



Faith in Action

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

March 2016

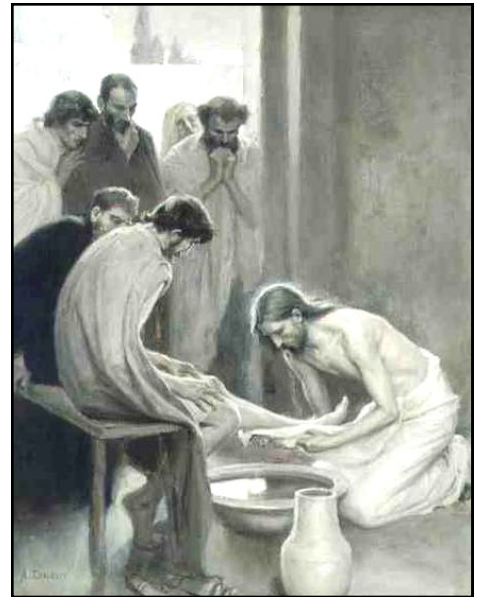
LENT WORSHIP

Lenten Midweek Supper & Worship continues during the Wednesdays of Lent through Mar. 16

Each week our worship series will center on the role of Christ. The theme on Wednesday evening will be further explored on the following Sunday (listed below). There will be music, prayer, Scripture and a few skits, and other activities.

Sunday Lenten Class 10:50 a.m. Feb. 14 — Mar. 20

Dr. Dana Scopatz is leading the class in thinking about the various ways we think about the crucifixion and the role of Christ.



HOLY WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY March 24 • 7:00 p.m.

We celebrate Holy Communion as we remember Jesus' last supper with the disciples, then we will move into a Tenebrae time where we remember all of the events of the night and the next day that lead to Jesus' crucifixion



GOOD FRIDAY March 25 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We will have a 4 hour prayer vigil. You are invited to join in prayer for 30 minute intervals at church or where you are. The church sanctuary will have music and resources available for people to use.



EASTER SUNDAY

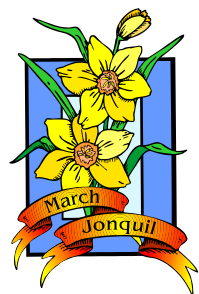
MARCH 27

**Breakfast • 8:00 a.m.
Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Easter breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:00 a.m. Then we will celebrate the resurrection in the sanctuary with the choir singing, and our worship concluding with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

March Birthdays

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Mar. 1 — Barbara Schroeder
 Mar. 3 — Kaitlyn Cox
 Mar. 4 — Gil Kinnunen
 Mar. 8 — Victoria Stehr
 Mar. 11 — Ryan Mohr
 Mar. 13 — Bernice Killian
 Mar. 17 — Patricia Fjerstad
 Mar. 18 — Laura Kropp
 Milan Ysaguirre

Mar. 20 — Mike Hovey
 Mar. 21 — Ruth Phipps
 Mar. 21 — Corey Worden
 Mar. 21 — Kenneth Hovey
 Mar. 24 — Jeffrey Cox
 Mar. 24 — Katie Lyn Sieberer
 Mar. 26 — Ruth Campion
 Mar. 27 — Isabelle Pippert
 Mar. 31 — Michael Pate

