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“Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together”

September 2017

Rally Day — September 10

9:30 a.m. Worship

— Celebration of God's Presence in Our Lives • Sanctuary Choir begins the season —

9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

— Classes for Pre-School & Kindergarteners, 1st – 4th Graders and 5th– 12th Graders —

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

— Stay and catch up with friends over coffee, milk & donuts —

10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Special blessing for the beginning of school

Surprises throughout the morning

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Hurricane Harvey

UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many victims of hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. **Here at Faith we will take a special offering On September 10 for this purpose.** Information available at www.Umcor.org. Link here: [UMCOR Responds to Harvey](#)



Parking Lot Giveaway

On Wednesday, September 6 we are going to celebrate the coming fall by giving away cookies and water to people in the neighborhood and getting off the bus. We will be handing it out from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help, contact Judy Pfenning at 651-224-0886 or Carol Schuldt at 651-306-0542.

Coming Events

**October 14 or 21 – Craft Bazaar and
Soup & Salad Luncheon
(Be watching for exact date!)**

October 29 – Day of Service

November 18 – Basket Sale

November 19 – 3rd Graders receive their Bibles

December 2 – Breakfast with Santa

September Birthdays

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9/3 — Sharon Yekaldo
9/4 — Ramon Nachtsheim
9/5 — Ronald Brummund, Jr.
Lileigh Doughty
9/10 — Elizabeth Nitti
9/11 — Harison Van Siclen
9/16 — John Robert Doughty
Susanne Short
9/17 — Olivia Van Siclen
9/19 — Gerald Gross
Amanda Peterson
MariAnne Young

9/20 — Ethan Chun
9/21 — Doug Van Siclen
Jack Watchorn
9/22 — Charles Beardshear
Bob Scopatz
John Scopatz
Taffy Storck
9/26 — Debra Johnson
9/28 — Victoria Hovey
Josephine Kranz
Claudia Spatafore
Patricia Williams

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

Thank you to and for during August...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Rose Larsen, JoAnn Loutsch & Judy Turk, and Judy Pfenning
- **Liturgists:** John Kemp, Charles Beardshear, Randy Davis, and Angela High-Pippert
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, Bill Bonkowske, Dan Miller, and Judy Pfenning
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to the volunteers who helped assemble the June/July newsletter
- **"THANK YOU** so much for your concern for me shown through your letters, cards, calls, and prayers. I appreciate it more than you can imagine!" — *Laurel Venhuizen*
- **"THANK YOU** so much for including us in your July Money Pot. The \$138.20 will go a long way towards our mission to serve the community." — *Sincerely, Mobile Meals*
- **Dear Friends at Faith United Methodist Church:** Our sincere thank you for the generous donation you made to us in July 2017. Your donation of 71 lbs. of groceries to our food shelf is greatly appreciated. Many of your neighbors will benefit as a result of these gifts given from your heart. Thank you for being part of the Neighbors' family! — *Beth Skwira, Dir. of Development, Neighbors, Inc.*
- **Thank you from Neighbors, Inc. "It's a Wrap for 2017 Summer Meal Program!"** Another year down, another 40,000+ meals served - 41,860 to be exact! Many, many thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers that help make this program possible! Please take a minute to celebrate yourself and the difference you helped make this summer!"

Steps on the Journey



Summer – a time to relax, a time to go at a different pace, a time to connect with God in a different way, and a time that disappears too quickly.

This summer people from Faith have been vacationing, taking trips to visit family, seeing the eclipse, going to camp, swimming, planting & caring for gardens, and living life outside. We here at Faith have been involved with the *summer read*, a new activity area for children in worship, serving at Covington Court, offering refreshment to people in the neighborhood & metro transit and more.

But we are moving into the fall, and the rhythm is changing. Students, teachers and others are going back to school. We are moving into a regular schedule of work and volunteering. Activities that take the summer off are beginning again.

It is also a time to move into a pattern with our relationship with God. Maybe we have been a little lax in our prayer time, or our studying/reading of the Bible or in being in worship or Sunday School. Now is the time for a new start. We are always a people beginning again. It is one of the marvelous things about being a person of

faith. It is always a “day of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on”*. This fall we begin again - we will try new things, we will listen for God in new ways, and we will experience God in different ways.

This fall there will be new opportunities here at Faith. Sure some of the “regular” things will be present – Worship, Sunday School, but there will be new opportunities, a new women’s group, a new survey of the Bible class, new adult education options, new ways to be in service and more.

