



Faith in Action

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

April 2013

Don't Miss It! Our **9th** annual Live & Silent Auction Saturday, April 6, 2013



4:30 pm — Preview auction items
5:00 pm — Dinner
(homemade beef stew)
6:00 pm — Live Auction
7:00 pm — Silent Auction closes

Tickets: 12-adult \$7.00
Ages 4-11 \$5.00



This event is always a lot of fun with our own "lively auctioneer" Gil Kinnunen.

UMW Fundraiser Dinner

11:00am Sunday, April 21

Lasagna, French Bread, Salad,

Beverage & Dessert.

\$10.00 adults

\$5.00 ages 5-12

free to ages 4 & younger



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April Birthdays

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4/2 — Jan Kostner	4/14 — Evan Emery	4/25 — Joan Ryan
4/5 — Mark Bougie	4/15 — Ross Kropp	4/25 — Clayton Short
4/7 — Patricia Giorgini	4/16 — Bernice Mens	4/25 — Madison Worden
4/9 — Savannah Buse	4/16 — Collette Peterson	4/26 — Kathryn Peterson
4/10 — Donald Seaquist	4/18 — Kayla Rebischke	4/27 — Leona Opp
4/10 — Nicholas Sielski	4/19 — Brandon Adams	4/29 — Noah DeNardo
4/13 — Willmer Binder	4/20 — Melinda Suchecki	4/30 — Christina Eberly
4/13 — Liz Chun	4/21 — Bev Nielsen	4/30 — Ava Spatafore

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

Thank you to and for during March...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Lauren Venhuizen, Maryanne Maurer, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen
- **Liturgists:** Jeff Cox Jr., Lucy Schwendinger, Ann Beardshear, Pat Giorgini, and John Kemp
- **Serving refreshments:** Linda Cox
- **Communion Steward:** Gloria Gurtin
- **Thank you** to Sharon Yekaldo and Barbara Schroeder for coordinating and directing the Lenten dramas.
- **Thank you** to those who provided supper for the Lenten season: the United Methodist Women, Karen Cohoes, the Sanctuary Choir, Men's Breakfast Group, Board of Trustees and Sharon & Tony Yekaldo.
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- **Thank you** to Barbara Schroeder, Bill Short, and Bill Bonkowske for helping to prepare the sanctuary for Easter.
- **Thank you** to Mike Hovey, Marsha Spatafore, Mike Schwendinger, Matt Spatafore, Ava Spatafore, Claudia Spatafore, Peggy Spatafore and Lori DeNardo for preparing and serving Easter Breakfast.

Did you know... that *Liz Chun* organizes the prayer partners between the children and the adults each year? Be sure to thank her.

- **Dear Donors** from Faith United Methodist Church, Our sincere thank you for the generous donation you made to us during February 2013. Your donation of 108 pounds of food items and a bag of clothing is greatly appreciated. . . —*Neighbors, Inc. Staff and Volunteers*



Steps on the Journey

Easter is over — or is it? We have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We have seen the lilies bloom. The cross is empty. The tomb is open. Now it is over.

Or is it just beginning? The new life that we experience at Easter is not a one-time event. But is something that happens over and over again. We hear the story and it becomes fresh for us because of who we are and what we have become since last we heard it.

Each of the gospel writers tells us the resurrection story and the aftermath a little differently. They all agree on certain things. Jesus was raised from the dead. The first people to experience the resurrection were women coming to care for the body of their leader, their teacher, their friend. After that each gospel writer tells the story differently. Is it because they forgot to compare notes? Is it because they were talking to different groups of people? Or is it because the story is so big and speaks to each person differently so that we need all the stories to hear the truth.

Each of us reads the stories through our own eyes and our own experiences and we hear the story a little differently, a little more fully. Our own understanding of resurrection grows with each day.

Resurrection becomes a way of life; a life that no longer lives in despair but now lives in hope, a life that no longer is hopeless but is now hopeful, a life that is no longer full of sorrow but is now filled with joy.

Resurrection sees an empty cross and tomb and invites us to celebrate Easter every day. There is a song that says "every morning is Easter morning from now on. Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!"

Is Easter over for you or has it just begun?

Peace in Christ,

Gail

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Einar Skov** was hospitalized.
- ♦ **Louis Eberly** had surgery and was hospitalized for an infection. He is now home.

Ongoing Concerns: *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ♦ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.
- ♦ **Vi Rabe**, Marianne Young's mother, in hospice.

