

Faith in Action

APRIL



PALM SUNDAY

April 1, 2011
One Service
10 AM
Chancel Choir
Cantata

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Palm Sunday April 1, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hoppin' Holy Week Trail

A twist on the traditional Easter Egg Hunt! There will be games, crafts, Easter eggs, and the Easter bunny! Outdoor fun to be had by everyone – help us kick-off this blessed week.



Easter Egg Hunt

Receive your newsletter in **COLOR** via email!

Send your email address to faithumc@kdsi.net.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 5

5:30 p.m. Chicken Dinner

7:00 p.m. Music & Witness by Wes Hird & Vicki Nielsen

Good Friday, April 6

6:00 p.m. Taco Bar

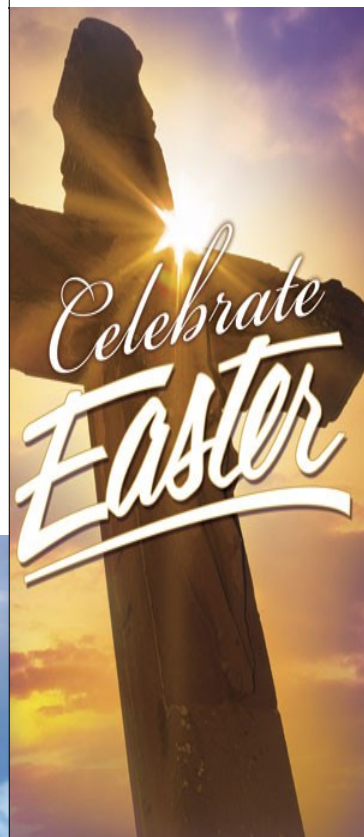
7:00 p.m. Music & Witness by Randy Shackleton.

Holy Saturday, April 7 ~ Scripture Way of the Cross

4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Come and go between.

Easter Sunday, April 8 ~ 6:30 a.m.

Sonrise Service at the ERC Building of Yanney Park with breakfast.



On March 5th, Troop 158 celebrated its 20th Anniversary as one of Kearney's 5 Boy Scout Troops. We are extremely proud of our association with Faith UMC & its congregation.



We have a wonderful history and over the past 20 years have reached out to over 200 families. In those 20 years, we have been blessed with 54 young men achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and many more who are following in their footsteps. Thank you for all that you do for Boy Scout Troop 158! We also want to take this opportunity to say Thank You for your support of our Annual Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner Fundraiser held March 4th. It was a great success and we owe you deep gratitude for that support. This fundraiser will assist many of our Scouts with their plans to attend summer camps and our high adventure program to Colorado this June. *The Scouts, Adult Leaders & Families of Troop 158*

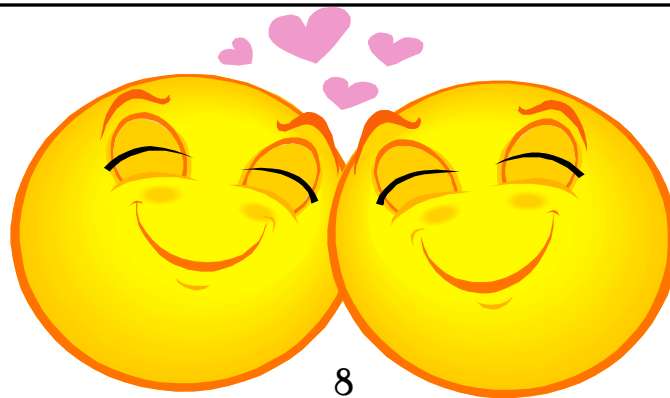
Kathy, Thank you & your church for the blanket. It is great to have here because even with heaters it can get awfully cold.

More importantly though I appreciate the care & concern that you & the church family put into the blanket for me. It definitely means a lot. Again, Thank you very much. *Devin*

