

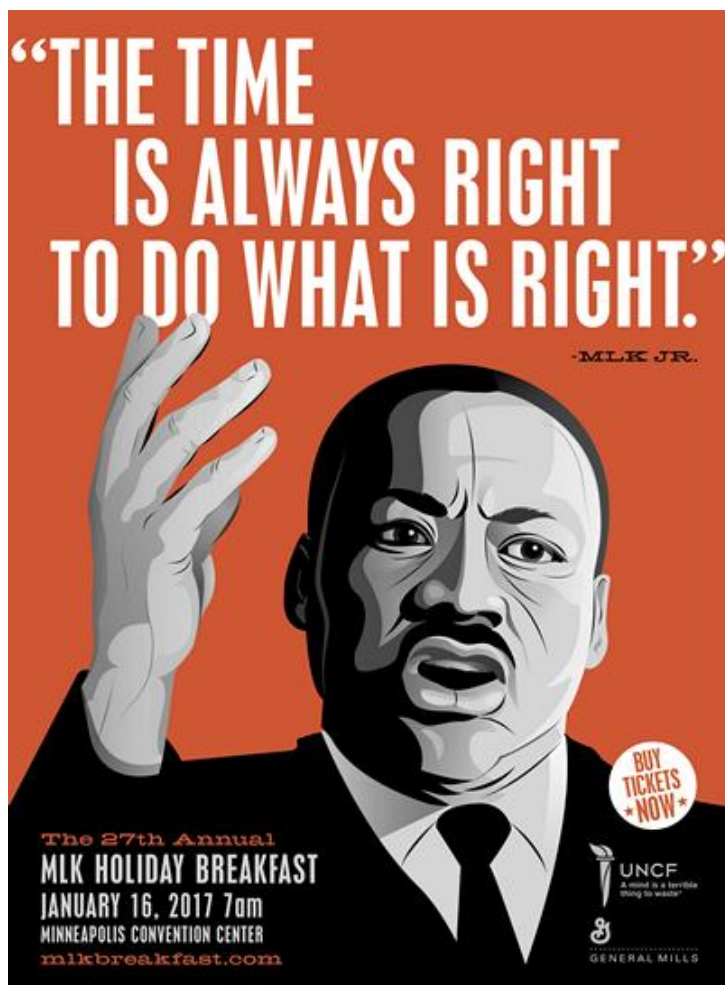


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January 2017



27th ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Watch the MLK Breakfast LIVE on TPT - Twin Cities PBS at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2017 or stream it online at TPT.org.

The General Mills Foundation and The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) are pleased to present the 27th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast. The breakfast is an opportunity to celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service and be inspired to live out his dream today in our homes, the community and throughout the world. The new year brings new opportunity to help our community and live by the

words of Dr. King - "The time is always right to do what is right." For the first time in our 27 year history, the MLK Breakfast will be an official fundraiser benefiting the UNCF (United Negro College Fund). Your support of the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast will help keep Minnesota's promise that all young people should have access to receive a four-year college degree. At this year's breakfast, proceeds will benefit the Minneapolis Chapter of UNCF, and help provide local MN students with four year scholarships for deserving low income students.

This year's keynote speaker is Myrlie Evers-Williams, author and civil rights activist. Evers-Williams was the wife of murdered civil rights activist Medgar Evers. While fighting to bring his killer to justice, Evers-Williams also continued her husband's work with her book, *For Us, The Living*. She also wrote *Watch Me Fly: What I Learned on the Way to Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be*. Evers-Williams served as chair of the NAACP from 1995 to 1998.

Please join us for this inspiring community celebration!

