



Faith in Action

Faith United Methodist Church

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Sneak Peek

- ◆ Clergy Appreciation Month
- ◆ Birthdays
- ◆ Anniversaries
- ◆ UMYF Pancake Feed
- ◆ Calendar



- 10/2 Lee Woollen
- 10/3 Bret Stubbs
- 10/4 Bret Obermiller
- 10/6 Rylie Cole
- 10/8 Amy Bear
- 10/8 Lee White
- 10/9 Roberta Wiles
- 10/9 Peggy Mak
- 10/10 Benjamin Vogt
- 10/10 Lisa Tallent
- 10/11 Nathan Findley
- 10/13 Kathy Brisbin
- 10/13 Bryana Royle
- 10/13 Caleb Gavierrez



Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock.

And God has instructed us to recognize His servants:

*“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, **especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.**”*

(1 Timothy 5:17).

Take time this month to let Pastor Robert and Joleen know how very much we appreciate them and their work on behalf of Faith United Methodist Church.



- 10/02 Jon & Dixie Obermiller
- 10/12 Steve & Holly Curtiss



Fall Festival

Faith UMC Youth Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 27th 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Costume Contest for all ages, Trunk or Treat, Cake Walk
 Walking Tacos, Bounce Houses



Food for Health

It's no wonder that spinach helps lower risk of numerous health problems related to oxidative stress. Our blood vessels, for example, are especially susceptible to damage from oxidative stress, and intake of spinach has been associated with decreased risk of several blood vessel-related problems, including atherosclerosis and high blood pressure. (Interestingly, the blood pressure benefits of spinach may be related not only to its antioxidants, but also to some of its special peptides. Peptides are small chains of amino acids, the building blocks of protein, and researchers have discovered several peptides in spinach that can help lower blood pressure by inhibiting an enzyme called angiotensin I-converting enzyme.) Two of the carotenoids that are especially plentiful in spinach - lutein and zeaxanthin - are primary antioxidants in several regions of the eye, including the retina and the macula.

How Have You Been Blessed Lately?

Share those blessings with our Faith in Action newsletter readers! Please send blessings to Suzann Christensen in the church office (office@kearneyfaith.org) or give her a call at (308) 237-2550.

Wondering What To Share?

Share a child's accomplishment — news of a new grandchild (or great-grandchild — or great-great-grandchild) — good health news — anything you wish!

(Remember . . . We're not bragging or being prideful, we're joyfully sharing how God has blessed us!)

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

COMING SOON!



Sunday, October 4

12:00 noon

A time of fellowship and dining with those who share your birthday month
Signup for tables, desserts and decorations now available
MENU: Hot Beef Sundaes

Nebraska Brass

In Concert

Thursday, October 1, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Faith UMC Sanctuary

Ticket Prices

\$12 Adults

\$10 Seniors (65 and older)

Children and Students (through age 18) Free

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Thank you from Kathy Rae Larson, recipient of a Faith UMC prayer blanket on September 13. Kathy Larson, her sister-in-law, reports that Kathy Rae was thrilled to receive her prayer blanket and is grateful to Faith.

CHI Health Good Samaritan Volunteer Services would like to invite you to join our league of hospital volunteers! We feel the benefits of helping those most in need to be an uplifting and blessed experience that we want to share.

We also would like to ask you and your church family to pray for our volunteer service league and all the lives we touch.

We hope that you'll consider sharing your experiences, talents and interests with others. Remember, depending on your skills and interests, the hospital has a wide range of exciting and challenging volunteer positions available.

For more information, call our friendly Volunteer Services staff at (308) 865-7150.



UMYF Pancake Feed

(Mission Trip Fundraiser)

Sunday, October 11

8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

12:00 noon—12:45 p.m.



To the Faith Church, all my friends, and to the good people I have had in my life — you have always been a blessing to me and my family. Thank you for the cards, prayers, love and concern for me.

I'm always praying and thinking of all of you.

In Christ's name,

Delores Swift

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.

8 Ways You Can Show Your Pastor Appreciation

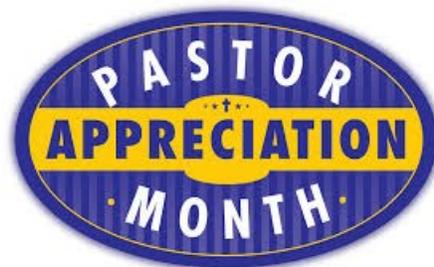
(paraphrased from **Sharefaith Magazine**, October 7, 2013)

<http://www.sharefaith.com/blog/2013/10/8-ways-show-pastor-appreciation/>

1. **Just say something nice.** The best way to show appreciation is the most obvious — tell him you appreciate him. Just say something nice, and really mean it.
2. **Listen up and show that you're paying attention.** Your attentive listening is an unspoken token of appreciation, a sign that you value his ministry and are seeking to grow.
3. **Be kind to his family.** Acts of kindness to a pastor's family go a long way in sustaining the pastor with the gift of appreciation.
2. **Pray for him, and pray with him.** Nothing changes things like prayer. Your greatest gift to your pastor is the time you spend in prayer for him. Your pastor will value this sign of respect and appreciation.
3. **Give him time off.** As much as your pastor loves his church, he needs some time off.
4. **Give him something.** Nice words and an attentive attitude are excellent ways to show that you appreciate your pastor, but take it a step further. There are all kinds of things you can do to provide tangible means of appreciation. See if there's one thing on this list you might do: write him a note of thanks, send him and his wife out to eat at a restaurant in town, leave his favorite snack or candy in his office, buy him a book, or give him a gift card.
5. **Volunteer.** Every church needs people to serve and volunteer. One of your greatest acts of appreciation could be your volunteering for some task. God has given you a personal gift that should be applied to the church in some way.
6. **Grow in grace.** If you really want to show appreciation — to give your pastor his greatest joy — walk in truth. (3 John 1:4) Don't do this just for your pastor. Do this because you're a Christian, and because Christians grow. (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

Church is people. We are the church — not just spectators or silent critics, but participants in God's glorious program of spreading His kingdom across the globe. And your pastor — he's an important part of that. He could use your appreciation. Whatever the case, whatever his personality, whatever your disposition, whatever your relationship with him or with God, show your pastor appreciation.

