

Faith in Action



Holy Week at Faith

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. One Service Only

Cantata - Come, Walk with Me ~ Chancel Choir

Children, please meet in the Overflow Room by 10:25 a.m. to wave palms

10:30 a.m. Children's Church during the Cantata for ages K-3rd in the Fellowship Hall followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the South Lawn

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011

6:30 a.m. Son Rise Easter Worship at Mitzi's Pavilion in Yanney Park followed by breakfast

8:45 a.m. Easter Praise Worship

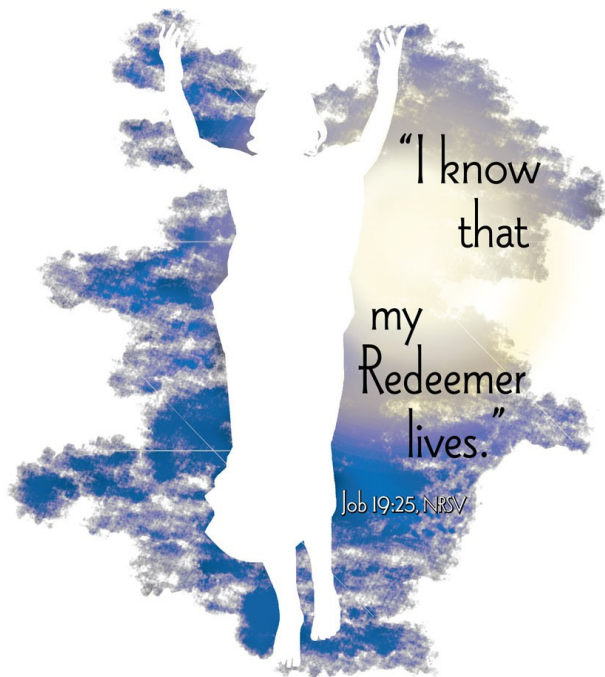
11:00 a.m. Easter Traditional Worship

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"I know that my Redeemer lives."

Job 19:25, NRSV

April 2011

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Happy Birthday

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| 1 - Judith Stephens-Boller | 13 - Lillie Pierce |
| Ashley Bear | Jacob Lester |
| 4 - Paula Brown | 15 - Pat Hilty |
| Suzann Christensen | 16 - Jason Meester |
| 5 - Phillip Hilty | 17 - Sandy Grim |
| Phyllis Bennett | Shawn Mizner |
| Sue Anderson | Jaylin Gargan |
| 6 - Marcia Dahlke | Kaylei Royle |
| 7 - Randy Bauer | 19 - Michael Kling |
| 8 - Thelma Armitage | Lia Cool |
| Corinne Olmsted | 20 - Bonny Ball |
| Tony Miller | Bob Bennett |
| 9 - Quinten Clausen III | 22 - Lance Johnson |
| 10 - Erma Petersen | 23 - Selia Houchin |
| Linda Johnson | 25 - Jim Brewer |
| Zachry Vasquez | 26 - Emma Chandler |
| Reggie Schriener | 29 - Allison Kwiatkowski |
| 11 - Bernard Petska | 30 - Sherry Krell |
| Patrick Garrelts | Fred Blume |
| 12 - Tristan Wiles | Doug Jesch |
| | Taylor Dunn |

2 -
David &
Carolyn Forney

4 -
George &
Paula Brown

5 -
Gary &
Vilene Lashley

6 -
Danny &
Sandy Grim

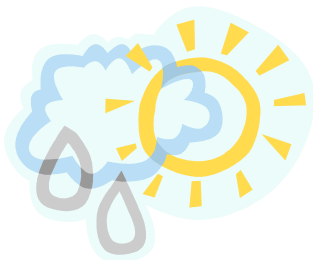
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Darrell &
Joan Epping

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Donnie &
Peggy Mak

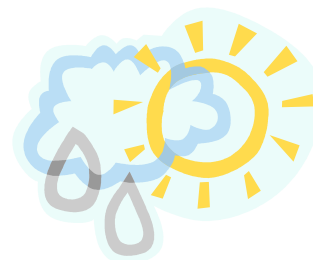
13 -
Josh &
Jenny Hanson



20 -
Art &
Millie Otto



Nurse's
Notes



Do you know what healthcare treatments you would and would not want if you could not speak for yourself? Do other people know what your wishes are?

