



# Faith in Action

November Volume I

Faith United Methodist Church  
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## SNEAK PEEK

- ◆ Mission Project
- ◆ Kids & Youth
- ◆ Birthdays
- ◆ Anniversaries
- ◆ Nurse's Corner



- 11/17 Evelyn Anderson
- 11/17 Cheryl Chambers
- 11/18 Barbara Clark
- 11/18 Samantha Shultz-Ramer
- 11/20 Terry Korb
- 11/20 Dean Dahlke
- 11/21 Averie Evans
- 11/22 Breanna Obermiller
- 11/23 Brian Hegert
- 11/23 Larry Nansel
- 11/23 Roberta Nansel
- 11/23 Mary Rishel
- 11/23 Tyler Hanson
- 11/23 Trista Tennant
- 11/24 Neil Miller
- 11/27 Emma Brewer
- 11/29 Mary Garrison
- 11/29 Jayne Samp
- 11/30 Linda Johnson
- 11/30 Rick Tighe
- 11/30 John Beatty

## WELCOME to Faith United Methodist Church!

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Please fill out the registration information on the attendance clipboard as it is passed through the pews. More information about Faith UMC's ministries is located on our website at kearneyfaith.org.

**FAITH INFORMATION:** We have several ways for you to seek information about Faith UMC. A great way to see what is happening is to check our website at kearneyfaith.org. You may also contact the church office (office@kearneyfaith.org) or 308.237.2550 to share prayer requests, update your contact information, or sign up for online giving. We also send e-mails periodically. **If you would like to be added to our e-mailing lists**, please contact the church office.

**PASTOR ROBERT PERRY** is continuing his lectionary sermon series using texts from I Samuel and John until we reach Advent.

*We look forward to seeing you in church!*



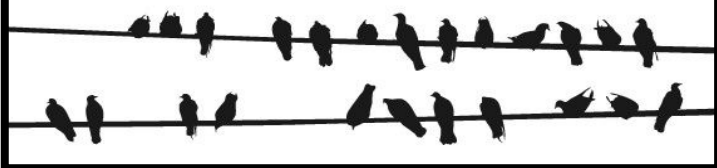
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**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Perry  
**Director of Christian Education:** Lauryn Gustafson  
**Office Secretary:** Suzann Christensen  
**Custodian:** Bob Eberhard  
**11:00 a.m. Choir Director:** Fran Wilson  
**Musicians:** Mary Nuss (8:45 a.m.) and Kathe Cox (11:00 a.m.)  
**8:45 a.m. Praise Team:** Penny Buettner, Keith Danburg, Jim Haws, Ed Kohel, Jake Maaske, Tari Poorman-Maaske

- 1115 Ron & Pam Blessing
- 11/20 Roger & Sandy Townsend
- 11/27 Bret & Sarah Stubbs



As long as we have memories,  
yesterday remains.  
As long as we have hope,  
tomorrow awaits.  
As long as we have love,  
today is beautiful.



## FIVE GRAINS OF CORN

~ Claude A. Frazier

The Pilgrims had little, but they did possess gratitude. Tradition says that the Pilgrims, in later years, put five grains of corn upon each empty plate before their annual Thanksgiving feasts were served. The father, mother, children and others at the table would each pick up a grain of corn and tell something for which they were thankful. The corn was to remind them that in the first year in the New World they had been in such dire straits that their allowance had been only five grains of corn per person per day.

It was upon this base of genuine gratitude to God that America was built.

Why not, this Thanksgiving, take five grains of corn and think of five persons for whom we feel especially appreciative, then take the time to tell them how much we appreciate them — in person, by a telephone call, letter, or even by e-mail?



## “Light of the World” Christmas Pageant



“The Light of the World” is a

Christmas Pageant performed by local residents of Minden, NE on the sides of the courthouse square every year. More than 100 Minden volunteers play centurions, angels, kings, and the Wise Men, as well as Joseph and Mary in a reenactment of the traditional Christmas story. Every performance is free of charge and culminates in the illumination of over 12,000 bulbs that adorn the courthouse and the square itself. The spectacular Christmas lights on the Kearney County Courthouse can be seen for miles. This year’s performance dates are Saturday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith’s **Mary Nuss**, 8:45 a.m. keyboardist, is one of the volunteers playing the part of Mary (and she is usually located on the west side of the square).

## MEMBERSHIP PINS



On **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**, membership pins will be given to those who have been Faith members for five years or longer. The pins are given in five-year increments on years when your membership is divisible by five. Pins will be awarded at both the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

A **special 75-year membership pin** will be presented to Lorraine Mason at Mother Hull Home at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15. Please join us as we recognize Lorraine for her years of faithful attendance at Faith UMC.



## Poinsettias 2015

Again this year, the Worship Team is inviting you to help decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas.