January Birthdays



1/1 — Hailey Worden
 1/3 — Beverly Ysaguirre
 Lucy Schwendinger
 1/4 — Troy Schweda
 1/6 — Jackie Emery
 1/8 — JoAnn Loutsch
 Austin Worden
 1/9 — Andrew Lukas
 Jacob Kranz
 1/10 — Rodney Rankin

1/14 — Gregory Schweda
 Alexander Boelter
 1/18 — Barbara Henk
 Alexander Sielski
 1/25 — Jalen Haom
 1/27 — George Brown
 1/29 — Phil Phipps
 1/30 — Bethany Kay Espeseth
 1/31 — Scott Spatafore
 Davie Peine

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

Thank you to and for during December...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Laurel Venhuizen, Gloria Gurtin, and Judy Pfenning
- **Liturgists:** Marsha Spatafore, Bruce Opp, Gil Kinnunen, and Sharon Yekaldo
- **Serving refreshments:** Bonnie & Fred Dick, Paul & Pat Williams, Judy Turk, and Bill Bonkowske
- **Communion Steward:** Marsha Spatafore
- **Thank you** to our Advent & Christmas Candle lighters: Karen Cohoes, Joann Lousch, Judy Turk, Rose Larsen, James Hovey, Michael Hovey and Lynn Bonkowske
- **Thank you** to Paul Williams for all his work coordinating the work on the floor in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Thank you** to Steve Larsen for all his work coordinating the work on the sound system.
- **Thank you** to Karen Cohoes for coordinating Breakfast with Santa and the Neighbors Gift Exchange.
- **"Thank you** for your kind and gracious gift for Christmas. It will be put to good use. Thanks." — *Pastor Gail*
- **Thank you** to everyone who donated and helped make Breakfast with Santa such a fun and successful event. We delivered 145 pounds of food to the Neighbor's food shelf and a check for \$150. We served breakfast to 80 people, 52 of those were happy children. Special thanks to Sharon & Anthony Yekaldo, Julie Allen, Dan Miller, Bonnie Dick, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Dana Scopatz, Pat Williams, Greg & Roxanne Napier, Taffy Storck, Bill Short & Carol Schuldt. If we missed someone, please know you are appreciated.
 — *Karen Cohoes, JoAnn Loutsch, Judy Turk & Santa*
- **"Dear Gail: Thank you for coordinating the Wednesday, December 14, 2016 blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift. The efforts of Faith United Methodist have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 14 donors registered, 1 donors were deferred and 12 units were collected! Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive."**

— Sincerely, Lindsey Finnegan Schumann, Account Manager, American Red Cross

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ◆ Former Faith member **Dick Root** is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.
- ◆ **Kathy Johnson** will begin chemotherapy for cancer.

Care Centers:

- ◆ **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

We Extend our Sympathy:

- ◆ Our sympathy goes to **the Spatafore family** on the death of Peggy on December 27. A memorial service was held here at Faith on January 2.

January Money Pot



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. This month's money goes for Simpson Housing. You can put money in the money pot in the lobby. For over 30 years, Simpson Housing Services has become a leading nonprofit providing assistance to people experiencing homelessness. We believe that everybody has the right to safe and affordable housing. Simpson's programs include overnight shelter, supportive housing for individuals and families, and specialized programming for children and youth, designed to break the generational cycle of poverty and homelessness. Simpson Housing began as an outreach ministry of Simpson United Methodist Church in south Minneapolis. For more information go to their website, www.simpsonhousing.org.



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.. 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 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.

Gifts of IRA Assets

Good news for taxpayers over the age of 70½ . Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion from income of up to \$100,000 per person, per year, for Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distributions which are given directly to charities. This money can be given to the church and you will receive a donation credit on your giving. For more information contact your financial planner or Pastor Gail.

Afternoon at the Movies

Our January movie will be "War Room" at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29. This is the story of the power of prayer in the life of one family. All are welcome to attend.

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. Pastor Gail will be gone from Wednesday, January 11 until January 15.

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!



Sound System

We have installed the new p.a. system in the building. It works differently from the old one. If you are willing to be a substitute operator of the system, please contact Steve Larsen and he will set a time to train you.

