



Faith in Action

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August 2015

Evenings at Covington

We have enjoyed participating in our third summer of intergenerational outreach events monthly at the Covington Court Apartments (364 Marie Ave. E. in West St. Paul).

The next and final event of this summer will be held **Friday, August 21** — we will provide supper. Our entertainment for the evening will be Amazing Jeffo the Magician. If you would like to help, contact Bonnie Dick at 651-442-4166 or speak with Pastor Gail.

Summer Weekly Worship

Our midweek worship service this month will be **Wednesday evening, 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 the Taizé style. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching.

New Members

We will have new members joining Faith on Sunday, August 23. If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Church, please contact Pastor Gail.

Coming Soon...

Is the kickoff of our regular church schedule of programs. Sunday School for youth and children will start, and the Sanctuary Choir will begin the fall season.



Day Care Building Usage

Beginning this fall we will have a day care center in our building. Creative Kids Family Child Care & Preschool will be meeting in what was the 1, 2, & 3rd grade Sunday School Room. The child care will have exclusive use of the room. The Sunday School will be reconfigured with new rooms this fall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gail



Creative Kids Family Child Care and Preschool

Opening soon — enrolling now!

Children ages 2 years – school age
Full time / Part time openings
Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Meals & snacks provided
-Loads of fun and learning-

Contact Linda 651-261-5987

August Birthdays

8/5 —	Peggy Spatafore Anthony Yekaldo	8/17 —	Raymond Fjerstad Claudia Sanchez
8/6 —	Kathy Johnson	8/19 —	Kasey Kropp Linnea Rostad
8/9 —	Deborah Pate	8/20 —	Richard G. Espeseth
8/11 —	Daniel Bonkowske	8/21 —	Carol Ward
8/13 —	Kaden Emery Greg Nelson, Jr. Rose Marie Nelson	8/23 —	Rebekah Bell
8/14 —	Elizabeth Lukas Marsha Spatafore	8/24 —	Samantha Kropp Roseanne Larsen John Willocks
8/15 —	Joseph Spatafore	8/26 —	Ronald Brummund
		8/29 —	Terri Bougue

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

Thank you to and for during June & July...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Maryanne Maurer, Bernice Killian, Judy Pfenning, and Bonnie Dick
- **Liturgists:** Sharon Yekaldo, George Brown, Gil Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, Charles Beardshear, Pat Giorgini, and Barbara Schroeder,
- **Serving refreshments:** Karen Cohoes, Judy Pfenning, Judy Turk, Laurel Venhuizen, and Mike Schwendinger
- **Communion Stewards:** Maryanne Maurer and Judy Pfenning
- **Thank you** to Bonnie Dick and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the June/July newsletter
- **Thank you!** "I would like to thank the Faith church community for all the support, cards, and prayers during my cancer treatment; I had my last chemo on June 30. A special thanks to our special angel (S.Y.) for the prayer shawl. Thanks again – God bless all of you. —*Ruth Campion*
- **Thank you!** "Dear Donors from Faith United Methodist Church: Our sincere thank you for the generous donations you made to us in March and April, 2015. Your donation of 1,-99 pounds of food items is greatly appreciated. Many of your neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart." —*Neighbors, Inc. Staff and Volunteers*
- **We appreciate** the many people of Faith church who volunteer their time to help with tasks around the church during the summer months.



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care
- ♦ **Ruth Campion** is now finished with chemotherapy
- ♦ **Jeaneen Hovey** had surgery mid-July

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Eloise Barnes** – *Arbor Lakes Sr. Living, Maple 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

We Extend our Sympathy:

- ♦ Our sympathy to the **family of Marliiss Knudson**. Marliiss died on Friday, July 17; her funeral service was July 23 at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove.
- ♦ We extend our sympathy to **Margaret Hovey** on the death of her brother.
- ♦ Our sympathy to the family of **Willmer Binder**, who died June 9.

August 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. In August, Money Pot donations go to support Neighbors, Inc. for school supplies and underwear. You may place money in the pot or bring school items or new underwear (in original packaging only, please) to Faith. We will then give the money and supplies to Neighbors for their distribution.



We Welcomed in Baptism:

- ♦ During worship on June 28, the congregation of Faith church welcomed in baptism three siblings: **Jack Walsh, James Walsh, and Alice Walsh**. We look forward to opportunities for getting to know them better, along with their parents— Matt and Megan Walsh.

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 August:

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.

I've never been intrigued or too curious about insects.

In fact, there are many I dislike and even fear... wasps, mosquitoes... a trail of brown ants crossing my kitchen counter.

But often a single experience can change one's attitude.

As I walked through our Faith Church garden recently, pulling off dried leaves, snapping broken branches... discarding the remnants of winter, I reached for a "broken twig" hanging from a black stem.

As I placed it in my palm and looked down, it cocked its bead-like head, stretches its lanky legs and transformed in my hand.