If you would like to do this, simply fill out this form and leave it in the offering plate (or mail it) with your \$15.00 check, payable to Faith UMC, **by Sunday, November 29, 2015**. Please write "Poinsettia" on the memo line.

**Plants will be ordered for you and delivered to the church. Please let us know if it is:**

In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

~OR~

In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

As always you are free to purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to the church on Sunday, December 13. If you wish to be recognized in the bulletin, please share the information with Suzann in the church office. Thank you.

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TEAM MEETINGS

Are you interested in what each of the teams (formerly known as committees) is doing at Faith UMC? Faith's teams include Ad Council, Christian Education, Finance, Memorial, Nurture, and Trustees.

Contact the church office, and minutes of team meetings will be e-mailed to you following their meetings (with permission from the team chairpersons).

*Please understand that if topics of a sensitive or confidential nature are discussed, those minutes will not be shared.*

Thank you.



**THE PEOPLE GOD  
USES AREN'T  
FEARLESS,  
THEY'RE JUST  
FAITHFUL**



*Abundance*

There exists a tendency in our western society for people who have plenty to think they never have enough. November, the month when we in the U.S.A. celebrate Thanksgiving, invites us to look closely at the individual pieces of our lives, to recognize our abundance. What small things have we over-looked? What individual gifts might we gather as a whole and see with new eyes? What awesome privileges and opportunities do we take for granted?

*(Taken from Joyce Rupp's November 2015 Reflection)*

## BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE



Our building accessibility project is advancing! **THREE THINGS** have to happen in order for Faith UMC to proceed:

- ◆ Set of plans (blueprints are in Pastor Robert's office)
- ◆ Contract bid
- ◆ Plan for payment (total estimated costs \$538,560)

We already have \$459,770 from the estate of Warren and Betty Miller and other donations in the amount of \$3,975. We need a plan to cover the additional \$74,815 that the building accessibility addition will cost. **That's where our pledges come in.** We do not have to have the \$74,815 in hand — **we just have to have pledges showing that the money will be provided.** And your pledge does not have to be paid in one installment; it may be spread out over a period of time.

**An easel in the back of the sanctuary is being used to track our pledge progress.** Please prayerfully consider making a pledge for the Faith United Methodist Church A.D.A. Improvement Project. Thank you for your generosity.

**Lost your pledge form?** Fill out this one and drop it in the offering plate at church . . . Mail it to the church office (1623 Central Avenue Kearney NE 68847) . . . Or deliver it in person sometime.

I want to help! I will pledge to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Faith United Methodist Church's A.D.A. Improvement Project.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_



### It's Done!

Trustees, in conjunction with Boy Scout Keegan Kuster, has completed the new **Faith Memorial Garden**, which replaces the area near

the NW entrance to the church. We are seeking donations to help fund this project. You can make a donation, \$25.00 minimum, and fill out the Donation Form in memory of a loved one. Once the funding is complete, a sign memorializing your loved ones will be placed in the **Faith Memorial Garden**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any Trustees Member.

### Faith UMC MEMORIAL GARDEN

Your name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(min. \$25 donation)

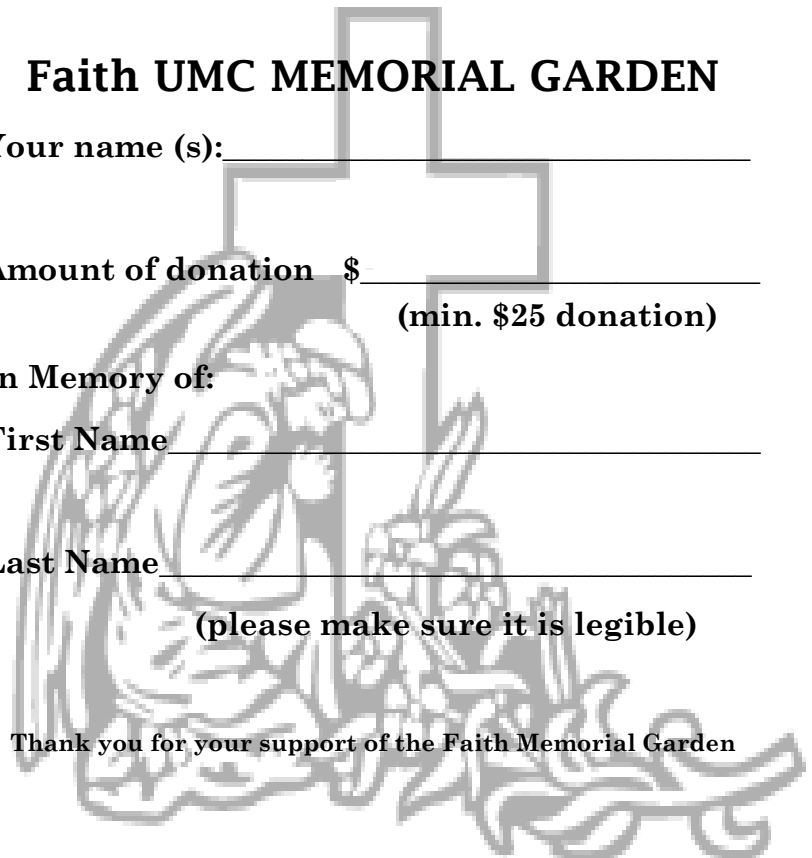
In Memory of:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

