



Faith in Action

“Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together”

June/July 2022

Bishop’s Episcopal Address: ‘Cured’

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Just before the Grammy nominations were announced last fall, singer Jon Batiste’s partner Suleika Jaouad learned that her leukemia had returned with a vengeance. So as the two were hearing news about Batiste’s 11 Grammy nominations, they were also processing the news of her cancer. “It’s holding the gutting, heartbreaking, painful things and the beautiful, soulful things in the same palm of one hand,” Jaouad said in an interview.

In his Episcopal Address to the Minnesota Conference, which took during closing worship at the 2022 Annual Conference, Bishop David Bard told that story—and also reminded us of the biblical story of Jesus healing a boy possessed by a demon (Mark 9:14-29).

In this story, the pain and suffering are real, and so is the healing, Bard pointed out. Somehow if we are really to let these stories speak to us, we have to hold all this together; we also need to grapple with the challenges of such stories in the

context of lives where healing doesn’t happen or doesn’t happen the way we may want it to.

“We have to read these stories in a world where the church is dividing, where social divisions run deep, where violence is too prevalent...in a world where racism is persistent, tenacious, and pernicious...where we are passing laws that may make it more difficult to speak honestly about our history, and more difficult for LGBTQ youth and their families to be safe in their schools and communities,” Bard said.

Psychotherapist and essayist Adam Phillips suggests that sometimes we need to be cured of the need for a cure, that something will be easily or neatly resolved. “Cure” is the journey, the process, he posits. Meanwhile, the late pediatrician and psychoanalyst, D.W. Winnicott, believes that “cure at its root means care.” Bishop Bard said he has been thinking about another sense in which we use the word “cure.” To cure meat is to preserve it by soaking it or smoking it; something penetrates deep within.

“In ministry...there are cures as remedy,” Bard said. “We want to connect people with God so that they are freed of patterns of behavior that are destructive to themselves or their relationships. That is part of spiritual growth. but another part of spiritual growth is deepening capacities for compassion, care, kindness, generosity, concern for justice, creativity, and love, letting God’s Spirit grow us and work in us.”

In the Minnesota Conference, we have a map of a Journey Toward Vitality: We have a vision for every congregation to be a vital expression of the ministry of Jesus Christ in creating new places for new people, helping people grow in love of God and neighbor, and working to heal

a broken world. We do this work seeking to embody four values: rooted in Jesus Christ, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation.

Bard has also spoken about the MN Conference being “spacious” and having room for all who can see themselves on the Journey Toward Vitality.

What if the healing journey for this conference, of cure as care, is one in which we hold all this together in large souls, capacious hearts, and expansive minds? Bard asked. Perhaps for us as a conference, he said, our way into the future is to follow Jesus on a healing journey where our souls are made large, our hearts capacious, our minds expansive, where we can hold together creatively spaciousness and direction, clarity and complexity, and where cure is care and being steeped in the love of God as we know it in Jesus, the grace of God, God’s dream and desire for the world.

Jesus said that he came that we might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10).

“Holding the gutting, heartbreaking, painful things and the beautiful, soulful things in large souls, capacious hearts, expansive minds; journeying together toward beloved community: May this be the Minnesota Conference,” said Bard.

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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!



Men’s Breakfast Group

will meet on Saturdays: 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23 & 8/6. All men are invited to join us! For more information contact Bill Short at 651-552-073 or bill.short26@gmail.com.

June / July Birthdays

6/1 – Chuck Martin	6/14 – Charlotte DeNardo	7/3 – Ann Beardshear	7/19 – Fred Dick
6/2 – Jeffrey Cox Jr.	6/15 – Caroline Pippert	7/6 – Gabriella Solheid	7/19 – Austin Emery
6/4 – Heidi Chun	6/17 – Johnny Gallegos, Jr.	7/8 – Travis Buse	7/21 – Zoe Ozanne
6/4 – Esther Craine	6/18 – Katherine Worden	7/10 – Dianne Mens	7/22 – Jack Gurtin
6/6 – Katy Grotjohn	6/22 – Cornell Chun	7/11 – Mark Mohr	7/25 – Bonnie Wood
6/6 – Dawn Isaacson	6/22 – Evan Johnson	7/11 – Leonard Young	7/28 – Henry C. Hovey
6/8 – Lois Davis	6/22 – Mike Schwendinger	7/12 – Brody DeNardo	7/28 – Gregory Napier
6/9 – Bryce Ozanne	6/25 – Dianna Gallegos	7/12 – Brynn Ford	7/28 – Kristine Rebeschke
6/11 – Karen Cohoes	6/25 – Stanley Lukas	7/16 – Desarae Gallegos	7/29 – Jeanna Schwendinger
6/11 – Bonnie Dick	6/26 – Brittany Buse	7/16 – Holly Vanderhoff	7/29 – Christina Solheid
6/12 – James Hovey	6/26 – Charles Scopatz	7/16 – Mason Worden	
6/14 – V. Paul Williams	6/26 – William Short		

