



Faith in Action

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PICNIC IN THE GROVE Thursday evening, August 16 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

We will have made-to-order wood-fired pizzas available, a labyrinth to walk, and s'mores made in a fire pit. We will also have people available to talk about the Neighbors' Garden and materials about bees, butterflies, gardening, and more. The cost is a freewill donation. If you have sticks we can use to toast marshmallows, please let Bill Short know. This is part of outdoor task force's pilot project.

Evenings at Covington

We have enjoyed serving supper and participating in our sixth summer of intergenerational outreach events monthly at the Covington Court Apartments (364 Marie Ave. E. in West St. Paul). The final event of this summer will be **Friday, August 17.**

The entertainment for the evening is **Jump, Slither and Slide!** from Como Park zoo. The menu is hot dogs, chips, and fruit. So join us! This is an opportunity to meet our neighbors. This evening at Covington we will be taking with us the back packs we have collected. To date we have collected 34 toward our goal of 75.

If you would like to help, please bring backpacks to church by August 12 or give money to JoAnn Loutsch. If you would like to help with the evening, call Bonnie Dick at 651-442-4166.



Time of Service

This fall we will again have a Time of Service. To help us prepare, please keep your eyes open for small toys and items for the Christmas shoeboxes. Also we will continue making the personal dignity kits, school kits, birthing kits and hygiene kits. We have some of the items we need for these but we are in need deodorant (2-3 oz.), paper (150 sheets), hand towels, wash cloths, soap (3oz. or larger) and shampoo (3oz or larger). This year we would like add making teacher school bags. These bags include 2 notebooks, 1 pack of loose paper, multi-subject notebook (3 or 5 subjects), 3 red pens, pencils, paper clips, rubber bands, ruler (12" with metric), markers, 8" scissors, dry erase marker, dry-erase eraser. Keep your eyes open.

August Birthdays

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8/5 — Anthony Yekaldo

8/6 — Kathy Johnson

8/9 — Deborah Pate

8/11 — Daniel Bonkowske

8/12 — Ava Marie Blessing Jonathan

8/13 — Kaden Emery

Greg Nelson, Jr.

8/14 — Rose Marie Nelson
Elizabeth Lukas

Marsha Spatafore

8/15 — Joseph Spatafore

8/17 — Raymond Fjerstad

Claudia Sanchez

8/19 — Kasey Kropp

Linnea Rostad

8/21 — Carol Ward

8/24 — Samantha Kropp

Roseanne Larsen

8/26 — Ronald Brummund

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

Thank you to and for during June & July...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Vesta Lach, JoAnn Loutsch, Gloria Gurtin, Bernice Killian, Gil Kinnunen, Pat Giorgini, The Scopatz family, and Karen Cohoes
- **Liturgists:** George Brown, Judy Pfenning, Sharon Yekaldo, Ann Beardshear, and John Kemp
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, JoAnn Loutsch, Sharon Yekaldo, Dan Miller, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Judy Pfenning, and John Kemp
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to the volunteers who helped assemble the June/July newsletter
- **Dear Friends at Faith United Methodist Church:** Our sincere thank you for the generous donation you made to us in June 2018. Your donation of 30 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, Director of Development, Neighbors, Inc.

What spills out?

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?



Congregational Care Concerns:

♦ **Kathy Johnson** was completing chemotherapy

Care Centers:

♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Heights*

♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove Heights*

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

We Extend our Sympathy:

♦ **Our sympathy to Liz Chun** on the death of Sam, her brother-in-law.

Prayer changes things

The Money Pot welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. **In August**, Money Pot donations go to school supplies for children & youth through Neighbors, Inc. You may place money in the pot or bring school supplies directly to Faith. We will then give the money and supplies to Neighbors for their distribution process.



Wednesday 6:16 Prayer

Holy God, in these days help us to love you, to see each other, and to hear where you are calling us.

In the name of Christ who shows us the way. Let it be so. Amen.



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 at 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 Summer Meals Program at Garlough Elementary School

For the tenth consecutive year, Faith UMC participated in the Neighbors, Inc. Summer Meals Program, preparing and serving breakfast and lunch for four days (July 16-19) to about 300 first- through fourth-graders attending summer school at Garlough Elementary School in West St. Paul. Fourteen volunteers helped prepare and serve 2,276 meals. **Thanks to** George Brown, John Kemp, Dawn Kinnunen, Gil Kinnunen, Steve Larsen, Joanne Loutsch, Dan Miller, Angela Pippert, Isabelle Pippert, Tim Pippert, Bruce Opp, Judy Pfenning, Antonio Sorensen, and Mia Sorensen. And let's not forget Sharon Yekaldo, who designed and created a corndog hat for Gil to wear on the day corndogs were on the lunch menu. One of the highlights of the week was reading the message t-shirts that many of the kids wore. Some revealed the personalities of the boys and girls wearing them—e.g.,

Awesome since day one

Beware of my Jedi mind tricks

Girl with bright ideas

Kind heart, fierce mind, brave soul

Sweet as sunshine

Troublemaker

Designed by God, Built for a purpose.