New Directory

We will be working on a new directory for the church this spring. If you have a new e-mail address or a new phone number (include cell phones) please send them to the church office by February 1. Church office – 651-457-5686 or faithumc@usfamily.net

Confirmation

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. for any teen ager who is in 6th grade and older. We will spend time looking at our faith, our history and who we are as children of God. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Gail.

Worship CD

CDs of each worship service are available in the bookcase outside Pastor Gail's office. Please find the date you are interested in and borrow it. If you have questions talk to Steve Larsen or Pastor Gail.

Extra Help Rolling Into, Rolling Out of Food Shelf

Do you have a large rolling suitcase sitting around picking up dust? Why not donate it to help a family in need. With each family receiving a week's supply of food, it can sometimes be difficult to transport all the food if a client is walking or taking the bus. Help out today by donating your old large rolling suitcase to the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf.



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 December gift of \$32.49 was received for disaster responses within the United States. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to support one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for partnering with us to "Be Hope" to those who desperately need it. 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. These are just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously.

To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up online for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR. This gift brings hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer

General Board of Global Ministries

Mary Andreolli, Executive Director of Communications, Advance & Fundraising
General Board of Global Ministries

Taking Down of the Greens

Come help un-decorate the church on **Saturday, January 14 at 1:00** (including lunch). We will enjoy a light lunch together at 12:30 and then begin un-decorating at 1:00. We hope you can join us! Contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 for more info or email judyturk123@gmail.com



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!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Missionaries

General Board of Global Ministries



The offering you make each week 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 that empower the whole church to reach out to those who need to hear the good news of love and redemption. Every day, through our connected United Methodist Church, lives are touched, hearts are stirred, and people answer God's call in many different ways. Through the ministry of our General Board of Global Ministries, which our offering supports, in **August 45 young adult missionaries were commissioned** to take the good news of Jesus Christ to places close to home and far away. This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes and offering.



Learn more about the work and impact of the General Board of Global Ministries at:
<http://www.umcmmission.org>



January 2017 Calendar

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Sun., 1/1	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sun., 1/29	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Lay leadership		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 1/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Annual Church Conference
Wed., 1/4	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees		4:00 p.m.	Afternoon at the Movies
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Mon., 1/30	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Thurs., 1/5	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Wed. 2/1	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council	Sun. 2/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun., 1/8	9:30 a.m.	Worship		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			Sunday School
		Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Mon., 2/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee		7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations
Mon., 1/9	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Wed. 2/8	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., 1/11	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sat., 2/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sat. 1/14	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sun., 2/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	12 noon	Take Down the Christmas		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
		Decorations			Sunday School
Sun., 1/15	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		Sunday School	Mon., 2/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Wed., 2/15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 1/16	7:00 a.m.	Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast			
	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 1/18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sun., 1/22	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., 1/23	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 1/25	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			
Sat. 1/28	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			

Coming Events

January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr.
Breakfast

January 29 – Church Conference

January 29 – Afternoon at the Movies

January 29 – River Bend Chili Cook-off

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **1/14, 1/28, 2/11, & 2/25** 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.

January 2017 Worship Schedule

January 1 — 1st Sunday of Christmas — *Sacrament of Holy Communion* — *Covenant Renewal Time*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon title: "When Anger Sets In"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host: Sharon Yekaldo

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

January 8 — Baptism of our Lord Sunday — *Renewal of our Baptismal Vows*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon title: "Being Witnesses"

Greeters: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time Hosts: Bonnie & Fred Dick

January 15 — 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sermon by Rev. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Karen Cohoes

Lay Reader: Randy Davis

Fellowship Time host:

January 22 — 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon title: "Who Do We Belong To?"

Greeter: Vesta Lach

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host:

January 29 — 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

*Scripture Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12*

Sermon title: "The Upside Down World of Jesus"

Greeter: Bernice Killian

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host:

★ **Church Conference:**

The Faith UMC annual church conference is planned for Sunday, **January 29** following worship. We will hear reports from various groups within the entire congregation. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation. **If you contribute a report for the book of reports, please submit it to the church office AT THIS TIME.** Thank you.



CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

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.

- **Area receives \$1M Lilly Endowment grant:** The Dakotas-Minnesota Area of The United Methodist Church recently received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. The funding will be used to help new pastors develop stronger financial literacy skills, reduce or eliminate personal debt, and become equipped to foster a theology of generosity within their congregations. The funding is part of Lilly Endowment's initiative to address economic challenges facing pastoral leaders. The new program that the grant will make possible represents a major step in the Minnesota Conference's effort to develop missional leaders who possess zest, grit, and heart. Thanks be to God!
- **ELI Project wants you:** For the third consecutive summer, up to 10 college students will be invited to participate in a hands-on learning experience at a host church through the Minnesota Conference's Exploring Leadership Internship (ELI) Project, for those exploring a call to vocational ministry. This is a great opportunity for young adults to try out ministry, and for churches to mentor the next generation of leaders and develop a culture of call. Applications for 2017 interns and host churches are due Feb. 15. Learn more and apply: www.eliprojectmn.com.
- **Breakthrough workshop:** Rediscovering evangelism: In the new year, stretch your congregation to reach new people. At this Feb. 11 workshop, District Superintendent and former missionary Fred Vanderwerf will discuss the "e-word" from a missionary mindset. Using the sending of Christ in the incarnation as the model for evangelism, attendees will consider the possibility that the best evangelists are learners and not teachers, sent and not stayed, converted and not converters. Bring a team, and you'll all leave with practical ways to become a faith-sharing beacon of light to the world. Learn more and register: www.minnesotaumc.org.

BRIGHT SPOTS IN OUR MIDST

- **Welcoming refugees leads to growth, increased vitality:** When a group of Karen immigrants knocked on the door of Arlington Hills UMC in Maplewood last summer, asking if they could worship there, members warmly welcomed them and adapted worship services to incorporate the Karen language. Within a week, the number of children in the church's Vacation Bible School doubled from 20 to 40, and adults in worship mushroomed from 20 to more than 60. The immigrants will soon have their own service entirely in Karen—but the two communities will remain connected.
- **Crane Lake Chapel reaches children:** A longtime dream to welcome children into Crane Lake Chapel is finally coming to fruition for the small congregation in northern Minnesota. Since October, Rev. Barb McKewin has spent Wednesday afternoons leading eight kids in the community using a "One-Room Sunday School" curriculum. And on Sunday, for the first time in 15 years, Crane Lake Chapel had a Christmas program featuring seven local youth. "I'm trying to introduce them to God and Christ's saving love," said McKewin.

STAY CONNECTED!

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

KIDS IN SEARCH

MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:  **A**  **E**  **I**  **O**

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 J  H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV



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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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JANUARY



2017 Calendars Yet Available

It's never too late to get organized! 2017 Calendars with gorgeous pictures and Bible verses are yet available! The large wall calendars are \$7.00 ea., pocket planning calendars are \$5.00 ea. See Judy Turk or Lynn Bonkowske to purchase your calendars.

2017 Mobile Meals Schedule for Faith UMC (Thursdays)



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| ♦ January 26 | ♦ August 10 |
| ♦ February 23 | ♦ September 7 |
| ♦ March 23 | ♦ October 5 |
| ♦ April 20 | ♦ November 2 |
| ♦ May 18 | ♦ November 30 |
| ♦ June 15 | ♦ December 28 |
| ♦ July 13 | |

TOTES

Do you have extra tote bags in your home? United Methodist Women and friends have been working with hundreds of refugee and immigrants in south Texas and noticed they are in need of tote bags to carry personal items on their journey. So they are asking UMW and Friends to mail gently used totes to them, so they can take the bags to helping centers here in South Texas. Let's recycle or reuse! Bring your totes to Faith and we will get them to Texas.