2
David & Carolyn
Forney

4
George & Paula
Brown

6
Danny & Sandy
Grim



8
Darrell & Joan
Epping

12
Donnie & Peggy
Mak

20
Art & Millie
Otto

13
Josh & Jenny
Hanson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Nurse's Notes



Learning to Postpone Worrying

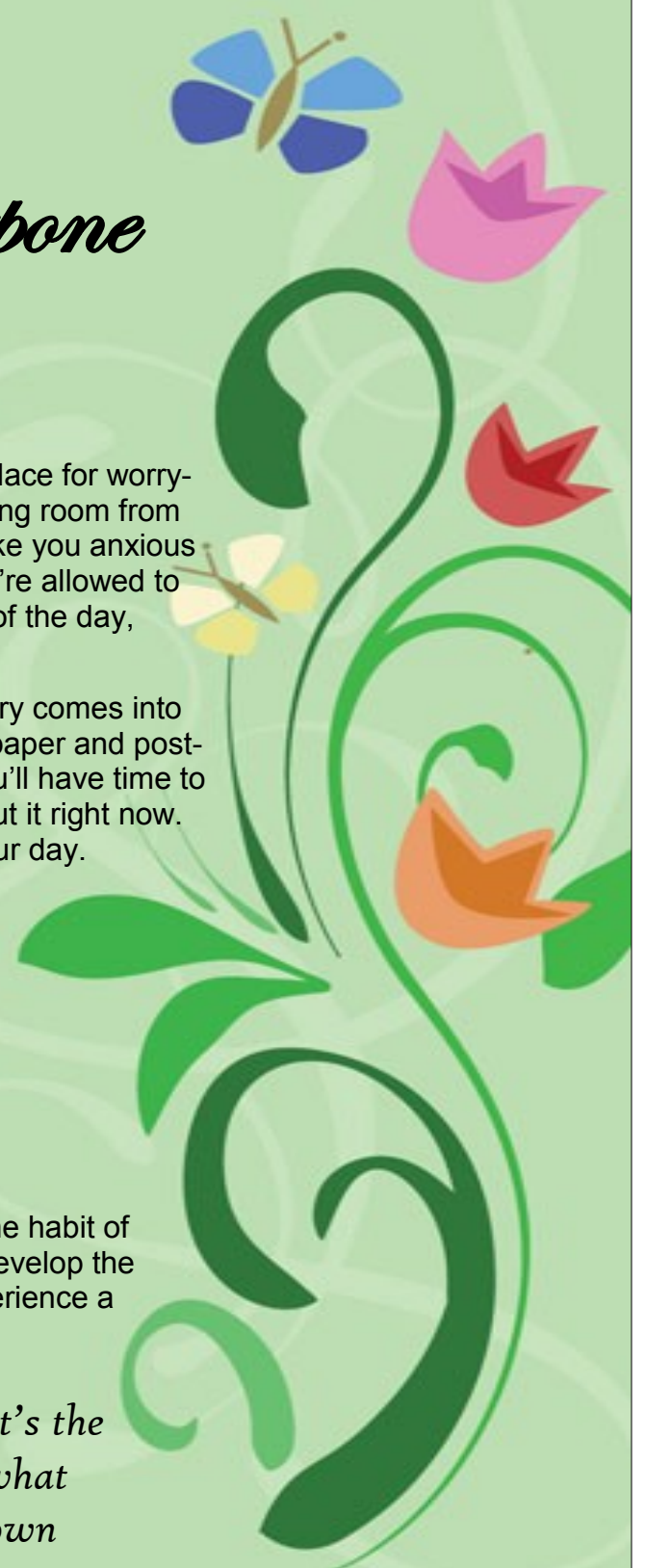
Create a “Worry Period.” Choose a set time and place for worrying. It should be the same every day (e.g. In the living room from 5:00 to 5:20 p.m.) and early enough that it won't make you anxious right before bedtime. During your worry period, you're allowed to worry about whatever's on your mind. The rest of the day, however, is a worry-free zone.

Postpone your worry. If an anxious thought or worry comes into your head during the day, make a brief note of it on paper and postpone it to your worry period. Remind yourself that you'll have time to think about it later, so there's no need to worry about it right now. Save it for later and continue to go about your day.

Go over your “worry list” during the worry period. Reflect on the worries you wrote down during the day. If the thoughts are still bothering you, allow yourself to worry about them, but only for the amount of time you've specified for your worry period. If the worries don't seem important anymore, cut your worry period short and enjoy the rest of your day.

Postponing worrying is effective because it breaks the habit of dwelling on worries in the present moment. As you develop the ability to postpone your anxious thought, you'll experience a greater sense of control.

Life is not the way it's supposed to be... It's the way it is. The way we cope with it is what makes the difference! ~ Author Unknown



youth group

SCHEDULE

ALL middle and high school students are welcome! We will wrap-up and spend time reflecting on our March preparations of our Good Friday Fiesta! Youth Fundraiser and Easter SonRise Service. Join us each Wednesday for dinner at 6:30pm, games, service preparation, and worship ending by 8:30pm!

Mark the Calendar

April 1 – Palm Sunday Service – 10am

10 am service will feature our annual Procession of the Palms and the Sunday School Choir sharing the selection, "Riding on the Road to Jerusalem", during the adult-choir Cantata!

