



Faith in Action

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

November 2019

"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.

2020 is a year of generosity. How are we going to hear God's call and be instruments of grace to each other, to our community and to the world? What is the gift you will be giving to help Faith Church continue its ministry here and into the world?

On Sunday, November 10 we will bring our commitments for 2020 and dedicate them during worship. Afterwards we will move to the Fellowship Hall for wonderful meal together.

Be watching for more information in the mail in early November.

Coming Events

- November 10** – Celebration Sunday
- November 17** – Day of Service
- November 17** – 3rd Graders receive Bibles
- November 24** – Joint Worship Service
- November 30** – Decorating for Christmas
- December 11** – Blood Drive
- December 14** – Breakfast with Santa
- December 15** – Sunday School leads worship
- December 22** – Sanctuary choir leads worship



Thanksgiving Worship

10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 24

Sunday, November 24 we will have a **joint worship with Centro Cristiano.**

We will meet at 10:30 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. Afterwards we will have a potluck. This will be a chance for us to get to know each other better and be thankful for all we have.



November Birthdays



11/3 — Louis Eberly
Vesta Latch

11/6 — Bruce Opp

Austin Suchecki
11/14 — Lynnette Bonkowske
Dana Scopatz

11/16 — Alexi DeNardo
Mfon Jonathan
Roland Hunter

11/23 — Susan Filter

11/26 — Janessa DeNardo

11/29 — Heidi Vanderhoff

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

Thank you to and for during October...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Bill Short, Diana Gallegos, and Paul & Pat Williams
- **Liturgists:** Judy Pfenning, Sharon Yekaldo, Ann Beardshear, and John Kemp
- **Serving refreshments:** Dan Miller, and Judy Turk
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to Pat Williams for proofing and assembling the October newsletter.
- **Thank you** to our faithful volunteers who helped maintain the church lawn this year.
Thank you also to Greg Napier for maintaining the mowers and keeping them in working order.
- **Thank you!** "A HEARTY thank you to everyone who donated the delicious salads soups and desserts for our Soup & Salad fundraiser. We consider it another success and we made \$815 for the church budget. A SPECIAL thank you to the helping hands at the event: Ruth & Chuck Martin, Rose & Steve Larsen, Dawn Kinnunen, Pat Williams, Bonnie Dick, Dan Miller, Sharon Yekaldo, John Kemp, Carol Schuldt, Taffy Storck, Collette Peterson, Gloria Gurtin, Nancy Rankin, Judy Pfenning, Judy Turk, and Pastor Gail. If we have missed someone, please know that you are appreciated, as well." — **Judy Turk**
- **Thank you** to Dan Miller, Steve Larsen, Rose Larsen, Pat Williams, Paul Williams, Gil Kinnunen, Bill Short, Bill Bonkowske, Dawn Kinnunen and Carol Schuldt for helping with clean-up day.
- **"Thank you to the Faith Church family** for your thoughts and prayers for my mother Vera and our family during my mother's Hospice care in August and September. Thank you also for your prayers, cards, and words of comfort following her passing on September 26. I'm also very grateful for the 'people of Faith' who helped in the office while I was away. Your support and friendship is greatly appreciated." ❤️ — **Susan Filter**



Congregational Care Concerns:

♦ **Esther Craine** was hospitalized. She is now at Southview Health Care Center.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Heights*
- ♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove Heights*

Ongoing Concerns:

♦ **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:

- ♦ to **Johnny Gallegos and family** on the death of his mother in Texas.
- ♦ to **Ellen Hiniker** on the death of her mother.

Prayer changes things

November Mission Well

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 support the offering of the month. November's Mission Well donations benefit the **Walk to End Hunger** event highlighted below, or talk to Gil & Dawn Kinnunen to get started. The Mission Well is located in the church lobby.



THE WALK TO END HUNGER IS COMING



The **Walk to End Hunger** is a family-friendly 5K fun walk presented by The Mosaic Co. held on Thanksgiving morning, **November 28, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** in the Mall of America, and is a great way to

start the holiday off right – giving back before you give thanks! Since its inception in 2008, the Walk to End Hunger has raised over \$2,800,000 to help support hunger relief organizations working to eliminate hunger in the Twin Cities metro area. 100% of the net proceeds of the Walk to End Hunger are distributed to the partner organizations. To register, visit us on the web at www.walktoendhunger.org or via the Neighbors, Inc. website for info and links. Registration is \$25 for adults (\$35 at the door) & free for youth. Raise \$100 in funds and you'll receive an official "Walk to End Hunger" t-shirt. *A big thank you to all of the Faith Walkers from previous years. We hope to see you back this year!*



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.

How Does Our Garden Grow?

On Clean-Up Day, October 26, volunteers finished cleaning up our 9th annual Neighbors, Inc. Food Shelf garden. That doesn't mean we are done with delivering fresh vegetables to Neighbors. We still have three boxes of ripening green tomatoes.

