



Faith in Action

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October 2016

Day of Service November 27

Sunday, November 27 after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. We will be making cards for the Mobile Meals program that operates out of our building. We will be making 3 kinds of kits (school bags, birthing and health kits) for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) that will be delivered to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois. We will be making Christmas shoebox gifts for Spirit Lake Ministry Center which serves the reservations in the Dakotas and Red Lake in Minnesota.

Below are the items needed for each area:

- **Health kits** — hand towel (15"x25' to 17"x27'), washcloths, combs (at least 8" long), metal nail file or clipper
- **Birthing kits** — receiving blankets
- **School kits** — ruler, eraser (2" or larger), pads of paper, crayons
- **Shoebox gifts** — small toys or gifts for various ages, candy, hat, mittens, Christmas wrapping paper, shoeboxes (either paper or plastic with separate tops)

Please bring the items to church prior to November 20 if possible and place them under the money pot in the Narthex or outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help.

10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, October 2, the adult Sunday School will begin a series of classes entitled "My Neighbor the Muslim". All are invited.



Faith Church Presents our

Annual Bazaar

Saturday, October 15

9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

along with our

Soup & Salad Luncheon

lunch served from

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH:

ages 13-adult: \$8.⁰⁰

ages 4-12: \$4.⁰⁰



*All proceeds support
the mission work of
United Methodist Women*

Come enjoy the day with us as you browse our great selection of homemade goodies — and our unique handcrafted items featuring Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas motifs. Join us for a lunch of homemade soup together with a variety of unique salads from which to choose. Bring a friend!

★ *If you can provide soup or salad, please contact
Rose Larsen (651-730-2088 or
srlarsen74@gmail.com).*

*If you can help work, please contact
Dawn Kinnunen (651-451-2556 or
dawnella1974@gmail.com)*

October Birthdays

10/1 — Rebecca Seaquist
 10/6 — Joan Fitch
 10/8 — Jenifer Stehr
 Matthew Spatafore
 10/11 — Kim Van Siclen
 10/12 — Judy Turk
 10/13 — Nicholas Pate
 Elliana DeNardo
 10/14 — Richard DeNardo
 10/15 — Linda Cox
 10/16 — Ward Mens
 10/17 — Carol Schuldt
 10/17 — Lynn Mens

10/18 — Lori DeNardo
 Joshua Pate
 Lauren Pate
 10/20 — Shawn Knudson
 10/23 — Debra Schneider
 Jack Groth
 10/24 — Richard Root
 Nicole Brummund
 10/29 — Rick Henk
 Jack Walsh
 10/30 — Clayton Van Siclen

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

“Thank you” during the Summer and through September...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Judy Pfenning, Dan Miller, Karen Cohoes, Sharon Yekaldo, Carol Schuldt, Laurel Venhuizen, Tammy & Ben Brummund, Vesta Lach, Bonnie Dick, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen
- **Liturgists:** Isabelle Pippert, Ann Beardshear, Gil Kinnunen, Bill Bonkowske, Mike Schwendinger, John Kemp, Pat Giorgini, Charles Beardshear, Sharon Yekaldo, Bill Bonkowske, Randy Davis, and Carol Schuldt
- **Serving refreshments:** Randy Roberts & Carmen Lutgen, JoAnn Loutsch, Randy Davis, Judy Pfenning, Laurel Venhuizen, Paul & Pat Williams, Dan Miller, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Bonnie & Fred Dick, and Judy Turk
- **Communion Stewards:** Judy Pfenning, Bonnie Dick, Sharon Yekaldo, and Lynn Mens
- **Thank you** for your September food donations to Neighbors! After the Duck Races, now we look ahead to Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. More information coming in the November newsletter. (Remember, Santa asks you to bring a food item to donate to Neighbors when you come to see him.)

★ Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!* Each Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting message. So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!



How Does Our Garden Grow?