A WALKING STICK!

Stick insects... The best camouflaged of all creatures! With a body shape that mimics the branches of their home.

Surely summer is here... It's right here, in the palm of my hand!

— Carol Schuldt —

Church Lighting

This summer the church began undergoing a major project: 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.

How Does Our Garden Grow?



The Faith UMC Garden is producing vegetables at an impressive rate, well ahead of last year. Part of this year's increased output may be the result of adding straw bales to our garden, but the weather may be an even more important factor—an almost perfect mix of sunshine and rain.

In July, we delivered 23 pounds of veggies to the Neighbors, Inc. Food Shelf. Cucumbers and herbs are the top performers so far. Last year, we had our best year for cucumbers with 122. This year, we've delivered 24 cucumbers in two weeks, 20% of last year's crop, with three months left in the growing season. Last year, we started growing herbs. So far this year, we've delivered nearly five times as many packages of herbs as we delivered in 2014, including basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary, and tarragon. And we've put together a one-page printed information sheet, Tips for Using Fresh Herbs in Preparing Food, to accompany our herbs. In the first week of August, we expect to add tomatoes, peppers, beans and squash. We're trying potatoes for the first time, and they may be ready by end of next month.

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, please contact Judy Pfenning at 651-224-0886 or e-mail judympfenning@gmail.com.

Church Office Hours

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

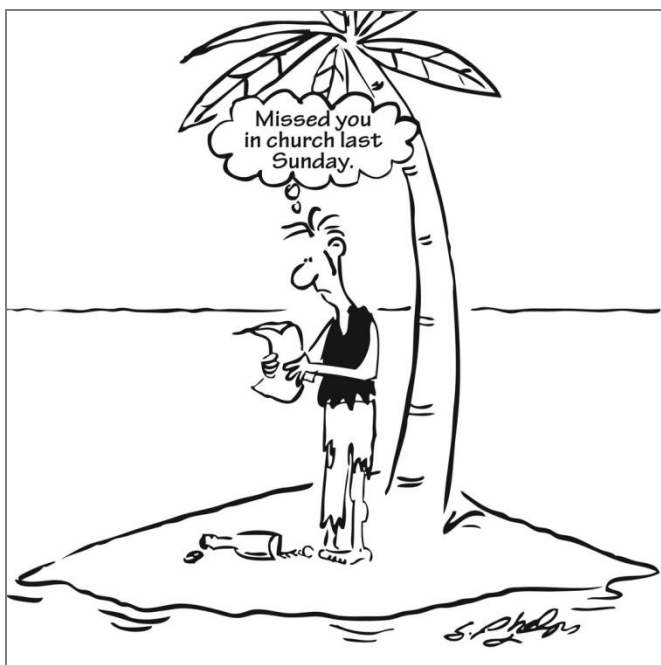
Pastor Gail is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at home (612-722-3001) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

Summer Meals Program at Garlough Elementary School

In partnership with other neighborhood churches, Faith UMC once again participated in the Neighbors, Inc. Summer Meals Program. As we've done for the past few years, we served breakfast and lunch to as many as 300 kids attending the Stars Summer Academy at Garlough Elementary School in West St. Paul for one week (July 13-16), then filled in for a few other dates.

During the month of July, ten Faith UMC volunteers helped prepare and serve nearly 4,000 meals. Thanks to George Brown, Lori DeNardo, John Kemp, Gil Kinnunen, Steve Larsen, Bruce Opp, Judy Pfenning, and Carol Schuldt—plus Kinnunen's 10-year-old neighbor, Anna Laman, and her grandmother, Cheri Charmand, visiting from Philadelphia.

We still have an opportunity to serve breakfast and/or lunch during the two weeks of Garlough's Kindergarten **Camp—August 10-14 and August 17-21**. If you wish to volunteer for breakfast (7:30 to 10:30 a.m.) and/or lunch (10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.) in August, please contact Gil Kinnunen (651-428-3959, gilogram@gmail.com) or talk to him in church.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

• **United Methodist Schools and Seminaries** •

Each week your offering empowered ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community. It also helped support the work of ministries beyond the local church, such as the support we give to maintaining a connection with 100 United Methodist-related Colleges and 13 United Methodist Seminaries.

Today 122 educational institutions are related to the United Methodist Church. Located in diverse settings across the country, ranging from rural communities to some of our nation's great cities, and ranging from 200 to 15,000 students, these institutions offer rich and creative academic programs. Some of these colleges are large, well known institutions such as Duke, Boston University, Southern Methodist University (SMU), Syracuse University, American University in Washington, DC and Emory University in Atlanta. Others, while not as large, are highly respected and have long lists of distinguished alumnae including Hamline University in St. Paul. Large or small, they all bear the Methodist DNA to this day, living out United Methodist compassion.