Concerns beyond our doors:

- ♦ 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

Those serving in the military:

- ♦ **Ron Brummund, Jr.**, at Fort Lee in Virginia
- ♦ **Paul DeNardo** is in South Korea

Those on the Riverbend mission trip:

- ♦ The Riverbend trip to Louisiana to help repair homes damaged by Hurricane Isaac will take place April 13-25. There will be 27 people on the road, with 200 more people praying and supporting the team from right here at home.

The Money Pot welcomes your change at any time to help benefit the offering of the month. Money Pot **donations for March** will support Campus Ministries in Minnesota. There is a United Methodist presence on the University of Minnesota campus, the campus in Duluth, Marshall and Mankato. Our donations will go to help support these ministries.



Minnesota Food Share

Last month Faith church participated in the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign by setting a goal of raising 800 pounds of food for the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf. We are pleased to report that by April 1 we had raised 700 pounds of food and \$520, **for the [equivalent] total of 1,220 pounds!** Thank you for helping Faith achieve our goal!

Website

Please check out the updated Faith website at www.faithumcmn.com — it has been re-done and has new information. If you have items you would like to have on the website please contact the church office. Special thanks to Pat Williams for all her hard work.

New Members

New members will be joining Faith later this spring. If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith please let Pastor Gail know.



The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, contact Esther Craine at 651-457-6959. Please also contact the pastor so she knows what is going out over the prayer chain. If you wish to be involved in this ministry please speak with Pastor Gail.

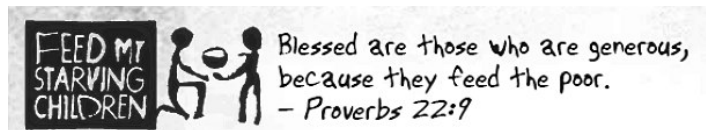
Hospital Calls: If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

For your times of devotion this April:

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

Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, May 11 we will be going to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 160, Eagan) from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. We have 15 spots reserved for us. You can register online under "Faith Youth" at www.fmsc.org or contact Pastor Gail.



"After Losing a Parent" Retreat

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.,
resuming **Sunday, May 5, 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.**

Hennepin United Methodist Church
511 Groveland Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403
(Lyndale-Hennepin exit off of 94)

To register, call 612-722-7414 or 612-845-3221
or email: a.good.day.ib@gmail.com

- Mothers and fathers are such an important part of our life. Taking time to remember your parent and all your mother or father meant to you is an important part of grieving your loss. This retreat will allow you to remember both the strengths and the challenges of your relationship with this parent. It will lift you up with support and prayers in a time of grieving and blessing from God.
- Claim the parent's beliefs that shaped your identity.
- Claim the values from your parent that have been guiding your choices.
- Forgive and let go of times that were difficult with this parent.
- Deepen your understanding of this parent and your relationship.
- Claim what will live on in you.
- You will also be given journaling reflections, poetry, art, and prayers to help you with grieving and healing.

The retreat is facilitated by Ingrid Bloom who is a spiritual director, a psychotherapist (L.I.C.S.W.) and a pastor in the United Methodist Conference; she presently serves as director of Anew Perspective Counseling & Workshop Center.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Your gifts change the world: Clean layettes for newborns

In the shadow of a shuttered mining operation in western Uganda, one thousand newborn babies are going home "in style," beginning their lives with dignity, thanks to the layette kits their mothers received from UM Committee on Relief and the American Foundation for Children with AIDS (AFCA). Gifts on *One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday* pays for the overhead for UMCOR. "In Uganda, mothers face a lot of challenges," said Musoki Hellen, who gave birth to her first child, a son, a week before Christmas at Kilembe Mines Hospital (KMH), where the kits were distributed. Those challenges, she said, include unemployment, child neglect by the father, and domestic violence. "It is pleasing to know that there are people out there who feel the plight of women; that it has touched their hearts to share God's blessings with those in need," she said. For many new mothers at the hospital, which is located on the premises of Kilembe Mines, Ltd., a copper mine that ceased operations 30 years ago, the kits' contents—onesies, sleeping outfits, blankets, diapers, and other necessities—are simply out of reach. "The mothers can leave the hospital with their babies dressed warmly and well no matter how poor they might be. It doesn't matter if they live in a shack or under a tree, their babies are warm and wearing new outfits, with no tears or stains, and the women are proud," said Tanya Weaver, executive director of AFCA. "Dignity is huge when you don't have much else to hold onto." The layette kits, like the UMCOR health kits, school kits, birthing kits, bedding kits, sewing kits, and cleaning buckets, are all donated and assembled by volunteers working in their UM congregations and at any of the seven member depots of the UMCOR Relief-supply network. "And, of course, the outfits will be used for future siblings as these children outgrow them," Weaver said.

