



# FAITH IN ACTION



Pastor Robert Perry  
& Family



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## ***Pastoral Appointments: Overview***

*from: United Methodist Communications online*

### **BACKGROUND**

Every local church needs a pastor. The United Methodist Church has a unique way of matching pastors and congregations. Rather than local churches hiring and firing their own pastors-as in some denominations-United Methodist bishops appoint pastors to serve in local churches and other ministry settings.

One advantage to this process is that a local church never has to go without a pastor. Likewise, a pastor (specifically, a full member of an annual conference in good standing) never goes without a setting for ministry. The primary goal of the appointment system is to match the gifts and graces of a particular pastor to the ministry needs of a particular congregation at a particular time.

This itinerant system, where pastors move from one appointment to another, dates back to American frontier days when circuit riding preachers traveled on horseback from town to town. At that time, bishops matched preachers to circuits four times a year. Now bishops typically fix appointments once a year.

### **WHERE THE UMC STANDS**

To understand the appointive process, it helps to know a little about how the United Methodist Church is organized. We are a connectional church. That means individual congregations are part of a larger network known as an annual conference under the leadership of a bishop. Most annual conferences consist of several districts. Ordained clergy are members of an annual conference rather than a local church.

Bishops are responsible for assigning pastors to charges. A multi-point charge consists of two or more congregations that share a pastor. Ordinarily, district superintendents assist the bishop in prayerfully making appointments. They generally meet with pastors and representatives of local churches every year to assess the effectiveness of ministry there.

The pastor-parish (or staff-parish) relations committee represents the congregation officially in this process. Usually, when everyone agrees that a current pastor's gifts and graces are a good match for the specific needs of a ministry setting, the pastor is assigned to remain for another year. Sometimes, however, a particular pastor is needed elsewhere or a local church requires someone with a new set of gifts and graces. In that case, the pastor will move and the church will receive someone new. The process always involves consultation, but the details vary according to the conference and the bishop.

Appointments are formally 'fixed' at the regular session of annual conference and they take effect on a designated Sunday, usually in early summer.

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# Faith Connections

## Notes of Thanks

- 01—Lorraine Mason,  
Ross Finley,  
Dan Chriner  
02—Thelma Wise,  
Kayla Rains  
03—Gladys Henderson  
06—Terry Holoubeck,  
Ronald Cox,  
Nolan Johnson  
Avery Webster  
07—Chris Vasquez  
Tiffany Fox  
08—Pat Bailey,  
Kerri Miller  
09—Cassie Cole  
10—Leah Isaac  
11—Caleb Glendenning  
12—Ruth Chism,  
Mary Klasek  
13—Carol Reicheneker,  
Mattie Curtiss  
14—Roene Fox,  
Abigail Henderson  
16—John Gargan  
17—Katelynn Slack  
18—Virginia Christian  
20—Melissa Fox,  
Michell Schoneman  
24—Jo Jones  
25—Megan Herman,  
Taryn Miller  
27—Ron Loebig  
28—Dan Odens,  
Lora Chandler  
29—Devlin Isaac  
30—Alex Johnson,  
Alex Vasquez

A big thank you to all who helped me with the c.d. fundraiser. It was a success and I met my goal for the church. Once again—Thanks! Keith Danburg

Peter, Mary, Brooke, Daniel Rishel wish to thank everyone for the prayers and cards following the passing of his mother, Esther. She was a wonderful person who will be missed and live forever in our hearts.

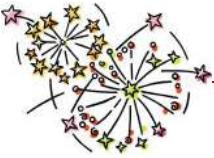
A few weeks ago, we visited the Faith church 11:00 o'clock service. We found the people there very friendly and was invited to the lunch in the basement. Your hospitality was great and I even visited with a couple of ladies I knew when I attended the church back in the late "50's".

~Dean & Mary Jane (Dillow) Zimmerman

## Church Outings

### Habitat for Humanity ~ July 20 1821 Ave. G—Kearney, NE

This is Faith's Saturday to provide meals, devotion, and workers for our community Habitat for Humanity house build. We will start at 8 a.m. and be on site until 4 p.m. Please notify the Breakfast Club Sunday School Class if you are willing and able to help with meal items or the 9:00 a.m. devotion and prayer (2 minute).



## Faith-works Fireworks Stand

June 29—July 4 @ Ponderosa Mall

**VOLUNTEER** shifts are available—contact Cassy at the Church office to claim some!

Looking for a **BENEFIT** to buying fireworks—you've got it  
FAITHWORKS FIREWORKS STAND benefits our Children & Youth Ministries' special events such as Fall Carnival, SonRise Service, and more!