April 16th is National Healthcare Decision Day

Advance Care Planning involves learning about treatment options, thinking about your values, talking about your decisions and documenting your wishes. There are many reasons to plan ahead. Some examples are if you are unable to speak for yourself, sudden illness or accidents, to leave a guide for others or peace of mind for loved ones.

To get started; learn about life-sustaining treatments, reflect upon your values, decide what you want and do not want and talk to others. Questions that need to be discussed are "What do you want and not want at the end of life?", "Who should speak for you?", "What are your concerns?", "What gives your life the most meaning?" and "What one thing do you want to be sure your doctors, family and friends know about your wishes?"

Talking about your decisions is a valuable opportunity to reflect on what's important with loved ones, to discuss what needs to happen before a crisis, that can provide comfort to your loved ones and is up to YOU to initiate. Advance directives document healthcare decisions at the end of life. This is an excellent tool to help you think through and communicate your choices. There are two legal forms available on the internet: a Healthcare Power of Attorney and a Living Will.

The Healthcare Power of Attorney documents who makes medical decisions about your healthcare and authorizes them to speak for you ONLY if you can't. Your healthcare agent can be anyone over the age of 18, a family member, loved one or close friend. This person needs to be someone you can trust, knows you well, will advocate in your behalf and will honor your wishes. The Living Will states what you want and do not want for medical treatments at the end of life.

It is important to know that your advance directive should reflect your wishes, lawyers are not needed, not all documents are legally valid in every state, a witness and a notary may be required and these documents do not expire and can be updated as needed.

April 16th, National Healthcare Decisions Day, is a collaborative effort of national, state and community organizations. It offers opportunity to communicate and document future healthcare decisions. Participating national organizations include: ABA, AMA, ANA, APC, NASW, NHPCO and others.

You can complete your advance directive, talk to your loved ones and encourage others to do the same. Resources that can help with this are advance care planning information, advance directive documents and www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

The future depends on what we do in the present. - Mahatma Gandhi

Baptisms



Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011



All kids ages 0-5th grade, come join us on the south lawn of the church for the hunt directly following Palm Sunday Service.

*We are in need of wrapped candy for the hunt, please bring it to the church office.
Thank You!*

As most of you are aware our District Superintendent, Rev. Secundino Morales, will be retiring at Annual Conference and returning with Vicky to Panama. In gratitude for his service, we are asking each church to collect a love offering which will be used to help pay a part of the Morales' moving expenses. Additionally we request cards and letters of thanks and celebration from Pastors, lay leaders, SPPRC's, VIM Panama participants and church members at large.

Our gifts will be presented during the Celebration of Ministry for Secundino and Vicky on April 17, at 3pm at Kearney First UMC. Please make checks out to the Conference Treasurer and bring in a separate envelope to the celebration.

The event organizers would like to display pictures from the VIM trips over the last 15 years as well as other events in which the Morales' participated. We would appreciate having these at the Gateway District Office no later than April 5.

If you have any questions please contact the Gateway District Office at (308) 234-3098 or gateway@umcneb.org.

Blessings,

Rev. Valera Heydenberk and Rev. Cathy Cole

Superintendency Committee



**Shower
Thelma
Armitage with
birthday cards
for her 90th on
April 8, 2011!**

Her current address is:
501 East Gold Coast Road
Apt 23E
Papillion, NE 68406

A Note from Trustees:

We would like to announce that we are temporarily suspending the Windows Project and encourage you to support the Capital Campaign. As you all know, an anonymous donor has offered to match funds raised for the Capital Campaign until May 31, 2011. Thank you.

Now Available! Faith UMC Polo Shirts



Purchase these short sleeve polos from the Men of Faith. Cream, White or Black; Large or X-Large for \$15 each. Please make checks payable to Faith UMC.



Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

Hobby Sunday

April 10, 2011
1:00 p.m. -
6:00 p.m.



CCF

Wednesdays
3:30 p.m.

Community Meal

Is cancelled due to Easter.



