



# Faith in Action

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*"Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference — together"*

**May 2016**

*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,  
too!*

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY — MAY 15**

This day is the celebration of the beginning of the church! **As part of the celebration, we invite you to wear red.** During worship we will dedicate all the school, health and birthing kits we have made this past year. During Fellowship Time we will make 100+ sandwiches and finish packing 25 lunches to be taken to Our Saviour's Housing emergency shelter (note the items we still need) — and we will have ice cream floats as a treat along with donuts during Fellowship Time.

♦ **Items needed for sandwich making:**

plastic sandwich bags, bread, meat (in plastic tubs) (no bologna, please), individual mayo or mustard packets, cheese, water or juice boxes.

**Minnesota FoodShare**

*This year for Minnesota FoodShare we raised over 3,000 pounds as of May 2.*

# May Birthdays

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5/2 — John Kemp	5/11 — Louise Gross	5/21 — Jenny Kranz
5/2 — Nicole Mohr	5/11 — Gloria Gurtin	5/24 — Lisa Ann Boelter
5/3 — Norma Nitti	5/14 — Sonja Beguhl	5/26 — Chad Emery
5/4 — Sheri Lukas	5/15 — Jody Sielski	5/28 — Timothy Pippert
5/6 — Christina Yekaldo	5/18 — Frederick Mens	5/29 — Ruth Martin
5/8 — Judy Pfenning	5/20 — Amber Palmer	5/20 — Matthew Palmer

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

## Thank you to and for during April...

- **Greeters:** Karen Cohoes, Randy Roberts & Carmen Lutgen, Pat Giorgini, and Dawn & Gil Kinnunen.
- **Liturgists:** Tim Pippert, Mike Schwendinger, Charles Beardshear, and Pat Giorgini
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, Bonnie & Fred Dick, Paul & Pat Williams, and Fred & Bonnie Dick
- **Communion Stewards:** Liz Chun

- **We appreciate** for your donation to **Neighbors, Inc.** to support the annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign to end hunger! Your contribution was immediately put to use to stock our shelves in the food shelf. Each month we serve more than 500 families who come to access healthy good, each leaving with enough to feed their family for a week.

By supporting Neighbors in March, you are also helping us earn overall Minnesota FoodShare funds at the end of the campaign. Throughout the month, 300 food shelves across the state are competing for that funding; the higher we finish in the rankings, the greater proportion we receive. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, we placed 4th. This year we hope to do even better to maximize all of the amazing support from this community! —Also, thank you for the generous donations you made to us in February and March.

Your donation of 1,125 pounds of food items is greatly appreciated. Many of your neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart. — Neighbor's Inc. Staff and Volunteers

- I would like to **thank everybody** who took part in donating money and food the Neighbors, Inc. for the March drive. Our goal was 3,000 pounds. Let's see if we can beat that next year. Again, thank you. — Karen Cohoes
- **“Thank you for all the kind words, prayers, cards and flowers when our Mom passed. It meant a lot to us at a particularly hard time.”** — JoAnn Loutsch and Judy Turk
- **“Thank you. We are truly grateful for your support.** You are helping rescue children, women and men from unspeakable violence. The impact you are making is felt around the world. Children will see justice for the abuse that stole their innocence. Women will be freed from sex trafficking that enslaved them. Men will be released from unlawful imprisonment. Families will be reunited and restored. . . Together, we are protecting more than 21 million people from violence. Thank you!” — *The International Justice Mission Team* (\$275.77 — February 2016 Money Pot donations)



### **Congregational Care Concerns:**

- ♦ **Ruth Phipps** was hospitalized.

### **Care Centers:**

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **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

### **We Extend our Sympathy:**

- ♦ **Our sympathy to Collette Peterson** and family on the death of Steve on Sunday, April 17.
- ♦ **We extend our sympathy to Judy Turk and JoAnn Loutsch** on the death of their mother.



**The Money Pot** welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. Money Pot donations during May support the Love Offering

for Missions. This year the money will be used for International Child Care in the Dominican Republic, Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services, United Methodist Committee on Relief for Health Kits, and Volunteer in Mission Scholarships.

You can put money in the money pot in the church lobby.



### **★ 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 knows 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.



### Craft Group Request

The ladies craft group is yet 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 Basket Sale. Thank you. —Judy T./Lynn B.

### Lawn Mowing Time



It's finally green outside again! With all the rain, it is time to again think about lawn mowing. If you can help mow the church yard, please contact Lynn Bonkowske, 651-455-6542.



### 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 **5/7, 5/21, 6/4 and 6/18** 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](mailto:bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us)

### Graduation

If you know of anyone graduating from high school, college, graduate school or technical school, please contact the church office so they can be recognized in the June/July newsletter.

### General Conference

Every four years, a quadrennium, representatives of the United Methodist Church from all over the world gather. The purpose of this gathering is to figure out how we are going to live together as people called United Methodists. The next gathering will be May 10-20, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. Please keep the delegates in your prayers that they may make decisions that will allow the church to continue to be a witness to God's presence.





## How Does Our Garden Grow?

We're getting ready for the 2016 version of Faith UMC's Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden. Soon you'll see straw bales appear and the raised garden boxes fill with soil. Planting will begin in mid-May, when we are assured that frost is not in the forecast.

