



Faith in Action



Ways to Increase Worship Attendance

Prepared by Robert Crossman

1. Purchase temporary yard signs to put out for a few days & then remove. They catch the eye & are relatively inexpensive. They should be very simple with little wording, such as: "Worship 10 a.m. Sunday. You're invited." "Easter Sunday 11 a.m. You're invited."
2. Make a good first impression through the appearance of your building & landscaping. A well cared for exterior lets guests know that you are expecting company.
3. Clearly indicate the main entry to your building so that worship guests can find it easily.
4. Reserve the best parking spaces for guests. The pastor, staff & church officers should park on the edge of the parking lot, leaving the best spaces for others.
5. Make the nursery the nicest room in the church to attract & keep families with young children. It should be clean & well equipped, in an easy to find location close to the worship space & staffed with adults. As your church grows, you will need pagers, check in & check out procedures & nursery staff wearing uniforms with a photo ID.
6. Have clean, neat Sunday School rooms for children. The Sunday School program should be well staffed & well resourced.
7. Greet guests when they first arrive in the parking lot. Give a couple of people orange vests & have them wave & smile as cars pull in. On rainy days, they can escort people to the door under a church umbrella. If the lot is large, they can drive folks to the door in golf carts.
8. Greet guests as they arrive at the door, saying "Good to see you. Glad you are here." Do not ask for their names as many guests are cautious & prefer anonymity. The larger the church, the more this is true.
9. Clearly mark the rest rooms, nursery & worship rooms. In a large building with a complicated layout, have greeters stand at the intersection of hallways ready to escort guests who are unsure about finding their way.
10. Find a way to acknowledge & welcome guests in worship without singling them out or embarrassing them. In many communities, guests prefer to be anonymous so don't ask them to stand & introduce themselves.
11. Have an easy & readily available method for worship guests who wish to give you their name & contact information.
12. Practice the "Circle of Ten". Encourage church leaders to personally greet everyone—member or guest—who may sit within ten feet of them on Sunday.
13. Know that guests typically leave the building within three minutes after the service. Encourage church leaders to follow the "Rule of Three", devoting the first three minutes after the benediction to speaking with those they don't know before speaking to family & friends.
14. Have greeters at all the exits, smiling, shaking hands & simply saying to members & guests as they leave, "Glad you were here. I hope to see you next Sunday."
15. Start a "First Friends" ministry as a way to reach a new age, racial or cultural group. Train a pool of people, from a variety of ages & stages in life, to watch for first time guests, sit by them, treat them to lunch & phone them the next Saturday inviting them to Sunday worship.

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“Your special ways and generous heart make a beautiful difference. Thank you so much.”

Thank you so much for the Husker quilt and to cousin Deb. Gary & Donna Runge

Thank you so much for your hospitality!
The Kenya Team

Our thanks & appreciation to Pastor Reed for welcoming Haven’s Chapel and to the community of Faith in embracing the cookbooks. God’s children are so supportive of one another.

Please know that your gift is now a gift for someone else. We enjoyed visiting your warm & friendly church family! God bless each of you with His grace!

In His Love, Judy Hoffman,
Brian & Theresa Stubbs



To all FUMC:
Want to thank everyone in FUMC for having our dad’s service & lunch. To all the people that helped with the food. It was a great feeling to have caring people around.
The Rouse/Garrels Families

THANK YOU to all who made donations, volunteered, and attended our annual Fall Carnival on October 28!
Christian Ed Team

The Renovation Committee would like to thank everyone for their food donations, seed money &/or help at the Prime Festival October 11th. It was a very successful day again this year with a profit of \$2,907.78. We are always amazed and so appreciative of the response to the needs for Prime from our congregation. We will be using some of the Prime profit to paint the trim around the stain glass windows to match our new windows in our church. Once again, **THANK YOU EVERYONE**

Dear Faith Sewing Group,
Thank you for the donation of the frozen homemade pie for our fundraiser. Your generosity helps us continue our ministry & make differences to the UNK Campus and surrounding community.