Faith UMC's Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden is having a record-breaking year again. The summer has been an ideal mix of sunshine, rain and temperature. In 2015, we delivered 274 pounds of vegetables. Through September 23, 2016, we have delivered 357 pounds of vegetables and expect to reach at least 450 pounds before the end of the harvest season. Thanks to all who have increased that amount even further by donating surplus vegetables from their own gardens.



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Lois Davis** fell; she is home recuperating.
- ♦ **Doris Johnson** is coping with pain in Hospice.
- ♦ **Joyce Ecker** continues in Hospice here in W. St. Paul.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Doris Johnson** – *Hilltop Manor, Mendota Hgts.*
- ♦ **Elsie Brown** – *Norris Square, Cottage Grove*
- ♦ **Beulah Hanvelt** – *Inver Glen Senior Living*
- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, 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

Prayer changes things

October 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.



Money Pot donations during October help Wesley Meals, a Saturday meal program in Minneapolis. On Sunday, October 9, we will have a representative here to talk about the program.



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 personal devotion time this Fall:

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.



Steps on the Journey

It was not the summer I had planned. I had projects that I was going to finish, a garden to care for, time to spend with family in various configurations and just enjoying some sun and fun. You know, taking that deep breath that we take each summer, as we change pace and relish each day.

My plans for summer changed radically. In June I thought I was simply fighting a virus, so I figured in a couple days things would be better. That was not the case. In July I knew I was having some teeth removed but it would be just 72 hours to recover. It was not the case. In August as I was getting ready for vacation my whole system crashed and I ended up in I.C.U. for two days and the hospital for 4 days. Not at all my plan.

But as I recover I am learning that there were lessons in the midst of all it.

First, I was reminded that God is with me regardless of what is happening, through all of this I am amazed at how peaceful I was. I knew I was not alone that there were arms holding me up. I was never alone.

Second, I was reminded of something I knew but take for granted too often. I have a wonderful family and close friends. My family sat in hospital rooms with me, others brought food to our house, others took me to appointments and helped me listen and others called to find out what was going on. It was an extraordinary experience to be cared for in this way.

Third, I am part of a wonderful faith community. People here at Faith have been gracious and helpful. You have made sure things happened that needed to happen. You have prayed for me, you have sent me notes and cared for me. I have heard from other people in other parishes I have served or Dennis has served who have let me know I am remembered in prayer. All of this has helped in the healing process.

Fourth, I am fortunate enough to have access to a wonderful medical establishment. I have a great family practice doctor who has studied, watched and is guiding a healing process for me. In the hospital I had caring, gentle nurses and staff who were there whenever I needed them. I am one of the lucky ones.

As we move into the fall, all I can say is thank you. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your caring. Thank you for your love. Thank you that God is with us at all the moments of our lives. So we take the next steps on our journey.

*Peace in Christ,
Gail*

Anniversary Offering

This year the anniversary offering will go to help replace the floor in the Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hall Floor Project

You may have noticed the Fellowship floor, kitchen and back hallway is beginning to come up in places and looks terrible. Well, this fall the floor will be replaced. The new tile has been picked, the plans have been made and we need your help. First, to raise the money to pay for the floor (see article on the capital campaign) and second to move things.

Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. we will be moving **EVERYTHING** out of the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and back hallway including the contents of all the closets. We will have the stoves moved by professionals, but everything else is our responsibility. We have a plan for storing the items around the church. The week of October 24 the old floor will be removed (this must be done carefully because the tile is made with asbestos). The week of October 31 and November 7 the new floor will be put down.

Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. we will be returning everything to where it belongs. We will need your help to make this work. Come for an hour or more on either day. We will find something for you to do. Thank you.

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.

"Ruth's Native Plants"

Ruth Phipps was a lover of native plants. She had a huge garden. Her family is interested in sharing with people who are interested in native plants. For more information, contact Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542.