Last year, our garden produced the highest yield in its five years—260 pounds of veggies (beans, cucumbers, herbs, lettuce, peppers, potatoes, squash and tomatoes) with an estimated market value of \$1,125. This year's garden will include more tomatoes and herbs, which are very expensive to purchase in grocery stores.

And we'll increase the varieties of herbs and subsequently expand our printed information sheet, *Tips for Using Fresh Herbs in Preparing Food*, to include suggestions for each herb that we produce.

If you wish to help with this year's garden, please contact Gil or Dawn Kinnunen in person or by phone or email (651-428-3959, or gilogram@gmail.com).

## Summer Meals Program at Somerset Elementary School

In partnership with other neighborhood churches, Faith UMC is once again participating in the Neighbors, Inc. Summer Meals Program—but at a new location. The program at Garlough Elementary **will shift to Somerset Elementary**, 1355 Dodd Road, Mendota Heights.

As we've done in the past, Faith UMC volunteers will serve breakfast and lunch for one week: **Monday through Thursday, July 11-14.**

We need four volunteers for breakfast (7:30-10 a.m.) and lunch (10 a.m.-12:45 p.m.). Volunteers may choose to serve one or both meals and also choose all or part of the week. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Gil Kinnunen (651-428-3959, gilogram@gmail.com).

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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### Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)



Each week as you support 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 that empower the whole church to reach out to those who need to hear the good news of love and redemption. You have supported the work of **Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)**, a ministry through the General Board of Global Ministries that works in local communities across the U.S. to help immigrants navigate their way to safety and freedom.

The young men in the picture are kidnap victims of human trafficking by Mexico's notorious Cartel de Golfo. They were rescued by United Methodists working with JFON in Austin, Texas. This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. We are invited to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes and offerings.

(JFON/GBGM Photo by Alexandre Meneghini)

*Learn more about the work of Justice for Our Neighbors by visiting:*

<http://njfon.org>



# May 2016 Worship Schedule

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## **May 1 — 6th Sunday of Easter —** *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Scripture Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29*

Sermon title: "Where Visions Lead"

Greeter: Karen Cohoes

Lay Reader: Randy Davis

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

## **May 8 — 7th Sunday of Easter**

*Scripture Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26*

Sermon Title: "When We Get Annoyed"

Greeters: Pat & Paul Williams

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time host:

## **May 15 — Pentecost Sunday —** *Wear RED today*

*Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27*

Sermon Title: "Trusting God"

Greeter: Jody Sielski

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldts

Fellowship Time host:

## **May 22 — Trinity Sunday**

*Scripture Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15*

Sermon title: "What is Wisdom?"

Greeters: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host:

## **May 29 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings: I Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10*

Sermon title: "When God is Real"

Greeter: JoAnn Loutsch

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host:

# May 2016 Calendar

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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
Mon., 5/16	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Com- mittee
Tues., 5/17	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Team
Wed., 5/18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 5/19	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat., 5/21	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 5/22	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., 5/23	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 5/25	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 5/29	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 5/30	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
		Office Closed

Sun., 6/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 6/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sun., 6/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 6/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group



## Adult Education

On April 17 we began 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. Please join us.

## Annual Conference Choir

**Hello, fellow United Methodists!** We're pleased to tell you that we're continuing our tradition from the past two years and organizing a massed choir at the 2016 Annual Conference, and we'd love for you to join us. We especially invite youth singers to participate.

This year's anthem is "Thrive" by Mark Hall and Matthew West. The arrangement we're using is by Marty Hamby: PraiseSong #00413398 SATB, and the cost is \$2.25. Singers are responsible for securing their own music, which is available online from [JW Pepper](#) or [Hal Leonard](#), or by calling JW Pepper at 952-938-0028. We will sing this anthem at the Celebration of Life and Ministry at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Rehearsal will be at 6:15. If you plan to join the massed choir, please contact [Kathy Webb](#) (612-926-7645) to let her know, just so that we have a rough count ahead of time.

We are also looking for people to help lead worship. Whatever your skills and passions, if you are interested in sharing them during worship, please contact [Chris Klesen Wehrman](#) (612-965-0178). Liturgical dancers, bell choirs, children's choirs, and other groups with gifts we can't even know to mention are encouraged to contact us! (Worship services will be Tuesday mid-day, Wednesday evening, and Thursday Morning and afternoon.)

We look forward to making music with you at the 2016 Annual Conference!



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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>

## **Founders' Day at Old Salem June 5**

"The little white church" in Inver Grove Heights, when formed in 1857 as Salem Evangelical Church, was the state's first congregation of the Evangelical Association of North America. Parishioners met in another nearby location until the building was built in 1875.

Regular worship services there ended in 1910, but descendants of the church's founding families have kept traditions going. One of the annual rites, since 1999, is a Christmas Epiphany service held on the first Sunday in January. A Founders' Day service takes place on the first Sunday in June.

Please join us at this year's Founders' Day service on Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m. Both Dennis and Gail Alexander will be present, and Dennis will offer the message.



*Old Salem Shrine is located at Upper 55th Street East  
and Annette Avenue East in Inver Grove Heights.*

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