(please make sure it is legible)

Thank you for your support of the Faith Memorial Garden



## The Power of the Bended Knee

~ Rollin S. Burhans, End-Times Harvester

Birds go to sleep on their perches, but they never fall off. This is because of the tendons in the bird's legs. They are so constructed that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent again. The bended knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so tightly.

Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by a pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew the power of the bended knee.

From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things which are most precious to us—honesty, purity, thoughtfulness, honor, character. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values which make life worth living. When we hold firmly to God in prayer, we can rest assured He will hold tightly to us.

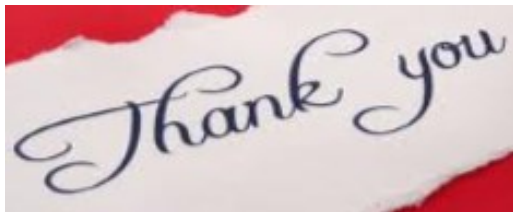


Dear Friends of Church,

I want to thank each of you for the memorial for Art Otto. Also for the cards and attending his service!

Thank you!

As ever,  
Millie



## Mona's Store

During the school year, Faith UMC partners with Bryant Elementary's afterschool program. In November and December, we ask parishioners to bring items that those students

may choose as gifts for family members. Mona Ripp, a longtime Faith member, loved helping children. Mona was so passionate about this mission of sharing Christmas with neighborhood children that, after her death, we named the event "Mona's Store" in her memory.

Mona was a cook at Bryant Elementary for many, many years. Please help Mona's Store by bringing items of approximately \$5 value. We need gifts for men, women and children of all ages. Also welcome are re-gifted new or gently used items that are Christmas-gift-appropriate.

***(Please, no books or adult clothing.)***

Items may be brought any time during November through December 13th and placed in the overflow room shopping cart.

Thank you for supporting Mona's Store!

**"Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes through which he looks  
with compassion on this world.**

**Yours are the feet with which  
he walks to do good.**

**Yours are the hands with which  
he blesses all the world.**

**Christ has no body now on earth but yours."**

Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582)





Dear All,

United Campus Ministry is participating in the "Give Where You Live" 2015 Campaign, and would love for you to join us in helping spread the word to your congregations, friends, and families!

You may make donations by going to:

<https://givewhereyoulive.razoo.com/story/United-Campus-Ministry-At-Unk-1>

Donations are accepted from **November 1 - December 3, 2015.**

Please consider prayerfully how you may be called to give in ways that support our ministry.

\*\*\*December 3, 2015 is the last day to give. Our ministry is holding an Open House that day, and would like to invite you to come to our UCM Houses (811 & 805 West 26th Street) from 8 am to 9 pm.

--We will be serving refreshments throughout the day, and starting at 11 am on we will be serving a meal (a variety of soups). Please join us!

--We would love showing you our two campus ministry houses and how we are "Making Connections" with our UNK students, community, and churches!

We ask for your prayers and support! Please feel free to contact us for additional information or questions!

God's Blessing to you,  
Pastor Laura Stubblefield  
United Campus Ministry  
@ the University of NE -Kearney  
(308) 627-6225



## Children's Christmas Program

(including communion)

Sunday, December 6, 2015

**10:00 a.m.**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY THAT MORNING**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

A cookie and punch reception in the overflow area will follow the program.

*Please join us as we celebrate the season of Christmas with the help of Faith youth.*



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

# Donor Sabbath

## **DONATE THE GIFT OF LIFE**

National Donor Sabbath is observed annually on Friday through Sunday two weekends before Thanksgiving. This three-day observance seeks to include the days of worship for major religions practiced in the United States:

2015: November 13 – 15

2016: November 11 – 13

2017: November 10 – 12



During National Donor Sabbath, faith leaders from many religions, donor families, transplant recipients, and donation and transplantation professionals participate in services and programs to increase awareness of the need for the lifesaving and enhancing gifts passed to others through transplantation and encourage people to sign up in their state registry as organ, eye, tissue, donors.

## **WHY NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH?**

Today, most faith communities are supportive of organ donation and the individual choices of its members. Many view donation as an act of compassion and generosity. Since people often turn to their faith leaders for help when dealing with life and death issues, National Donor Sabbath provides an opportunity for faith communities to share their views and join in the conversation.