Thank You!
United Campus Ministry



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Stuart & Marci
Gilbertson

27
Bret & Sarah
Stubbs

5
Steve & Nancy
Zwink

10
Mike & Linda
Johnson

27
Bob & Phyllis
Bennett

5
Justin & Selia
Martin

7
Mike & Crystal
Duester

9
Leon & Susan
Welsh

15
Ron & Pam
Blessing

20
Roger & Sandy
Townsend

- 1- Rachel Brown
- 2- Roger Pollat
- Shirley Fischer
- 3- Rick Pettit
- 4- Alexandra Bray
- 5- Tom Russell
- 6- Jon Obermiller
- Kailyn Spellman
- 8- Ron Blessing
- Jack Beatty
- 9- Ruth Pigott
- Marie Danburg
- 11- Helen George
- Sherri Peterson
- Jason Odens
- 12- Richard Chism
- 16- Lucile Schweitzer
- 17- Evelyn Anderson
- Cheryl Chambers
- 18- Barbara Clark



- 18- Samantha Ramer
- 20- Terry Korb
- Dean Dahlke
- 21- Averie Evans
- 22- Breanna Obermillier
- 23- Brian Hegert
- Larry Nansel
- Roberta Nansel
- Mary Rishel
- 23- Trista Tennant
- 23- Tyler Hanson
- 24- Neil Miller
- 27- Emma Brewer
- 28- Dick Larson
- 29- Mary Garrison
- Jayne Samp
- 30- Rick Tighe
- Linda Johnson
- John Beatty

Nurse's Notes



Just Observing...

From the pen of 91 year old Karl Lutze, former editor of Encore Times

As one ages there is the diminishing of one's hearing. In many instances awareness of this phenomenon is frequently diagnosed as "people are speaking more softly these days syndrome." Increasingly, folks find it cumbersome to interrupt what might have been a lively and informative conversation. They begin to search for different ways in which to ask persons with fade-away voices to reiterate what they have just said. Of course, one could simply say, "I'm sorry. I was not able to understand what you just said; would you repeat your words, please?" However, to say that phrase over and over again might prove a bit boring and ultimately exhausting and possibly annoying to both parties.

We propose instead the preparation of a type of glossary that would serve as a ready reference to rescue people from such situations. Here are my options for the phrase, "What was that you said?"

1. Speak up, please.

2. I didn't hear you!

3. Will you talk a little louder?

4. I DIDN'T HEAR A WORD YOU SAID.

5. This place is so noisy—could you repeat that?

6. I'm not sure I caught every word.

7. I can't hear a word you're saying.

8. YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

9. REALLY!?!



Children & Youth

Schedule Note: NO activities on Wednesday, November 21 – Happy Thanksgiving!

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Summer 2013 Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for our staff, sponsors, parents, and youth as we begin planning our July 2013 Mission Trip!

Live Nativity

On **Sunday, November 25** from **5 – 8pm**, the

family of Faith will again BE the live Nativity at the Kearney Bricks Christmas Celebration. Join us as we bring the story of Christmas alive for our community – contact the office to sign-up.



Kids' Night In

On **Friday, November 30** from **6:30 -8:30pm**, we will be gathering potty-trained Pre-school children thru 5th grade for a night of games, crafts, and a Christian film! We hope that parents will take advantage of this and plan a night for themselves!

Nativity Parade Rehearsals

First, mark your calendar for **December 16** at **10am** – the children will be celebrating Christmas by presenting a Nativity Parade that will be followed by a brunch. Then, make sure all Kindergarten through 5th Grade join us for rehearsals that will start in November during C.C.F. and Sunday School time!

U.M.Y.F.

