



# Faith in Action

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*"Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together"*

April 2019

## SPRING DAY OF SERVICE & POTLUCK — APRIL 28

**Sunday, April 28** after worship we will have a day of service and then a taco potluck. Bring an item to make tacos or dessert. We will make cards for the Mobile Meals program that operates out of our building; we will also be making 4 kinds of kits (school bags, birthing, teacher, 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 doing another project that is yet to be decided, so watch the bulletin for detail. The following items are what we need for the kits: receiving blankets • 8 oz. soap • shampoo • hand towels • wash cloths • deodorant • multi notebooks • scissors – 8" • eraser for white board. Please bring the items to church before April 24 if possible and place them under the table outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help. Note: Next fall we will again be making Christmas boxes for Spirit Lake, so keep your eyes open for items that might go in the boxes (handheld games, drawing items, books, jewelry, small toys). You can bring them to church and we will store them.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SUPPER & WORSHIP THROUGH APRIL 10

Supper starts at 5:15 p.m. followed by worship at 6:15 p.m. with the theme is "Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God"; we continue to learn what it really costs to be so busy. Please join us.

## SUNDAY LENTEN CLASS 10:50 A.M. THROUGH APRIL 14

The Lenten Class continues looking at the last week of Jesus' life. Using the videos "Jesus: Countdown to Calvary" and "Last Days of Jesus", we look at the Passion Week stories in light of the archeological, historical and gospel information.

## Our 15th Annual Dinner & LIVE & SILENT AUCTION Saturday, April 6, 2019

- 4:30 p.m. — Preview auction items
- 5:00 p.m. — Dinner — pulled pork sandwich,  
coleslaw, chips, dessert & beverage
- 6:00 p.m. — Live Auction
- 6:30 p.m. — Silent Auction closes
- 8:00 p.m. — Door Prize drawing

Dinner Tickets: 12-adult \$8.00 • Ages 4-11 \$4.00

See Judy Turk or Lynn Bonkowske if you are able to help with donating items for the auction.



# April Birthdays

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4/5 — Mark Bougie, Jr.	4/15 — Ross Kropp	4/25 — Madison Worden
4/7 — Patricia Giorgini	4/16 — Collette Peterson	4/26 — Kathryn Peterson
4/9 — Savannah Buse	4/18 — Kayla Rebischke	4/27 — Leona Opp
4/10 — Donald Seaquist	4/19 — Brandon Adams	4/29 — Noah DeNardo
4/10 — Nicholas Sielski	4/20 — Melinda Suchecki	4/30 — Christina Eberly
4/13 — Liz Chun	4/25 — Joan Ryan	4/30 — Ava Spatafore
4/14 — Evan Emery	4/25 — Clayton Short	

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

## Thank you to and for during March...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Gil Kinnunen, Gloria Gurtin, Pat Williams, and Rose Larsen
- **Liturgists:** Sharon Yekaldo, Carol Schuldt, Bill Bonkowske, and Ann Beardshear
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Pfenning, Dan Miller, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen,
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to Pat Williams for helping assemble the March newsletter
- **Thank you** to Lenten Supper providers: The Board of Trustees, the Sanctuary Choir, Sharon Yekaldo & friends, Fred & Bonnie Dick, and the Men's Breakfast.
- **"Dear Friends at Faith church:** Our sincere thanks for the generous donation you made to us in January. Your donation of 145 pounds 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.
- **"Dear Friends in Mission:** *Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift totaling \$1,497.00 dated 12/31/2018, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. 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 words that gifts like yours make possible. 100% of your gift through the Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving generously.*"
- **"Dear Friends at Faith,** 'Everyone deserves to age with dignity in the community of their choice.' These words from our annual report describe our DARTS values. Thank you for sharing these values and for your strong passion and commitment to helping older adults live independently & engaged in our community. **Thank you** for choosing DARTS as the recipient of your special local benevolence Christmas offering to support our home repairs program. **On Feb. 16, we received your \$1,204.19 check.** . . DARTS creates connections that enrich aging. We are grateful to be connected. With gratitude, Steve Haschig, Dir. Of Advancement, DARTS"
- **THANKS!** *"To the people of Faith United Methodist Church: Your wonderful December 2018 gift has been most gratefully received by Solar Oven Partners! You are investing in a ministry that touches the lives of individuals by meeting daily necessities for cooking, food and pasteurizing drinking water using the free energy of the sun! ... Thank you for your compassionate giving: \$122.46 for solar ovens for impoverished, trained solar oven cooks and their families (12/31/18). Blessings, Marjorie Evans-de-Carpio, Dir., Solar Oven Partners UMC."*

### Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Dawn Kinnunen** had surgery and has begun radiation treatment
- ♦ **Dan Miller** has been sick
- ♦ **John Kemp** is recovering from pneumonia and bronchitis
- ♦ **Liz Chun** is recovering from a foot injury
- ♦ **Linda Cox** had a procedure done
- ♦ **Ben Brummund** experienced some health concerns along with the flu

### 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
- ♦ Those who are uncertain about the future

### Mission Well Offering

The Mission Well welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and help support the offering of the month.



**Mission Well donations during April** are designated for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and UMCOR's work in Puerto Rico. (See page 5) The Mission Well is located in the church lobby.

### 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.

*"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."*

—St. Augustine



**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; 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 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.

## Welcome Bags & Cards

The Welcome Team has information cards and welcome bags available in the narthex/lobby. Please feel free to take either or both if you have a new neighbor or a friend — as a welcome from the church.

## ★ 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!

## COMING EVENTS

**April 6** – Live & Silent Auction

**April 18** – Maundy Thursday

**April 19** – Good Friday Prayer Vigil

**April 21** – Easter

**April 28** – Time of Service & Potluck

## 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 April 30: Church office – 651-457-5686 or [faithumc@usfamily.net](mailto:faithumc@usfamily.net)

## Garage Sale Heads Up

We are planning to have a garage sale next summer. Will you please start to save items for the sale. You can bring items to the church on June 1 and after. If you need to bring them sooner, ask Roxanne Napier or Judy Turk where to store them in the church.

## Emma Norton's Annual Silent Auction and Dinner This Month

Please join us in helping to open more doors for women and families at this fun annual event: **Thursday, April 25, 5:00-8:30 p.m.** at the InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront; 11 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul 55101. Register online at [emmanorton.org/events.htm](http://emmanorton.org/events.htm)

Opening  
DoorsDinner



## Christian Symbol

### CALVARY CROSS (GRADED CROSS) —

This Latin cross with three steps symbolizes both Jesus' climb up Calvary's mountain and the three gifts of faith, hope and love. Those gifts are intrinsically connected to Jesus' death and resurrection and are ours by sheer grace. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV).



## HELP with Auction Donations!

We are looking for donations for our Live/Silent **Auction on April 6**. If you have items you can contribute, please bring them to church as soon as possible with either Lynn Bonkowske or Judy Turk's name on them. Items should be new or nearly new. Also, we are looking for help to make follow-up calls and pick up donations from businesses in the W. St. Paul area. Please let Lynn Bonkowske (651-455-6542) or Judy Turk (651-343-8027) know if you can help. Thank you!

## Communion Stewards

We are in need of some people to help set up communion and serve it. It involves getting grape juice and bread, filling the cups, setting up the table and then helping serve. All ages are welcome to help. If you are interested, contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770 or [Sharon.yekaldo@state.mn.us](mailto:Sharon.yekaldo@state.mn.us).

## Prayer Chain Update

We are in the process of updating the prayer chains. If you would like to be added to either the phone prayer chain or the email prayer chain, please contact the church office at 651-457-5686 or [faithumc@usfamily.net](mailto:faithumc@usfamily.net) or talk to Sharon Yekaldo or Pastor Gail.

## Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for all your cards and notes that you are praying for me. I grew up in our old church and have many memories of both churches. We have a loving, caring church family. Blessings to everyone.

Love you,

Kathy Johnson ♥

(3-8-2019)

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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## UMCOR

**This month's Mission Well money goes for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** for Puerto Rico. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. You can put your money in the money pot in the lobby.

**UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church** through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

**UMCOR's work** reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the USA. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

**UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify.** When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.



# April 2019 Calendar

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Mon., 4/1	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team
Wed., 4/3	5:15 p.m.	Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 4/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 p.m.	Auction
Sun., 4/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Outreach Committee
Mon., 4/8	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 4/10	5:15 p.m.	Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 4/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 4/15	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Bible Study
Wed., 4/17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 4/18	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
Sat., 4/20	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 4/21	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., 4/22	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 4/24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 4/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Time of Service & Potluck
Mon., 4/29	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Bible Study
Wed., 5/1	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., 5/2	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sat., 5/4	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 5/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 5/6	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sun., 5/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 5/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Bible Study



## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **4/6, 4/20, 5/4, and 5/18** 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.short26@gmail.com](mailto:bill.short26@gmail.com) or 651-552-0736.

## ► 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.

## Facebook Page

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

## **April 7 — 5th Sunday in Lent—** *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8*

Sermon title: "Our Story"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Dana Scopatz

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward:

## **April 14 — Palm/Passion Sunday**

*Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:25-40*

Sermon title: "And It Begins"

Greeter: Bill Bonkowske

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time Host:

## **April 18 — Maundy Thursday Worship**

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

*Sacrament of Holy Communion and Service of Tenebrae*

## **April 21 — EASTER SUNDAY**

*Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118;*

*I Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12*

Sermon title: "New Possibilities"

Greeter: Jenny Kranz and family

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host:

## **April 28 — 2nd Sunday of Easter**

*Scripture Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150;*

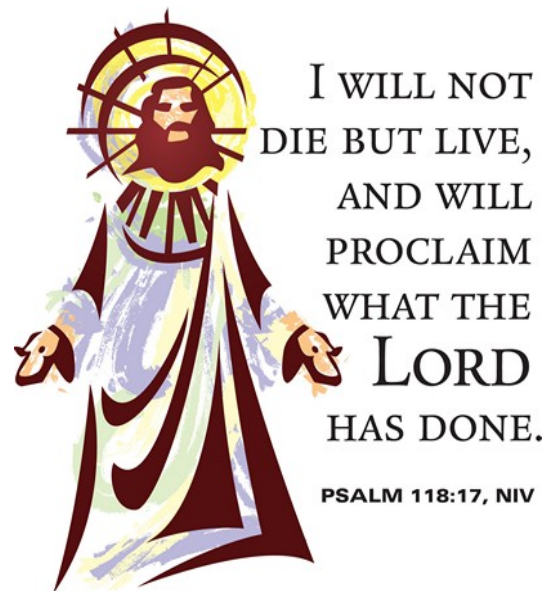
*Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31*

Sermon title: "First Day of the Week"

Greeter: Judy Pfenning

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host:





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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**



## HOLY



## WEEK

### MAUNDY THURSDAY April 18 • 7:00 p.m.

We remember the last supper  
of Jesus and the disciples as  
we celebrate holy communion  
in a Tenebrae style of worship  
with light and darkness.



### GOOD FRIDAY April 19 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We will have a four-hour prayer  
vigil. You are invited to join in  
prayer for 30-minute intervals  
at church or where you are.  
The church sanctuary will have  
music and resources available  
for people to use.



## EASTER SUNDAY

### APRIL 21

**Breakfast • 8:00 a.m.**  
**Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Easter breakfast will be served  
in the Fellowship Hall starting  
at 8:00 a.m. Then we will  
celebrate the resurrection in  
the sanctuary with the choir  
singing, and our worship  
concluding with the singing  
of the "Hallelujah Chorus"  
from Handel's Messiah.