



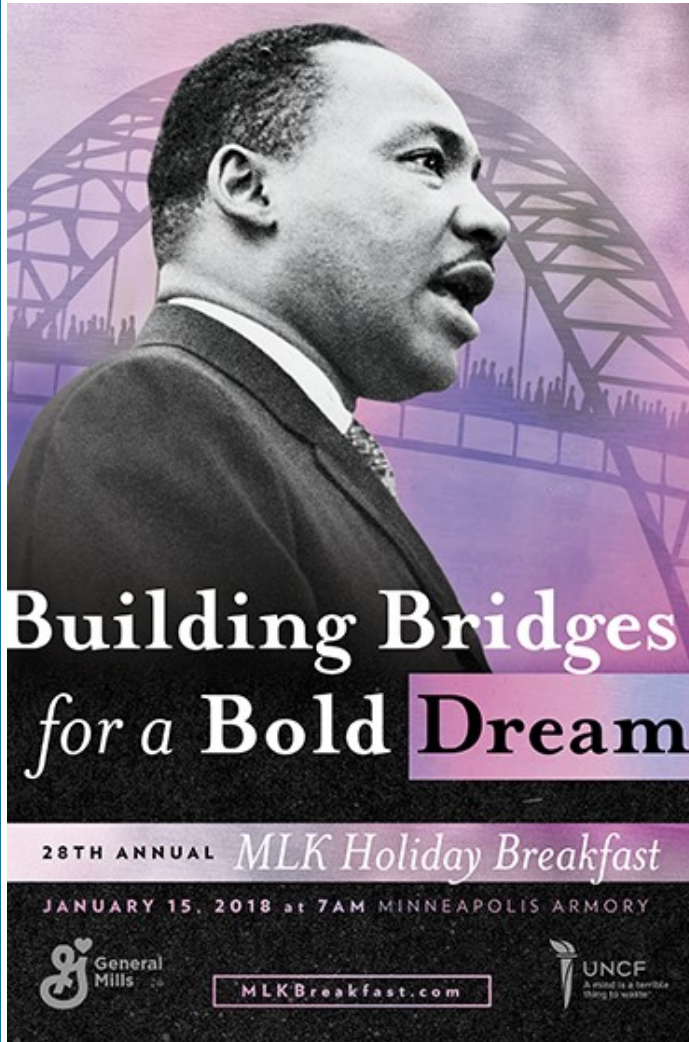
Faith in Action

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

January 2018

28th 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, Jan. 15, 2018 or stream it online at TPT.org.

The General Mills Foundation and The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) are pleased to present the 28th 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. Dr. King had a bold dream. He built bridges to achieve justice through empathy, understanding and actionable change. This breakfast is an opportunity to celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service and be inspired to carry out his bold dream today. Proceeds will benefit the Minneapolis Chapter of the UNCF, helping provide four-year college scholarships to deserving low-income students.

This year's keynote speaker is David Oyelowo (pronounced "oh-yellow-oh"), a British-Nigerian actor and producer. David played the role of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Oscar-nominated film *Selma* (2014), for which he was personally nominated for a Golden Globe and won an NAACP Image Award. David has also played leading roles in *A United Kingdom* (2016) and *Queen of Katwe* (2016), among other roles in critically acclaimed films, plays, and television series.

Please join us in building bridges for Dr. King's bold dream!

Music scholarship opportunity at Richfield UMC — The Chester E. and Marion D. Groth Scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded for tuition for the 2018-2019 school year. The purpose of this fund is to award annual post-secondary scholarships for qualified students desiring to matriculate and pursue careers in music education, performance, or music therapy. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from a Minnesota high school;
 - Be entering college as a freshman;
- Applications must be received in the church office no later than noon, Friday, February 23, 2018. Applicants will be notified if invited to a finalist audition on April 7, 2018. For more information and an application form, please contact the church office at (612)861-6086 or check www.richfieldumc.org

January Birthdays


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1/1 —	Hailey Worden	1/14 —	Alexander Boelter
1/3 —	Beverly Ysaguirre	1/16 —	Randy Roberts
	Lucy Schwendinger	1/18 —	Barbara Henk
1/6 —	Jackie Emery		Alexander Sielski
1/8 —	JoAnn Loutsch	1/25 —	Jalen Haom
	Austin Worden	1/27 —	George Brown
1/9 —	Andrew Lukas		Carter Johnson
	Jacob Kranz	1/29 —	Phil Phipps
1/10 —	Rodney Rankin	1/31 —	Scott Spatafore
1/14 —	Gregory Schweda		Davie Peine

