

Faith in Action September 2016 Volume II



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MISSION STATEMENT: At Faith United Methodist Church our mission is to worship God, teach the Word, and care for one another in Christian love by nurturing individuals in their spiritual journey.

9/03 Jacque Triplett
9/04 Jacob Garrelts
9/05 Rhelynn Schriener
9/05 Rhidelle Schriener
9/06 Jerry Idt
9/07 Donna Carson
9/08 Robb Carter
9/10 Jody Londer
9/12 Karen McBride
9/12 Addison Shultz-Ramer
9/12 Rex Wiles
9/13 Carmen Brewer
9/13 Marci Gilbertson
9/13 Jenny Zwink
9/15 Evan Clausen
9/15 Chet Graham
9/15 Barb Saum
9/16 Dan Brown
9/16 Sharon Buck
9/16 Graham Duester
9/16 Donna McLaughlin
9/16 Mary Nuss
9/17 Lance Bain
9/17 Carl Royle
9/17 Julie Royle
9/19 Rod Bear
9/20 Katelyn Korb
9/21 Nancy Pfannenstien
9/21 Kristi Vogt
9/22 Casey Arentsen
9/22 Heidi Jarvis
9/22 Vicki Wisch
9/24 Ashley Brown
9/24 Kelsee Graham
9/24 Brewer Stubbs
9/27 Michael Henderson
9/27 Lola Mae Johnson
9/27 Elma Lohrenz
9/27 Peter Rishel
9/29 Lynda Henderson
9/30 Kent Maaske



ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Linda and Mike Johnson won the Second Ride Bid for the 11:00 a.m. service at the auction on August 14 and would like to send a challenge out to all who bid for a ride.

During the auction, there were many individuals bidding for the elevator ride (1st or 2nd ride and early or 11:00 service). At this time the bidders had a dollar amount that they were willing to donate. Mike and Linda would like to challenge all the individuals who made a bid to donate the amount of their bid and then to join them on the second ride.

Remember . . . ALL that money goes toward the \$25,000 matching funds effort!

Interested? Checks should be made out to Faith United Methodist Church (with Accessibility Addition written in the memo line). Let's see how many people this elevator will hold!



\$25,000 Challenge Match for Accessibility Addition

The congregation has been challenged by an anonymous gifter to match gifts and pledges for the Accessibility Addition up to \$25,000! This challenge pertains to new gifts and pledges between August 14 and December 31, 2016. Over \$3,000 has been raised toward the challenge since August 14 from the elevator ride auction and additional gifts or pledges. Thank you for considering a gift or pledge toward the match. Watch for the elevator display in the church to track progress toward the \$25,000!

Matching Funds



9/01 Rick & Jacque Triplett
9/02 Rick & Carey Chism
9/02 Rick & Maggie Tighe
9/03 Chet & Kim Graham
9/04 Keith & Marie Danburg
9/06 John & Carol Reicheneker
9/13 Lee & Rachel Woollen
9/15 Roger & Jan Pollat
9/21 Ryan & Carrie Findley
9/25 David & Bobbi Runge
9/29 Andrew & Angie Olson



Can Your Work Bring You Closer To God?

(excerpted from A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino)

(<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/can-your-work-bring-you-closer-to-god?>)

Large portions of our lives are spent at work. Some go to an office each day while others labor outdoors. Some work in 12-hour shifts to provide our food, keep us safe, and heal our wounds. Others travel near and far to sell, build, consult, and transport products and people. Still others teach children, cook meals, clean, and provide other services for our communities.

No matter the nature of the work, our jobs are an opportunity to serve Christ every day. The Bible instructs us, “Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17 CEB)

How we work

Methodism’s founder, John Wesley, had a legendary work ethic. He traveled hundreds of thousands of miles on horseback, preached tens of thousands of sermons; and, oh yes, started a global movement, to which United Methodists are heirs.

Wesley was famously fruitful in his labors, in part because he was disciplined, but also because of his conviction that his work was part of God’s greater plan of redemption.

Serving Christ in our work is not defined by what our job is, but by the way we do it. This includes the motivation and character out of which our work flows.

If we radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—the fruit of the Spirit—we are attending to God. We can do this in any occupation.

Our work affords us opportunities to give ourselves for the sake of others, and to show that there is more to life than the acquisition of money and things.

Relying on God to get us through difficulties

When we bear heavy loads or are faced with seemingly impossible tasks at work, we have God’s promise that Jesus will not only be there with us; but, in his graciousness, he will carry the load.

Giving all our labor to God

We might be tempted to separate our work into categories—some tasks are for God and others are just for work. The Bible calls us instead to do everything to the glory of God.

As people of faith, we give thanks for all who work and recommit ourselves to do our jobs in ways that glorify Jesus.

Faith Mission for August and September

Because fruits and vegetables are an important part of our diet, please bring . . .



Canned Fruit or Vegetables (any kind)

Items will be distributed to various Kearney agencies.

Eating fruits and vegetables has many health benefits.

People who eat a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables can help lower their risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer. Eating healthy can also help prevent obesity and high blood pressure.

(<http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/>)

I GIVE TO HELP provide a place of worship for our community and to support and promote the outreach of our church to show the hands of Christ working in today’s world.

(*Bill Campbell, Juniata UMC, Altoona, PA*)

I GIVE BECAUSE it is scriptural, but it also is an expression of having our Lord first in our lives. Everything we have is his. It’s all on loan. It’s important we make our love (loan) payments.

