



Faith in Action

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

April 2016

Spring Day of Service & Potluck

Sunday, April 10 after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. We will be making cards for Mobile Meals, health kits, birthing kits, school kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, also lunches for a homeless shelter and maybe some surprises. Bring a dish to share and willing hands to be in ministry. Items that are needed to make kits: receiving blankets (need to be NOT thermal or fleece), bandages, toothbrushes, combs (8 inches long), blunt scissors, 8 ½ x 11 paper notebooks or 150 sheet packs, wash clothes, hand towels (15x25 to 17x27 inches), soap (both 3 oz. & regular size). We are going to try to make lunches for a homeless shelter this time. We need items for paper bags, small plastic bags, chips, individual pudding or Jell-o (not requiring refrigeration) and other items a person would enjoy in a lunch. We will make sandwiches and pack the lunches. We will dedicate all the kits we have made this year on May 15 before they are taken to the MN Annual Conference to go to the distribution crt. in Springfield, Illinois.

Native American Art Exhibit

We invite you to join us for our Second Annual Western & Native American Art Exhibit "Native American Ventures" on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall here at Faith. All proceeds go to support The Church of the Holy Family.

Soon it will be THAT TIME!

Our 12th annual

Live & Silent Auction

Saturday, May 7, 2016

4:30 p.m. — Preview auction items

5:00 p.m. — Dinner

(pulled pork sandwich)

6:00 p.m. — Live Auction

7:00 p.m. — Silent Auction closes

Tickets: 12-adult \$8.00 • Ages 4-11 \$4.00

Make plans NOW to attend — and visit with Judy Turk or Lynn Bonkowske if you are able to help with donating items for the auction.



**Shhhh!
Includes a
SILENT
Auction!**

April Birthdays

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4/2 — Jan Kostner	4/15 — Ross Kropp	4/25 — Clayton Short
4/7 — Patricia Giorgini	4/16 — Collette Peterson	4/25 — Madison Worden
4/9 — Savannah Buse	4/18 — Kayla Rebischke	4/26 — Kathryn Peterson
4/10 — Donald Seaquist	4/19 — Brandon Adams	4/27 — Leona Opp
4/10 — Nicholas Sielski	4/20 — Melinda Suchecki	4/29 — Noah DeNardo
4/13 — Liz Chun	4/21 — Bev Nielsen	4/30 — Christina Eberly
4/14 — Evan Emery	4/25 — Joan Ryan	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, Laurel Venhuizen, Bernice Killian, and Bonnie Dick
- **Liturgists:** Bruce Opp, Sharon Yekaldo, Gil Kinnunen, and John Kemp
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, Julie Kelly, Jenny Kranz, and Fred & Bonnie Dick
- **Communion Stewards:** Karen Cohoes
- **Thank you** to our Wednesday night meal providers: United Methodist Women, Karen Cohoes & friends, Sharon Yekaldo & friends, Board of Trustees, Sanctuary Choir, and Men's Breakfast
- **Thank you** to our Wednesday skit actors and writers: Gil Kinnunen, Bob Scopatz, Dana Scopatz, Sharon Yekaldo, George Brown, Isabelle Pippert, Carol Schultz, John Scopatz, Dawn Kinnunen, Jeanna Schwendinger, Judy Pfenning, and Charles Scopatz.
- **Thank You** to Bonnie Dick & Roxanne Napier for helping assemble the February newsletter.
- **We appreciate** our Easter Sunday teamwork — thank you to Team One (Matt, Claudia, Ava and Marsha Spatafore, Mike Schwendinger and George Brown) who did their magic in the kitchen and made a delicious Easter breakfast. And a second thank you to Team Two (Randy Davis, Carmen Lutgen, Randy Roberts, Gloria Gurtin, Andres Losinski, Bill Bonkowske and Judy Turk) who cleaned up after the magic that Team One made!
- *“Dear Friends,* Because you took the time to care, over 100 women and children will sleep safely tonight and wake to a warm breakfast tomorrow! On behalf of them and everyone else here at Emma Norton Services, I want to thank you for your recent contribution of \$1,123.00, received on 3/9/2016. Each year, Emma Norton provides transformational housing, supportive programs, services, and nurturing care to nearly 250 homeless woman and children on their journey of recovery...your continued support & generous donation endures that all of our teens receive specific case management services for one week. This initiative is highly successful in that 3 of our teens have jobs in the community and are building life long skills!” — *Tonya Brownlow, Exec. Dir., ENS*