Where is God calling you to be involved? Where is your heart leading you? Is there something you would like to be involved with but haven’t seen it available – talk to Pastor Gail.

It is all one more step on the journey of faith.

*Peace in Christ,
Gail*

**from “This is a Day of new Beginnings” by Brian Wren*

Extra Help Rolling in & 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.



Park & Ride

Until the roundabout on the corner of Wentworth & Oakdale is finished, Metro Transit will be using 45-75 spaces in our parking lot to accommodate the Park & Ride that had moved down to the sports complex on Wentworth & Oakdale, using the spaces closest to Schletty Mon.—Fri. **When you come, please park farther south in the lot closer to the kitchen doors.** Thank you. —Trustees

The Gathering

Would you like to make an impact in someone's life while meeting people from your community and having fun at the same time? If so, consider volunteering for The Gathering, a group respite for those still living in the community who have dementia. Visit www.lyngblomsten.org/thegathering. Be one of the many partners volunteering with The Gathering held at Salem Lutheran Church in West Saint Paul. Training is provided by Lyngblomsten. For more information, call or email Betsy Hoffman at 651-414-5291 or bhoffman@lyngblomsten.org



Opportunity Saint Paul is harnessing the transformative work of volunteers to both relieve the effects of poverty and address its root causes. This first-of-its-kind interfaith program matches volunteers with pre-selected nonprofits that have proven records of effectively addressing poverty. Learn more and sign up by September 11 here: <http://interfaithaction.org/opportunity>

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Opportunity Saint Paul Interfaith Action
of Greater Saint Paul; 1671 Summit Ave.,
Saint Paul, MN 55105; 651-789-3860.
INTERFAITHACTION.ORG



CONFIRMATION will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. We will go over the assignment for the summer. The mentors & students will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Umbrellas

The welcome team is looking for some large (golf size) umbrellas that we can place by the doors so they are available for helping people to come in when it is raining. If you have one or know where we can buy them for a reasonable price please let the welcome team or Pastor Gail know.

Overview of the Bible

This fall we are going to offer a class on the overview of the Bible. We will get a feel for the flow of the Bible, how the books relate to each other and briefly what each book is talking about. We have not decided on a time or place to hold this study. If you would be interested please talk to Pastor Gail or let her know by e-mail (citymaple@usfamily.net) your preferences. Thanks.

Reimbursements

If you purchase anything for the church, please turn in your receipt to George Brown or Pastor Gail to be reimbursed. If you would like to donate the item to church, give the receipt to Bill Short or Pastor Gail and it will be recorded on your giving record.

Covington Court Evenings

Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a meeting to evaluate how things went at Covington Court this summer and what some possible next steps are. Anyone who was involved or who would like to be involved is welcome to attend.

Readers Theater

Sunday, September 24, a Readers Theater will be performing for us during fellowship time. It is a group of 4-6 people who are involved. They will do 6 short vignettes. We are in conversation about starting a group here in West St. Paul and this is an opportunity for us to see how one functions. This group goes to nursing homes and other places to share.



How Does Our Garden Grow?

Harvesting is going strong at Faith UMC's Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden— beans, cucumbers, squash, peppers, tomatoes and herbs.

Through August 31, we have delivered 202 pounds of vegetables to Neighbors at a market value of nearly \$400. Thanks to all who have helped with the harvest. Check the church website for photos of the garden and stay up-to- date on harvest statistics by checking the poster in the church narthex.

If you wish to help tend, harvest or otherwise support this year's food shelf garden, please contact Gil or Dawn Kinnunen in person or by email or phone at gilogram@gmail.com or 651-428-3959,

New Directory

A new church directory will be available some time this month on the table between the offices.

End of Life Packet

We have put together a packet of information related to end-of-life issues. It contains basic information as well as information related to Faith Church. There is a section for personal information that you can copy and share with your family and pastor. There are samples of documents to be considered as well as a resource guide for your use. These packets are available on the table outside the offices.

