



Faith in Action

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

June/July 2015

Evenings at Covington

One of the goals identified by the visioning team for Faith church is community outreach. We are excited to begin our third summer of outreach at the Covington Court Apartments once a month during the summer. We would like these to be intergenerational events.

Located at 364 Marie Ave. E. in West St. Paul, the first evening will be **Friday, June 26**. We will have games for all ages and refreshments—including hot dogs with other surprises! We will have special entertainment each time! The July and August dates are set for the Fridays of **July 17 & August 21**.

If you are able to help or attend, please contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770 or Bonnie Dick at 651-442-4166. Thank you for your consideration.



Summer Meals Program at Garlough Elementary School

In partnership with other neighborhood churches, Faith UMC is once again participating in the **Neighbors, Inc. Summer Meals Program**. As we've done for the past few years, we are scheduled to serve breakfast and lunch at Garlough Elementary School in West St. Paul for one week. The 2015 dates are July 13-16 (Monday-Thursday). We need five volunteers for breakfast (7:30 to 10 a.m.) and lunch

(10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.). Volunteers may choose to serve one or both meals (no meal preparation is required). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gil Kinnunen at 651-428-3959, or gilogram@gmail.com.

"to be continued"...

Hunger doesn't take a summer break. Throughout the summer we invite people to bring an item to donate to the food shelf on the first Sunday of each month. "As we are fed, so we are called to feed others". Cash donations are also welcome.



Summer

June & July Birthdays

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6/1 — Chuck Martin	6/18 — Katherine Worden	7/11 — Mark Mohr
6/2 — Jeffrey Cox Jr. Andrew Vanderhoff	6/22 — Cornell Chun	Leonard Young
6/3 — Benjamin Rebischke	6/22 — Mike Schwendinger	7/12 — Brody DeNardo
6/4 — Heidi Chun	Wayne Willocks	Brynn Ford
Esther Craine	6/25 — Dianna Gallegos	7/16 — Desarae Gallegos
6/6 — Katy Grotjohn	Stanley Lukas	Holly Vanderhoff
Dawn Isaacson	6/26 — Brittany Buse	Mason Worden
6/10 — Beulah Hanvelt	Jaelyn Henk	7/19 — Austin Emery
6/11 — Karen Cohoes	Charles Scopatz	7/21 — Patrick Nitti
Bonnie Dick	William Short	7/22 — Jack Gurtin
6/12 — James Hovey	6/30 — David Pate	7/25 — Bonnie Wood
6/14 — V. Paul Williams	7/1 — Greg Napier Jr.	7/28 — Henry C. Hovey
Charlotte DeNardo	7/3 — Ann Beardshear	Gregory Napier
6/15 — Caroline Pippert	7/6 — Nathan Bell	Kristine Rebischke
6/17 — Johnny Gallegos, Jr.	7/8 — Travis Buse	7/29 — Jeanna Schwendinger
	7/10 — Dianne Mens	Christina Solheid
		7/30 — Owen Otto

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

Thank you to and for during May...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Maryanne Maurer, Dianne Mens, and Bill Short
- **Liturgists:** Bruce Opp, Bill Bonkowske, Angela High-Pippert, Ann Beardshear, and John Kemp
- **Serving refreshments:** Pat & Paul Williams, Fred & Bonnie, Laurel Venhuizen, and Judy Turk
- **Communion Steward:** Maryanne Maurer
- **Thank you** to Bonnie Dick and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the May newsletter
- **Thank you** to our Sunday School teachers for this year – Sheri Lucas, Jenifer Stehr, Jody Sielski, Bill Bonkowske, Rev. Dana Scopatz, Gil Kinnunen and Pastor Gail.
- **Thank you** to our choir members: Chuck Martin, Ward Mens, Bob Scopatz, Marianne Young, Barbara Schroeder, Ruth Martin, Lynn Bonkowske, Jeanna Schwendinger, Lucy Schwendinger, Carol Schuldt, Judy Pfenning, Dana Scopatz, Sharon Yekaldo and Liz Chun. Thanks goes also to our director, John Kemp and our accompanist, Joan Fitch.
- **Thank you** to Esther Craine for her work with coordinating the prayer chain. Esther has patiently listened to and passed on messages of concern and joy to others in a spirit of prayer. She has helped coordinate this important ministry for a number of years, and has now asked for someone else to coordinate the telephone prayer chain. She will continue to be one of the pray-ers. We are grateful to have someone who has given so much of herself to this ministry. Carol Schuldt will continue to help coordinate the prayer chain.

