

# Faith in Action July 2016 Volume I

Faith United Methodist Church  
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**MISSION STATEMENT:** At Faith United Methodist Church our mission is to worship God, teach the Word, and care for one another in Christian love by nurturing individuals in their spiritual journey.



- 7/01 Ross Finley
- 7/01 Lorraine Mason
- 7/01 Dan Schriener
- 7/02 Isabella Hamaker
- 7/02 Kayla Rains
- 7/02 Thelma Wise
- 7/04 Happy Macwan
- 7/06 Ronald Cox
- 7/06 Terry Holoubeck
- 7/06 Nolan Johnson
- 7/06 Avery Webster
- 7/07 Chris Vasquez
- 7/08 Kollins Evans
- 7/08 Kerri Miller
- 7/10 Leah Isaac
- 7/13 Mattie Curtiss
- 7/13 Carol Reicheneker
- 7/14 Roene Fox
- 7/14 Abigail Henderson
- 7/14 Kealan McBride
- 7/16 John Gargan
- 7/17 Katelynn Slack
- 7/18 Carrie Findley
- 7/19 Larry Johnson
- 7/20 Melissa Fox
- 7/20 Michell Schoneman
- 7/21 Kira Findley
- 7/22 Isabelle Runge
- 7/24 Jo Jones
- 7/25 Megan Herman
- 7/25 Taryn Miller
- 7/28 Judy Johnson
- 7/28 Dan Odens
- 7/29 Devlin Isaac
- 7/30 Alex Johnson
- 7/30 Alex Vasquez



- 7/04 Archie & Judy Holoubeck
- 7/06 Dean & Marcia Dahlke
- 7/09 Gabe & Hannah Evans
- 7/12 Rich & Annette Froid
- 7/13 Robb & Lee Carter
- 7/16 Dan & Rachel Brown
- 7/17 Rick & Jodi Pettit
- 7/18 Levi Ramer & Samantha Shultz-Ramer
- 7/19 Bryan & Julie Royle
- 7/21 Ed & Sherry Foley
- 7/23 Kyle & Kasey McBride
- 7/26 Lee & Patty McQueen
- 7/28 Robert & Patricia Cook
- 7/31 Henry & Kathy Brisbin Jr.



Jacque Triplett (on behalf of Nurture team) recently had congregational members sign cards to send to Faith friends. She included photos of the Faith BBQ at the home of Deb and Doug Jesch, as well as pictures of the accessibility addition construction. Here are some responses:

### Thanks From Jerry and Lois:

Please tell the Church thanks for mailing us a remembrance with signatures and pictures. It came in the mail today. I must say, I got tears in my eyes thinking of our church family. 56 years ago Lois and I were married in the church.

We brought up our family in the church. Now a part of our lives are different since we moved closer to our children. We now are a part of our grandchildren's lives.

~ Jerry and Lois Idt



What a thrill it was to open my mail and find a card with signatures from my church family!

Thanks for the pictures of the Faith picnic at the Jesch's home. Also for the pictures of the work being started on the new elevator, well on its way. (I will be back for a ride.)

Love and blessings to all.

~ Marlys Bauer

FUMC member/family of God



6/26/16 **Betty Lou Geist** called to thank her Faith friends for the packet she received in the mail. Betty says to tell everyone hello and she misses all of us!

6/29/16 **Jo Jones** called to thank us for sending the packet. She enjoyed the photos of all the changes and seeing names she recognized.

Dear Pastor Robert and Members of Faith Church,

Thank you for the financial assistance/scholarship to help Lily attend Camp Brave at Camp Comeca. She was so excited to attend and talked nonstop on the way home. She learned new songs, had daily devotions, used the zip line and climbing, canoed on Comeca Cove, made a tie-dye shirt and met lots of new friends.

Thanks again!

~ Sue Divan



*Anyone can say "THANKS"!*

*But not everyone has someone as nice as you to say it to!*

Thank you for helping me go to Camp Comeca. I had a great time!

Love,

Lily Hasbrouck



## FAITHWORKS FIREWORKS STAND

Fireworks sales are underway! The Faith Fireworks Stand proceeds help support our Christian Education programs.

*The stand is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., through July 4, and is located on the Ponderosa Mall Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this very important fundraiser.*

*(P.S. We still have a few remaining spots for Fireworks Stand Sales Volunteers if you are so inclined . . .)*

Carmen Brewer, Chairperson    Christian Education Committee

*You are cordially invited to the  
Celebration of Appointment Service*

*In honor of*

*the Rev. Cindy Karges  
Gateway District Superintendent*

*Sunday, August 7, 2016*

*3 PM*

*Kearney First United Methodist Church*

*4500 Linden Drive*

*Kearney, Nebraska*

*A reception will follow the service.*

*Please share this invitation via newsletter or other announcement with  
your church family. All clergy and laity of the Gateway District are  
welcome to attend.*

**Faith Friend Who Is Healing**  
*(and would appreciate hearing from her Faith family)*

**Mary Garrison (fractured pelvis)**  
1319 East 45th Street Unit G-7  
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Condolences to the family of Evelyn Anderson, who passed away on June 30, 2016.

As of this printing, funeral arrangements are pending.





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(Ponderosa Mall)  
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## HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS PROGRAM

The Healthy Congregations Program was developed by the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund to promote health and sharing ministries in Great Plains United Methodist Churches. The program reflects the connection between the health ministries of local United Methodist churches and the four dimensions of holistic health: spiritual, physical, social, and mental/emotional.

**How do we get started?** Kathy Larson has agreed to be a team leader. She needs two (or more) interested persons who will assist her in developing a plan for Faith UMC. You do NOT have to have a medical background — just be interested in the health of our congregation.