- 04—Archie & Judy Holoubeck  
05—Dean & Marcia Dahlke  
08—Charles & Jeannine Kelliher  
10—Michael & Denise Streeter  
12—Rich & Annette Froid  
13—Lee & Robb Carter  
16—Dan & Rachel Brown  
17—Rick & Jodi Pettit  
18—Levi & Samantha Ramer  
19—Bryan & Julie Royle  
21—Ed & Sherry Foley  
26—Lee & Patty McQueen  
31—Henry Jr. & Kathy Brisbin



## Art in the Park

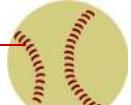
Sunday, July 14  
Harmon Park

Join the concessions team for a shift OR donate a food item (see list in the Overflow Room). This is a great annual fundraiser AND community engagement opportunity.

## Church CO-ED Softball

Come cheer on our award-winning team!

July **GAMES** at Harvey Park:  
8th @ 6:45 p.m. Field #3      15th @ 6:45 p.m. Field #4



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# Faith Team Notes

## Finance

**To:** Faith Congregation  
**From:** Finance Committee

Greetings,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the financial status of the church as we enter the summer months. We started the year strong because of everyone's efforts during December to Rise to the Challenge. That effort allowed us to pay our mission shares for 2012, and to start the year with a general fund balance over \$9,000.

Our general fund balance remains positive, so we are still "in the black." But, we were not able to pay mission shares during May. And, summer is a period when we as a group typically give less than we do in other months.

Finance Committee appreciates the continuing efforts of all the committees to recognize our budget limitations, and work within our means.

We appreciate that Sandy Townsend, Kim Graham and Pat Garrets, have stepped up to coordinate Faith's hosting of concession stands during the Buffalo County Fair and Art in the Park. Historically, the church's annual support for these efforts results in significant financial benefits to Faith.

This modern age can simplify giving to the church. Consider talking with your bank about the various electronic options that are available today.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Respectfully,  
 Lee McQueen, Chair—Finance Committee

## Nurture

### July Missions

National Baby Food Month

National Chocolate Day

### Mission Stats Report

Over the past few months, Faith has gathered: 8 pairs of pants, 14 tubes of toothpaste, 49 toothbrushes, 68 pairs of socks, 61 kids books, 16 jars peanut butter & jelly, 2 NEW pair of Nike shoes, 2 coloring book sets, 150 personal care items, 2 containers of laundry detergent, 3 purses, 10 washcloths, 14 cake mixes, 6 cans of frosting, and 9 rolls of toilet paper.

Dayla reports the following upon delivery of these items. They were taken to Crossroads, the Safe Center, and Press-On Youth Ministry. I walked into Crossroads and two little kids were playing inside. I asked them if they would like a book—they were SO excited! They each picked one out and acted like it was Christmas! Then another little boy came in and he stood there, so I asked if he would like a book and his mother said, you do not be picky and be thankful you are getting a new book! I thought that was such an awesome thing that she is raising her son with those words! The little boy and the mom both thanked me so much and they all ran into the other room and sat down with their books. Someone had given two new pair of Nike shoes and the lady at the desk said, "These are perfect! We have two boys these will fit!" So once again, I know this is a mission that we are to continue after these encounters! It is so easy for most all of us in this church to add 1 or 2 items to our cart when we go to the store each time and it doesn't hurt our pocketbook too much and it helps out so many. The guys they had help carry stuff in were so excited for all the PB&J they had. What a great example

Faith church sets for so many in this town!

## Christian Ed.

Join a **BIBLE STUDY!!!** Contact the church office for more information.

### The **ALL-church YARD SALE**

Saturday, July 6

8 a.m.—2 p.m.

Faith's South Lawn

Donations are welcomed, and can be left in the basement Sunday School room. All money received will go towards the Nursery Renovation project, scheduled to be complete by mid-August.

Volunteers AND donations are needed for **Kingdom of Faith Vacation Bible School** scheduled for August 4–8 from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Contact church office for details and opportunities.

Check out the **Children & Youth Page** (page 4)!

## Trustees

A great big THANK YOU to all volunteers who assisted in the cleaning and renovating of the **Parsonage** June 21—July 2.

~ Thanks, Kathy Garrets ~

### **Acts 20:28**

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."



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# Children & Youth

**Youth Summer Mission Trip**

July 13—20

Eureka Springs, AR

Participants:

Ashley Brown, Megan Chandler, Moriah Chandler, &amp; Andrew Hale

Sponsors:

Cassy Heuertz, Lee &amp; Patty McQueen

Please be in **PRAYER** for safe travels, positive attitudes, open hearts and minds, and God's presence in our work.**Pumpkin Patch**

We have TWO garden plots to grow PUMPKINS in!

