calling you as an individual and us as a congregation to live our fearless lives into God's fearless generosity. It is one more step on our journey together.

Peace in Christ,

Gail



Anniversary Offering

This year the anniversary offering will be used to pay off the lighting loan. This summer we have changed all the lights in the building to a LED lighting system. This has improved the lighting throughout the building especially in the sanctuary. We have added additional lighting to the sanctuary and new light fixtures in the Fellowship Hall. It will help make the building more energy efficient and reduce our electric bill. The total project cost of the project will be approximately \$41,000. We will receive a rebate from Xcel so our final bill will be approximately \$37,000 which we will be financing through a loan with the Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE) to be paid off over the next few years. The anniversary offering will help us make additional payments to pay the loan off faster.

Meeting with the District Superintendent set for November 5

Thursday, Nov. 5 our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Johnson, will be with us for the evening. Starting at 6:00 p.m. he will be with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their annual meeting with the D.S. Then at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Johnson will hold a church conference for the purpose of setting the pastor's compensation package and receiving a recommendation from the church council that we set up a church trust for receiving estate gifts from members of the congregation. After the church conference there will be a time of introduction and a chance for Dan to get to know us.

All are welcome to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Gail is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at home (612-722-3001) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

Book Collection

Do you have books you would like to dispose of? Looking for a place to recycle them? This fall with the basket sale we will be having a book sale. We will accept books of all kinds, text books, paperback books, children's books, you name it. If you want to start bringing books to the church place them on the bench in the Fellowship Hall by the book racks. If you have questions, contact Judy Pfenning, 651-224-0886 or e-mail judympfenning@gmail.com.

►NOTE: WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF CLOTH BAGS FOR THE BOOK SALE. Thank you!

UMC Market

The redone UMC Market is now available for use. If you shop on line you can go through the UMC Market portal/website and a percentage of your purchase can be designated to Faith UMC. Signing up is free. Most churches are already listed on UMCmarket. When you go to UMCmarket.org, you will click on the get "Get Started" button. You will simply sign-up with your email or through Facebook, find your church, and start shopping and donating. Giving couldn't be easier.



Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!* Each Thursdays Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting message. So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!



Coming Events

- October 18** – Day of Service
October 24 – Bazaar/Soup & Salad Luncheon
November 8 – Celebration Sunday
November 21 – Books & Baskets
December 5 – Breakfast with Santa
December 16 – Blood Donor Drive

Craft Fair, Bazaar, Bake Sale, and Luncheon – Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m!

... the awesome Soup and Salad Luncheon will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$8.00 for ages 13-adult, and \$4.00 for ages 4-12. **We welcome food contributions from anyone wanting to help.** If you can bring something for the bake sale please bring it the night before or the day of the sale, If you can bring a salad or dessert for the luncheon please tell Judy Turk ahead of time for planning purposes.

Help Wanted!

The **Basket Sale/Book Sale** fundraiser is right coming soon, **on Saturday, November 21**, and we ask for help with assembling the baskets. Come join the fun Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. and stay to help assemble baskets as long as you want. We also welcome “new” donation items and baskets; For more information, contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or Lynn Bonkowske at 651-455-6542.

