



Faith in Action

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

June/July 2020

COMINGS & GOINGS



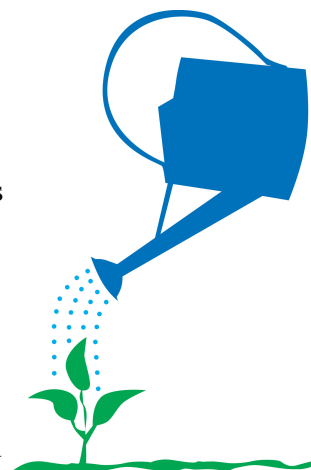
- **Sunday, June 7** will be Pastor Gail's last Sunday to lead worship.
Details for the day (see below).
- **Sunday, June 28** will be Pastor Marianne Ozanne's first Sunday with us.
Please watch for opportunities to meet her and get to know her.

Pastor Gail's Last Sunday

Sunday, June 7 will be Pastor Gail's last Sunday at Faith. Since we are not allowed to gather for worship we will have a drive-by chance for you to say good-bye. On Sunday, (June 7) we invite you to come into the main parking lot and create a circle, staying in your cars. Pastor Gail will be at the end of the sidewalk by the parking lot. There will be an opportunity to talk for 5-7 minutes and then the next car can come. Pastor Gail will be there from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 or until the last car comes. If you have questions you can talk to Pastor Gail or Pat Williams.

How Does Our Garden Grow?

Our 10th annual Neighbors, Inc. Food Shelf Garden is planted. In straw bales and raised soil beds, carts, and pots, we've plant tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, peppers, squash, onions and lots of herbs. And you may find one or two new vegetables in the "experimental" section—got to keep trying new things. Last year, the church garden plus "satellite" gardens from members and friends produced 497 pounds of vegetables with a market value of \$1,521 (based on average cost of vegetables from neighborhood grocery stores). *Our garden is completely funded through memorial gifts and designated contributions.*



Here's to another record-breaking year in 2020!

If you wish to be part of the gardening team this year, please contact Dawn Kinnunen (651-278-7394, dawnella1974@gmail.com) or Gil Kinnunen (651-428-3959, gilogram@gmail.com).



June & July Birthdays

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6/1 — Chuck Martin	6/18 — Katherine Worden	7/12 — Brody DeNardo
6/2 — Jeffrey Cox Jr.	6/22 — Cornell Chun	Brynn Ford
6/3 — Benjamin Rebeschke	6/22 — Mike Schwendinger	7/16 — Desarae Gallegos
6/4 — Heidi Chun	6/25 — Dianna Gallegos	Holly Vanderhoff
Esther Craine	Stanley Lukas	Mason Worden
6/6 — Katy Grotjohn	6/26 — Brittany Buse	7/19 — Austin Emery
Dawn Isaacson	Charles Scopatz	7/21 — Patrick Nitti
6/11 — Karen Cohoes	William Short	7/22 — Jack Gurtin
Bonnie Dick	6/30 — David Pate	7/25 — Bonnie Wood
6/12 — James Hovey	7/3 — Ann Beardshear	7/28 — Henry C. Hovey
6/14 — V. Paul Williams	7/8 — Travis Buse	Gregory Napier
Charlotte DeNardo	7/10 — Dianne Mens	Kristine Rebeschke
6/15 — Caroline Pippert	7/11 — Mark Mohr	7/29 — Jeanna Schwendinger
6/17 — Johnny Gallegos, Jr.	Leonard Young	Christina Solheid

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

Thank you to and for during May...

- **Thank you** to Paul & Pat Williams for assembling the May newsletter.
- **Thank you** to our **Sunday School teachers** for this year – Shari Lukas and Jody Sielski (children & youth). Dana Scopatz, Gil Kinnunen, Bill Bonkowske, Dennis Alexander and Pastor Gail (adults).
- **Thank you** to our choir members: Chuck Martin, Ward Mens, Dan Miller, Bob Scopatz, Jeanna Schwendinger, Lynn Bonkowske, Ruth Martin, Carol Schuldt, Dana Scopatz, Judy Pfenning, Sharon Yekaldo, Dawn Kinnunen, Charles Scopatz and John Scopatz. As well as John Kemp the director and Joan Fitch, accompanist.
- Jeff Cox, Sr. would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers following his emergency heart surgery in April.



“Summer Rain”

Oh, what is so pure as the glad summer rain,
That falls on the grass where the sunlight has lain?
And what is so fair as the flowers that lie
All bathed in the tears of the soft summer sky?

The blue of the heavens is dimmed by the rain
That wears away sorrow and washes out pain;
But we know that the flowers we cherish would die
Were it not for the tears of the cloud-laden sky.