Apportionments also provide the skill-building webinars, church vitality resources, Christian camps and retreats that draw young people to God, and ministry support and connections mentioned above.





Spiritual Practice

Caring for the Earth

Everyone can get involved in earth care, regardless of where they live, how much money they make, how old they are, or how much free time they have. I've established some everyday practices that have a positive impact on the environment. I turn out the lights when I leave a room. I use email as much as possible; and when I receive a package in the mail, I save the box to use again. When I go out to eat, I choose a restaurant that serves organic or locally-grown food. I may not have the money to install solar panels or the time to grow a community garden, but I can take everyday steps toward better earth care.

— Jessica Lippe, 19

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TEN GREAT WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION

1. Thank God for our beautiful world and show your thankfulness in the way you live!
2. Be an example of good earth care so others will be inspired to also care for creation.
3. Learn as much as you can about the habitat, plants, and animals in your area.
4. Carry a reusable aluminum or BPA-free plastic bottle instead of using throwaway water bottles.
5. Recycle everything you can.
6. Don't litter — ever!
7. Before buying something new, think about whether you really need it.
8. Clean out a room, and donate the things that you don't need but are in good condition.
9. Talk to your family about ways you can reduce, reuse, or recycle in your home.
10. Share your earth-care spiritual practices with others. Visit alivenow.org and tell us your ideas.

— Anne Broyles

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April 2013 Worship Schedule

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April 7 — 2nd Sunday of Easter — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Sermon Title: "Exalting God"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time hosts: Dawn & Gil Kinnunen

Communion Steward: Lynn Mens

April 14 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Sermon Title: "Seeing Without Fear"

Greeter: the Schwendinger family

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time host: Lynn Bonkowske

April 21 — 4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Sermon Title: "Seeing Through Tears"

Greeter: Carol Schuldt

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host: Barb Schroeder

April 28 — 5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Sermon Title: "Newness"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host:

Church Office Hours

Pastor Gail will be in the church office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. **Susan** will be working 20 hours a week for the church; she will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **April 13 & 27 and May 11 & 25** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men welcome! For more info, please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us

Computer Center

Do you need to set up and learn how to use email? Do you want to learn how to use your computer for specific projects? Contact Susan in the office to set up an appointment for Wednesday afternoons from noon to 5:00, or to talk about another time if Wednesdays don't work for you.

April 2013 Calendar

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Mon. 4/1	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Wed. 5/1	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thurs. 4/4	7:00 p.m.	Balcony Leadership Team	Thur. 5/2	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Sat. 4/6	5:00 p.m.	Supper & Auction		7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sun. 4/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sun. 5/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School		9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	UMW Pie Sale
Mon. 4/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed. 4/10	4:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women		10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Education Group	Mon. 5/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Fri. 4/12	5:00 p.m.	Rehearsal/decorating	Wed. 5/8	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Commissioning of		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		Riverbend Mission Trip	Sat. 5/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sat. 4/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		4:00 p.m.	Feed My starving Children
	4:00 p.m.	Death Wedding	Sun. 5/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat. 4/13-Sun. 4/21		Riverbend Mission Trip		9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
Sun. 4/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Mon. 5/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Wed. 5/15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mon. 4/15	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Thurs. 4/18	1:00 p.m.	Visitors Corp			
Sun. 4/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
	11:00 a.m.	UMW Dinner			
Mon. 4/22	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 4/24	6:30 p.m.	Adult Education Group			
Thurs. 4/25	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals			
Sat. 4/27	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun. 4/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon. 4/29	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			

"First Sunday of the Month Food Drive"

Every first Sunday of the month we invite people to bring an item to donate to the food shelf. Our kids will be helping out a child or children in need by bringing their own favorite food item to give, whether Spaghetti-O's, Hamburger Helper, Mac 'n' Cheese, or a favorite cereal, pancake mix & syrup. Cash donations are also welcome.



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Food Collection





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

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

CAMPING INFORMATION FOR 2013 IS HERE



Have you been thinking about attending a camp this summer? Camping opportunities are offered for **campers of all ages** through the camping program of the Minnesota United Methodist Church. New brochures introducing the various camping opportunities for 2013 are available on the table in the church lobby. Please take one home with you soon!