## **THE NEED KEEPS GROWING**

While more than 120 million people are registered organ donors, we're all needed—because the need for organs keeps growing. Currently, more than 120,000 people are on the organ transplant waiting list.\* But not everyone will receive an organ in time. Sadly, an average of 22 people on the list will die each day, waiting for organs. Those who donate organs, tissues, and blood stem cells restore hope and share gifts beyond measure.



*You're invited to a special program about Alzheimer's from the COO at Diversified Financial Services in Omaha before his diagnosis of Alzheimer's at age 58*

## **A New Normal: A Presentation by Mike Hughbanks** *~ living with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease*

1-hour program includes time for Q&A, offered at two times/locations:

### **In Kearney**

When: Tuesday, November 17, Noon-1:00

Where: First United Methodist, 4500 Linden Dr.

No cost — includes complimentary lunch

### **In Grand Island**

When: Tuesday November 17, 5:30-6:30

Where: Central Community College, 3134 US-34

No cost — includes complimentary light supper

**PLEASE REGISTER** for one of these free programs by calling the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline (800) 272-3900 or through the online form:

<http://bit.ly/MikeHughbanks2015>

Events hosted by

alzheimer's   
association

 **COUNTRYHOUSE**  
RESIDENCE *for memory care*  
OF KEARNEY AND GRAND ISLAND



**31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
FREE! THANKSGIVING DINNER**



**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015

**WHERE:** 1900 Central Avenue  
Knights of Columbus Hall

**TIME:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**FREE** Turkey dinner with ALL the trimmings!!!

Come join in for Fun, GREAT Food, and  
Hospitality! You'll have a good time!

Need a ride to the dinner? Or a meal  
delivered? (Quantities may be limited!) Call  
the Knights of Columbus Hall on  
Wednesday or Thursday at 308-237-4255.

(Diabetic meals available upon request)

Sponsored by:

**KEARNEY AREA CONCERNED CITIZENS**

**Donations and volunteers are always needed,  
accepted and truly appreciated!!!**



Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good  
- Psalm 107:1 NIV

THANK YOU, LORD!



**(From Ruth Kirkland)**

What a gift I received today, a prayer blanket! I spent an hour curled up in this blanket tonight focusing on all the thoughts and prayers that have been lifted up on my behalf. Words can never express my gratefulness I have for all my prayer warriors known and unknown.

May God bless you in a way that you know it is only from Him. Thank you Michael and Kathe and the Faith United Methodist Church. I will cherish this.







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## Sunday School

We will start practicing for our annual Christmas program (which will be held on December 6th) during the Sunday School hour, beginning on November 15. If your child would like to be in the program, please have your child attend Sunday School as we only have three Sundays to practice. Thank you.

## Wednesday Programs

There will be no Wednesday programs on November 25th due to Thanksgiving break.

## Up-Coming Events



**November 25th - No Wednesday Programs, Thanksgiving Break**

**December 6th - Annual Christmas program**

**December 21st - January 1st- Christmas Break**

**December 23rd and 30th - No Wednesday Programs, Christmas Break**



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**For immediate release**

**Contact: Eileen Dakan ([edakan@mnca.net](mailto:edakan@mnca.net)) at 308-865-5675**

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### ***Health Insurance Enrollment Event November 19th***

Certified Navigators will be available to assist people in applying for health insurance through the healthcare.gov marketplace at an enrollment event on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M at the Help Care Clinic at 3015 Avenue A in Kearney.

Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska (Mid) has certified Affordable Care Act Navigators who will be available to provide assistance in English and Spanish.

A Navigator is a an individual that's trained and able to help consumers as they look for health coverage options through the Marketplace, including completing eligibility and enrollment forms. Navigators are required to be unbiased and have a valid State of Nebraska Department of Insurance License. Their services are free to consumers.

While no appointments are necessary, if you are unable to attend this event, you can make an appointment with a Navigator to assist you. For more information please contact: Kylie 308-221-5433 or Shawn: 1-877-335-6422 or 308-865-5675

About Us: Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska (Mid) is a private, non-profit agency serving 27 counties in south central Nebraska and two counties in Kansas. Mid's vision is "Helping people, changing lives, and making communities a better place to live." Throughout our nearly 50 years of operation, the agency has established a wide variety of solid programs that work to alleviate poverty conditions and improve quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 All Saints Day  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	2    7:00 BSA 158	3  9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship  4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance 7:00 BSA 135	4  12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Bible Study	5    5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	6	7 8:30 W.W.
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22 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship  Hanging of the Greens	23	24 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship  4:30 W.W. 7:00 BSA 135	25  12:15 W.W. <b>NO YOUTH EVENTS</b> 7:00 Men's Bible Study	26  Thanksgiving Day Faith Office Closed	27 Faith Office Closed	28 8:30 W.W.
29 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship  First Sunday of Advent	30					



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