Capital Campaign

What happens when a building get used? Soon it needs repair. This year along with our 2017 Finance Campaign, we will be raising money for a new floor in the Fellowship Hall and for a new sound system in the sanctuary. We will need approximately \$30,000 for the two projects. A generous donor has come forward and will donate a dollar-for-dollar match for the floor and the sound system. So we need to raise \$15,000 (\$10,000 for the floor and \$5,000 for the sound system) before the end of the year, and it will be matched with \$15,000. If you would like to buy a piece of the floor, it figures out to \$10 per square foot. If you would like to buy a piece of the sound system, it will be \$10 per piece. We will have a chart up for us to keep track of how much we have raised. The floor will be going in the end of October through early November. The plan now is to have the new sound system in by Christmas. More information will come to you along with the finance campaign material in early October.



UMC Market

The UMC Market website is waiting for you! **If you shop online**, you can go through the UMC Market portal/website, where a percentage of your purchase can be designated to Faith UMC. Signing up is free. Most churches are already listed on UMCmarket. When you go to UMCmarket.org, you will click on the get "Get Started" button. You will then simply sign-up with your email, or through Facebook, find your church, and start shopping and donating. Giving couldn't be easier. Try it today!



2017 Finance Campaign “Rebuilding the House of God”

This year the theme of our 2017 Finance Campaign is “Rebuilding the House of God”. It is based on a passage from Ezra 5: “We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago.”

We are not only rebuilding our physical plant but we are looking at how we have done things in the past and figuring out new ways to be relationship with God, each other and the world. 2017 is a significant year for us and we continue to be the people of God here in West St. Paul but also beyond our borders. What is the gift you will be giving to help Faith Church continue its ministry? Be watching for more information in the mail. The first event on our new floor in the Fellowship Hall will be a catered meal in celebration of the gifts God has given us.

Trust Fund

In November, 2015 Faith United Methodist Church created a congregational trust for the purpose of receiving legacy gifts. (wills, estates, life insurance, etc.). The trust contains at this time three funds.

► **The Heinemann Fund** – a long standing fund here at Faith. The earnings from this account help pay **apportionments** to the Minnesota Annual Conference

► **Legacy Fund** – The earnings from this account would be used to help underwrite the **ongoing ministry** of the congregation. We have started this fund with a \$1,000 gift from the estate of Jean Marsh.

► **Capital Facilities Fund** – The earnings from this account would be used to pay for **capital improvements** to the property and building of Faith Church.

► The fourth option would be to add money to the “Faith Community & Education Foundation” - This fund is used for **community projects**. It is a separate 501.3c

We have received word that we will be receiving an estate gift that will be placed in these funds at the recommendation of the finance committee to the Board of Trustees of the church.

Please note: these funds are different than memorial money. Memorial money that is given is the responsibility of the memorial committee.



Volunteers Needed: Daily Bakery Pick-up

The new Hy-Vee store in Eagan is now open and management has agreed to donate their extra bread to Neighbors, Inc.! This will help ensure that the bakery shelf is well-stocked for the 14,000 families that use it each year.

We will be picking up donations from the store each weekday between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. If you're looking for a great opportunity to help your neighbors in need, we are hoping to find some volunteers to get the items from the store and deliver them to the food shelf. Volunteers would use their own vehicle and need to be able to load and unload donations on their own.

If you or someone you know might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Dylan at dylan@neighborsmn.org or phone 651-272-1133.

DARTS Respite Care

Caring for an ill or frail loved one can be a demanding and exhausting responsibility. Caregivers need a break from time-to-time. This period of relief is important because feeling better helps them care better. Well-trained, compassionate DARTS respite volunteers stay with the person in need of care allowing the caregiver to run errands, exercise or participate in a church activity to reduce the stress of caregiving. For more information visit www.dartscares.org. “We care so they can care better”

Coming Events

- October 1** – Neighbors' Duck Race
- October 15** – Bazaar/Soup & Salad Luncheon
- October 22** – Emptying Fellowship Hall
- November 12** – Setting Up Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- November 13** – Celebration Sunday
- November 19** – Book & Basket Sale
- November 26** – Decorating for Christmas
- November 27** – Day of Service
- December 3** – Breakfast with Santa

Craft Fair, Bazaar, Bake Sale, and Luncheon – Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m!