(United Methodist Youth of Faith)

We will continue to “Ruin Your Life” during the month of November while focusing on service and the upcoming Advent season. **NOVEMBER 14** is a **FAMILY DINNER** for youth group! Our youth will be prepping and serving dinner – parents and siblings are invited, just let us know so we can plan; a brief yet deep parent, youth, and sponsor meeting will follow while there will be activities available for the siblings.

C.C.F.

(Children's Christian Fellowship)

The month of November brings on the beginning of our Mission Project, learning to celebrate what we have, and diving into the season of Advent! Kindergarten through 5th Grade is invited to join us on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm.

Children & Youth MISSION PROJECT

Starting November 7, we will be holding a **BLANKET DRIVE** to benefit our neighborhood and community through schools and organizations to be voted upon as we work through our Wednesday lessons. Blankets large and small in a variety of colors are encouraged so we can serve a wide variety of God's people. Our children and youth will be hand-delivering these in early December. Find one of our collection boxes to donate!



Confirmation 2013

Calling all Faith UMC 8th graders - confirmation begins **Wednesday, November 7** from **5:30-6:30pm**. Explore Christianity, Methodism, and how to apply it all to our lives through the “Credo” curriculum, hands-on activities, journaling, and a retreat. Contact Cassy, our Children & Youth Ministries Director, through our office for details.

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Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

CCF Helpers

Welcome
Back
Team!



CCF
Wednesdays
3:30 p.m.

Community Meal

November 25,
2012



USHERS

THIS MONTH

8:45 AM

4 - Rick & Jacque Triplett

Scripture - Penny Buettner

11 - Steve & Suzann Christensen

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18 - The Brown Family

Scripture - Rachel Brown

25 - Kathy Larson

Scripture - Mary Nuss

11:00 AM

4 - Mike & Sue Lamkin

Scripture - Samuel Reed

11 - The Rishel Family

Scripture - Brooke Rishel

18 - The Chandler Family

Scripture - Moriah Chandler

25 - Please Volunteer

Scripture - Please Volunteer



November Bus Driver Schedule

4 - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens

11 - Jim Brewer & Pat Slack

18 - Mike Fox & Jake Greder

25 - Tony Miller & Ryan Findley

CAPITAL FUND: 3RD QTR REPORT

According to the report from the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation, the value of the fund was \$299,228.78 as of September 30th. In a personal letter it was reported that a check of \$3402.51 has been sent to our account at Edward Jones. That leaves the fund at \$295,826.27. The value of our fund will fluctuate in response to the rise and fall of the market. Our hope of course is that the market will remain steady or rise somewhat during the next quarter.

Otto Lohrenz, Chairman, Capital Endowment Fund

Blue Hill School Class of 2020 & Beyond Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund is in memory of Caroline Grace Thallman, cousin to our own Katie Bauer, that was killed in the Blue Hill bus accident. If you feel moved to give to this fund, please mail your donation to:

**South Central State Bank
PO Box 157
Blue Hill, NE 68930**

**Be sure to clearly mark your donation's destination.



Be A

Faith Prayer Warrior

Faith Prayer Warriors will commit to prayer one time a day (either 7 a.m. or 8 p.m.) for just 30 seconds to one minute beginning October 1 through Thanksgiving Day. Where ever you are at that time, your commitments is to pray from the heart for the Holy Spirit to guide and bless Faith UMC members, friends, Pastor Michelle and the staff. Suggestions for your prayers:

- Read Joshua 6
- Pick a name from the new church directory each day and pray for that person
- Focus on a particular ministry or committee each day

The idea is that there is more power in "together".

CONGRATULATIONS

to our Kindergarten & 3rd Graders who received their Bibles on October 21!

Power-Packed Prayers for Public Schools

1. **School Board.** "I pray blessings on each school board member (try to pray for them by name). Father, may Your will be done at board meetings." (Ro. 13:1)
2. **Principal.** "May (name of principal) recognize the God-given responsibility he/she has for the best interests of the children who attend the school. May (name of principal) walk in wisdom, integrity, grace & truth." (Prov. 2:1-11)
3. **Teachers who are not yet believers.** "Bring all the teachers in this school who do not yet know You into Your kingdom. Arrange divine appointments, that they may have a profound encounter with Your Word." (Ro. 5:8)

Announcing...