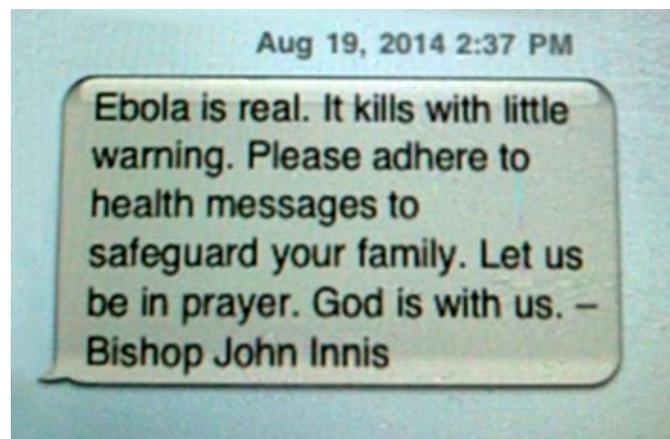


DARTS Respite Care

Caring for an ill or frail loved one can be a demanding and exhausting responsibility. Caregivers need a break from time-to-time. This period of relief is important because feeling better helps them care better. Well-trained, compassionate DARTS respite volunteers stay with the person in need of care allowing the caregiver to run errands, exercise or participate in a church activity to reduce the stress of caregiving. For more information visit www.dartscares.org. “We care so they can care better”

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

United Methodist Communications



The offering we make each week helps support the work of ministries beyond the local church that reach people in desperate need to feel the touch of love and reconciliation. Through our connectional giving (apportionments), we are playing a key role in the fight against Ebola and other deadly diseases in West Africa on many fronts. United Methodist Communications formed its Information and Communications Technologies for Development team (ICT4D), whose work includes bringing technology solutions to the fight against poverty.

When Ebola was first reported in Liberia in the summer of 2014, many residents dismissed it as political propaganda or superstition. The historic text message shown here from Liberian Bishop John Innis, the most effective means of mass communication in this situation, made real the threat. This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you.

Learn more about the work of United Methodist Communications at: www.umcom.org/global-communications.

October 2015 Calendar

Thurs. 10/1 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 Sun., 10/4 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:50 a.m. Outreach Committee
 Mon., 10/5 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 Wed., 10/7 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Thurs., 10/8 11:00 a.m. Mobile Meals
 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 Sat., 10/10 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 Sun., 10/11 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 Mon., 10/12 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
 Wed., 10/14 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Thurs., 10/15 1:00 p.m. Visitors Corp
 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 Sun., 10/18 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:50 a.m. Day of Service & Potluck
 Mon., 10/19 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 Wed., 10/21 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Thurs., 10/22 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 Sat., 10/24 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Bazaar
 11:00 a.m. Soup & Salad
 Sun., 10/25 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 Mon., 10/26 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 Wed., 10/28 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., 10/29 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 6:30 p.m. Balcony Team
 Sun., 11/1 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 Mon., 11/2 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 Wed., 11/4 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Thurs., 11/5 11:00 a.m. Mobile Meals
 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
 7:00 p.m. Church Conference with D.S. Dan Johnson
 Sat., 11/7 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Clean Up Day
 Sun., 11/8 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Celebration Meal & Program
 Mon., 11/9 10:00 a.m. Craft Group
 Wed., 11/11 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Thurs., 11/12 6:00 p.m. Basket Assembly
 Sun., 11/15 9:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **10/10, 10/24, 11/7 & 11/21** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are invited to join us! For more info, please contact Bill Short at bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us or 651-552-0736.

Facebook Page

Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at: <http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

October 2015 Worship Schedule

October 4 — World Communion Sunday— *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4,5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Sermon title: "Pioneer of Salvation"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host: Jenny Kranz

Communion Steward: Karen Cohoes

October 11 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Sermon title: "Knowing Our Place"

Greeter: Gloria Gurtin

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Karen Cohoes

October 18 — Laity Sunday

Scripture Readings: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Worship led by Marsha Spatafore

Greeter: Julie Kelly

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time host: Dawn & Gil Kinnunen

October 25 — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Sermon title: "Wanting to See"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Pat Giorgini

Fellowship Time host: Pat & Paul Williams

**COMMUNITY EVENT! All you can eat Dad's Belgium Waffles, Crafts and Bake Sale:
Sunday Oct. 11th from 9:00 – 1:00**

Thompson Park Activity Center (TPAC) 1200 Stassen Lane, WSP

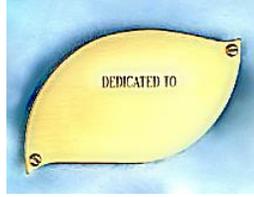
Join us for the best waffles in town at TPAC's Annual Waffle Breakfast

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast and craft and bake sale. Breakfast includes Dad's Homemade Belgium Waffles, choice of flavored toppings, fresh strawberries, sausage, juice and coffee. ALL YOU CAN EAT. Tickets are currently available at Thompson Park Activity Center or can be purchased at the door. \$8 Adults, Children under 5 are free. All proceeds benefit Thompson Park Activity Center which serves adults 50+ in our community.