USHERS

THIS MONTH



8:45 AM

11:00 AM

3 - Steve & Suzan Christensen & Ashley & Shauna Brown. **Scripture** - Penny Buettner

3 - Tony Miller Family
Scripture - Madisyn Miller

10 - Darrell & Joan Epping & Doug & Deb Jesch.
Scripture - Suzann Christensen

10 - Rich Chandler Family
Scripture - Rich Chandler

17 - Steve Christensen, Jacob Brown & Dan & Jason Odens. **Scripture** - Cantata

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24 - Marie Danburg, Kathy Larson, Dayla Rhodus & Diane Steinbrink. **Scripture** - Rachel Brown

24 - To Be Determined
Scripture - To Be Determined

April Youth Group Schedule

Wednesday nights 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1-Sunday, April 3: Confirmation Camp at Comeca

Wed, April 6: Start new series: MS- I Am getting to know God; HS- Dating

Wed, April 13: MS- I Am getting to know God; HS- Dating

Sunday April 17: Ga Ga Ball Tournament at Camp Fontanelle

Wed, April 20: Ice Skating??? Or Bowling

Sunday April 24: Son Rise Service

Wed, April 27: MS- I Am getting to know God; HS- Dating

(above may also include pirates and ninjas, gaga ball, or other games that P'chelle finds that are fun)





A Giving Story...



As is the case with many families, there are times each year when Jim and Sharon focus their attention on gift giving. For years, they have created a gift list that include family members, friends and loved ones. Last year Jim and Sharon made an addition to their list and began including their church in their giving plan.

Sharon: Years ago, I inherited stock from my grandmother. We held the stock for several years, but decided to sell a portion of it this year. The stock had gone way up in value and our CPA informed us that we had a capital gain of nearly \$120,000. we had always planned on making a charitable gift and the CPA reminded us that if we were to make a gift of this stock before the end of the calendar year, we would receive a charitable deduction on the gifted shares. This deduction will help offset the capital gain tax on the stock we sold.

Jim: We contacted our financial advisor to discuss the best way to make a gift. He noted some of the most common gifts - a gift by check or by transfer of bonds or real estate, to name a few. However, he also mentioned that it might be especially beneficial for us to think about giving some of our remaining appreciated stock.

Sharon: We were still holding \$80,000 in the same highly appreciated stock, and did not intend to sell, primarily because of the substantial capital gains tax we already faced. To sell any more would only increase our tax. The gift planner recommended that we consider an end-of-year gift that would help lower our taxes. He called this a Gift and Sale Plan. It meant that part of our stock would be sold and the proceeds would come to us, and part would be gifted to the charity.

Jim: That is what we decided to do. By giving the \$80,000 in stock, we received two benefits. First, we avoided a large capital gains tax on that stock. And then, we received a charitable deduction. The deduction even offset the capital gains for our prior stock sale of \$120,000. we are very pleased with the double benefits of our gift. And, we're delighted that we've been able to make a nice charitable contribution.

CAPITAL FUND: UPDATES

The Capital Fund Committee is pleased to report that we have made a good start in raising money for the Fund which a member of the church has pledged to match, dollar for dollar.

On Sunday, February 27, we received seven checks totaling \$12,471. Two checks were for \$1000 and one was for \$10,000.

Contributions received prior to February 27 add up to \$2472. thus at this point we have raised \$14,943. This means we are \$35,000 from our goal of \$50,000.

(March 13, 2011)

Since the last update there has been an additional \$2016 given to the Capital Fund bringing the total to \$16,959.

(March 18, 2011)

"Each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that" 1 Corinthians 7:7

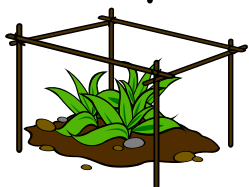


Faith Talent Show

Friday April 1, 2011 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Got talent? All ages, all abilities, all welcome!
Email Pastor Michelle or sign up in church with your act today.

Faith Garden Grows



Several have already signed up for Garden plots in our community garden space. Currently we are in need of a few items that will help our garden be even better than last years. If you have any gardening items hanging around that can be donated, we appreciate your generosity! Especially we need: hoes, garden shovels or spades, wooden stakes for markers, gate materials to add gates to our two entrances, hoses of any kind, a couple of pitchforks would be handy for our new compost area, mulch for the paths between plots, tomato cages or large tin coffee cans. Happy Spring!