COVID Update

I am not sure I can count the number of times that I have remarked on COVID’s ability to surprise us. The week after Easter, because of updated recommendations by the CDC, the websites that tracked and reported the data we have been using to determine our protocols changed all of their data reporting metrics. As a result, the metrics that we have been using to determine COVID protocols are no longer available.

Our current plan is to continue encouraging individuals to worship in the ways that they feel safest: for some that is participating online only through Zoom, for others it is worshipping in person in the sanctuary. Those who choose to come to worship in person will continue to be encouraged to mask while singing in the sanctuary. We will continue to monitor the CDC Community Transmission levels. If at any point in time Dakota County goes to a “high” level (currently we are “medium”) we will change those protocols.

The most current protocol information is included each week at the beginning of your Weekly Update. If you have any questions, see Pastor Marianne.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Marianne is in the office Mondays and Thursdays in the morning. Fridays are Pastor Marianne’s regular days off. Please call her on her cell (320-219-3341) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her. Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

New Church Email Address

To ease communication, we are updating our email address as we are slowly moving away from using the faithmc@usfamily.net account. Starting in June, **if you want to reach the church office**, you can do so by emailing FaithUMCWSP@gmail.com. Both Pastor Marianne and Susan will check this account. This is also the account that will be sending church emails such as the Weekly Update and Newsletter.

To email Susan directly, use

FaithUMCMN@gmail.com.

To email Pastor Marianne directly, use

Pastor.Marianne.Ozanne@gmail.com.

Please update your contact lists. If you have any questions, see Pastor Marianne or Susan.

Women of the Bible UFO Nights

The Women of the Bible study has finished two years of learning about the women of the Old Testament. Before we dive into the New Testament, we’re going to take some time to gather, reflect, chat, and let people catch up on their quilt blocks. Everyone is welcome to join us the first Tuesday of each month throughout the summer (June 7, July 5, August 2) at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be copies of the blocks to color, or bring your unfinished quilt blocks to work on. For more information, see Pastor Marianne.

Sympathy:

◆ We express our sympathy to the family of **Colleen Spadaccini**, who died May 21.

A Celebration of Life service will be June 8, 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. at the Cremation Society of Minnesota, 1979 Old Hudson Road in St. Paul. Burial will be July 13 at Fort Snelling.

Appreciation:

◆ Thank you to Fred and Lynn Mens, Terri and Mark Bougie, and Judy Turk for cleaning the sanctuary before Easter worship. Clean is a good thing and it's much appreciated!

Concerns beyond our doors:

- ◆ Our local, state, national and international leaders
- ◆ Those struggling with or caring for someone with COVID
- ◆ Healthcare professionals treating and caring for those struggling with COVID
- ◆ Racial inequality in our community and around the world
- ◆ Those struggling to find work, reliable shelter and/or healthy food.

Mission Well Offering

The Mission Well welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month.



Neighbors, Inc. is celebrating **50 years** of serving our community! Our **June** Mission Well offering will continue to support Neighbors' efforts to feed the community, especially during the busy summer months.

Our **July offering** will support **Mobile Meals** which operates out of our building.

You may contribute by mail or by placing donations directly in the Mission Well located in the church lobby.



LAWN MOWING!

Summer is coming, and it's time for lawn mowing. If you can help mow the church yard, please contact Mike Schwendinger at 612-308-1399 or vikesfan01@gmail.com.



The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office. If unable to reach Susan or Pastor Marianne in the church office, please contact Sharon Yekaldo at **612-450-3277**. 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. ► **We are updating our Prayer Chain. If you would like to be on the prayer**

chain, or if your phone number has changed, please let Sharon Yekaldo know.

Hospital Calls: If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Marianne. Because of HIPPA 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.