(*Rich Musgrave, Parker [Florida] UMC*)





Homeward Trail Bible Camp Proclaiming Christ in Central Nebraska

(Homeward Trail Bible Camp occupies 10 acres of beautiful creek bottom ground 1/4 mile north and 1 mile east of Mason City, NE.)

Ladies Retreat

September 17, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<http://homewardtrail.org/events/>

If you have any questions please contact Bobbie Jo Christensen at (308) 520-0609. This is a one day event of fun, fellowship and equipping in the Word. Ladies of all ages are welcome and a free will offering will be taken to help with expenses. Please bring one salad per car load to share for a potluck style meal.

Joleen Perry would like to attend this. She is inviting any ladies at Faith to join her!

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CAT THEOLOGY

(Andrew Jordan, Research Coordinator for the UMC Development Center)

There is no mention of cats in the Bible. There are all sorts of other animals mentioned by name, and in fact dogs are mentioned over 40 times. Birds, fish, and donkeys make multiple appearances as well, but no cats.

So often, cats are pitted against dogs as supposed natural domestic enemies. Dogs are loyal, lovable, and always happy to see you. Cats, on the other hand, couldn't care less about you as long as they have what little they need. Independent and curious, cats are content to spend their days doing their own thing.

Our cat, Kali, was the epitome of being a cat. We moved into a new home and within minutes, she had already hopped the fence and was off exploring the neighborhood. It wasn't uncommon for us to find her out on the deck with her latest catch, or maybe just a few feathers. She could take care of herself and made sure we knew it. At the beginning of every summer, she would disappear for a couple of days. I don't know where she would go but sure enough, right around the time I'd start to worry, we'd hear her little meow at the window. Even after all the time she spent hunting, exploring, taking care of herself, she would crawl under the covers and sleep with us when it turned cold.

Come to think of it, cats aren't too different from us. How often do we think we can do it all on our own without God's help? Maybe the reason cats aren't mentioned in the Bible is because we are all too familiar with that state of mind. We imagine ourselves to be independent and able to provide for ourselves. We explore the world around us, so eager to try the newest and latest thing and wander far from our loving home. We may stay away for long periods of time, but just imagine how happy God is when we do come back. How nice it is to know that when things turn cold and we do return, there's a comfy warm spot for us to curl up and know that we are loved.

(<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/cat-theology>)

Sunday School started on September 11 for all ages. We have some exciting new curriculum and hope to see everyone on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. We will begin with music as a whole group and move into our classrooms afterward. Rachel Brown is teaching the PK—2nd grade class, Mary Nuss is teaching the 3rd—5th grade class, and Roene Fox is teaching the 6th – 12th grade class.

CCF (for ages kindergarten through fifth grade) has begun and will meet Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) for grade 6th – 12th grades will be meeting each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. We will be exploring some new curriculum, serving the community through service projects and enjoying our time together in fellowship. Lauryn Gustafson and Roene Fox will be leading this group.

For more information regarding any of our programs, please contact Lauryn Gustafson at kids@kearneyfaith.org or the church office.



**2016 James E. Smith Midwest Conference on World Affairs
Migration, Borders and Identity: Building Bridges or Walls
Monday and Tuesday, September 26-27, 2016**

Nebraskan Student Union Ponderosa Room

Many issues that shape the nature and quality of our lives have an international dimension. Today's economic interdependence, the development of appropriate environmental strategies, the resolution of regional conflicts, social inclusion, and the enhancement of human rights all require a global perspective. Important aspects of the educational experience include discussion and interaction with people from diverse cultures. Since 1964, Kearney State College, now the University of Nebraska at Kearney, has sponsored an international conference to discuss issues of global importance. In 1988 the name of the conference was changed to honor Professor James E. Smith.

The daily news formed the basis of our conference theme: **Migration, Borders, and Identity: Building Bridges or Walls**. Every day we read horrific stories of refugees fleeing violence at home, only to find themselves facing walls hastily erected to prevent them from reaching safety. We see the families of hard-working Latino migrants separated and criminalized. We hear about Britain's exit from the European Union and how the boundaries and borders that only two decades ago seemed destined for permanent erasure are now being redrawn with anger and bitterness. We watch with disbelief as young men and women—whose parents raised them with the values of love, tolerance, and peace—turn against them, to form a new identity based on extremism and an ideology of hatred. And yet these divisive and frightening images tell only one part of the story. For just as pervasive, though far less strident, are the many who go out of their way to help refugees and migrants, who still seek to remain citizens of the world and for whom human values prevail over all others.

In this year's conference we hope to hear both sides of the story—not only the concerns of those who insist on building walls but also of those who still seek to build bridges. Among the topics our speakers will discuss this year are Europe's response to the ongoing refugee crisis, the role of globalization in the creation of migration and its criminalization, migration as both a threat to national culture and a boon to economic development, and health management in immigrant and refugee populations. These experts come to us from countries that include Germany, the Netherlands, Mexico, India, Pakistan, Slovenia, Cameroon, Fiji, the Dominican Republic and Antigua/Barbuda, as well as the United States and the European Union itself.

Through the information provided at this conference, we hope to introduce UNK faculty, students, and the broader Kearney community and beyond to the critical issues relating to migration, boundaries, and identity. It is our hope that members of the audience will be sufficiently inspired by what they hear at the conference to maintain a lifelong interest in international affairs.

<http://www.unk.edu/international/World%20Affairs%20Conference/index.php>

This link to the conference has lists of speakers and topics. UNK will keep updating this list.

James E. Smith
Midwest Conference on World Affairs

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**NEBRASKAN
STUDENT UNION**

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Sessions begin and end according to
class schedule times.

For Complete
Conference Schedule:
www.unk.edu/worldaffairs

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