



Faith in Action

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

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January 2020



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

May 5-15, 2020 — Minneapolis Convention Center

Are you interested in volunteering for the "Host Team" at General Conference 2020 in Minneapolis? There are opportunities for people of ALL ages, interests, and abilities! Volunteering provides an opportunity to see the United Methodist connection up close and extend hospitality to siblings in Christ from around the world! To indicate

your initial interest in volunteering go to the General Conference 2020 website and click on volunteering. For now it will ask for basic information about yourself and the areas in which you'd like to volunteer. The MN Annual Conference will be in regular communication to provide updates and let you know when it's time to sign up for specific shifts. Sign up now to express interest in volunteering. Thank you! (<https://gc2020welcome.org/>)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Tubman Center

Tubman helps women, men, youth and families who have experienced relationship violence, elder abuse, addiction, sexual exploitation or other forms of trauma. Throughout the Twin Cities, Tubman provides safe shelter, legal services, mental and chemical health counseling, elder abuse resources,

youth programming and community education, including public information campaigns to provide community members the information and support they need to get or give help.



Safety. Hope. Healing.

Those three words are at the heart of Tubman's mission. For more than 40 years, we've worked to advance opportunities for change so that every person can experience safety, hope, and healing. Each year, we help an estimated 25,000 people in Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington counties and the surrounding area get the services, support, and information they need after experiencing trauma—including relationship violence, sexual assault and exploitation, trafficking, addiction, mental health issues and more. We serve people of all ages and genders and offer a broad continuum of services to help people find the support and information they need.

For more information go to www.tubman.org

January Birthdays

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1/1 —	Hailey Worden	1/9 —	Andrew Lukas	1/19 —	Randy Roberts
1/3 —	Beverly Ysaguirre		Jacob Kranz	1/25 —	Jalen Haom
	Lucy Schwendinger	1/10 —	Rodney Rankin	1/27 —	George Brown
1/6 —	Jackie Emery	1/14 —	Alexander Boelter		Carter Johnson
1/8 —	JoAnn Loutsch	1/18 —	Barbara Henk	1/29 —	Phil Phipps
	Austin Worden		Alexander Sielski	1/31 —	Scott Spatafore
					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, Judy Pfenning, Dianna Gallegos, Rose Larsen, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen
- **Liturgists:** Sharon Yekaldo, Dana Scopatz, Bill Bonkowske, Judy Pfenning, and John Kelp
- **Serving refreshments:** Dan Miller, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen,
- **Communion Steward:** Rose Larsen
- **SO MUCH FUN! A BIG thank you** to everyone who helped at Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 14 ... also to people who donated food and money to buy food. We served 98 delicious pancake breakfasts, 40 happy children sat on Santa's lap and told him what they wanted for Christmas and had their picture taken. We collected 7 bags of food and \$206 for Neighbors food shelf.

— Karen Cohoes, JoAnn Loutsch and Judy Turk

...AND special thanks to the breakfast team: Karen Cohoes & JoAnn Loutsch (Leaders), Matt, Ava & Claudia Spatafore, Amanda & Kristen Meyer, Mike Schwendinger, Scott & Marsha Spatafore, Pat & Paul Williams, Dana Scopatz, Dawn & Gil Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, Bonnie Dick, Rose Larsen, Sharon Yekaldo, Judy Pfenning, Sunni Cohoes, Gloria Gurtin, Nancy Rankin & Judy Turk.

- **Thank you** to Karen Cohoes, Judy Turk and JoAnn Loutsch for coordinating Breakfast with Santa
- **Thank you** to Karen Cohoes for coordinating the Neighbors Gift Exchange.
- **Thank you** to our Advent & Christmas Candle Lighters: Bill Short, Judy Turk & JoAnn Loutsch, Dan Miller & Dawn Kinnunen, Judy Pfenning and John Scopatz & Charles Scopatz.
- **"Thank you** for your generous gifts for Christmas. They have all been put to good use. Thanks."
— Pastor Gail
- **Thank you** to those who helped with Christmas Eve worship: Judy Pfenning, Paul and Pat Williams, Dawn & Gil Kinnunen.
- **Thank you** to Pat Williams, Gil Kinnunen, Dawn Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, JoAnn Loutsch and Judy Turk for assembling the December newsletter.
- **Thank you**, "Faith Friends", for your Christmas wishes and monetary gift. Your kindheartedness is very appreciated!
— Susan Filter
- **NEIGHBORS' GIFT PROGRAM THANKS!** Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made the Holiday Gift Program possible this season! We provided gifts to over 1700 children and seniors in our community. This program exists only because of your kindness and generosity. Here's a quote from one participant whose family was "adopted" by some kind donors: "Thank you for the wonderful gifts; I am blown away by all the generosity. Our family appreciates it and I'm very grateful!"