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care
- ♦ **Fred Dick** had surgery; he is now home recuperating
- ♦ **Randy Roberts** was hospitalized for surgery. He is now home recuperating
- ♦ **Marliss Knudson** is in hospice care
- ♦ **Janel Adams** was hospitalized. She is home recuperating

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Eloise Barnes** – *Arbor Lakes Sr. Living, Maple Grove*
- ♦ **Marliss Knudson** – *Norris Square in Cottage Grove*

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

The Money Pot this Summer:



- ♦ In **June** the Money Pot offering will benefit Restorative Justice **Peace Camp**, sponsored by SSP Restorative Justice Council. "Building Communities of Peace" Peace Camp is offered to children ages 9 to 12 and will be held at Kaposia Park **June 23–26** (Tues.–Fri.), including participating in the Kaposia Days Parade on Friday. This is a fun event for those attending, as well as a great volunteer opportunity, especially for youth! For more information about Peace Camp, please contact Carol Schuldt at 651-306-0542.
- ♦ **During July**, the Money Pot donations will go to support **camping scholarships** which help people not able to pay the full amount to have the life-changing experience of time at camp. The money pot is located in the church lobby. Thank you for your support!

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **6/6, 6/20, 7/4 & 7/20** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00 am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us



The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, contact Carol Schuldt at 651-306-0542. Please also contact the pastor/church office 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 personal devotion time this summer:

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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Nepal Earthquake Disaster

United Methodists Respond to Nepal Quake

April 27, 2015—The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, through its disaster-relief arm and in conjunction with longtime local and international partners and Nepal-based Global Ministries missionaries, is responding to the devastating earthquake that rocked Nepal April 25.

Today, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Global Ministries' relief and development unit, approved a grant of \$90,000 for international partner GlobalMedic to bring sorely needed clean water to survivors through provision of household and public water-filtration units.

UMCOR also is in conversation with United Mission to Nepal (UMN), a partner in community-based health and education projects in Nepal for more than 60 years. "Global Ministries has been in mission with the people of Nepal a long time, and that is a great grace in this time of need," said Thomas Kemper, who heads the organization. "Our long-established and current work in the communities, especially through UMN, spurs our response."

That response is assisted further by the fact that UMN had the foresight to assign one of its officers to participate in UMCOR's most recent regional disaster readiness and response training, which was just held in the Philippines in February.

Rev. J. Denise Honeycutt, who leads UMCOR, pointed out that the regional trainings "fortify our partners' capacity to respond quickly and efficiently to crises. The technical training UMN received helps UMCOR connect with UMN to respond to the most vulnerable people impacted by this earthquake."

All Global Ministries Missionaries Accounted For

Casualties and the full extent of the damage caused by the quake, which struck at 11:41 a.m. local time, are still being determined. At least 3,700 people are known to have died and 6,500 were injured, according to news reports, but search and rescue operations continue.

Countless people are homeless.

All five Global Ministries missionaries serving in Nepal, and their families, have reported that they are safe. Dr. Lester Dornon and his wife Debbie were in the United States on missionary itineration. Dr. Mark Zimmerman, his wife Deirdre and their children, and Katherine Parker were all in-country, but unharmed in the event.

