

Faith in Action August 2016 Volume I

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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.



8/02 Mike Duester
8/03 Natalie Hamaker
8/05 Syllas Gavierrez
8/05 Zane Holoubeck
8/05 James Jennings
8/06 Stan Grube
8/06 Jenny Hanson
8/07 Isabella Lester
8/08 Jordan Gilbertson
8/14 Henry Brisbin Jr.
8/14 Calvin Mak
8/14 Rachel Woollen
8/15 Leigh Spellman
8/17 Deb Jesch
8/17 Jan Pollat
8/17 Sharon Rouse
8/17 Maicie Stubbs
8/18 Judy Holoubeck
8/18 Roger Wisch
8/19 Jacob Brown
8/21 Kaelani McBride
8/21 Dakota Tagel
8/22 Connor Henderson
8/23 Eileen Anderson
8/24 Grace Lester
8/24 Hunter Webster
8/27 Darlene Cerny
8/27 Brenna Duester
8/27 Holden Duester
8/27 Ian Perry
8/28 Landon Johnson
8/28 Sue Lamkin
8/31 Joshua Garrelts
8/31 Roma Grube
8/31 Sara Holoubeck



8/03 Dan & Richelle Schriener
8/04 Steve & Suzann Christensen
8/05 Roger & Vicki Wisch
8/06 Patrick & Kathy Garrelts
8/06 Megan & Thomas Herman
8/14 Otto & Elma Lohrenz
8/19 Larry & Judy Johnson
8/28 Jason & Linda Clark
8/31 Peter & Mary Rishel



Happy
Anniversary!

The Service of Celebration/Installation for
Rev. Cindy Karges
as our
Gateway District Superintendent
has been changed to
Sunday, August 14th
at 3:00 p.m.
at Kearney First UMC.

Bishop Jones has new responsibilities as a member of the Council of Bishops' Executive Committee and had an unexpected event that required his presence. I hope you are able to make this change in your schedule. I believe this will be Bishop Jones's last public worship as the Great Plains Episcopal leader. He will be presiding over Holy Communion.
Let's have a good send off for him.

Rev. Cindy Karges
Gateway District Superintendent

From Phyllis Kantaras (received on 7/16/16):

I had surgery on my only eye and they gave me a new lens! Vision is very dim but will get better! Eye is healing great—just takes time for vision to come back! Well, miss you guys!!

Have a great day!

(Here is Phyllis's contact information should you wish to drop her a note.)

Phyllis Kantaras
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CONSTRUCTION ALERT

Blessing Construction is working on an improvement project along Central Avenue. Beginning August 5, the work will require closing Central Avenue from 12th Street through the intersection of 17th Street.

This means parking and regularly traveled roads to the church may be affected. You may have to take the scenic route to reach Faith UMC!

The Blessing Of A New Grandchild . . .

Annette and Rich Froid are grandparents (again). David and Kim Froid's son, Max Byron (named after Annette's father), was born July 31, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and 19" long. Max is joined at home by brother Ryan (age 3 1/2). The Froids will head to Texas to visit their grandsons at the end of September or whenever Texas cools down (if they can last that long).

Congratulations!



Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is great to have the support of so many people. The next months will be tough but I know I can get through it with the love of my friends and family.
Thank you again.
~ Krista

(Krista Wright Jacobi is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She was Covered in Prayer by Faith UMC on July 17, 2016.)

We raised **\$377** for the Accessibility Addition at the July 31 Pancake Feed.

THANK YOU to Nurture for sponsoring the event, and to James Jennings for manning the pancake griddles!



**DON'T
MISS
THIS!**

LIVE IN CONCERT

Keith Danburg and Dave Glatter
Thursday, August 4, 2016 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A NOTE-Worthy Studio
2117 Avenue A

Dear Faith UMC,

I received some money for memorials for Mother. I am sending it on to you. There is no more fitting place than Faith United Methodist.

I was with Mother on the last Sunday when Kathy delivered the bulletin. After Kathy left, she tried so hard to read the bulletin without her magnifying glass.

Faith Church will always have a special place in my heart. God bless each and every one of you.

Love,
Kirsten Anderson Carlson (Evelyn Anderson's daughter)

P.S. Mother first joined the Methodist Church when she was 10 years old. She was a member of Faith for 52 years.