Loaves and Fishes Update

Our first Loaves and Fishes meal was in April. We have now served two meals to great success. In April, we served a meal of baked chicken, roasted carrots and spiced blood oranges to 54 individuals, 25 of whom were not volunteers. We served 61 meals of chicken pie, cabbage salad and cinnamon apples in May. (That's more than double in a month!) Plans are already in the works for our next meal, which will be June 15th.

In our first two meals, we have already met our major goals of feeding those who need a meal in the community and being a place for those not already connected to Faith to come and serve others. We are so excited about how the meals have begun and looking forward to the growth in the next few months.

Want to help with Loaves and Fishes? Here are some options:

- The easiest way to help is tell others about the meal. Spread the word by making sure your friends and family know that we serve a FREE homemade meal to everyone the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30—6:30. You can even stop by and get some food for your family and neighbors. If you follow the church's Facebook page, an easy way to help spread the word is to share our Loaves and Fishes posts so that others will see them.
- If you want to volunteer to help prepare and serve our meal, the signup link is always active. Go to:
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=10c0d44a5ab2fa1fa7-faith2> to sign up to work a shift.
- We are also working to make our Loaves and Fishes meal financially self-sufficient so that the meal does not burden our general operating expenses. We are doing this through seeking out grants, offering Loaves and Fishes specific fundraisers and direct asks. Funds donated to Loaves and Fishes cover our costs for prep supplies and food through the Loaves and Fishes warehouse at a drastically reduced rate.

If you have any questions about our Loaves and Fishes meal, see Pastor Marianne or Dana Scopatz.

THANK YOUs

♦ “Thank you for being a part of the 2022 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign! The need is great, as each day we see many working adults who do not earn enough to feed their families and they look to us for help. Last year at Neighbors, we saw nearly 14,000 visits to the food shelf and more than 17,000 people accessing our new Express sites in the community.

Your contribution of 1,995.78 pounds and dollars was immediately put to use to support our programs and services for your neighbors in need. Because of you, others will have access to healthy food, clothing and other essential services to help them thrive.

By supporting Neighbors now, you are also helping us earn overall Minnesota FoodShare funds later in the year. Throughout the campaign, 250 food shelves across the state are competing for that funding; the higher we finish in the rankings, the greater proportion we receive.

Together we are working to support our community. Thank you for your donation, and for being part of the Neighbors family.”

(4/20/22)

—Beth Skvira, Dir. of Mission Advancement, Neighbors, Inc.

♦ “...The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain the response would be—*Thank you!*”

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of the United Methodist Church, providing disaster response/relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. Through your support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.”

(3/2/22)

—Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, UMCOR US Disaster Response & Recovery. Gift Amount: \$551.00

June–July Worship Update / Calendar

Worship at Faith

Worship is one of the most recognizable ways that we demonstrate our life of faith. Each week we learn something new as we gather as a community of faith to celebrate the love of God in our midst.

Here are some other notable things about the worship services in June:

June 5 is the celebration of Pentecost. Plan to wear red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit through the Acts 2:1-21. We will also be recognizing our high school seniors and all graduates during this service.

June 12 is Trinity Sunday. Dana Scopatz will be reflecting on the Trinity using Romans 5:1-5.

June 19 we will be looking at part of Elijah's story as he escapes from Jezebel, is fed by God and then hears God's word for the future found in 1 Kings 19.

June 26 we will look at the transition from Elijah to Elisha as the prophet to Israel found in 2 Kings 2.

Throughout July we will be looking at your questions of faith. (below)

Questions of Faith Sermon Series

We all have questions about God, faith and how life interacts with faith. During the month of July Pastor Marianne wants to answer your questions!

Each week in worship the sermon will focus on a different question of faith, but we need to know what you are wondering about. During June take time to submit your questions of faith here:

<https://forms.gle/ewgtA8rKUAvLNf1Z6>

or email them to the church office. Then, participate in worship throughout July to see if Pastor Marianne has an answer to your question.