Membership

Sunday

Sunday, November 11th, 2012

Come join us in celebrating UMC & Faith Membership. We will be handing out pins to those who have maintained membership for years in increments of 5. If that's you, be watching for a note in the mail!

We Miss Betty!

To stay in contact with Betty Hagan:

Betty Hagan
7200 Van Dorn # 210
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-486-9524

Advent Book

The Advent Book is coming soon!

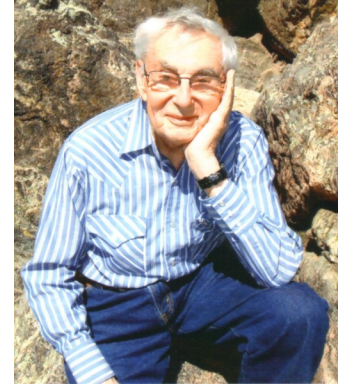
Thank you to those who have signed up and/or submitted entries already!

There is still a chance to partake in this annual tradition. Watch for the sign up sheet at church, call or email the office to secure a spot or simply send your submission. Thank You!



Notes

from the Office



Dear Church Families and Friends of Congregations Served by Ray Nuetzman,

Since you have played an integral part in our father's life and ministry we would like to announce an upcoming milestone in his life journey. On

November 16th, 2012 Rev. Raymond E. Nuetzman will celebrate his 90th birthday. Ray resides in Estes Park, CO where he spends his time enjoying the mountain scenery, doing statistics for his son-in-law Gerald Mayo's real estate agency, being helpful at Suzie's Hallmark store and assisting at the YMCA Church of the Rockies with communion and greeting on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to send your memories and greetings to Ray, they can be mailed to:

Ray Nuetzman, c/o Gerald and Suzie Mayo
Box #1841

Estes Par, CO 80517

He would love to hear from you!

Thank You, Jeff & Deb Soneson, Kirsten & Evan
Gerald & Suzie Mayo
& JoAnn Nuetzman

Team Work for Crossroads

For the month of November we are going to collect any kind of paper product for the Crossroads Shelter. (Kleenex, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, diaper wipes, etc.) Hopefully this will help them with the cold season and the Thanksgiving season. As you donate this, be mindful of the basics in life we all take for granted! Please place them in the box in the Overflow Room.

Thank You!

What's goin on @ Faith



When: Sundays

Time: 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Where: Overflow Room

What: Join us for fellowship & morning beverages after and before services, or somewhere in between.

Barbara Clark's 70th Birthday

Saturday, November 3, 2012

1:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Join us for a Music Jam at First Presbyterian Church—4511 6th Ave in Kearney. There will be two groups of our friends playing country and bluegrass music the entire time. NO GIFTS PLEASE. Come and enjoy the music that the Clarks love and want to share. Pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Bring a dish to share if you wish.



hanging of the greens

Sunday, November 18th @ 12 p.m.

All church family & friends are invited!

Larry Nansel's 80th Birthday

Saturday November 10, 2012

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Come join us for coffee and donuts to wish LARRY NANSEL a Happy 80th Birthday! Open House - Harmon Park Activity Center - 3100 5th Avenue - Kearney, NE. Cards may be sent to 5 Indian Hills Drive, Kearney, NE 68847.

UM 101

One Day Only!

Sunday, November 11 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Are you wondering what it means to be a United Methodist? Want to know how you can be a part of it? Join Pastor Michelle for UM 101- a class for those new to our Faith family or those who just want to know more. We will meet on Sunday, November 11 at 10 a.m. in the overflow room. All are welcome to join and learn about membership at Faith UMC.



Sunday, December 9th @ 2:00 p.m.

Soup, provided by the Nurture Committee, following caroling in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods and join in!