This 'n' That

Memorial Tree

On the wall in the church lobby is a tree with gold leaves. This is a memory/honor tree, where each of the engraved leaves have been given in memory or honor of someone. The *memory leaves* remind us of the past and the people who have helped and supported us in our journey of faith. The *leaves in honor* of someone remind us of the people who walk with us now and into the future. Each leaf represents a gift of \$500. We have added a new engraved leaf to the tree (given by Garland's friends here at Faith) which reads:



- **In Gratitude for the life and influence of Garland Hunter (1940 – 2014)**

† Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners will be starting again this fall. Children are paired with an adult prayer partner from our congregation who prays for them and talks with them to promote a feeling of belonging to the church community. Prayer partners are encouraged to send Christmas and birthday cards to the youth they are assigned. If you would like to be a part of this group please talk to Liz Chun, 651-453-1999 and we will happily make the arrangements.

Walker Methodist Health Center

We are always looking for donations for the TR Department at Walker Methodist Health Center. Here are some items we would love to take off your hands!

- Books! For our library – especially large print
- iPads – did you get a new one and want to get rid of your old? We will take them! (looking for second generation or later)
- Walker or Wheelchair Bags
- Lap Blankets
- Mittens, scarves, hats
- CD's – for our Music and Memory Program
- iPod Shuffles – for our Music and Memory Program
- iTunes Gift Cards – for our Music and Memory Program

Jewelry Sales

Walker/Methodist 2015 Jewelry sales would like to thank everyone for contributing to our success. We are looking forward to another sale in November (5th – 7th). We are still taking contributions and look forward to seeing everyone stopping by. We are also open to discuss traveling to other events to help share the treasures we are selling.

Gerrit is the long-time organist and music director at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, and the founder and long-time director of the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra, a post he gave up about three years ago. The son of a Dutch Reformed pastor who left Holland to accept a call in Michigan when Gerrit was a teenager, he is an excellent organist and the instrument he commands at St. Stephen's is quite unique.



Along with his passion for music (and his native Holland) Gerrit also has a passion for feeding hungry people. His Woodbury group, from its inception, has always taken up a collection at each of its performances and given the results to the food shelf that serves whatever community in which they are performing. That tradition continues today and you will see in the attached that they have scheduled a concert in West St. Paul in November of this year. Since stepping down from the Woodbury Chorus position Gerrit has continued to raise funds for this local food shelf with the concert series he puts together each year.



Coffee Concerts with Gerrit

**10:00 a.m. Thursday mornings—once a month
St. Stephen's Church, W. St. Paul**

October 8 – “Music at St. Stephen’s”

A closer look at our Johannus Organ and Yamaha Piano

November 19 – “Glasses are Not Just for Drinking!”

Become part of a musical experience!

December 17 – “A Feike Asma Tribute”

Gerrit will present a program of hymn arrangements as well as video clips of the famous Dutch organist who became Gerrit's role model. Coffee and Dutch treats, baked by Gerrit, will follow the presentation.

** If you are able to attend, please bring some “goodies” to pass. If you would be available to help with hospitality (making coffee, set up & clean up) please see Gerrit.*



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Sunday Worship Schedule

We invite you to join us this Sunday
for worship, study and fellowship:

- Worship — 9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship time — 10:30 a.m.
- Children's and Youth Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.



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