April 1 – Hoppin' Holy Week Trail – 1pm

A twist on the traditional Easter Egg Hunt! There will be games, crafts, Easter eggs, and the Easter bunny! Outdoor fun to be had by everyone – help us kick-off this blessed week.

April 6 – Good Friday Fiesta!

Youth Fundraiser – 6pm

Come support our youth program and enjoy our free-will donation full-service taco dinner! We will begin serving at 6pm to ensure completion in time to attend the 7pm service by Randy Shackleton.

April 8 – Easter SonRise Service – 6:30am

Join us at the Yanney Park ERC Building for our entirely youth-planned Easter Vigil Service. A pancake feast will be served after for joyful fellowship.

April 22 – Camp Sunday

We will be promoting summer church camps at both services and Sunday School. Come explore the spiritually-based adventures that could be the highlight of your summer!

April 29 – Sr. Graduation Sunday – 11am

Celebrate the class of 2012! We will be offering this service to honor Faith's graduates this year.

May 6 – Confirmation Sunday – 11am

Welcome our 2012 confirmands into Faith! This service will include time dedicated solely to this milestone of our youth's lives.

2011-2012

Confirmation Class

As our final month of Confirmation is upon us, the class will be joining the UMC – NE All-Conference Middle School Retreat April 13 – 15 at Camp Comeca! Please be in prayer as confirmands complete this momentous journey.

2012 V.B.S. –

Operation Overboard!

April 22 @ 12pm – Leaders Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Our core group of V.B.S. volunteers will come together to discuss Operation Overboard!

May 5 @ 2pm – ALL Volunteer Meeting – Fellowship Hall

EVERYBODY & ANYBODY interested or intrigued by the opportunity to assist with V.B.S. should join us for this ALL volunteer meeting. Details will be hammered out so EVERYONE knows what to expect.

Donations

Watch and listen for opportunities to support this OUTREACH aspect of our Children's Ministry Program!

Safe Sanctuaries Training

April 15 – 1:30pm – First UMC - Kearney

Has your training expired, or are you interested in helping with our children or youth ministries in ANY hands-on aspect? Then this brief training is for you! It is a training that must be completed once every three years, that's it. Jump on board for this training so you don't have to wait until the fall to be involved! Contact Cassy Heuertz, for to get registered, OR visit the UMC – NE website <http://www.umcneb.org/pages/detail/112>



Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

CCF Helpers

- 4—Sandy Townsend
- 11—Pat Hilty
- 18—Marie Danburg
- 25—Kim Graham



CCF
Wednesdays
3:30 p.m.

Community Meal

April 29,
2012



USHERS



8:45 AM

- 1 - Rick & Jacque Triplett
Scripture - Penny Buettner
- 8 - Steve & Suzann Christensen
Scripture - Marie Danburg
- 15 - Dan & Rachel Brown & Family
Scripture - Zeanna Odens
- 22 - Bill & Alta Crapson
Scripture - Annette Froid
- 29 - Kathy Larson
Scripture - Kathy Larson

11:00 AM

- 1 - Rich Chandler Family
Scripture - Nikki Mizner
- 8 - The Rich Chandler Family
Scripture - Phyllis Bennett
- 15 - Mike & Sue Lamkin
Scripture - Nikki Mizner
- 22 - The Jim Brewer Family
Scripture - Rosalee Mickelsen
- 29 - The Peter Rishel Family
Scripture - Fran Wilson



April Bus Driver Schedule

- 1 - Tony Miller & Ryan Findley
- 8 - Mike Fox & Jake Greder
- 15 - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens
- 22 - Jim Brewer & George Brown
- 22 - Tony Miller & Ryan Findley