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

Thank you to and for during February...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Dianne Mens, Fred & Lynn Mens, and Karen Cohoes
- **Liturgists:** Angela High-Pippert, Sharon Yekaldo, Marsha Spatafore, and George Brown
- **Serving refreshments:** Paul & Pat Williams, Karen Cohoes, Fred & Bonnie Dick, and Bonnie Dick.
- **Communion Stewards:** Lori DeNardo
- **Thank You** to Bonnie Dick helping assemble the February newsletter.
- **March is Mobile Meals Month. A BIG Thank you** goes out to our Faith Church drivers: Julie Kelly, Gil Kinnunen, Greg & Roxanne Napier, Vesta Lach, Fred Mens, and Ward Mens — they help our program by tremendously delivering meals each month. We really appreciate their help and dedication. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to volunteer, please call Dianne Mens at 651-455-5221.
- *“Dear Friends in Mission,* Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. Your gift of \$101.84 was received on 12/31/15 for Disaster Response, United States, Advance #901670. ... Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry, and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. ... {Learn} more about UMCOR’s work by visiting www.umcor.org. ...” — Emily Miller, General Board of Global Ministries
- *“Dear Rev. Alexander,* Since 2002, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul has worked with local congregations to organize the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfasts. This year nine community teams worked to plan the 2016 breakfasts. ... Faith United Methodist Church was one of the congregations that stepped up to host the West Side/West St. Paul MLK Holiday Celebration. We thank you for hosting! We understand from members of the organizing committee that you and members of your congregation went above and beyond all expectations for the event. You had all the volunteer roles filled, graciously greeted all the guests, and helped make everyone feel welcome. ...members Dawn and Gil Kinnunen did a fantastic job at the area committee’s chairpersons. We thank you for generously hosting this community-building event. We look forward to working once again with members of your congregation as we plan the 2017 event.” — Randy Ilyse Roth, Exec. Dir.
- *“Dear Donors from Faith United Methodist Church,* Our sincere thank you for the generous donations you made to us In Dec. 2015 and Jan. 2016. Your donation of 285 pounds of food items is greatly appreciated...”
 — Neighbors, Inc. staff & Volunteers



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **MariAnne Young** continues to have problems with balance.
- ♦ **Doris Johnson** is now in hospice at Heart to Home — Hilltop Manor in Mendota Heights.
- ♦ **Carmen Lutgen** had surgery.
- ♦ **Pat Nitti** was hospitalized.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Sonja Beguhl** – *Maplewood Care Center*

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.

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

Welcome to Faith Church:

- ♦ We welcome new members received Feb. 21:
Lois Davis and **Randy Davis**.

The Money Pot (located in the church lobby) welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. Money Pot donations during March support **Minnesota FoodShare**.



During the month of March, Faith is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Last year the campaign raised more than 12 million pounds and dollars for Minnesota's food shelves. This year again Faith Church will be collecting both food and cash contributions throughout the month of March for Neighbors Inc. local food shelf.

Minnesota FoodShare is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and co-sponsored by:

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Minnesota Council of Churches
- Minnesota Rabbinical Council
- Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul Area

We will set a congregational goal on February 28 (\$1 equals one pound of food). If we reach our goal there will be a special treat available one Sunday in April available for everyone.



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 a part of either the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to 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 Winter:

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.

COMING VERY SOON!

Our **12th** annual Live/Silent Auction
Saturday, May 7, 2016

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have an item or items you would like to donate to the May 7 auction? If so, please give them to Lynn Bonkowske or Judy Turk as soon as you can. This event is always tons of fun with our own "lively auctioneer" Gil Kinnunen. Preview is at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:00, live auction at 6:00. Thank you in advance and, of course, we want this to be our best auction ever! Lynn & Judy.



Afternoon at the Movies

Sunday, April 3 we will conclude Afternoon at the Movies with the movie "Say Amen, Somebody". We begin watching at 4:00 p.m. and then spend some time discussing the movie afterwards. Gospel music is the subject of this lively film, which explores the history of the faith-rooted musical style. While the documentary features a number of gospel musicians, it spends the most time looking into the considerable contributions of Thomas A. Dorsey, a pioneering songwriter and pianist, and his popular associate, singer "Mother" Willie Mae Ford Smith. Also included are numerous concert performances by the Barrett Sisters, Sallie Martin and other gospel luminaries. Come and join us.

Craft Group Request

The ladies craft group is in need of some empty plastic tubs with lids — the tubs that deli sliced luncheon meats come in. We have a neat project we'd like to make, and to do so we need a ton of these particular plastic boxes. Every tub will help us! For more info, contact Liz Chun at 651-453-1999. "Many thanks!"

Daylight Savings Time

Reminder Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13.

Annual Book of Reports

Copies of the Book of Reports for 2016 are available on the table between the church office and the pastor's office. Please feel free to pick one up.

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.

2016 Calendars yet available

It's not too late to get organized with a 2016 wall calendar with gorgeous pictures and Bible verses! If you would like to purchase one (\$7. each), you can leave payment in the office or in the basket by the parking lot door where the calendars are located.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **3/12, 3/26, 4/9 and 4/23** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert Street starting at 8:00am. 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

"Peanuts" wanted

We are in need of Styrofoam packing peanuts to use as stabilizers in theme baskets for the 2016 Basket Sale. Thank you. —Judy Turk/

★ Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!*

Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message.