These will be used as a program fundraiser at harvest time. Below is the weeding and upkeep schedule—join us!

Sunday

High School Sunday School

Wednesday

Pre-K—5th @ 5:15 p.m.

Middle School @ 7:00 p.m.

Cassy will maintain watering.

**Kingdom Sports****WEDNESDAYS**

(EXCEPT July 3)

Pre-K—5th Grade

5:30—6:30 p.m.

Coach: Tim Lester

**Cost: FREE**

Flag Football for July!

**Luke 18:16 (NIV)**

But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

**Faith-works Fireworks Stand**

June 29—July 4 @ Ponderosa Plaza

See page 2 for details

**Kingdom of Faith V.B.S.**

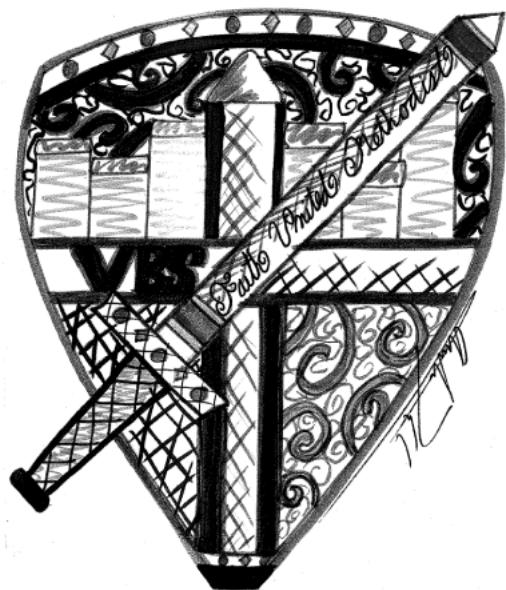
August 4—8 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Pre-K—5th Grade

Lesson Focus: Armor of God

Volunteers needed—

Contact Cassy thru the office!

**Kids of the Kingdom Sunday School**Join us ANY **Sunday** from **10:00-10:45am**, upstairs to explore God's Word.

Elementary &amp; Pre-School kiddos will join together to explore "Travel Guide: Fruit of the Spirit" through the summer.

Middle School will start UP: Artist Drive Bible Study—Choices and Remade, a study utilizing Christian music!

High School will jump into Summer of Service.

**Stay Connected!****Sunday School**

Sundays 10—10:45 a.m.

**Kingdom Sports**

Wednesdays 5:30—6:30 p.m.

**U.M.Y.F.**

EVERY Wednesday

7—8 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

EXCEPTIONS: July 3 &amp; 17

**Reality Check**

CANCELLED for July

**C.C.F.**

Summer Break

**Confirmation**

Summer Break



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## Spotlight on Faith

Roger & Sandy Townsend

Roger and Sandy moved to Kearney in the fall of 2001. They started to attend Faith in January of 2005 and officially join that October. Roger is from Pennsylvania and Sandy is from Indiana, originally.

Roger works at Chief Industries and Sandy's job is taking care of Roger (which is a FULL-time job).

They enjoy camping, golfing, flying, and traveling. Roger likes to fish and Sandy likes to crochet and cross-stitch in their spare time. He also enjoys music and has taught himself to play guitar and bass.

Sandy serves on the Finance Committee and is the Financial Secretary. She is also on the Board of Directors at the Kearney Country Club. Roger currently serves on the Trustees Committee at Faith as vice-chair and is a member of Sertoma.

Chet & Kim Graham

Chet & Kim joined Faith in about 1993. Rod and Amy Bear introduced them to this church. Carter was age 3 and has attended Sunday School and Youth Group, along with being confirmed here. Kelsee was baptized, attended Sunday School, Youth Group, and was also confirmed. Chet & Kim have both served on different committees and Kim is currently on the Trustees Committee. Kim has also co-chaired the Art in the Park concession stand the last few years and was involved with Hobby Sunday activities.

Chet has worked for NPPD for 27 years and loves to spend his spare time golfing! Kim works for Kearney Dental Clinic and LOVES to spend her time scrapbooking! Carter is currently attending UNL and will graduate in 2014 with his Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management. Kelsee will be a Senior this fall at Kearney High School and works at Hobby Lobby.

Chet & Kim have been married 25 years this year. In addition to Carter and Kelsee they have 2 cats, Nike and Dumpie.

**Reflection on John Wesley's Three Simple Rules**

*taken from "Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living" by Rueben P. Job & Discipline, 2004*

**Do No Harm**

"By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced."

"If, however, you bite and devour one another; take care that you are not consumed by one another." (Galatians 5:15)

**Do Good**

"By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all..."

"Whoever does good is from God." (3 John 11b)

**Stay in Love With God**

"By attending upon all the ordinances of God..."