New Heaven and New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. Revelation 21:1 (NIV)

With all that is happening in the world today, there is talk about the End of Days being near, by both sides of the belief spectrum, granted for very different reasons. And yet there is a unifying theme – this can't continue as it has been. God needs to just get rid of it all and start with a new heaven and a new earth.

That is exactly what God is doing. For many of us, the political and military turmoil on a grand civilization scale calls for Armageddon. Yet for many, their individual lives experience the End over and over again. A homeless family already lives in a post-apocalyptic world. Addicts live with finite time that can be counted on fingers and toes. Many who live in constant pain long for the end to come soon, for good reason.

Yet God doesn't answer in the affirmative to their prayers. Instead, God sends individuals into our lives who are filled with gratitude and a passion to help call others to life and not to death. Groups like Open Table in Nashville, TN, provide housing to the homeless, but probably just as importantly, reveal God's presence in the people's lives. That in fact, God has been there all along, their intimate company on the long days and nights on the streets.

God is already at work in the world. And it isn't in making plans for its end next Thursday afternoon. God has always loved this creation including ample opportunity and time to figure out the blessings of this life and live it.

Knowing that you are a child of God means you also know that everyone else shares in this blessing. God's desire is that this lesson should change hearts and minds on how we are to treat one another.

As more and more people come to this realization and understand, then there will be a new heaven and a new earth by reconciliation and not destruction.

<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/new-heaven-and-new-earth>



FaithWorks Fireworks Stand

Thank you to everyone who supported our fireworks stand this year through your time and purchases.

We had a very successful year with this fundraiser and raised **\$3,934.33** to go toward our youth programs.

Thank you again.

Carmen Brewer, Christian Education Chairperson

Thank you for making the prayer blanket for Marissa. She uses it every day while she is recovering at Madonna.

Thank you and your church for the prayers and support.

~ Dee Dee Rose (Marissa Von Aschwege's mother)

(Missy Von Aschwege was injured in an automobile accident and was covered in prayer by Faith UMC on June 26, 2016.)





The Treasure Principle

**You can't take it with you — but you can send it on ahead.
“Store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.”**

Jesus, Matthew 6:20

Ever seen the bumper sticker “He who dies with the most toys wins”? Millions of people act as if it were true. The more accurate saying is “He who dies with the most toys still dies – and never takes his toys with him.” When we die after devoting our lives to acquiring things, we don't win – we lose. The bumper sticker couldn't be more wrong.

I think of it in terms of a dot and a line. Our lives have two phases: one a dot, the other a line extending out from that dot. Our present life on earth is the dot. It begins. It ends. It's brief. But from that dot extends a line that goes on forever. That line is eternity, which Christians will spend in heaven. Right now we are living in the dot. But what are we living for? The shortsighted person lives for the dot.

The person with perspective lives for the line. This earth (and my time here) is the dot. My beloved Bridegroom, the coming wedding, the Great Reunion, and my eternal home in the New Heaven and New Earth – they're all on the line. The person who lives for the dot lives for treasures on earth that end up in junkyards. The person who lives for the line lives for treasures in heaven that will never end. Giving is living for the line.

We'll each part with our money. The only question is when. We have no choice but to part with it now. We can keep earthly treasures for the moment, and we may derive some temporary enjoyment from them. But if we give them away, we'll enjoy eternal treasures that will never be taken from us.

Live for the line, not for the dot.

(Taken from “The Treasure Principle”, Randy Alcorn, Author)



LISTEN CLOSELY

~ Nancy Gibbs

Nobody likes to talk to someone who isn't listening. I personally know how it feels to be sharing something from my heart to someone and have them look away or act like what I have to say is not important. When people talk to us it is important for us to respond appropriately.

What are some ways we can do that?

Make eye-to-eye contact. Listen intently not only with your ears, but also with your heart.

Repeat what the other person says to you when appropriate.

Don't allow outside distractions to pull you away. Stay focused.

Smile and nod your head as he or she speaks. A smile speaks loudly.

Don't offer advice until it is requested. And then speak gently.

Try not to change the subject or feel the need to tell them something similar that happened to you.





A wrap-up from Vacation Bible School: we had a total of 37 children attend VBS from Sunday through Thursday, July 17-21. Our program was a great success on Thursday. **Thank you** to all who helped us out whether it was providing a meal, helping out with the kids, decorating, or even bringing a child to attend VBS. It was great!