Weight Watchers is here!



Faith is now the site for Kearney Weight Watchers meetings! Hosting Weight Watchers is an opportunity for our church to offer hospitality, to meet new people, and to receive some new income. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 9:30 -10:00 a.m., Wednesdays 12:15-12:45 and Thursdays at 5:45- 6:15.

Gateway District Youth Lock-In

April 21-22, 2011 ~ 7:00 p.m.-11:00 a.m.



Host by United Campus Ministry UNK

Where: Camp Comeca

Ages: 7th-12th

Cost: \$20 per camper

For more information contact:

Laura Stubblefield - UCM Director

Laura@ucmunk.org or (308) 627-6225

Volunteer Opportunities



- ♥ Create worship slides for Sunday worship
- ♥ Youth volunteers for summer youth meetings
 - ♥ Back ups for running worship slides on Sunday mornings (training provided!)
 - ♥ Sunday School volunteers for summer
 - ♥ Singers/musicians for Sunday morning

Adult Sunday School Class



Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Wake Up: Be aware, open, ready to receive

Show Up: Discipline yourself to be there

Shake Up: Be willing to have your inner viewpoint rearranged

Start Up: Get moving. Take your relationship with God into your world. Let it make a difference in the way you live.

Bring your coffee cup and discover how it is a symbol of our inner journey with God.

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the blanket you made. I love it and it is so warm, soft and comfortable. Thanks again for the blanket and prayers. Katie Reed



April Honoree



The Capital Fund Committee invites you to honor or memorialize the individual (s) of your choice in April. You may wish to honor a church member, a friend or relative whom the Committee has missed; or you may want to remember a deceased friend or loved one.

~ The Capital Fund Committee ~



Update

The tile flooring has just been completed in all the stairways and on the second floor by the balcony and Sunday School rooms.

The new floors and stairs will be cleaned and waxed in the next few weeks to complete the project. Thank you everyone for bringing this part of our renovations to a reality.

Mike Duester put up the rest of the tile on the kitchen wall around the coffee maker this last month. Thank you, Mike, for finishing the tile work for us.

Home Lawn & Garden Show

Our Home, Lawn & Garden Show was a success once again. We had 43 pies brought out to the fairgrounds and we sold them all. This year we added baked potatoes to our menu which was a big hit - especially "baked potato with the works" (onion, cheese, chili, sour cream, bacon bits and butter).

Our two day fundraiser gave us a \$1580.18 profit and our committee wants to thank everyone who helped with food donations, seed money and/or helped work the concession stand. We really appreciate your support.

Renovations



Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Bonny (Metz) Ball was married to Ersel "Honk" Ball (Sept.06) on February 4, 1951, at the EUB church in Pleasanton, NE. They began their life in Pleasanton, moved to Kearney in 1962 and joined Faith Church in 1964. They were blessed with five children: Pamela (Ball) and Ron Blessing of Kearney; Holly (Ball) and Steve Curtiss of Hastings; Peggy (Ball) and Donnie Mak of Kearney; Alan and Sue Ball of Highlands Ranch, CO and Terri Lee, who passed away shortly after birth. Bonny enjoys time with her six grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters: Mattie Curtiss and daughter Sophie of Kearney, Sam Curtiss of Lincoln, Joel Gargan and daughter Jaylin, John Gargan (sons of Peggy) in Kearney, Kristin and Davis Ball, Highlands Ranch, CO. Bonny is fortunate to have an extended family which includes Cal and Gretchen Mak, Brooke Blessing, Mindy, Josh and Rosie

Blessing-Brown. She also has a black cat named Cleo. Bonny worked at Kearney State food service for 7 years then moved to Baldwins for 17 years. She loves being outside working in her flower gardens and the yard, walking every morning with her friend at the Mall, babysitting her great-granddaughter Sophie every afternoon, and surprise visits from several grand-dogs that love to see "Grandma Bonny" every now and then. She never knows which grandchild will be joining her for a meal but is always ready for company. She loves Nebraska games and a quick trip to Denver and other destinations whenever possible. Bonny has

been on various church committees and volunteers with AseraCare Hospice.