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

Thank you to and for during December...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Julie Kelly, Karen Cohoes, and Judy Pfenning
- **Liturgists:** Charles Beardshear, John Kemp, Dana Scopatz, and Sharon Yekaldo
- **Serving refreshments:** Dan Miller, Paul & Pat Williams, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped/donated/purchased to make our Basket & Book Sale a success ... to the set-up team: Judy Pfenning, Bruce Opp, Fred & Lynn Mens, Gloria Gurtin and Roxanne Napier; to the assembly team: JoAnn Loutsch, Vesta Lach and Dan Miller; to the event greeter Dawn Kinnunen; to the lunch team: Dan Miller, Gil Kinnunen & Carol Schuldt. As of 1-8-18, we made \$ 2099.40 this year. We are very happy. Please continue to bring in items and baskets throughout this coming year. SURPRISE: we want to do even better on the next basket sale!!
— Lynn Bonkowske & Judy Turk
- **THANK YOU!** Another fun morning at Faith! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped to make Breakfast with Santa so great. Thank you to Santa's elves/helpers: Karen Cohoes/Leader, JoAnn Loutsch, Dana Scopatz, Pat & Paul Williams, Claudia, Matt, Marsha & Scott Spatafore, Amanda & Kristen Meyer, Sharon Yekaldo, Bonnie Dick, Julie Kelly, Dawn Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, Doug Van Siclen, Collette Peterson, Taffy Storck, Roxanne Napier, and Judy Turk. If we missed anyone, please know that you are appreciated. — Judy Turk 
- **Thank you** to Karen Cohoes for coordinating Breakfast with Santa and the Neighbors Gift Exchange.
- **Thank you** to those who lit the Advent wreath and Christ candle: Sharon Yekaldo, George Brown, Bob Scopatz, Zander Sielski, Nico Sielski and Randy Roberts.
- **Thank you** for your kind and gracious gifts for Christmas. They will all be put to good use.
Thanks. — Pastor Gail

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Lois Davis** was at Sholom Community for rehab; she is now home.
- ♦ **Dick Root** (former member) continues to deal with cancer.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Heights*
- ♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove Heights*
- ♦ **Sonja Beguhl** – *Inver Glen Senior Living, I.G.H.*

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 **Bonnie Dick** on the death of her brother Dennis

The 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. January's money goes for Safe House through Lutheran Social Services. Safe House is an emergency shelter for youth ages 16-20 years old. While at Safe House youth have a safe place to stay, nourishing meals, caring staff and active support from a case manager to help them secure longer term housing and meet basic needs. Safe House provides a welcoming environment for youth of all genders, races, sexual orientations, nationalities and religions. You can put money in the money pot in the lobby.



Help Take Down the Decorations

Saturday, January 13 we will take down the decoration from the holiday season. We will begin with lunch at 1:00 p.m. and continue through the afternoon until things are put away. If you can help or if you have questions contact call Judy Turk, 651-343-8027 or email judyturk123@gmail.com



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 times of devotion: Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issue** of the devotional *The Upper Room* (daily readings in regular or large print). This booklet is found on the table by the parking lot door.

2018 Calendars yet available

It's not too late to get organized with a 2018 wall calendar with gorgeous pictures and Bible verses! If you would like to purchase one (\$7 for a wall calendar, or \$5 for a pocket planning calendar) you can leave payment in the office or in the basket by the parking lot door where the calendars are located.

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 612-703-1296 if it is an emergency and you need to reach her. *Pastor Gail will be gone from Monday, Jan. 22 until Wednesday, Jan. 24 to attend a continuing education event.*

Afternoon at the Movies — January 28

Our January movie will be "Life Animated" at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28. This is the story of Owen Suskind, an autistic young man and his family and how they found a pathway to language and a framework for the world to make sense through Disney animation. All are invited to attend.

Note Cards

If you receive note cards from organizations that you contribute to (that you can't use), please bring them to church and place them on the table outside Pastor Gail's office. We will use them for a project.

Thank You

Thank you, "Faith Friends", for your Christmas wishes and monetary gift. Your kindheartedness is very appreciated! — *Susan Filter*

Facebook Page

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

Coming Events

January 13 – Women's Gathering

January 13 – Taking down the Christmas decorations

January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

January 28 – Church Conference

January 28 – Afternoon at the Movies

February 17 – Be the Tool/River Bend Chili Cook-Off

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **1/13, 1/27, 2/10, and 2/24** 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.

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.