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually." (Psalm 105:4)



# Things to Ponder

## ***"Dear Parents with Young Children in Church"***

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant carseat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of Amens just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know, *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly timed depending on who you ask) cries and whines are a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family - with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy – are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

*From: "I am totally \*that\* mom" BlogSpot posted on May 19, 2013*

## ***con't. Pastoral Appointments: Overview***

### **WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THIS WORLD**

Our appointment process puts The United Methodist Church in a unique position to help local churches broaden their understanding and experience about who can do effective ministry. For instance, many churches who would probably not have 'hired' a woman pastor on their own have learned to love and appreciate the clergywomen who have been appointed to serve them. (See "Memories and Dreams: Four Clergywomen Reflect on Their Calling" by Erik Alsgaard in *Circuit Rider* magazine.) Likewise, cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments invite congregations to value diversity in new ways. (See "Celebrating Diversity" on the East Ohio Conference web site.)

Of course, nontraditional appointments also create challenges for both pastors and local churches. Our connectional system allows for training and support in the face of these challenges. We are always working to improve our appointment process in light of our mission to make disciples. One current trend is to foster longer term appointments so that pastors and local churches have more time to develop truly effective ministry.



# JULY 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:30 Weight Watchers 5:30 Trustees	2 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 6:00 Finance	3 12:15 Weight Watchers 6:00 Praise Team	4 OFFICE CLOSED 5:45 Weight Watchers	5	6 8:30 Weight Watchers 8 a.m.—2 p.m. GARAGE SALE
7 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Worship  PASTOR ROBERT PERRY'S 1ST SUNDAY	8 9:30 Weight Watchers  6:30 Ad. Council 6:30 Ch. Ed. 6:45 Softball #3	9 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship  5:30 Nurture	10 12:15 Weight Watchers  5:30 King. Sports 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 UMYF	11 9:00 Quilters  5:45 Weight Watchers	12	13 YOUTH MISSION TRIP  8:30 Weight Watchers
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21 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	22 9:30 Weight Watchers	23 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship	24 12:15 Weight Watchers  5:30 King. Sports 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 UMYF	25 9:00 Quilters  5:45 Weight Watchers	26	27 8:30 Weight Watchers
28 8:45 Worship 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Community Meal	29 9:30 Weight Watchers	30 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship	31 12:15 Weight Watchers  5:30 King. Sports 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 UMYF	<b>FAITH FELLOWSHIP</b> <b>When:</b> Sundays <b>Time:</b> 9:45-10:45 a.m. <b>Where:</b> Overflow Room <b>What:</b> Fellowship & morning beverages		

### Prayers Please

Pastor Robert & Joleen Perry Family  
 Joleen Stowell, nursery attendant, in India for internship  
 Youth Mission Trip—July 13–20  
 V.B.S. – Kingdom of Faith – August 4-8

### Volunteer Mow Schedule



July 6— Mike & Linda Johnson  
 July 12— Nate Findley  
 July 20— Bret & Sarah Stubbs  
 July 27— Sean & Nikki Mizner Family



*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

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# USHERS

THIS MONTH

## 8:45 AM

**7** - Steve & Suzann Christensen,  
Rick & Jacque Triplett

**Scripture - Penny Buettner**

**14** - John & Sue Divan,  
Chase & Tyler Divan

**Scripture - Suzann Christensen**

**21** - Bill & Alta Crapson,  
Dan & Jason Odens

**Scripture - Kathy Larson**

**28** - Rachel Brown & Family,  
Mark Gifford

**Scripture - Suzann Christensen**

## 11:00 AM

**7** - Ryan Findley & Carrie Bruggeman

**Scripture - Ryan Findley**

**14** - Tim & Mindy Lester

**Scripture - Mindy Lester**

**21** - Peter & Mary Rishel Family

**Scripture - Brooke Rishel**

**28** - Jim & Carmen Brewer Family

**Scripture - Emma Brewer**



## Nurse's Blurb

### Be Sun Smart!

Ultraviolet (UV) rays are an invisible form of radiation. They can penetrate your skin and damage your skin cells. Sunburns are a sign of skin damage. Suntans aren't healthy, either. They appear after the sun's rays have already killed some cells and damaged others. UV rays can cause skin damage during any season or at any temperature. They can also cause eye problems, wrinkles, skin spots, and skin cancer.

To protect yourself:

Stay out of the sun when it is strongest, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher

Wear protective clothing

Wear wraparound sunglasses providing 100% UV ray protection

Avoid sunlamps and tanning beds

Check yourself regularly for changes in the size, shape, color or feel of birthmarks, moles, and spots. Such changes are a sign of skin cancer.