Others gave advice or suggested behaviors for positive living—good reminders for all of us:

Always be yourself . . . or a mermaid . . . or a unicorn

Be different

Do what inspires you

Dream big

Chase your dreams

Have the courage to follow your heart

Reach for the stars

Love, love, love

Dance, dance, dance

Radiate kindness

Even the teachers got into the act. One wore *I'm the crazy aunt everyone warned you about*. And another wore *Advice from a Bee—Bee responsible, buzz with effort, bee safe, bee respectful, bee kind.* ♥

Cookie Give Away on August 4

Saturday, August 4 is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day. To celebrate, we are going down to *The Sanctuary* (1746 Oakdale Ave.) to share cookies, play games, sing some songs and learn about chocolate cookies. If you can bake cookies or help on Saturday, please contact Gil by phone or email, 651-428-3959 or gilogram@gmail.com.

"Counting on You!"

May we 'count on you' to "count for us"?

Faith Church is in need of individuals and/or couples to count and tally the offering and special gifts from our Sunday morning service.

We ask for a one-month commitment during the year. (But do know that other counters are always willing to step in as substitutes, as needed).

Training is provided for this task by the church. (Counting may be done on a day other than Sunday if necessary, but depending on budget needs).

We would greatly appreciate your considering this opportunity to serve Faith UMC.

Please contact Judy Pfenning: at church, by phone (651-224-0886) or by email (judympfenning@gmail.com) and/or speak with Pastor Gail.

Thank you as you plan your 'gift of service' for a "month of Sundays"!



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.



Most needed items at the moment:

- Pancake Syrup
- Juice -Jelly
- Toilet Paper & other hygiene products
- Kid-friendly foods (fruit cups, EasyMac, etc.)
- Baking items (flour, oil, sugar, seasonings)

LYDIA PROJECT

In 2020, General Conference will take place in Minneapolis. The **Lydia Project** is making purple scarves for each of the delegates who will be coming. Sharon Yekaldo has become a member of this group. She has set a goal of making 100 scarves before June, 2019! To help Sharon with this project we are collecting purple yarn (Vikings or Prince purple), no variegated yarn and no lavender. Acrylic yarn is preferred so the scarves can be washed. Please give your yarn to Sharon. If you do not have yarn, you can give Sharon money for her to purchase the yarn. Read more about the project at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/lydiaproject> and learn about Lydia herself in Acts 16:11-15.

Reimbursements

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



How Does Our Garden Grow?



As of the end of July, we have completed the fourth week of harvest for Faith UMC's Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden—mostly cucumbers, squash, green onions, herbs, and tomatoes. Herbs have done especially well; we are well over half of last year's total already. An abundance of green tomatoes should begin ripening in early August, and the "heavy" spaghetti squash should be ready in a couple of weeks.

Check the church website for photos of the garden and stay up-to-date on harvest statistics by viewing the updated poster in the church narthex each Sunday. And stop by to visit the garden itself on the south side of the church.

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.

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 • UMC Volunteers in Mission •

A Multidimensional Approach to Volunteer-In-Missions Ministry.

VIM work is part of multi-dimensional approach to ministry. Just as athletes participate in cross-training, or schools design a comprehensive educational approach, mission work is not straightforward. A few examples of this are:

- A school may be built by a VIM team in a developing country, but its teachers need to get paid. In addition, students may need scholarships in order to pay for school supplies. After they learn to read and write, they may need vocational training. After vocational training, they need jobs.

- Many children may never attend school because they are sick and in need of basic health care. Clinics can be built, and medical teams may arrive to help diagnose and treat them and their family members.



Classes in nutrition and basic health can be taught in order improve the situation. But a well may also be needed to be dug in order to have clean water.

- Food insecurity can be an issue. Parents tend to send more of their children to school if they know they will get a good meal once a day while there. In addition, agricultural programs need to be started and developed so people can grow enough food for themselves and supply some for a local school.



- The need for spiritual enrichment can be addressed by building churches with VIM team help. However, pastors need to be recruited, trained, supplied with materials and supported financially.

Through it all, a comprehensive multi-dimensional ministry approach attempts to address the physical, education, vocational and spiritual needs of people everywhere volunteers in mission may go. It's never a one and done.

One example is Baiwalla, Sierra Leone

A good example of this approach taking place is in the village of Baiwalla, Sierra Leone in West Africa. The MN Annual Conference, by way of OC Ministries, through a partnership with Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis and many other UMCs throughout the state are making a difference.

Baiwalla is extremely impoverished. Many families live on a dollar a day and therefore cannot afford to send their children to school, which costs \$150 per year, per child. Most of the people are farmers, growing rice and cocoa, but the rice yield will only feed people for part of the year. There is little infrastructure such as paved roads, running water, sewage treatment or electricity. The village needs more wells and latrines. There is limited health care. A nurse staffs a clinic a couple of days a week, but can treat only simple medical needs.

Reverend Judith Banya is a local United Methodist

pastor who was born and raised there, received an education through Methodist schools in Sierra Leone and in Minnesota, served in MN and then decided to return home to help her people. Her life is dedicated to the gospel imperative to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and educate children.