**If you are interested, or would like more information,** please contact the church office (308) 237-2550 or [office@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:office@kearneyfaith.org).



Following Pentecost, we enter into the longest season of the liturgical calendar. Some refer to it as the "Season after Pentecost" while others refer to it as "Ordinary Time."

There is nothing truly "ordinary" about this season. It is a time for responding to the empowerment received through the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is a time for growing in faith.

It is no coincidence that the liturgical color for "Ordinary Time" is green, representing healthy, new growth.

[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)

## CHURCH HUMOR

**The Scene:** The Pearly Gates to Heaven. St. Peter is receptionist at the entrance.

A cat shows up.

St. Peter says, "I know you! You were a very nice cat on earth and didn't cause any trouble, so I want to offer a gift to you of one special thing you have always wanted."

**Cat:** "Well, I did always long to own a nice satin pillow like my master had, so I could lie on it."

**St. Peter:** "That's easy. Granted. You shall have the satin pillow after you enter in."

Next a group of mice appeared.

**St. Peter:** "Ah, I remember you. You were such good mice on earth. You didn't steal food from anyone's house and never hurt other animals. Therefore, I want to grant you one special wish you always wanted."

The chief mouse replied, "Well, we always watched the children playing and saw them roller skate, and it was beautiful, and it looked like so much fun. So may we each have some roller skates, please?"

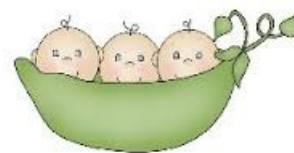
**St. Peter:** "Granted. You shall have your wish."

The next day, St. Peter is making the rounds inside the Gates, and sees the cat. "Well, Cat . . . did you enjoy the satin pillow?"

**Cat:** "Oh, indeed I did. And say . . . that 'Meals on Wheels' thing was a nice touch, too!"

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Mark Gifford, whose daughter Tessa Gifford Barney (and her husband Adam) recently gave birth to triplets. The two boys and one girl are named William, Oliver and Cora. The Barney family lives in Lincoln.



## A Coincidence



**"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."**

- Josh Billings

Both words "dog" and "God" have a murky etymological history. No one is quite certain from where they evolved. Is it mere coincidence that they are semi-palindromes of each other?

I'd like to think it isn't!

It was like God took all the wonderful things in life and put them in one package.

**Unconditional love? Check!** (*"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me."* Isaiah 49:15-16 ESV)

**Uninhibited joy? Check!** (*"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."* 1 Peter 1:8-9 NIV)

**Steadfast loyalty? Check!** (*"But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.'"* Ruth 1:16-17 ESV)

**Unfathomable compassion? Check!** (*"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."* Luke 15:20 NIV)

**Relentless optimism? Check!** (*"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."* Romans 8:28 NIV)

**Wellsprings of grace and forgiveness? Check!** (*"As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."* Psalm 103:12)

All in the package we call "dog" or God spelled backwards.

We can learn much from our four-legged furry friends.

(<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/a-coincidence>)



Remember that Vacation Bible School starts on Sunday, July 17th with supper at 5:30 p.m. VBS will go until Thursday July 21st and will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. We will provide supper for the children every night. Registration forms should have been sent to your house if you have children; please fill those out and mail them back (or bring to the church) by July 10th! If you did not receive a form, or your grandchild would like to attend and he or she didn't receive a form, please contact Suzann at the church office and I'm sure she would love to get a form to you! A little change-up...we are going to do the Bible School program on Thursday evening from 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with refreshments after the program. Please invite your family, friends, and anyone else you think would enjoy the Bible School program! We will run a slideshow on Sunday July 24th so anyone who missed the program can see what happened in the deep sea at Vacation Bible School! I am so looking forward to seeing everyone again! See you all in a few weeks! Please email me ([kids@kearneyfaith.org](mailto:kids@kearneyfaith.org)) if you have any questions or concerns!

Lauryn Gustafson  
Christian Education Director

**Kids  
of the  
Kingdom**

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|   |   |   |   |  | 1   | 2<br>8:30 W.W.                                   |
| 3<br>8:45 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship                                     | 4<br><b>U.S. Independence Day</b>                           | 5<br>9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship<br><br>4:30 W.W.   | 6<br><br>12:15 W.W.                                 | 7<br><br>5:45 W.W.   | 8<br><b>Double Header</b><br>8:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 3<br>9:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 1 | 9<br>8:30 W.W.                                   |
| 10<br><b>Art In The Park</b><br><br>8:45 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship      | 11  | 12<br>9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship<br><br>4:30 W.W.<br><b>5:30 Trustees</b><br><b>6:00 Finance</b> | 13<br><br>12:15 W.W.                                | 14<br><br>5:45 W.W.  | 15  | 16<br>8:30 W.W.                                  |
| 17<br>8:45 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br><br><b>VBS 5:30 to 8:30</b>     | 18<br><br><b>6:30 Ad Council</b><br><b>VBS 5:30 to 8:30</b> | 19<br>9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship<br><br>4:30 W.W.<br><b>VBS 5:30 to 8:30</b>                     | 20<br><br>12:15 W.W.<br><br><b>VBS 5:30 to 8:30</b> | 21<br><br>5:45 W.W.<br>7:00 PFLAG<br><b>VBS 5:30 to 8:30</b> | 22  | 23<br>8:30 W.W.<br><br>7:00 Journey of Hope Tour |
| 24<br>8:45 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship                                    | 25  | 26<br>9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship<br><br>4:30 W.W.  | 27<br><br>12:15 W.W.<br>6:00 Praise Team            | 28<br><br>5:45 W.W.  | 29  | 30<br>8:30 W.W.                                  |
| 31<br><b>Nurture Pancake Feed</b><br><br>8:45 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship |   |   |   |  |   |  |