A simple act of pastoral appreciation is going to change someone for the better — maybe you, maybe your pastor, and probably both of you.



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 (due by October 1, 2015)
- ◆ Plan for payment (total 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. Our goal is to have the pledged amount by the October 26 Charge Conference. If we do, we can approve the plans at the Charge Conference **and groundbreaking could take place yet this fall.** 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) _____



October 8, 2015 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Prime Festival Buffalo County Fairgrounds

Come support Faith's Renovation Committee as they serve concessions at the Prime Festival.



OCTOBER MISSION

Faith's October Mission is continuing to gather items for the RAFT House. RAFT stands for Residential Assistance to Families in Transition. RAFT's mission statement: To stabilize families in distress within a safe, secure, and empowering environment while they regain self-sufficiency.

Items needed for a mother transitioning to her own home with her children: towels, washcloths, toaster, silverware, pots, pans, and other kitchen items (new or gently used).

Generally needed items: paper products and cleaning products for the families; Pampers sizes 4 and 5 (one child can only wear Pampers because of allergies).

Please place donated items in the shopping cart located in Faith's overflow room any time during October. Thank you for supporting the RAFT



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

CORRECTED NAMES

Hydes, Lois (not Hyde)
Shultz, Tom (not Schultz)

CORRECTED ADDRESSES

Hydes, Lois (1004 West 11th Apartment H-27)

CORRECTED E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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ADDITIONAL UPDATES?

Please contact Suzann Christensen, Church Office
(308) 237-2550 or office@kearneyfaith.org
Thank you!



Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for the scholarship and for the several greeting cards I have received! I appreciate everything!

I am graduating from Capital School of Hairstyling this month and will continue to live in Omaha to pursue my career!

Thank you again for your continued prayers and love.

Kelsee Graham



United Campus **Ministry**

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PASTOR: LAURA STUBBLEFIELD

10th Annual - WAFFLEMAN and Silent Auction **Fundraiser for: United Campus Ministry**

To Whom It May Concern:

The First Christian, First Presbyterian, Faith United Methodist, and First United Methodist Churches of Kearney will be sponsoring a fundraiser for United Campus Ministry (UCM) on **Sunday, October 25, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event is going to be held at First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive in Kearney.

The cost for the all you can eat meal will be \$7 per person or \$25 for a family of four. Children age four and under are free. We will be serving Belgian Waffles with seven different flavors of syrup, sausage, and drinks. A silent auction will be taking place during the meal, featuring donated items from local business and individuals.

The proceeds will go to help support UCM at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), which offers many programs for students to become involved in. Worship services, Bible Studies, Men's basketball, Intramural Sports, fellowship outings, snacks and meals, and a traveling praise band are a few of the numerous programs UCM is involved with. UCM provides fellowship, spiritual connection, and the opportunity for students to grow in their personal faith journey in the college setting. Many feel the impact of Kearney's UCM; not only the students, but also all who come in contact with the message and work the group shares in their outreaches. UCM sees over 150 students each week during their many activities on the UNK campus.

This is UCM's major fundraiser for each year; whatever you can contribute and/or donate will be most helpful. Please consider purchasing tickets for you and family, your employees, a UNK student, or donate item(s).

Sincerely,

Pastor Laura Stubblefield

Tenth Annual Fundraiser for: United Campus Ministry

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WAFFLE
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With SILENT AUCTIONS ITEMS

October 25, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Where: First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive**

\$7.00 per Person 4 for \$25 & Age 4 and under Free

*All You Can Eat—9" Belgian Waffles—7 Different Flavored Syrups
Sausage & Drinks*

For more information contact—Pastor Laura Stubblefield @ (308) 627-6225

Or email laura@ucmunk.org

UCM is Sponsored by the:

KS & NE United Methodist Churches, NE churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Disciples of Christ,
and United Church of Christ



Sunday School

Hear ye!.. Hear ye!.... Come see us on Sunday Mornings for Sunday School for all ages. We have a Deep Blue curriculum for PreK-5th grades and an amazing Reform Ancestors curriculum for the Middle School and High School.

B'tween

Please note that due to low attendance numbers, we are suspending the Wednesday B'tween group. Any middle school students are welcome to attend youth group with the high school. Any questions please contact Lauryn (kids@kearneyfaith.org).

Youth Group

Due to low attendance, we are combining forces with First United Methodist Church on Wednesday nights. This team-up will begin on Wednesday, October 7. Youth are to meet Lauryn at Faith Church at 6:30 p.m. and they will travel together as a group to First Church and back for pickup at Faith church. Any questions please contact Lauryn (kids@kearneyfaith.org).

Upcoming Events



October 11: Back to Church Sunday, we will present Kindergarten and 4th grade students with bibles. We will also have a freewill donation pancake feed.

Tuesday, October 27: Annual Fall Festival from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28: NO CCF



2015

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study 7:30 Nebraska Brass in Concert	2	3 8:30 W.W.
4 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Birthday Bash	5 7:00 BSA	6 9:30- Women's Bible Study 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance 7:00 BSA 135	7 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF 5:30 B'Tween 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir 7:00 Men's Bible Study	8 Prime Festival 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	9	10 8:30 W.W.
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