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Fred Dick** hurt his back.
- ♦ **Marianne Young** is a Southview Healthcare Center for rehab

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

Are you ready? “It is a solemn thing to part company with the old year,” said J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), the first Anglican bishop of Liverpool. “It is a still more solemn thing to begin a new one. All before us is uncertain; we know not what a day may bring forth, much less what may happen in a year.” Ryle offered this challenge for the days and months ahead: *“Walk more closely with God, get nearer to Christ, seek to exchange hope for assurance. Oh, that you may endeavor so to grow in grace every year, that your final things may be far more than your first, and the end of your Christian course far better than the beginning!”*

January Mission Well

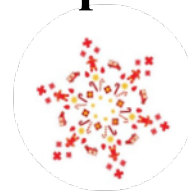
The Mission Well welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and help support the offering of the month. January's Mission Well money goes for **Tubman Shelter**. This program offers shelters to battered women and their children in the Twin Cities area.



Give a meaningful gift this holiday season. Make plans to donate blood.

Faith United Methodist Blood Drive

**Wednesday, January 8
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**



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.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

West Side/West St. Paul
Community Breakfast

Building Bridges for a Bold Dream

The General Mills Foundation and UNCF presents the 30th Annual **MLK, Jr. Holiday Breakfast** at the Minneapolis Armory to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King and create an imperative to live out his legacy today in our homes, our communities, and our world.

This year's keynote speaker is The Honorable Eric H. Holder, former Attorney General of the United States and the first African-American to serve in that position.

Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul, with the help of volunteers of all ages and faiths, hosts breakfasts at multiple neighborhood locations, featuring a live broadcast of the General Mills event as well as a hot breakfast and local programming.

**Monday, January 20
7:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Mount Olivet Baptist Church
451 Central Avenue West, St. Paul, MN**

**\$5 per person
(children 12 and under FREE)**

For more information (including other Twin Cities sites) and to register for a neighborhood breakfast, go to:

**[interfaithaction.org/ifaevents/
mlkbreakfastor](http://interfaithaction.org/ifaevents/mlkbreakfastor) contact Sam Wegner at
Interfaith Action
612-999-0658, swegner@interfaithaction.org**

Project Home

During the month of January in collaboration with Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul, Salem Lutheran Church in West St. Paul provides shelter and food every night to 5-6 homeless families (14-20 people) in a program called Project Home.

Every night and weekends the families arrive at Salem about 5:45 p.m. They are bused from The Family Place in downtown St. Paul. Salem provides a light meal, activities, overnight accommodations in rooms in the church, and a breakfast. The families leave the church about 6:45 a.m. (8:45 a.m. on weekends) and return to The Family Place. From there the kids are bused to school while the adults go to work or participate in programs to increase their employment skills. The families work toward seeking permanent housing through programs offered by The Family Place and Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul. Interfaith Action carefully screens the families before they are admitted to the program.

Salem Project Home is staffed daily by three shifts of volunteers from Salem and other churches at all times that homeless families are present at the facility. Salem has been involved with this program for over 10 years.

If you are interested in helping staff one of the 3 shifts on any date, please talk with Pastor Gail for more info.

Adult Sunday School Class

• Translating Scripture into Art •

January 5, 12, 26, and February 2

Beginning Sunday morning, January 5, Gil Kinnunen will lead a four-week adult Sunday School class on Translating Scripture into Art. We will look at artists' depictions (e.g., paintings, drawings, sculpture) of familiar Bible stories (e.g., the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son) and how Jesus has been interpreted by visual artists from the 3rd century to the present—all in the context of conversation about how art affects our interpretation of the Bible and influences our faith. Please join us.



