



Faith in Action

Faith United Methodist Church

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

October 2019



ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR & SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON



Luncheon: \$8/adult • \$4/ages 4-12 – All you can eat!

Saturday, October 19, 2019

9:00 – 2:00

Fall Fling — Sunday, October 13

Our Fall Fling will include is a chance to celebrate the fall season. We will be outside in the grove for s'mores, pumpkin painting, the Baron of Bubbles and more fun. Inside there will be flu shot clinic through CUB Pharmacy (see article below).

FLU CLINIC — October 13

On **Sunday, October 13** from 10:30 a.m. until noon **Cub Pharmacy will offer a flu vaccination clinic here at Faith.** Please bring your health insurance card, so Cub Pharmacy can bill your insurance company for the cost of the flu shot. If your insurer does not cover the cost of the vaccination when billed, Cub Pharmacy will pay for the cost. Ages six and older may be vaccinated. Ages 65 and older are eligible for the high-dosage vaccination.



Saturday, October 26

We will gather on Saturday morning, October 26, to do some cleaning around the church. We will begin around 9:00 a.m. and work most of the morning. We will work both inside and outside. If you can come for an hour or more please join us!



October Birthdays



10/1	—	Rebecca Seaquist	10/17	—	Lynn Mens
10/6	—	Joan Fitch			Carol Schuldt
10/8	—	Jenifer Stehr	10/18	—	Lori DeNardo
		Matthew Spatafore			Joshua Pate
10/11	—	Kim Van Siclen			Lauren Pate
10/12	—	Judy Turk	10/23	—	Debra Schneider
10/13	—	Nicholas Pate			Jack Groth
		Elliana DeNardo	10/24	—	Nicole Brummund
10/14	—	Richard DeNardo	10/29	—	Rick Henk
10/15	—	Linda Cox	10/30	—	Clayton Van Siclen
10/16	—	Ward Mens			

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

Thank you to and for during September ...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Gloria Gurtin, Fred & Bonnie Dick, and Vesta Lach
- **Liturgists:** John Scopatz, Gil Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, Dana Scopatz, and Bill Bonkowske
- **Serving refreshments:** Dan Miller, Fred & Bonnie Dick
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to Judy Turk, Dawn Kinnunen and Bonnie Dick for helping prepare the church for Welcome Home Sunday
- **Thank you** to the Williams/Scopatz families for proofing and assembling the September newsletter.
- **Thank you** to Judy Turk, Bonnie Dick, Gil Kinnunen and Dawn Kinnunen for helping assemble the "welcome home" mailing.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your August donation of 10 pounds of groceries and garden produce! We appreciate all the work you put into this! Our shoppers will be so happy to receive your gifts!

The team at Neighbors, Inc.





Prayer Notes



Congregational Care Concerns:

- **Vera Young**, Susan Filter's mother, is in hospice care.
- **Taffy Storck** had surgery on her ankle.
- **Diane Mens** had surgery. She is now recovering.
- **Esther Craine** has been hospitalized. She is now home recovering.

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



The Mission Well welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. October Mission Well donations will support the Dignity Center at Hennepin Avenue UMC. See the "Make a Difference" column on page 5 for details of the programs. The Mission Well is in the church lobby.



Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners will be starting again this fall. Children are paired with an adult prayer partner from our congregation who prays for them and talks with them to promote a feeling of belonging to the church community. Prayer partners are encouraged to send Christmas and birthday cards to the youth to whom they are assigned. If you would like to be a part of this group please talk to Liz Chun at 651-453-1999 or Dawn Kinnunen at 651-451-2556 and we will happily make the arrangements.



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.

Faith Notes

Rolling in & out of the 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.



Church Lawn Mowing

Even as we move into cooler temperatures 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.

136th Anniversary Offering

Each October we receive an anniversary offering in celebration of the continuing faithfulness of this congregation. This year in celebration of our 136th anniversary, the offering will go to the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the building. We have raised \$600 toward the \$1,200 cost. This will be an added safety feature for the congregation. Having the machine available will help us be a more inclusive church that is open to everyone.



Reimbursements

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



THANK YOU!

and Covington Recap

The Covington task force would like to thank all of you for your support this past summer! We had a wonderful time renewing old friendships and making new friends. We saw an increase in the number of people to whom we served supper. Several new families have moved into Covington and we were able to reach out to them. In our planning for the summer of 2020 we would ask you to keep your eyes open for items we can share next summer. In June we plan to give out books for the people, especially books that youth and children can read. In August we would like to again give out backpacks. We are looking especially for backpacks for pre-schoolers and for high school students. If you have or see books for children and youth, please bring them to church. Also, if you have or see backpacks that we can distribute, please bring them in. Place items you bring outside Pastor Gail's office and we will store them.