Through October, we have delivered 474 pounds of beans, cabbages, cucumbers, green onions, herbs (basil, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, and thyme), peppers, squash, and tomatoes.



Last year, our garden project produced and delivered 437 pounds of vegetables and set a record of \$1,500 for market value (average cost of vegetables from neighborhood grocery stores).

We've already surpassed last year's poundage; and, given our cache of ripening tomatoes, we could exceed last year's market value as well.

Once again this year, our garden was completely funded through memorial gifts and designated contributions.

Thanks to volunteers from our church and friends from our neighborhood and beyond who have helped plant, tend, harvest, and clean up. We also are grateful to members, neighbors, and friends who contributed extra vegetables from their home gardens, our "satellite gardens."

Capital Improvements Fund

We here at Faith have a capital improvement fund. In the past we have used this fund to help pay for the floor in the Fellowship Hall, the new sound system, new windows and a new furnace in the parsonage. This fund can be added to any time. It is our emergency fund when repairs need to be made. It allows us to make the repairs as they are needed rather than having to wait until we raise or borrow the money. Right now the fund is less than \$10,000. If you would like to contribute to the fund please indicate that it is for the capital improvement fund.

Grateful

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! Last year we received a check in January because of the use of UMC Market!



Christmas with Faith Church and Neighbors, Inc.

Faith Church will again be sponsoring individuals through the Neighbors Christmas program. We will be getting our kids and senior names soon, so be watching for ways to help. I will also be looking for help with **Breakfast with Santa event on December 14th**. One thing Santa asks is for food donations to our food shelf. Thank you, Karen Cohoes, 651-456-0388



Hanging of the Greens

Will you help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons? We will be decorating on **Saturday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m.**

We should be done by 11:30 to 12:00 and will enjoy lunch together to celebrate the upcoming holiday seasons. We hope you can join us! For more info contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or judyturk123@gmail.com.



Qualified Charitable Distribution

After years of contributing to tax-deferred 401(k)s and IRAs, income tax is due on that money when you take withdrawals in retirement. Annual withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts are required after age 70½, and the penalty for skipping a required minimum distribution is 50 percent of the amount that should have been withdrawn.

However, if you are in the fortunate position of not needing your distribution for living expenses and are charitably inclined, you can avoid income tax on your required withdrawal by donating your money directly to a qualifying charity. Charitable distribution from your IRA can be used to help others and reduce your tax bill.

Meet the requirements. IRA owners must be age 70½ or older. If you donate more than the maximum allowable amount it is considered income and could be subject to income tax. Qualified charitable contributions must be made by December 31 each year in order to exclude that amount from taxable income.

Charitable contributions can only be made from IRAs. You don't need to itemize your taxes in order to make an IRA charitable distribution. However, you cannot additionally claim a charitable contribution tax deduction on a charitable distribution from your IRA. You are not getting taxed on this money, so you don't get to count it as a charitable deduction in addition

Satisfy mandatory distributions. You can donate part of your required distribution to charity and withdraw the rest of it as retirement income as long as you meet the minimum distribution requirement by the end of the calendar year.

Calculate your tax break. For a retiree in the 25 percent tax bracket, an IRA charitable contribution of \$5,000 could reduce your income tax bill by \$1,250. Even a \$1,000 donation would save you \$250 in taxes.

Essentially what happens is you are not receiving this distribution, you are not getting taxed on the distribution, it goes straight to the charity. Consider satisfying your pledge to Faith Church with a monthly or quarterly payment from your traditional IRA.

More information, Contact your financial planner, or speak with Pastor Gail or Bill Short.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Walk to End Hunger and Neighbors, Inc.



Give Back Before Giving Thanks

The Walk to End Hunger is a family-friendly 5K fun walk presented by The Mosaic Company.

Held on Thanksgiving morning in the Mall of America, it's a great way to start your holiday off right - giving back before you give thanks!

Read more on page 3 of this newsletter!



Facebook Page

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

November 2019 Calendar

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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
	12 noon	"It's a Wonderful Life" movie viewing
Mon., 11/4	10:00 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	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/13	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 11/16	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 11/17	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., 11/18	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Faith Study
Sun., 11/24	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Potluck
Mon., 11/25	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sat., 11/30	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens
Sun., 12/1	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., 12/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Faith Study
Wed., 12/4	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Sun., 12/8	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., 12/9	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 12/11	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 12/14	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **11/2, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14** at Stark's, 3125 Dodd Road, Eagan, starting at 8:00am. All men are invited to join us! For more info, please contact Bill Short at bill.short26@gmail.com or 651-552-0736.