★ 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

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General Board of Global Ministries



Our offering and the payment of apportionments empowers ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community. The payment of apportionments helps support the work of ministries beyond the local church that reach people who are in desperate need to feel the touch of God's love and reconciliation. Through our connectional giving, we support the work of our global agencies such as the **General Board of Global Ministries**. They guide our global mission presence in countries all around the world, and train those who will carry the gospel to faraway places and live it out by their presence. Last month, sixty-four young people from twenty-two countries completed their training as Global Mission Fellows – forty-five were commissioned in Atlanta; nineteen were commissioned by GBGM staff in South Korea! They will be deployed to twenty-seven countries to bring God's love and compassion to others! This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. Faith has committed to paying 75% of our apportionments in 2017 as we move towards 100% payment in the next couple of years. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Learn more about the Global Mission Fellows Program » (www.umcmmission.org)

Photo by Cynthia Mack



September 2017 Worship Schedule

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September 3 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon title: "Living with Others"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

September 10 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost — Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon title: "Making Things Right"

Greeter: Marsha Spatafore

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

September 17 — 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon title: "Who is Stronger?"

Greeter: Pat Giorgini

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

September 24 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Title: "Living Together"

Greeter: Karen Cohoes

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

Are you able to help maintain the church lawn?



Even as we move into the fall the church lawn still needs to be mowed. We have **two riding lawn mowers** so you and a friend or spouse can mow together if you wish.

To volunteer, contact Collette Peterson at 651-224-6819.

September 2017 Calendar

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|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Sun., 9/3 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | 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., 10/2 | 10:00 a.m. |
| Mon., 9/4 | Office Closed | | | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wed., 9/5 | 4:00 p.m. | Pass Out Water & Cookies | Wed., 10/4 | 7:00 p.m. |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Board of Trustees | | 7:00 p.m. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Coir Rehearsal | Thurs., 10/5 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Thurs. 9/6 | 11:00 a.m. | Mobile Meals | Sat, 10/7 | 8:00 a.m. |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Finance Committee | Sun., 10/8 | 9:30 a.m. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council | | 9:45 a.m. |
| Sat, 9/9 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast | | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sun., 9/10 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | | 10:50 a.m. |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Children's & Youth Sunday School | Mon., 10/9 | 10:00 a.m. |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time | Wed., 10/11 | 7:00 p.m. |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School | | 7:00 p.m. |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Outreach Committee | Sat, 10/14* | 9:00 a.m. |
| Mon., 9/11 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | 11:00 a.m. |
| Wed., 9/13 | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Committee | Sun., 10/15 | 9:30 a.m. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | | 9:45 a.m. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation | | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sun., 9/17 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | | 10:50 a.m. |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Children's & Youth Sunday School | | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time | | |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School | | |
| Mon., 9/18 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Covington Task Force Eval. | | |
| Wed., 9/20 | 6:00 p.m. | Stewardship Committee | | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation | | |
| Sat, 9/23 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast | | |
| Sun., 9/24 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | | |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Children's & Youth Sunday School | | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time | | |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Readers Theater | | |
| Mon., 9/25 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | |
| Wed., 9/20 | 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation | | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | | |
| Sun., 10/1 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | | |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Children's & Youth Sunday School | | |



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 **9/9, 9/23, and 10/7** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert St. 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@whitebeartownship.org

KIDS IN SEARCH



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



" _____
 _____;

 _____."

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



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Worship Schedule

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

- Worship — 9:30 a.m.
- 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>

Join us on **Saturday, October 7th** for our **10th Annual Great Neighbors' Duck Races** community and fundraising event. We are in need of volunteers willing to help us make it all happen! Here are our available volunteer opportunities for the day:

Prize & Coloring Contest Table (9:45am-3:00pm): Help distribute prizes to winners of each race; 1-2 volunteers needed

Duck Catchers (9:45am-3:00pm): Catch the little duckies at the end of each race. Wearing waterproof or rubber boots is recommended; 2-3 volunteers needed

Delbert Escort (9:45am-3:00pm): Assisting our mascot as he engages the crowd, taking pictures, and passing out information; 1 volunteer needed

Tear Down Crew (4:00pm-6:00pm): Help clean up after the event and unload items at Neighbors; 5-7 volunteers needed and will receive free pizza for their efforts!

Also, we've begun selling ducks! If you are interested, please stop by and pick up a certificate at Neighbors. Ducks are \$5 each. This year's grand prize is a destination dinner for two to one of the following destinations (winner's choice): Aspen, Chicago, New York City, Nashville or San Francisco. All proceeds benefit the emergency and supportive service programs at Neighbors. For more information, visit: <http://www.neighborsmn.org/event/great-neighbors-duck-races/>. **Ducks are available at Faith from Karen Cohoes or Taffy Storck.**



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