Mark Zimmerman, who serves with the Nick Simons Institute (NSI), which trains and supports skilled rural healthcare workers, wrote in an email that aftershocks have continued, electric power has been cut and few shops are open. "All of us in Nepal thank you for your thoughts and prayers over the coming days and weeks," he wrote.

Parker reported that she was traveling with a group from UMN in Pokhara, and was away from her home in the capital when the quake struck. "Reports from friends back in Kathmandu are that tension levels are high with the 20 plus aftershocks, many of which have been 5/6+," she wrote in an email.

How You Can Help

As events and needs continue to unfold in Nepal in the aftermath of the earthquake, you can help.

- **Pray** for all who have been impacted by this emergency: for the people of Nepal, for Global Ministries and UMCOR partners at work on the ground there, and for Global Ministries' five missionaries and their families assigned to serve there.
- **Do not self-deploy** to the disaster area. The situation in Nepal remains one of search and rescue and not a time for volunteers.
- **Give to UMCOR International Disaster Response, Advance #982450.** Your gifts to UMCOR International Disaster Response make it possible for UMCOR to respond quickly to emergency situations through our local and international partners.
- **Stay informed.** Visit www.umcor.org and www.umcmmission.org for updates and developments regarding Global Ministries' and UMCOR's response to and accompaniment of survivors.

June- July 2015 Worship Schedule

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June 7 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon: “Things Unseen”

Sacrament of Holy Communion — *Communion Steward: Maryanne Maurer*

Recognition of Graduation Seniors

Recognition of the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Refreshments setup:

June 14 — 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon: “Hearing Beyond the Words”

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Greeter:

Reader: George Brown

Refreshments setup: Karen Cohoes

June 21 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon: “Overcoming the Odds”

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49; Psalm 9; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Greeter:

Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Refreshments setup:

June 28 — 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon: “Beating the Odds”

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Greeter:

Reader: Carol Schuldt

Refreshments setup:

July 5 — 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon: “Going Home”

Sacrament of Holy Communion — *Communion Steward:*

Scripture Readings: 11 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Reader: Charles Beardshear

Refreshments setup:

July 12 — 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon: “Our Inheritance”

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Greeter:

Reader: Pat Giorgini

Refreshments setup:

July 19 — 8th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by guest pastor

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Greeter:

Reader: Barbara Schroeder

Refreshments setup:

July 26 — 9th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by guest pastor

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Greeter:

Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Refreshments setup:

►Special Music for the Summer

During the summer the choir will only be singing once a month, the other Sundays we are always looking for special music. If you would like to provide special music, it can be instrumental or vocal or if you have a child who is learning an instrument and would like to share during worship, please contact John Kemp, 651-451-9500 or e-mail him at johncarterkemp@gmail.com.

June & July 2015 Calendar

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Sun., 6/1	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Fri., 6/26	6:00 p.m.	Covington Court Meal
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Sun., 6/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 6/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	Covington Task Force	Sat. 7/4	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Wed., 6/3	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sun., 7/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat., 6/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sun., 6/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Mon., 7/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Reading Group
	10:50 a.m.	Children & Youth Team	Sun., 7/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., 6/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	7:00 p.m.	Reading Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed., 6/10	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women	Mon., 7/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
			Wed., 7/15	6:15 p.m.	Supper
Sun., 6/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship		7:00 p.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Fri., 7/17	6:00 p.m.	Covington Court Meal
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sun., 7/19	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	12 Noon	Adult Spiritual Formation Team		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 6/15	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed., 6/17	6:15 p.m.	Supper			
	7:00 p.m.	Worship			
Thurs., 6/18	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals			
	6:30 p.m.	Balcony Team			
Sat., 6/20	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun., 6/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 6/22	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	7:00 p.m.	Reading Group			
Wed., 6/24	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees			
Thurs., 6/25	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee			
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council			

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. Pastor Gail will be on vacation Thursday, July 16 until Monday, August 2. Susan will have vacation days during the summer, but dates are not set yet.