The rose is the sweeter when kissed by the rain,
And hearts are the dearer where sorrow has lain;
The sky is the fairer that rain-clouds have swept,
And no eyes are so bright as the eyes that have wept.

—Fannie Sherrick

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Matt Solheid** began treatment for leukemia
- ♦ **Ann Beardshear** had wrist surgery following a fall and is having physical therapy

Care Centers:

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

We Extend our Sympathy:

- ♦ Our sympathy to **Bill Kostner** on the death of **Jan** on Sunday, May 31.

Mission Well Offering

The Mission Well welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. **June** Mission Well donations will support All Square Restaurant and Institute in Minneapolis. Mission Well donations in **July** will support Mobile Meals which is housed in our building. The Mission Well is located in the church lobby.



♥♥♥ **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!



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.



Pastor's Page

Greetings!

My name is Pastor Marianne Ozanne, and I am in the final weeks of preparation to begin serving you, the people and community of Faith UMC in West St. Paul, as the appointed pastor. While I know that this season is a strange one, I am looking forward to joining your community and getting to know you and your history.

Let me take some time to introduce myself, and my family. I was born in Jackson, Tennessee, and spent much of my early childhood in the South, but moved quite frequently as a child. I have yet to live in one place for more than 5 1/2 years ever in my entire life. Most of the time, my family's moves were big ones. We went from Tennessee to South Carolina, to California, to Texas to Missouri, and then finally to Kentucky. I then promptly went to seminary in Georgia, and moved to Minnesota, where I have been for almost fifteen years (though in a variety of communities). I have one sister, who lives in the area of Waco, TX with her husband and two children. My parents are in the process of building a house near my sister, but have been living in Seattle, WA for the past 10 years.

My husband Jeff is also clergy. He will be serving Faith UMC in Saint Anthony. (We are already anticipating the confusion of Faith UMCs.) Jeff grew up in Falcon Heights where his parents still live. He has an older brother who lives in Apple Valley with his wife and four children, a younger sister who is also clergy and serves in Browns Valley, MN and Sisseton, SD, and a younger brother, who lives in St. Paul with his wife and child.

Jeff and I have two children: Bryce and Zoe, Bryce, age 7, is finishing up second grade. He loves all things scientific, especially ocean animals and dinosaurs, as well as playing video games like Minecraft, Zelda, and anything Pokémon. Zoe, age 5, is finishing kindergarten. She enjoys cooking, Girl Scouts, and being outside. They are the best of friends, which has been nice for us in the past few months with COVID keeping us home.

We are all looking forward to living closer to family, and experiencing life in the Twin Cities (for the first time for most of us!). Please don't hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself. I hope to do my best to meet as many people as possible given the current constraints of social distancing. Until that time, you are all in my prayers.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Marianne Ozanne



Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Susan will be gone within the last week of June and possibly another week later in summer.

Men's Breakfast Group will connect on Saturdays: **6/13, 6/27, 7/11, & 7/25**. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or bill.short26@gmail.com.

UMCmarket

Check out the UMCmarket! With the increase in online shopping during these times, you can support Faith through your purchases! Shop through the UMCmarket portal/website and 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, then simply sign up with your email or through Facebook, find your church, and start shopping and donating. Giving couldn't be easier. Last year we received a check in January because of the use of the UMCmarket.



GARAGE SALE

We are planning to have a garage sale this August. Will you please start to save items for the sale? Please bring in any garage sale donations and put them in room 4 in the education wing. Items should be CLEAN and WORKING. If you have questions, please speak with Judy Turk or Roxanne Napier. Thank you!

Planning for the Summer



LAWN MOWING TIME

It's so nice and green outside now! With the summer coming it's time to plan

for lawn mowing. Remember, Faith has **two riding mowers**, so you can mow with a friend! If you can help mow the church yard, please contact Mike Schwendinger at vikesfan01@gmail.com or 612-308-1399



End of Life Packet

We have packets of information related to end of life issues. They contain 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.

Covington

This summer we will not be able to go to Covington Court because of the pandemic.

Congratulations!

Avria Kay Lindbom — graduating from Park Senior High School in Cottage Grove. Avria is the daughter of Karl and Amanda Abrahamson (Lindbom) and the granddaughter of Ray and Patty Fjerstad. She plans to have a career in Social Work.



June/July 2020 Calendar

Mon., 6/1	1:00 p.m.	Memorial Committee (in person)
Sun., 6/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Thurs., 6/11	10:30 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat., 6/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (video)
Sun., 6/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun., 6/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat. 6/27	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 6/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Fri., 7/3		Office Closed
Sun., 7/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wed., 7/8	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thurs., 7/9	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sat., 7/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 7/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun., 7/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat., 7/25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 7/26	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun., 8/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat., 8/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship



New Church Directory

Yes! The office is soon ready to print a new Faith church directory.