Sunday, October 6 we will be going to Sever's Corn Maze. We will meet at Faith at 12 noon for lunch, then we will go out to Sever's in Shakopee. We will return around 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$12 (If this is a problem let Pastor Gail know.) If you are planning to join us, please let Pastor Gail know by Wednesday, October 2 so we have enough food and ride space.

The Youth Group is open to youth in 6th—12th grades.

Living in Faith



2020 Faith Church Finance Campaign "A Wonder-Full Life"

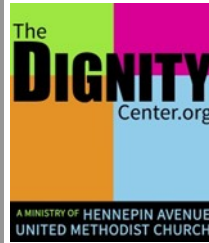
For 2020, the theme of our finance Campaign is "A Wonder-Full Life." Spiritual practice feeds that part of ourselves that is oriented toward serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, gratitude, love and joy. But these are not always words we use to describe the role of money in our lives. In the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life," a crisis of money creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationships with money. In this four week series, we will "look" squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness and a whole new "outlook" on what constitutes a wonderful life.

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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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The Dignity Center

at Hennepin UMC

WELCOMING & SUPPORTING PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY ON THEIR PATH TO STABILITY

The Dignity Center works with people To achieve and maintain stability.

Participants engage with one advocate, make and keep appointments, set goals and report actions taken to achieve these goals. We work together on stability skills such as problem-solving, decision making, organization and budgeting. Progress is measured as improved housing, increased financial stability in their situation, completed education and training, obtain employment, and supportive community.

The Dignity Center is located at 425 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis.

For more information check out their website at haumc.org/dignity.



The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already working with the Methodist Church of the Bahamas to help with relief and will move onto rebuilding as soon as possible. If you would like to help, make checks out to Faith UMC, mark them for UMCOR and we will forward your donation to UMCOR.



This 'n' That

Sharing Table

You may noticed the table in the Fellowship Hall with all the items on it. This is the sharing table. You may bring items from your home that are no longer needed but are still useable and place them on the table. Look at the items on the table is there anything you can use. Take it. The table is designed for us to share with one another. No cost for anything on the table.



Soup & Salad is Coming!

October 19 is Faith's Soup, Salad, and Bazaar event. The Craft Group is hard-working but small so we are asking for help. If you have any handmade items to donate for the sale we would so appreciate your kindness. We also are looking for used items that are in good condition for our "Grandma's Attic" garage sale table. In addition, there will be a bake sale and any donations you would consider bringing for the sale would be a big help. If you would like to talk to a Craft Group member please call Liz Chun at 651-453-1999 or Karen Cohoes at 651-456-0388. Ruth Martin (651-559-8954), Rose Larsen (651-340-7685) and Judy Turk (651-343-8027) will be coordinating the Soup and Salad meal and will welcome help with soups, salads, and bars.

Please speak with one of them if you can help. Let's make this an awesome, yummy, fun day for all!



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!



Coming Events

October 13	Fall Fling & Flu Shots
October 19	Bazaar/Soup & Salad Luncheon
October 26	Clean Up Day
November 10	Celebration Sunday
November 17	Day of Service & Potluck
November 30	Decorating for Christmas
December 7	Breakfast with Santa
December 24	Christmas Eve

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. If you have a bulletin board in your building or the places you spend time, take a poster and hang it up for Judy.

Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!*
Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message. Call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!

October 2019 Worship Schedule

October 6 — World Communion Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sermon title: "Doing What is Expected"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Judy Pfenning

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward:

October 13 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66; II Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sermon title: "When Faith Calls You to Be Different"

Greeter: Bill Short

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host:

October 20 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon title: "Looking Back"

Greeter: Dianna Gallegoes

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

October 27 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Matthew 6:19-24

Sermon Title: "Looking In"

Greeters: Pat & Paul Williams

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Leaves on the Tree



There are two new leaves on the Memorial Tree. Please check them out.

Warren Schuldt
"Forever in Our Hearts"

In Loving memory of
Sonya Beguhl

October 2019 Calendar

Wed., 10/2	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 10/3	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat., 10/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 10/6	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
	12:30 p.m.	Ecumenical Youth Group
Mon., 10/7	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Faith Study
Wed., 10/9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 10/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Fall Fling & Flu Shots
Mon., 10/14	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed. 10/16	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 10/19	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar
	11:00 a.m.	Soup & Salad
Sun., 10/20	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., 10/21	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Faith Study
Wed., 10/23	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 10/26	9:00 a.m.	Clean Up Day
Sun., 10/27	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., 10/28	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 10/30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., 10/31	10:00 a.m.	Mobile Meal
Sat., 11/2	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 11/3	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., 11/4	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Faith Study
Wed., 11/6	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 11/7	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Charge Conference
	7:15 p.m.	Church Council
Sun., 11/10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Meal & Program
Mon., 11/11	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/13	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal



Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office whenever possible due to her mother's health situation.

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.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **10/5, 10/19, & 11/2** at Stark's, 3125 Dodd Road, Eagan starting at 8:00am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or bill.short26@gmail.com .