We saw this last year when it was Emory University that became the center for Ebola treatment in the U.S. working to save those infected, and finding new ways to stop the spread of this devastating disease. These kind of cooperative efforts across our connection, thanks to the way the people of The United Methodist Church live and give connectionally, make a difference in the lives of others.

Please remember the connection as we give.

Learn more about the colleges, universities and theological schools of the UMC:

<http://www.umc.org/directory/schools-seminaries>

August 2015 Calendar

Sat., 8/1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 8/3	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Sun., 8/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Thurs. 8/13	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat. 8/15	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/16	10:50 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship Committee
Mon., 8/17	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Wed., 8/19	6:15 p.m.	Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Fri., 8/21	6:00 p.m.	Covington Meal & program
Sun., 8/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee
Mon., 8/24	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Thurs., 8/27	6:30 p.m.	Balcony Team
Sat. 8/29	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/30	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 8/31	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Wed., 9/2	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., 9/3	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sun., 9/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 9/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 9/9	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 9/10	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat. 9/12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 9/13	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., 9/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **8/1, 8/15, 8/29, & 9/12** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert St. 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>

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.

August 2015 Worship Schedule

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August 2 — 10th Sunday after Pentecost — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Sermon by Dr. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Caroline Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Sharon Yekaldo

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

August 9 — 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon title: "Living a Life Full of Love"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Lucy Schwendinger

Fellowship Time host: Paul Williams

August 16 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Sermon Title: "Living Wisely"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host:

August 23 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost — *Reception of new members*

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Sermon title: "Being Covered"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

August 30 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45; James 1:17-20; Mark 7:1-8, 21-23

Sermon Title: "Looking in the Mirror"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host:





Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

All United Methodist churches are connected through shared mission and ministry and united in their efforts to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. Check out these recent news tidbits from the Minnesota Annual Conference, which serves all 360 United Methodist churches in the state.

Bishop Ough calls for prayer for victims of church shooting: Following the horrific shooting at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina last month, Bishop Bruce R. Ough called on Minnesota United Methodists to pray for the victims and the healing of the congregation. He also called on us to “renew our work to end racism, hatred, and the derogatory rhetoric that gives license to acts of violence” and to “seek peace with justice to affirm that all lives—every life—matters.”

Cedar UMC hosts memorial service for stranger others turned away: Eight other churches said “no,” but members of Cedar UMC opened their doors and their hearts to strangers who wanted to honor their friend Kim after she lost her battle with cancer. When Kim died, she had no living relatives and had used up all of her resources for treatment. Many church members volunteered to help with the service and even prepared a luncheon. It wasn’t until the next day that they learned that Kim spent her formative years at Cedar UMC. Their actions had allowed her to come home.

Repentance toward Native Americans: “Can you see us?” Annual conference speaker, Rev. Anita Phillips, offered that as one of the four essential steps toward repentance for our Native American brothers and sisters. In reflecting on her words, Rev. Cindy Gregorson, director of ministries, said we’ve all experienced the difference between looking and really seeing. She pondered: “What would it be like to intentionally go through the day seeking to keep our eyes and heart open—to commit ourselves to seeing each person, without having to do anything about it or their situation in that moment—and as a first step, to just see them?”

Church-school partnership grants: God calls us to be in ministry with children, and every United Methodist church in Minnesota is urged to develop a long-term partnership with a school in its community. The conference’s Mission Promotion Team launched a grant program that will provide funding to individual congregations to help them develop such partnerships. Learn more at www.minnesotaucm.org.

IT WORKED FOR OTHER CHURCHES

Flat Jesus keeps people connected to faith: Members of Delano UMC made “Flat Jesus” laminated paper dolls that they’re carrying around this summer to help them stay connected to their faith, and they are including Flat Jesus in photographs posted to social media with hashtag #FlatJesus. At the end of the summer, they’ll give their Flat Jesus dolls to someone who’s in need of Jesus’ love and invite that person to come to church. Visit www.minnesotaucm.org and search “Flat Jesus” to find the story and learn how your church can participate.

Multi-church VBS for the community: Three churches in the small town of Eyota, including Faith UMC, offered a joint Vacation Bible School to people in the community of all ages. About 170 people (out of a city of 2,000) gathered for five nights for dinner, fellowship, and to learn about Jesus while enjoying the outdoors.

STAY CONNECTED!

“Like” the Minnesota Annual Conference on Facebook, follow the conference on Twitter (@MinnesotaUMC), and sign up (at www.minnesotaucm.org) for twice-weekly e-newsletters. For more information about any of the items listed above, visit www.minnesotaucm.org.


KIDS IN SEARCH



Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a ☐ around words describing God's actions. Draw an ☐ around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y





Answer: The LORD Almighty

GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



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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

On vocation? Use GPS!



Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on vocation — following His call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for vocation? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve! The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

—Heidi Mann