Last call! If there is any new information you would like to have included in the directory, such as changes in address, phone number, or email, etc. please contact us at 651-457-5686.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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All Square Restaurant and Institute



All Square Restaurant and Institute is a non-profit centered on a [craft grilled cheese restaurant](#) and [professional development institute](#) that [invests](#) in the minds and lives of formerly incarcerated individuals.

The restaurant is located in south Minneapolis on Minnehaha and 41st Avenue.

Their mission is to ensure that those impacted by the criminal justice system have the support and opportunities they need not simply to subsist but, more importantly, to become our country's future leaders, business owners, legal practitioners, and entrepreneurs.

The Outreach Committee had originally planned to have a meal at All Square on Sunday, June 14 but that is not possible at this time.



June/July 2020 Worship Schedule

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June 7 — Trinity Sunday – Sermon: “Moving to Good-bye”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Gail's last Sunday

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; II Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 14 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by Rev. Dr. Dana Scopatz

Scripture Readings: Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21 — 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – – Sermon by Rev. Dr. Dana Scopatz

Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:8-21; Psalm 86; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

June 28 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Scripture Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

July 5 — 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Sacrament of Holy Communion — Communion Steward:

Scripture Readings: Genesis 25:34-38, 42-29, 58-67; Psalm 45; Romans 7:15-25a;

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Greeter:

Reader:

Refreshments:

July 12 — 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Scripture Readings: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Greeter:

Reader:

Refreshments:

July 19 — 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Scripture Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:25-30, 36-43

Greeter:

Reader:

Refreshments:

July 26 — 8th Sunday after Pentecost – Sermon by Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Scripture Readings: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Greeter:

Reader:

Refreshments:





Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Twin Cities District

Bruce Ough, *Resident Bishop*
The Rev. Daniel Johnson, *District Superintendent*

18 May 2020

Dear Pastor Gail Alexander and Members and Friends of Faith UMC - West Saint Paul,

We are writing to express our deep appreciation and thanks to you for your incredible leadership during this unprecedented and challenging time. We know the enormous work it has taken for you to find new ways to be the church during this time of sheltering-in-place, to continue growing in your own faith, and to keep reaching new people.

We rejoice in your generosity to those in your community as you stepped up to make face masks, stock food shelves, and care for the most vulnerable in your midst. We also rejoice in your financial generosity to your local church and through your faithful apportionment payments. Your generosity is transforming communities, keeping your congregation stable, and allowing the annual conference to continue providing exceptional care and resources to all of our United Methodist ministries in Minnesota.

We had over 50 congregations apply for the Cares Act stimulus package loans and many have been approved and are receiving this money to help sustain their staffing levels. Many thanks to pastors, gifted lay leaders in our local churches, Barb Brower, Jean Edin, John Mitchem, and Sheri Meister for helping numerous congregations with their applications. We are also very grateful to Katherine Schill and the Minnesota Conference Board of Pensions for providing a three month holiday for our local churches' portions of the clergy pension and health insurance contributions.

While we have many months to go to get through this pandemic we are impressed and encouraged with all the ways that everyone has stepped up to help and support one another. We are remaining steady and strong during this time because of your hard work and we give thanks and praise to God for you. Let us know how we can continue resourcing our local churches as we are eager to partner with you always, but especially during this challenging time.

In the light and promise of our resurrection faith,

Bruce R. Ough, Bishop
Dakotas-Minnesota Area

Dan Johnson, Superintendent
Twin Cities District

Cindy M. Gregorson
Director of Connectional
Ministries

Susan Nienaber, Superintendent
Big Waters District

Laurie Kantonen, Superintendent
North Star District

Cynthia Williams, Superintendent
River Valley District

Fred Vanderwerf, Superintendent
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Sunday Worship Schedule

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

During the weeks we will not be worshipping as a gathered community, please join with us via the materials you receive by mail or email, or by visiting our website at www.faithumcmn.com

Facebook Page

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



God's Constant Creativity

In Isaiah 43:19, God proclaims, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (NIV). God's process of creating is active and ongoing, meaning there's always something new for us to notice, grasp and learn.

"God's will is not an abstraction," writes Thomas Merton in *No Man Is an Island*. "It is a living concrete reality in the lives of [people], and our souls are created to burn as flames within his flame. The will of the Lord is not a static center drawing our souls blindly toward itself. It is a creative power, working everywhere, giving life and being and direction to all things, and above all forming and creating, in the midst of an old creation, a whole new world which is called the Kingdom of God."