So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!



Steps on the Journey

Looking out on the melting snow it hard to believe it is only February. It is also hard to believe that before the month of March is over we will have celebrated Easter. It seems too early for Easter but in other ways it is just right.

Too often we are caught in the lack of light and the weariness of winter so when Lent comes it seems to weigh us down. We are reminded of our need to repent and spend time in self reflection and begin looking for forgiveness. But then Easter comes into that darkness and our load lightens and our days brighten.

The celebration of Easter is a reminder that we are people of the resurrection. And that is something we can celebrate every day. We do not need the spring flowers and the grass growing to celebrate Easter. We can be thankful every day.

We can begin to hope and dream with a sense of freshness and possibility. We can act like people of the resurrection; people who know that into our darkness light will shine.

This year as you are feeling weary, remember that the resurrection of Jesus is just around the corner and can be with us each and every day.

*Peace in Christ,
Gail*



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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General Administration Fund



Your offering empowers 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 the **General Administration Fund**, which will enable delegates from every annual conference around the world to come to the **General Conference** in Portland, OR, in May 2016. One of the challenges to be met is to provide a way for delegates to speak and hear in the eight languages that will be represented. A priority is placed on "opening the door through technology," so all might be part of the discussion and the decision-making process. A solution for translation via smart-phone is being developed for this year's session. These ministries happen thanks to the way the people of The United Methodist Church live and give connectionally. I invite you to give generously as we worship God through sharing our gifts, tithes and offerings.

(UMNS photo by Greg Nelson)

Learn more about the 2016 General Conference at:
<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2016>



March 2016 Worship Schedule

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March 6 — 4th Sunday in Lent — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 25:1-32

Sermon title: "Christ our Substitute"

Greeter: Taffy Storck
Lay Reader: Bruce Opp
Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk
Communion Steward: Karen Cohoes

March 13 — 5th Sunday in Lent — *Baptism of Olivia Miriam Turk*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 1:5-9

Sermon Title: "Christ our Light"

Greeter:
Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo
Fellowship Time host:

March 20 — Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118; I Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 20:20-28

Sermon title: "Christ our Liberator"

Greeter:
Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen
Fellowship Time host:

March 24 (7:00 p.m.) — Maundy Thursday

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-35

Holy Communion and a Tenebrae style worship with light and darkness

✠ March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Sermon Title: "The World Changed"

Greeter:
Lay Reader: John Kemp
Fellowship Time host:



March 2016 Calendar

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Wed., 3/2	5:15 p.m.	Supper	Mon., 4/4	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship	Wed., 4/6	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 3/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sat., 4/9	5:00 p.m.	Riverbend/Be the Tool Chili Cook-off
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School	Sun., 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 3/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed., 3/9	5:15 p.m.	Supper	Mon., 4/11	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship	Wed., 4/13	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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Sat., 3/12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun., 3/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 3/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 3/16	5:15 p.m.	Supper			
	6:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship			
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sun., 3/20	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 3/21	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 3/23	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal.			
Thurs. 3/24	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals			
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship			
Fri. 3/25	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Prayer time			
Sat., 3/26	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun., 3/27	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast			
	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
Mon. 3/28	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 3/30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sun., 4/3	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			



Coming Events

March 20 – Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24 – Maundy Thursday

March 25 – Good Friday

March 27 – Easter

April 3 – Afternoon at the Movies

April 9 – Be the Tool/Riverbend Chili
Cook-off & Silent Auction

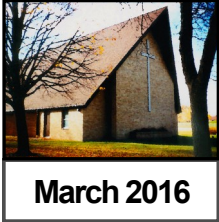
April 10 – Day of Sharing

May 7 – Auction



Facebook Page

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



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Worship Schedule

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

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



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Minnesota FoodShare

March Campaign

During the month of March, Faith is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and Faith Church will set a congregational goal on Sunday, Feb. 28 to support Neighbors, Inc.

Join us for EASTER Worship, March 27

Easter Sunday, March 27

we will have Easter breakfast from 8-9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will begin in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. with the hearing of the Easter story; we will talk about what it means to hear Jesus say "I am the resurrection and the life." We will end worship with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. After worship there will be a time of fellowship to greet one another in the light of the resurrection.