Bonny Ball

Steve and Suzann Christensen were married on August 4, 1984. They do not have any children but do have one naughty cat and lots of nieces and nephews.

They drive a lot when it comes to work: Steve is the territory manager for the John Day Company in Omaha selling agricultural supplies to dealers. He travels the western two-thirds of Nebraska plus part of South Dakota and part of Kansas while Suzann commutes to Hastings Middle School where she is the school librarian for 750 sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Steve's hobbies include attending any and all sporting events, no matter what it is. Suzann enjoys reading, knitting long rectangles, attending fine arts events and (occasionally) sporting events with Steve. The Christensens have (through the years) served on Worship, Evangelism, Nurture, SPRC, Finance, and the Capital Fund Committee. Suzann currently is recording secretary for Ad Council. Steve is co-head usher for the 8:45 a.m. service along with Rick Triplett and attends Men of Faith.



Steve & Suzann Christensen



Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Bill and Alta Crapson have two daughters, Regina and Rhonda. Regina has 3 children; Kelsey age 22 who is graduating in May from UNL, Hannah age 16 who is a sophomore cheerleader and on the dance team at Wood River High School and Trey age 12 who likes football, basketball and baseball and is in the 6th grade also at Wood River. Rhonda has two children; Jon age 19 who is a freshman at UNL and Amanda age 15 who is active in speech and track as a sophomore at Ainsworth High School.

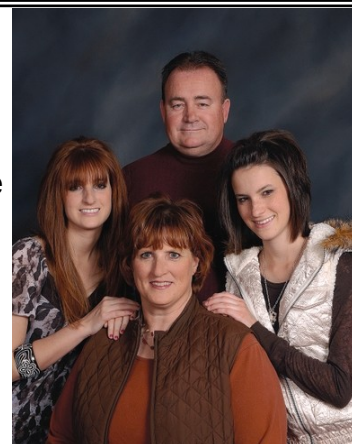
Alta was born in Ogallala, NE and Bill was born in Wauneta, NE. They have lived in Wauneta, Grand Island, Johnson Lake and finally Kearney for the past 11 years.

Bill and Alta have traveled to all 50 states in the USA and get their exercise from walking everyday. Alta enjoys working on jig saw puzzles and her Barbie Dolls collection consisting of about 125 dolls displayed in her Barbie Room.

Alta retired from First National Bank Card Center and Bill retired from Fasse Valves. Bill and Alta were married May 14, 1961 and are very happy to be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this May.

Bill & Alta Crapson

Michael and Roene Fox married in 1983 at Faith UMC. They have twin daughters Melissa and Michell who both attend UNK. Michael is both head chef and bottle washer at the Fox Haven. He cuts meat, and cooks at Grandpa's Steak House, on a part time basis. For the last 10 years he's been a substitute rural letter carrier for the Kearney post office on rural route 15. He also picks up extra hours helping clerks get the mail sorted to carriers in the box section. Roene started at the Kearney post office in 1982 as a substitute rural carrier. She became a regular carrier in 1989, while on maternity leave with Melissa and Michell. She carries rural route 3, north of Kearney, driving 80 miles per day with 400+ deliveries through wind, rain, snow, dogs, and flat tires. The Fox's are enjoying their "empty nest" but still get to see Melissa and Michell quite often. They recently got a golden retriever puppy, named Nelly. She joins Gidget, a rescue dog who is a Pekinese/Chihuahua. She would prefer to live with her grandparents, Pat and Phil Hilty. Roene and Michael are active here at Faith. Roene, a member of the UCM Boosters, volunteers at both the after school program (CCF), and youth group. She is chair of Christian Ed organizing the sale of fireworks, VBS and the Christmas program. Michael is one of the Ryde drivers for Sunday morning, and loves attending Faith pot lucks. A few of their favorite things are golfing, sewing, grilling, camping, reading, fishing, biking, Estes Park, napping, baking, the Beatles, quilting and spending time with family and friends!



Michael & Roene Fox