... the awesome Soup and Salad Luncheon will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$8.00 for ages 13-adult, and \$4.00 for ages 4-12. **Your help is needed to make salads, soups and help with service.** If you are interested, sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. If you have questions contact Rose Larsen at 651-730-2088 related to the soups & salads, and Dawn Kinnunen, 651-451-2556 related to helping. The Bazaar is also looking for baked goods; if you can help provide them please contact Liz Chun, 615-453-1999, or Laurel Venhuizen, 651-552-1167. (Please bring in bake sale donations the night before or the day of the sale.)

Help Wanted!

The **Basket Sale/Book Sale** fundraiser is right coming soon, **on Saturday, November 19**, and we ask for help with assembling the baskets. Come join the fun Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. and stay to help assemble baskets as long as you want. We also welcome "new" donation items and baskets; For more information, contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or Lynn Bonkowske at 651-455-6542.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission



Each week the offering you give helps our congregation be in ministry and response to the needs of our community. It also helps support the work of ministries beyond us through church the whole church to reach out to those who need to hear the good news of love and redemption. Every day, through our United Methodist Church, lives are touched, hearts are stirred, and people answer God's call in many different ways. Through the ministry of **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)**, volunteers are trained to work effectively in areas where infrastructure is challenged by natural disasters, as in the recent flooding in Louisiana. Well meaning, but untrained volunteers can sometimes make the situation more challenging for those trying to facilitate recovery in stricken communities. These trained UMVIM volunteers, working in cooperation with **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) coordinators, can advance the work of recovery for the families who have been devastated. Both of these groups are under the umbrella of our General Board of Global Ministries. This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. Once again we thank you for your generosity.

October 2016 Calendar

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Sun., 10/2	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., 10/3	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 10/5	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 10/6	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
Sat., 10/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 10/9	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., 10/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 10/12	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 10/13	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
Sat., 10/15	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar
	11:00 a.m.	Soup & Salad
Sun., 10/16	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., 10/17	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 10/19	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 10/20	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
Sat., 10/22	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Emptying Fellowship Hall
Sun., 10/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 10/24	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Wed., 10/26	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 10/27	1:00 p.m.	Visitor Corp
	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly

Sun., 10/30	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., 10/31	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/2	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 11/3	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sat., 11/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 11/6	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., 11/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 11/10	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
Sat., 11/12	10:00 a.m.	Setting Up Fellowship Hall
Sun., 11/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Meal & Program
Mon., 11/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **10/8, 10/22, 11/5 & 11/19** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are invited to join us! For more info, please contact Bill Short at bill.short@whitebeartownship.org or 651-552-0736.

Facebook Page

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

October 2016 Worship Schedule

October 2 — World Communion Sunday— Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sermon title: "Doing Our Duty"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward: Gloria Gurtin

October 9 — 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66; II Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sermon title: "Traveling at the Borders"

Greeter: Laurel Venhuizen

Lay Reader: George Brown

Fellowship Time host: Randy & Carmen

October 16 — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Sermon title: "What Does Justice Look Like?"

Greeter: Karen Cohoes

Lay Reader: Pat Giorgini

Fellowship Time host:

October 23 — 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sermon title: "Abundant Rain"

Greeter: Judy Pfenning

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host:

October 30 — 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119; II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Sermon title: "Looking Up"

Greeters: The Pippert family

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

**COMMUNITY EVENT! All you can eat Dad's Belgium Waffles, Crafts and Bake Sale:
Sunday Oct. 9th from 9:00 – 1:00**

Thompson Park Activity Center (TPAC) 1200 Stassen Lane, WSP

Join us for the best waffles in town at TPAC's Annual Waffle Breakfast; \$9 adults; children under 5 are free.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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



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