Each evening we collected money for VBS offering and a mission. The mission is Back2Back Ministries, which helps orphans and vulnerable children around the world. The money we collected is specifically for fruits and vitamins. We raised a total of **\$213.70** to send to the mission! Great work! The orphans will be so incredibly happy! It was so good to see you all and I am looking forward to school being back in session to see you more often!

Sunday School classes for all ages will begin **September 11** and CCF (for ages kindergarten through fifth grade) will start the following Wednesday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m.

As soon as school is in session, I will be mailing information about Sunday School and CCF. Watch for mail from Faith United Methodist Church!

Lauryn Gustafson
Director of Christian Education
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I've come to believe that "preaching to the choir" is exactly the right thing to do. If I can help those who already share certain beliefs and dreams sing their song a little more clearly, a little more confidently, I know they will take that song back to their networks.

~ Margaret J. Wheatley



Happiness Tip: Creating A Quality Life (Author Unknown)

A quality life is available for each of us. However, sometimes we feel the whole world is against us. We simply want to give up. A quality life can be ours regardless of the circumstances around us. We simply must believe in joy.

Following are six other actions we can take when we want to find true happiness.

Keep your promises, especially to a child.

Apologize when you are wrong.

Forgive others as you would have them forgive you.

Be grateful and show appreciation.

Accept defeat graciously.

Do what is right even though it may cost you something.

FUN FACTS



The six official languages of the United Nations are: English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Owls are the only birds who can see the color blue.

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

Sea otters hold hands when they sleep to keep from drifting apart.

Squirrels plant thousands of new trees each year simply by forgetting where they put their acorns.

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.



FAITH COMMUNITY GARDEN

A drive along Faith's alley shows the community garden in full bloom!

Faith's Cub Scouts have two plots, one of which is a Lord's Acre plot. The bulk of the produce from their plots are donated to the Mid-Nebraska Community Services Food Bank.

Troop leader Shawn Deiger reported on July 27th that nearly **80 pounds** of produce have already been donated.



MAKING PROGRESS

Progress on the Accessibility Addition is continuing! Construction is approximately one month behind (for a variety of reasons) but the end is in sight.

Funding for the addition is also continuing—through pledges, memorials, and gifts. For those who have not yet pledged or given, there is still an opportunity to participate in Faith UMC realizing a long-time goal of a new elevator and no-curb access to the sanctuary for members and guests.

No gift is too small, for as Paul wrote in his second letter to the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 8:12)
“If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has . . .”



Secretary's note: The Fishers e-mailed the church in May, telling us that they would be passing through Kearney on vacation and would like the opportunity to perform a concert. They have **no financial requirements**—just that they're going to be in the area anyway with their equipment and they love sharing the Gospel through music.

I told Mr. Fisher that we would love to host them and we'll advertise the concert—
but we couldn't guarantee a huge turnout.

Mark Fisher's response: *"We're not worried about numbers . . . We're called to sing and proclaim it; those who heed the call to hear will be there. I'd rather sing to one who needs to hear the message than thousands who are looking for entertainment."*



MARK AND PAM FISHER

-In Concert-

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 3:00 PM

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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KEARNEYFAITH.ORG * NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Visit us at www.markandpamfisher.com or  facebook.com/markandpamfisher

Mark Your Calendars!

United Campus Ministry will be hosting two exciting fundraisers this fall. Check out our website: ucmunk.org and/or Facebook page: United Campus Ministry at UNK for more information.



UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY (UCM)

at the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK)

GOLF SCRAMBLE



SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 11th: Tee Time 1 p.m. UCM will be hosting our FIRST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE at Prairie Hills Golf Club. We invite all you "Golfers" to register for FOUR-PERSON TEAMS. There will be exciting Flight and Flag prizes. Teams may also purchase Team Mulligans. Attached is our UCM Golf Scramble Poster for teams to register and advertize the event in your church, bulletins, and newsletters.



UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY (UCM)

at the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK)

DINNER THEATER



SUNDAY-OCTOBER 2ND: 5:30-7 p.m. – UCM will be hosting a DINNER THEATER at First United Methodist Church Kearney. UCM will be serving a wonderful meal and entertaining you with faith meaning skits. More information will be coming soon for ticket sales and prices on our website.

UCM is looking forward to the upcoming school year for the opportunity to connect with your students and be part of their faith journey while they are at UNK.

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