YOUTH

This month we will gather on either **Wednesday, November 20** or **Thursday, November 21** to help prepare Thanksgiving bags/boxes at Union Gospel Mission. This is open to the whole family. To sign up talk to Pastor Gail or if that night does not work we will make arrangements to go another night.

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.



Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 3. Remember to set your clocks back an hour.

November 2019 Worship Schedule

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November 3 — All Saints' Sunday

Scripture Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119; I Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 19:1-10

Sermon title: "Looking Out"

Litany of Remembrance & Dedication of Memorials

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

November 10 — Celebration Sunday — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145; II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Acts 4:32-35

Sermon title: "Looking with Gratitude"

Dedication of our gifts for 2020

Greeter: Bill Short

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Celebration Lunch

Communion Steward: Marsha Spatafore

November 17 — 23RD Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sermon title: "Working Quietly"

3rd Graders receive their Bibles

Greeters: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

November 24 — Thanksgiving Sunday

JOINT Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100;

Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Greeters: Dianne & Ward Mens

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time hosts: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen



Breakfast with Santa



Volunteers & money donations are needed to help with Breakfast with Santa. To help, please contact Karen Cohoes at 651-456-0388

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!

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.

'It's a Wonderful Life' Live Radio Play!

Neighbors, Inc. Benefit • Thursday,
December 5, 2019 7:30-9:45 pm
St. Paul Hotel, 350 Market St., St. Paul

It's a Wonderful Life, based on the classic movie of the same name, is considered one of the most inspirational and best loved holiday stories. George Bailey, a man whose imminent suicide on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Oddbody, who shows George all the lives he has touched and how different life in his community would be had he never been born. This performance, set as if it were a live radio broadcast of the film from the 1940's, is full of emotion, humor, sound effects, and lots of classic holiday music. It will have you counting your blessings during the holiday season.

Social Hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the show will commence at 7:30 p.m. This special performance will kick off the cast's seasonal engagement at The Saint Paul Hotel. Proceeds from ticket sales of this performance will benefit Neighbors, Inc. Ticket prices are **\$35 General Admission; \$25 for Neighbors' volunteers and members of Neighbors' Community Builders Circle.** [Purchase tickets here:](https://events.idonate.com/wonderfullifebenefit)
<https://events.idonate.com/wonderfullifebenefit>

Special thanks to the amazing cast of *It's a Wonderful Life* and The Saint Paul Hotel.



Happy Thanksgiving!

**Give a meaningful gift this
holiday season.
Donate blood.**



Faith United Methodist Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 11
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**



*If you have questions, please talk to
Fred or Bonnie Dick*

Reimbursements

If you purchase anything for the church, please submit your receipt to Bill Short or Pastor Gail to be reimbursed. If you would like to donate the item to church, give the receipt to Dan Miller or Pastor Gail and it will be recorded on your giving record. Please be sure to put your name on the receipt.

End of Life Packet

We now have 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.

New Leaf on the Memory Tree:

In loving memory of
Kathy Johnson
1946-2019
Until we meet again...



Working Together:



The [United Methodist Committee on Relief](http://www.umcmmission.org/umcor) is a well-known disaster relief ministry. And thanks to your generous financial gifts, when storms rage, compassion stands firm. This spring, the United States experienced more than 200 tornadoes, as well as a devastating blizzard, damaging winds, and hail. In April, UMCOR's board of directors authorized the distribution of \$20,236,883 for U.S. disaster response, touching ten states from Iowa to Florida, Nebraska to Alabama, as well as Puerto Rico. When floodwaters rose in our country's heartland, trained Emergency Response Teams went into action. UMCOR clean-up buckets were distributed to thousands of people the minute they were able to get back into their homes.

Even as floods rolled over the Midwest, Cyclone Idai brought catastrophic flooding and wind damage to Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Hundreds of people died. Millions were displaced or affected. A cholera outbreak threatened even more lives. UMCOR was there, too, with grants used to provide temporary and transitional shelter, clean water, and food, ensuring that some of the most vulnerable people affected were able to have their basic human needs met. Truckloads of maize meals, cooking oil, water purification liquids, clothes and blankets arrived as soon as they could get in. This scenario is repeated several times a year in other countries.

Together, we're sharing God's love in real and tangible ways with people here and around the world. Unfortunately, weather disasters are not going away. Neither is UMCOR. It is ALWAYS a good time to donate to them. For more information, go to www.umcmmission.org/umcor.

In Ministry Together,

Lyndy Zabel

Director of Community Development

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November 2019



Sunday 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.
- Children's and Youth Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Thanksgiving Blessings



**THANKSGIVING DAY,
THURSDAY, NOV. 28**
is the **Walk to End Hunger**
at the Mall of America.
Sign up through Neighbors
or at church.



Sunday, November 10
is when we will celebrate
the generosity of this
congregation related to
our financial stewardship.
We will enjoy a wonderful
lunch and program
after worship.