Adult Education

- The Adult Sunday School Class (Sundays at 10:50 a.m.) will spend time on April 3 learning about the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. We will talk about some of the issues to be discussed when General Conference takes place May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon.
- On April 10th we will participate in the day of service.
- Beginning on April 17 we will be watching “The Story of the Jews with Simon Schama”. It presents the Jewish experience from ancient times to the present day. It includes historical characters, storytelling, location photography and people who live with the passions and perplexities of the Jewish story today.

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **Doris Johnson** is now in hospice at Heart to Home — Hilltop Manor in Mendota Heights.
- ♦ **Steve Peterson** is entering hospice.
- ♦ **Isabella Mens** is in need of prayers for some life-long health concerns. She will be 13 on April 7.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Sonja Beguhl** – *Maplewood Care Center*
- ♦ **Doris Johnson** – *Hilltop Manor, Mendota Hgts.*

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

The Money Pot (located in the church lobby) welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. Money Pot donations during April support One Great Hour of Sharing to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief. (Read more on page 5)



Graceful Journey

Monday, April 18 at 7pm

Have you ever wondered how to pass along some of the important stories of your life? Do you have items in your life that have a special story? Have you wondered how to go about it? Come on Monday, April 18 to the next installment of Graceful Journey. Renee Pfennig will help us think about how to tell our story to the next generation. We will begin at 7:00 p.m.

★ **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!

The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office. If unable to reach Susan or Pastor Gail in the church office, please contact Sharon Yekaldo, 651-455-4770. If she is not available, contact Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542. Please make sure the pastor knows so she can respond to pastoral care needs, and know what is going out over the telephone prayer chain so it can be sent to 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.

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:

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!"

"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 T./Lynn B.

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.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **4/9, 4/23, 5/7 and 5/21** 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

Annual Conference this June

MN Annual Conference will take place in St. Cloud June 21-23, and registration for the event has begun. If you are interested in participating in the conference as a Faith Church *lay equalization member*, please talk with Pastor Gail as soon as you are able.

8th Annual Abrahamic Traditions Dinner

Niagara Foundation's annual Abrahamic Traditions Dinner strengthens friendship and understanding among people of the three Abrahamic religions. The dinner is an annual event of The Niagara Foundation and features speakers from each of the three Abrahamic Faiths followed by brief table conversation and a Q&A period. The theme this year is Social and Economic Justice as understood and practiced in the three faiths. To facilitate the discussion, attendees are seated at tables with persons of the other faiths. Below is a link to reserve your spot for the 2016 dinner to be held on Tuesday, April 12 at Mizpah United Church of Christ, 412 5th Ave. N., Hopkins 55343.

https://docs.google.com/a/niagarafoundation.org/forms/d/1mNkQ3kTUMw569PB-hbKXkhVRNlzdDvwyLxg_ysFw0fc/viewform
Questions? Contact Renee Pfenning at rpfenning@msn.com

MAKE A DIFFERENCE • One Great Hour of Sharing •



When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. So don’t be fooled by the word *committee*.

Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do.

When You Give You Equip Christ’s Body to Serve in His Name

That’s because your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together

we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

BECAUSE YOU GIVE, the United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
 - When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
 - When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it’s your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not “they.”

We.

Ensure the United Methodist Church Can Keep Helping

Will you continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who’ve experienced devastation in the wake of disaster? When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said:

“I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

(One Great Hour of Sharing is Faith’s Money Pot offering for April.)