Bits 'n' Pieces

Survey Results By Bob Scopatz

A few months ago the church council sent out a survey asking our members and constituents to answer three questions about the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, queer (questioning), intersexual, asexual and others (commonly abbreviated as LGBTQIA+). The council sent out a sheet that explained the results of the 2019 Special General Conference and the Minnesota Annual Conference with respect to LGBTQIA+ persons' inclusion as clergy and the possibility of a split in the denomination.

A big thank you to all who filled out the form. We got a 12% response rate, which is about what we expected although we would have loved to hear from everyone.

One of the things we learned was the importance of this faith community and the interaction between persons. Several people asked or wanted to know how we stay together as a community. A summary of the answers on the survey's three questions follows:

1. How are you feeling about the actions of the General Conference and the Annual Conference?

Many of the responses were "middle of the road" in expressing the hope to remain welcoming without saying specifically if they would support LGBTQIA+ ordination and same-sex marriage in the church and expressing concern over the risk of a split in the denomination. There was one response strongly in favor of the Traditional Plan, which will bar gay and lesbian persons from ordination and punish those who ordain such a person or conduct a same sex marriage. There were several expressions of support for the Minnesota Annual Conference' stand against the Traditional Plan.

2. What Information do you need?

This question was left blank by several people. The responses that included a request for information expressed concern over what a split in the denomination might mean for Faith UMC and what the financial implications might be. There was clear support for waiting to see what happens in the 2020 General Conference and then sharing that result with the church.

3. What would you like to see Faith UMC do?

This question, like the second, was left blank by many people and several suggested that we wait to see the results of the 2020 General Conference. There was one statement clearly in support of the Traditional Plan and one that said the Traditional Plan should be implemented, but without the punishments. Several people expressed a desire

How Does our Garden Grow?



On September 20, we completed the 11th week of picking vegetables from our food shelf garden and delivering them to Neighbors, Inc., which translates into 60% of the harvest season.

So far, we have delivered 274

pounds of beans, cabbage, cucumbers, green onions, peppers, squash, and tomatoes—plus 107 bags of herbs (basil, cilantro, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, and thyme). That's about 65% of last year's harvest.

Last year, our garden project delivered 437 pounds of vegetables and set a record of \$1,500 for market value (average cost of vegetables from neighborhood grocery stores). Given the projected mix of sunshine, warm temperatures, and rain, we still have hope to reach last year's total but may fall a little short of our 2017 record of 563 pounds.

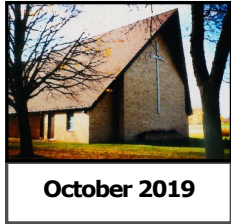
Our garden is completely funded through memorial gifts and designated contributions. Thanks to the volunteers from our church and our neighborhood who have helped water, weed, and harvest.

If you have extra vegetables in your home garden and wish to contribute them to the Neighbors Food Shelf, please bring them to church on Sundays or contact Dawn Kinnunen (651-278-7394, dawnella1974@gmail.com) or Gil Kinnunen (651-428-3959, gilogram@gmail.com).

to see Faith UMC take a stand consistent with the Minnesota Annual Conference's defiance of the Traditional Plan.

In short, while we did not hear from every member and constituent, we did get some frank and honest input from those who chose to respond. We did not achieve unanimity, and the most clear consensus is to wait for the 2020 General Conference before starting any sort of decision process or taking a more active stance. The majority want to welcome all and to reaffirm now that we welcome all. It is also clear that few would welcome a split in the denomination and that our discussions after the 2020 Annual Conference will need to address what actions, if any, Faith will take in response.

We are planning to devote at least two sessions during the adult Sunday School time to discussions of the 2020 General Conference.



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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 — 10:30 a.m.

Facebook Page

Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at:

<http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

Time of Service — November 17

Sunday, November 17, after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. We will be making cards for the Mobile Meals program that operates out of our building. We will be making five kinds of kits (school bags, birthing, health kits, personal hygiene & teacher bags) for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) that will be delivered to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, Illinois. We will be making Christmas shoebox gifts for Spirit Lake Ministry Center which serves the reservations in the Dakotas and Red Lake in Minnesota.

To help us prepare for the day of service we need your help to bring items for the kits and shoebox gifts we will be making that day.

Below are the items that are especially needed for each area:

Health kits – hand towel (15" x 25" to 17" x 27"), washcloths, metal nail file or clipper, band aids

Birthing kits – receiving blankets

School kits – ruler, eraser (2" or larger), pads of paper

Personal Hygiene Kits - deodorant (2-3 oz.), soap (3oz. or larger) and shampoo (3oz or larger)

Teacher Kits - notebooks, 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 markers, dry-erase eraser

Shoebox gifts – small toys or gifts for various ages, candy, hat, & mittens

Please bring the items to church before November 10 if possible and place them under the table outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help.

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