With the help of OC Ministry, she has planted 3 churches, partnered with Feed My Starving Children to feed 750 primary school students five days a week, dug wells, and re-opened a nursery school. A two-story secondary classroom building is almost complete. Funds are being raised to provide student scholarships. And she's just getting started! Health, vocational and agricultural ministries and a girl's dormitory are on the horizon.

Meet Rev. Judith Banya

at the 3rd Annual Be the Light OC Ministries Gala, to be held on Saturday, October 13, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

at the Walker Art Center, 725 Vineland Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Save the date and watch for more information to come. In the meantime, learn more about OC Ministries at <http://www.ocministries.com/>



August 2018 Worship Schedule

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August 5 — 11th Sunday after Pentecost — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: II Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Sermon by Rev. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time host: Bill Bonkowske

Communion Steward:

August 12 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon by Rev. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Judy Pfenning

Lay Reader: Dana Scopatz

Fellowship Time hosts: Fred & Bonnie Dick

August 19 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Sermon title: "Knowing How to Live"

Greeter: Vesta Lach

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host:

August 26 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: I Kings 8:1,6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 5:56-69

Sermon Title: "Coming Home"

Greeter: Vesta Lach

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time hosts: Fred & Bonnie Dick

Are you able to help maintain the church lawn?



We are looking for people who are willing to mow the church lawn this summer. 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.

August 2018 Calendar

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Sat., 8/4	10:00 a.m.	Celebrating Chocolate Chip Cookie Day at The Sanctuary
Sun., 8/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 8/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Thurs. 8/9	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat, 8/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 8/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team
Thurs., 8/16	5:30 p.m.	Evening of Fun
Fri., 8/17	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Covington
Sun., 8/19	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:35 a.m.	Sanctuary Task Force
	10:50 a.m.	Worship Committee
Mon., 8/20	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Fri., 8/24	11:00 a.m.	Beguhl Burial at Acacia Park Cemetery
Sat, 8/25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/26	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee
Mon., 8/27	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group



Community Boards

Help us expand our advertising for church events! Keep your eyes open for community boards, and tell Judy Turk. She is looking for places we can hang posters for events here at church.

Coming Soon...

will be the kickoff of our regular church schedule of programs. Sunday School for youth and children will begin again in September, and the Sanctuary Choir will begin the fall season.



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 (612-703-1296) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

Pastor will be on vacation Monday, July 23 through Sunday, August 12. If you are in need of pastoral care while she is gone please contact Rev. Dana Scopatz, 651-403-3312.

Susan's August plans are not firm yet.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **8/11, 8/25, and 9/8** 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

August 24 Graveside Service for Sonja & Dennis Beguhl

Friday, August 24 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a graveside service for Sonja & Dennis Beguhl at Acacia Park Cemetery (2151 Pilot Knob Road, Mendota Heights). Directions from the church are as follows: Take Highway 52 south to Highway 110 to State Highway 13/Acacia Road in Mendota, go south on 13, turn right on Acacia Boulevard and drive into the cemetery.



KIDS IN SEARCH

PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

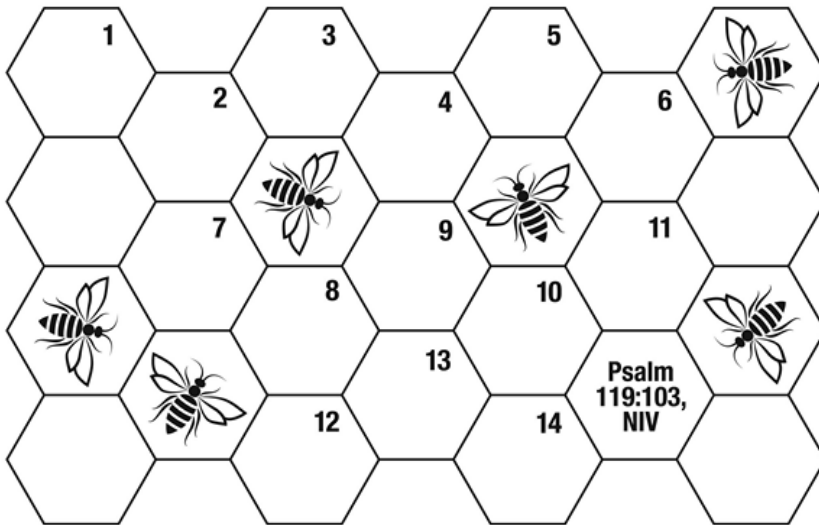
Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

CLUES

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow | 8. the tongue's job |
| 2. opposite of sour | 9. more sweet |
| 3. pronounced "R" | 10. rhymes with pan |
| 4. rhymes with four | 11. golden liquid |
| 5. Letters create ____. | 12. Pleased __ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two | 13. rhymes with fly |
| 7. rhymes with by | 14. body part |

WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!



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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.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.
- (Children's Sunday School will resume in September)

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Facebook Page

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

Harvest time!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus' words to the disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God's love can't be done "mechanically." Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of "You might be God's answer to your own prayer!" — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guilting people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus' authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God's love.