April 2016 Worship Schedule

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April 3 — 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: "When Do We Praise God"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Liz Chun

April 10 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Sermon Title: "Something to Eat"

Greeters: Randy Roberts and Carmen Lutgen

Lay Reader: Mike Schwendinger

Fellowship Time host:

April 17 — 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Sermon by Rev. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Pat Giorgini

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

April 24 — 5th Sunday of Easter

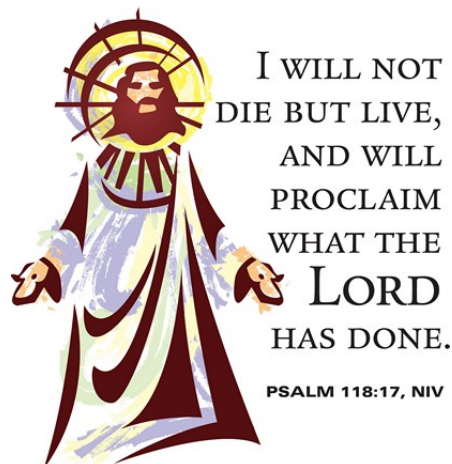
Scripture Readings: Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Sermon title: "Open to New Possibilities"

Greeters: Dawn & Gil Kinnunen

Lay Reader: Pat Giorgini

Fellowship Time host:



April 2016 Calendar

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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
	4:00 p.m.	Afternoon at the Movies
Mon., 4/4	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 4/6	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 4/9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	4:30 p.m.	Be the Tool/Riverbend Chili Cook-Off
Sun., 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Day of Sharing & Potluck
Mon., 4/11	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Tues., 4/12	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Team
Wed., 4/13	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 4/19	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., 4/18	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Graceful Journey
Wed., 4/20	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal.
Thurs. 4/21	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	1:00 p.m.	Visitors Corp
Sat., 4/23	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 4/24	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. 4/25	0:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 4/27	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 5/1	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., 5/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 5/4	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 5/5	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sat., 5/7	5:00 p.m.	Auction
Sun., 5/8	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., 5/9	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 5/11	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 5/15	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

- April 3** – Afternoon at the Movies
April 9 – Be the Tool/Riverbend Chili
Cook-off & Silent Auction
April 10 – Day of Sharing
May 7 – Live and Silent Auction

Visitor Corp

The Visitor Corp will meet
Thursday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Fireside Room. This group
stays in touch by phone or
visiting persons in the congre-
gation who are shut-in or
having health difficulties.





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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

Facebook Page

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

Riverbend/Be the Tool Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction

**Saturday, April 9
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

The 4th Annual Chili cook off! Come see if your chili is the best! OR - just tell us which chili is the best! Fundraiser for River Bend Mission Team with Be the Tool for their trip to New Orleans. This is historic because this trip will be leaving for the Gulf Coast almost EXACTLY 10 years (to one day!) after leaving for the first trip after Katrina. And YES- there is still work to be done! Come support Riverbend. If you would like to make a chili, contact Rod Scofield.

Seminary Scholarships Available

The congregation at First United Methodist Church St. Cloud is proud to offer scholarships to persons of all ages and walks of life, who follow in the United Methodist heritage of life long learning. The scholarship

funds are designed to assist United Methodist students in their college and/or seminary training. Apply now for a Grannis-Martin Foundation & Grannis Memorial scholarships. Recipients must be preparing for ministry in the United Methodist Church and have a Minnesota connection. Application deadline is June 1st. To request an application, please go to our website for information and online application <http://www.fumcscr.org/scholarships/>

Darts Fundraising Breakfast

Join DARTS for our second annual Fundraising Breakfast with guest speaker, Bob Lurtsema (Benchwarmer Bob), former Minnesota Viking.

Enjoy a free breakfast, listen to Bob Lurtsema speak about retirement and the aging journey, and give your gift/pledge to support DARTS in 2016.

Date: Thursday, April 28, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.,
Mendakota Country Club. RSVP today by emailing sarah.jacobson@darts1.org or calling 651-234-2225