Are you able to help maintain the church lawn?



We are looking for people who are willing to mow the church lawn this summer. We have **two riding lawn mowers** so you and a friend or spouse can mow together if you wish. To volunteer, contact Lynn Bonkowske at 651-455-6542 or bonkowske1@msn.com.

Facebook Page

Faith now has a facebook page. Be sure to like it. The page is <http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

Church Lighting

This summer the church will be undergoing a major project. We are going to changing all the lights in the building to a LED lighting system. This will improve the lighting throughout the building, especially in the sanctuary. It will also help make the building more energy efficient and reduce our electric bill. Please be patient as various part of the building will be "under construction" throughout the summer. The total project will cost approximately \$41,000. We will be financing the project primarily through a rebate from Xcel and a 0% interest loan through the Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE) to be paid off over the next few years. We will be using any contributions we receive to help pay off the loan faster. If you want to make a contribution, simply designate your donation to the lighting project. If you have any questions please talk with Mike Schwendinger or Pastor Gail.

We Congratulate our 2015 Graduates

Congratulations to the following people:



High School:

- Caroline Pippert from Simley High School in Inver Grove Heights. She will be attending St. Olaf College in the fall.
- Lucy Schwendinger from Eagan High School. She will be attending St. Cloud State University in the fall.

College:

- Clayton Short from Iowa State University, College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Materials Engineering

Graduate School:

- Dana Scopatz from Luther Seminary with a PhD

Summer Reading Group

This summer we will have a reading group every other Monday beginning on June 8. We will be reading "Between the Dark and the Daylight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life" by Joan Chittister. You do not need to attend every time, but come as you can.

Below is a description of the book:

There is a part of the soul that stirs at night, in the dark and soundless times of day, when our defenses are down and our daylight distractions no longer serve to protect us from ourselves," writes beloved author, Joan Chittister. "It's then, in the still of life, when we least expect it, that questions emerge from the damp murkiness of our inner underworld... These questions do not call for the discovery of data; they call for the contemplation of possibility."

In words as wise as they are inspiring, Between the Dark and the Daylight explores the concerns of modern life, of the overworked mind and hurting heart. These are the paradoxical—and often frustrating—moments when our lives feel at odds with everything around us. Only by embracing the contradictions, Chittister contends, may we live well amid stress, withstand emotional storms, and satisfy our yearnings for something transcendent and real. By delving into the chaos, this book guides us through the questions that seemed easier to avoid and enlightens what has been out of focus. With her signature elegance, wit, and spirit, the best-selling author of The Gift of Years and Following the Path opens our eyes and hearts in these times of confusion. With simple and poignant meditations, Between the Dark and the Daylight reveals how we can better understand ourselves, one another, and God.

If you would like to purchase or borrow a copy of the book please contact Pastor Gail. The cost to purchase will be approximately \$15. The book is also available in both Kindle and Nook formats.

Taps & Apps: An Event to Fight Hunger

Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00pm at Summit Brewing Company in St. Paul

Join us for a fun-filled evening of beer tasting, appetizer pairings, lawn games and a silent auction. VIP tickets are \$30 each & include the event plus a tour of brewery. Regular admission is \$20. Limit 150. Detailed information about all of our events, including links for tickets, can be found on line at: www.neighborsmn.org/events/



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Summer Sunday Worship

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

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



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Summer Weekly Worship

This summer we will be worshipping on 3 times **on Wednesday evenings, June 17, July 15 and August 19**. We will begin with supper at 6:15 p.m. It will be a potluck with the church providing hot dogs or hamburgers. At 7:00 p.m. we will worship together in different styles. Be watching the bulletin, website and Facebook page for more details.



Books

Do you have books you want to get rid 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, please place them on the bench in the Fellowship Hall by the book racks. If you have questions please contact Judy Pfenning, 651-224-0886 or e-mail her at judympfenning@gmail.com.

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