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.

★ 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.



Taking Down of the Christmas Decorations

On Saturday, January 11 we will take down the decorations from the holiday season. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until things are put away. If you can help or if you have questions contact Judy Turk at judyturk123@gmail.com or 651-343-8027.

COMING EVENTS

- January 8** – Blood Drive
January 11 – “Un-decorate” the church
January 19 – Church Conference
February 26 – Ash Wednesday



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 on vacation from January 21 through February 2.* If you are in need of pastoral care then, please contact Rev. Dana Scopatz at dscopatz@gmail.com or call her at 651-403-3312.

Twin Cities United Methodist Women Winter Gathering/Leadership Training Saturday, February 1, 2020

**Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5730 Grove St. Edina, MN**



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung
CEO of the Minneapolis Council of Churches
“Racism and Spirituality”

How do we sustain ourselves spiritually during difficult times of social injustice?

8:30 Emma Norton Tea/Coffee
9:30 Worship
10:30 Speaker
12:00 Lunch

Cost \$12.00 includes lunch
\$5.00 Worship and speaker

1:00 Leadership Training Sessions

- President/Program Coordinator
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- Membership/Nurture/Outreach
- Spiritual Growth
- Social Action – Climate Change

1:45 Closing



Questions?

Contact
denkmannd@hotmail.com

January 2020 Calendar

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Tues., 1/1/20		Office Closed	Sun. 2/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun., 1/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 1/6	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Mon., 2/3	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12 noon	Faith Study		12 noon	Faith Study
Wed., 1/8	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drove	Wed. 2/4	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Sat., 2/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sun., 2/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Thurs., 1/9	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council			Sunday School
Sat., 1/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 p.m.	Take Down the Christmas Decorations		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sun., 1/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:50 a.m.	How to Use Your Bible class
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth	Mon., 2/10	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
		Sunday School	Wed., 2/12	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 1/13	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 1/15	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee			
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sun., 1/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Offering Envelopes are available in the church lobby. If you do not find envelopes for yourself, please contact Dan Miller		
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			
		Sunday School	Men's Breakfast The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of 1/11, 1/25, 2/8 and 2/22 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.		
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Church Conference	Facebook Page Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at: http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn		
Mon., 1/20	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	12 noon	Faith Study			
Wed. 1/22	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			
Thurs., 1/23	10:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals			
Sat. 1/25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun., 1/26	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., 1/27	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 1/29	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			

January 2020 Worship Schedule

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January 5 — Epiphany Sunday — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:3-14

Sermon title: "From the Beginning"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time hosts: Bonnie & Fred Dick

Communion Steward: Judy Turk

January 12 — Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

Sermon title: "Being Anointed by God"

Greeter: Sharon Yekaldo

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time Host:

January 19 — 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sermon title: "Being Called"

Greeter: Judy Pfenning

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

January 26 — 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon by Dr. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Gloria Gurtin

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host:

★ **Church Conference: Sunday, January 19** after worship we will be holding our annual church conference. We will be receiving the book of reports, setting the budget for 2020 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 decade— new blessings! New year to live in gratitude!

2020 Mobile Meals Schedule for Faith UMC (Thursdays)



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| ♦ January 23 | ♦ July 9 |
| ♦ February 20 | ♦ August 6 |
| ♦ March 19 | ♦ September 3 |
| ♦ April 16 | ♦ October 1 |
| ♦ May 14 | ♦ October 29 |
| ♦ June 11 | |

Epiphany Worship at Old Salem Shrine

The Annual Epiphany Service at the Old Salem Shrine is back by popular demand! A Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 4:30 pm. Rev. Harold Lang, former pastor from Riverview Baptist Church, will bring the message. Come experience an old-fashioned service as it was in the 1800's including candles, lanterns, wood stove, while singing Christmas carols by the antique pump organ. Old Salem Kirche was the first evangelical church in the State of Minnesota organized in 1857 and the birthplace for several congregations throughout our region. Let this service become a tradition for you and your family. Old Salem is located on Upper 55th St. (formerly Salem Church Road) between Robert St. and Babcock Trail in Inver Grove Heights. For more information contact Jill Lewis at [651-455-9404](tel:651-455-9404).

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