Faith UMC Family Spotlight



Merland & Barbara were married on March 3, 1979. Merland has two sons & a daughter. Barbara has two daughters. Together they have 9 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. One grandson is deceased. Merland farmed for 40 years & also sold hail insurance, grain bins & other grain handling equipment. From 1989-1998 Merland & Barbara operated Plantation House Bed & Breakfast in Elgin, NE. On the last day of December of 1998, they moved to Kearney. Barbara soon began to work with Marlys Bauer at the Kearney Visitor's Bureau. Both Merland & Barbara then worked at The Great Platte River Road Archway. Merland is now retired & Barbara has been employed by Computer Pros for over eight years. The Clarks, although not personally musical, are enthusiastic followers of their many talented friends at their music jams & dances. They also attend several Music Festivals each year. They like to travel & have been to Canada, New Zealand, Australia & also Hawaii, Alaska & many other states. Barbara is a member of the Noon KIWANIS club & attends regularly. She assists in all of their child orientated projects. She is also is on the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors &, among other things, compiles & edits their newsletter. Merland also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. He regularly mows the three or four extra lots that will be used for housing in the following year. He has a tractor, loader & a grader that he also uses in Habitat work. They live on a graveled street & he does most of the upkeep of that street. His tractor & loader get a workout during snowy winters to keep their & their neighbor's drives cleared. Merland & Barbara have been members of Faith United Methodist Church since March 8, 2009. Merland grew up as a member of the Park Congregational Church near Elgin, NE. where his great grandfather was a Charter member. Barbara grew up in the Free Methodist Church in Ringgold, NE where her grandfather was a founder.

Merland & Barbara Clark

Kent & Tari have been married for 19 years. They have a 12 year old son named Jacob. Tari is the solo practitioner at Tooth Fairy Pediatric Dental Clinic. Tari enjoys needlepoint, reading, singing. Both Kent and Tari enjoy golfing and watching Jake play hockey and golf. Kent, Tari & Jake have been attending Faith UMC since March 2005. Tari has served on the Christian Ed Committee, been a member of Praise Band and currently serves on the SPRC Committee.



Kent & Tari Maaske

More From the Nurse...

National Healthcare Decisions Day - April 16, 2012

If TODAY you experience sudden illness or injury with life-threatening consequences, do you know what medical treatment you do and don't want? If you can't speak for yourself, who will speak for you, and does this person know what you want? Situations like this can happen to anyone, regardless of age or health status. It is weighty stuff to be sure, but there are countless resources available to help you. NHDD.org and caringinfo.org are both great places to start. Locally, you can contact Sentinel Health Care at (308) 865-2707 ext 237, to receive printed materials and referral to other sources. April 16th is recognized as National Healthcare Decisions Day—a reminder that it's never too soon for "The Conversation".



It's hard to believe that this is our 3rd year at the Faith Garden! This year we are reducing the number of plots from 16 to 12. This will help with "overflow" as many folks like to plant some of the vine-y plants that can creep overnight to the next plot!!! We have several return plot holders and several new ones again this year.

Thanks to a \$1500 grant from the United Methodist Ministries of the Missouri River District, we were able to pay for mulch, tomato cages and gates for the garden entrances. We are grateful for the help! We are also thankful to have been a worksite for UNK's Big

Event service project day. Students helped prepare the garden for use on Saturday, March 31. As always, our greatest thanks goes to Chuck Sadler, our garden manager. He puts in many hours working, planning and maintaining so that our gardeners have a great harvest!

Kearney Park & Recreation



Slow-Pitch Softball COED Church Summer League 2012



We have a team!

Faith UMC will be playing 10 to 12 games on Mondays (some Fridays) throughout the season. It begins May 7 and ends in early August.

Come cheer us on!

Check back for specific dates & times

"Finals Care Packages"

Do you have a child that attends college, that has ties to Faith UMC? Kim Graham is in charge of mailing/delivering "Finals Care Packages" to them at the end of April.

Please contact Kim Graham with their name and address. Text/Call Kim @ 308-627-7457 or email her at kimgraham@frontiernet.net



Donations Needed For "Finals Care Packages"

We would appreciate your donations of cash and small snack items for the college kids "Finals Care Package" that will be sent/delivered to college kids with Faith UMC ties. There will be a basket for donations and also note cards available for you to send a general note to the kids from Faith, or you can write your own general notes to the college students and return those to the basket marked College Finals Care Packages.

**We have a very nice response from the students who received them last year. Contact Kim Graham or Dayla Rhodus with questions.

New Church Directory!

Mark May 15-19 on your calendar for your church directory photo!

\$10 discount for online registration

\$5 discount for donation of a canned food item

(food will be split between Crossroads & Jubilee)

FREE 8x10 & Directory when picture is taken!

More info to follow soon!

Church Directory

Volunteers Needed!



Lead the Registration Team, Work the sign up tables on Sundays in March, April & May (computer skills needed) or Provide a laptop.



Want to learn better Communication skills to improve your marriage?

Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

2012 weekend dates are:

April 27-29 at Camp Comeca near Cozad

August 17-19 at Camp Norwesca near Chadron

September 21-23 in Lincoln

For more information or to register, please contact Russell and Lanita Evans,

russellevans@internet-usa.net or call 308-520-1491. More information also available at www.encounter.org.