Adult Education Opportunity - "Learning From Native American Culture & Experience"

Sunday Mornings: January 7, 14 & 21 at 10:50 a.m. Together we'll explore Native American Culture including the following topics: Who are the Native Americans? What are their Spiritual practices, values, & gifts? What have Native Americans suffered/endured and how have they persisted/flourished? You can attend one or all of the sessions, each session stands on its own.

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.

Capital Improvements Reserve Fund

In 2015 Faith Church approved the Faith Trust. The trust contains 3 separate funds. One of those funds is the Capital Improvement Reserve. This money was set aside to help care for items on the property that need to be fixed, repaired or replaced. The fund began with \$60,000 from the estate of Maryanne Maurer. We used money from the fund to replace the windows in the parsonage; to pay for half of the cost of the floor replacement in the Fellowship Hall and the majority of the replacement of the sound system. In 2018 we will need to replace one of the fans in the sanctuary and other improvements around the building. The Capital Improvement Reserve can receive gifts at any time. If you would like to give a gift to the reserve, please mark it as such and turn it in either in the offering or in the office.

Pastor's Information

Starting this month, Pastor Gail has a new email and phone number. Her new email is citymaple1953@gmail.com. Her new phone is 612-703-1296. (If you call the old number you will get Dennis, Pastor Gail's spouse).

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!

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General Board of Higher Education and Ministry



Every day, through our connected United Methodist Church, lives are touched, hearts are stirred, and people answer God's call in many different ways. We also help 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. Through our connectional giving, we make possible the work of our **General Board of Higher Education and Ministry**, whose work involves helping people discern a call to all kinds of ministry and service, including our military chaplains. Through their endorsement, connection and ongoing support, these chaplains provide spiritual strength not only to the women and men who serve, but to their families as well. This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. I invite you to continue to give generously as we continue to pay our apportionments through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Learn more about GBHEM and the United Methodist Endorsing Agency at www.gbhem.org.



January 2018 Calendar

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Sun., 1/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sat. 1/27	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School	Sun., 1/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 1/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Annual Church Conference
	12 noon	Bible Overview		4:00 p.m.	Movie Night
Wed., 1/10	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Mon., 1/29	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Wed. 1/31	6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting with mentors
Thurs., 1/11	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council			Confirmation Class
Sat., 1/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sat. 2/3		
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Gathering	Sun. 2/4	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Take Down the Christmas Decorations		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
Sun., 1/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Mon., 2/5	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		12 noon	Bible Overview
Sun., 1/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Wed. 2/7	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Sat., 2/10	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sun., 2/11	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., 1/15	7:00 a.m.	Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Wed. 1/17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Mon., 2/12	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Wed., 2/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sun., 1/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship		5:30 p.m.	Supper
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee			
Mon., 1/22	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 1/24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			



**Offering
Envelopes**



Offering Envelopes are available in the church lobby. If you do not find envelopes for yourself, please contact Bill Short.

January 2018 Worship Schedule

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January 7 — Baptism of the Lord Sunday— Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

Sermon title: "Voices from Heaven"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Judy Pfenning

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

January 14 — 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: I Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sermon by Dr. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Collette Peterson

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time Hosts: Paul & Pat Williams

January 21 — 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sermon title: "What God Saw"

Greeter: Dianne Mens

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

January 28 — 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Sermon title: "Questioning What We See"

Greeter: Pippert family

Lay Reader: Randy Davis

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

★ **Church Conference: Sunday, January 28** after worship we will be holding our annual church conference. We will be receiving the book of reports, setting the budget for 2017 and reflecting on the year past and looking forward to the year to come.

Any outstanding reports for the book of reports are due at this time. Thank you.



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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.
- 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

New year – new blessings! New ways to thank God!

2018 Mobile Meals

Schedule for Faith UMC
(Thursdays)



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| ♦ January 25 | ♦ August 9 |
| ♦ February 22 | ♦ September 6 |
| ♦ March 22 | ♦ October 4 |
| ♦ April 19 | ♦ November 1 |
| ♦ May 17 | ♦ November 29 |
| ♦ June 14 | ♦ December 27 |
| ♦ July 12 | |

The Great Neighbors' Food Fight is Back!

The 2018 food competition and Neighbors, Inc. fundraiser will feature burgers from seven local restaurants. Punch cards will sell for \$35 each and will be available to purchase starting mid-January! The competition will run from February through March, with all proceeds benefiting the emergency and supportive services at Neighbors.

Contact Heidi at 651-306 2154 or Heidi@neighborsmn.org if you are interested in selling punch cards on behalf of Neighbors.

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