QUESTIONS
OF FAITH

Calendar

(sign-in begins at 9:15 for Sunday Worship Zoom meetings)

Fri. 6/3	6 pm	UFO Crafting
Sun. 6/5	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Tue. 6/7	6:30 pm	Women of the Bible UFO night
Sat. 6/11	8 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 6/12	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Wed. 6/15		Loaves & Fishes Meal <i>(volunteer time slots available)</i>
Sun. 6/19	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Sat. 6/25	8 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 6/26	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Fri. 7/1	6pm	UFO Crafting
Sun. 7/3	9:30am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11am	Adult Sunday School
Tue. 7/5	6:30 pm	Women of the Bible UFO night
Wed. 7/6	6 pm	Trustee meeting
Thurs. 7/7	6 pm	Finance meeting
	7 pm	Church Council
Sat. 7/9	8 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 7/10	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Sun. 7/17	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Wed. 7/20		Loaves & Fishes Meal <i>(volunteer time slots available)</i>
Sat. 7/23	8 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 7/24	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Sun. 7/31	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School
Tue. 8/2	6:30 pm	Women of the Bible UFO night
Thurs. 8/4	7 pm	Staff Parish Relations Meeting
Fri. 8/5	6 pm	UFO Crafting
Sat. 8/6	8 am	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 8/7	9:30 am	Worship (and Zoom)
	11 am	Adult Sunday School

Congratulations to our Seniors and Graduates!

This month, we celebrate our high school seniors: Alana Sielski, Claudia Spatafore, and Olivia Van Sieten, as well as our college and graduate school graduates: Mackenna Emery, who graduated from Hamline University with a bachelor's degree in business management and Lizzie Lucas, who graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences with a Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

Old Salem Shrine Open for Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, June 5!

An historic site of the United Methodist Church, [Old Salem Shrine](#) welcomes you to get a glimpse into the faith and life of early settlers in the Inver Grove Heights area when it hosts its annual Founders Day celebration on Sunday, June 5, 2022. Stop by the open house 1-3 p.m. or attend a worship service at 3 p.m. The service will feature hymns on the antique pump organ, special music and a message from Rev. David Johnston, pastor of Mt. Bethel UMC. Pastor Dan Schauer of Crossroads UMC will be the liturgist.

Old Salem hosts just two public events each year: the annual Epiphany Service, generally the first Sunday of January; and Founders Day, the first Sunday in June. In addition, Old Salem is available for weddings and special events throughout the year.

WHEN: Sunday, June 5
Open House 1-3 p.m.; Worship Service at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Upper 55th St. and Annette Ave.
Inver Grove Heights ([map](#))

ABOUT OLD SALEM: *Old Salem Shrine captures the local color of rural Dakota County in the late 1800s and early 1900s as well as a sense of the pioneers' heritage and steadfast faith in God. Generations of volunteer trustees have taken care to preserve the church as it was when the last regular Sunday service was held around 1913.*

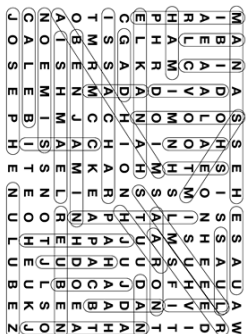
Built in 1876, the building measures 20'6" x 32'6", is 14' from the stone foundation to the eaves and has a steeple of approximately 30'. Many of the interior elements are original or of the period, including the potbelly wood-burning stove, wooden pews and the vintage organ powered by foot pedals.

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

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| JAPHETH | SIMEON |
| ELKANAH | ISSACHAR |
| SAMUEL | ZEBULUN |
| AARON | BENJAMIN |
| NADAB | JOSEPH |
| HUR | MANASSEH |
| CALEB | EPHRAIM |
| ABRAHAM | SAUL |
| ISHMAEL | JONATHAN |
| ISAAC | DAVID |
| ESAU | SOLOMON |
| JACOB | |





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Sunday Worship Schedule

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

We are holding worship services in the sanctuary. If you are not yet comfortable worshipping as a gathered community, please worship with us via Zoom link and/or the materials you receive by mail or email, or by visiting our website at www.faihumcmn.com

Facebook Page

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

Online Giving Available!

As United Methodists, we pledge to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We all live out our membership vows in different ways at different times. Now, the Finance Committee is opening up a new way to fulfill the vow of supporting the church through our gifts: we are developing an online giving option. Now, you have the choice of giving to the church directly through our individualized **Tithely** link, which will be available on our Facebook page and website soon.

Online donations can be made through your credit card or bank withdrawal as one-time or recurring gifts. You can choose the fund that your donation will be deposited in (options include general operating expenses, mission well, Loaves and Fishes, and others). There is even an option to help cover the processing fees so that your gift is able to fully support the ministry of the church.

We are excited about this opportunity that will help make giving to the church easier for those who do not carry cash and/or checks often, or are regularly worshipping online. If you have any questions about online giving, see Pastor Marianne.