

Faith in Action February 2016 Volume II

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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.



2/01 Jon McBride
2/03 Cindy Mangels
2/05 Carter Findley
2/06 Rema Hemmerling
2/06 Rylei Gavierrez
2/07 Lauryn Gustafson
2/09 Regan Jennings
2/09 Quinten Clausen
2/09 Arianna Spellman
2/11 Betty Hagan
2/11 Brett Woollen
2/11 Cooper Woollen
2/11 Kaden Woollen
2/11 Parker Woollen
2/12 David Wisch
2/13 Doneta Gifford
2/14 Jean Johnson
2/14 Adelynn Slack
2/15 Rick Triplett
2/16 Mindy Lester
2/17 Norm Vinderslev
2/19 Macy Cool
2/20 Harper Vogt
2/24 Soffia Polhemus
2/27 Angela Belmarez
2/27 Trevor Isaac
2/28 Sherry Foley



No February Anniversaries

WE'RE MOVING FORWARD!

Fifty-two persons were in attendance at Faith UMC's January 29, 2016 Charge Conference, led by District Superintendent Alan Davis. Pat Slack, chair of the Building Accessibility Committee, presented information to the group, assisted by Lee McQueen. Also present and contributing was Curtis Betz of RMV Construction.

Testimonials as to the need for handicap accessibility were given by Tony and Kerri Miller, Penny Buettner, Pastor Perry, Kathy Garrelts, and Ed Kohel.

The Charge Conference was requested to accept the construction bid, direct the Pastor to request approval from the Bishop, and proceed to contract with the low bidder (RMV Construction) and construct this project.

The base bid price plus concrete is \$571,000. We need to raise \$115,000; the plan is to continue to fundraise and finance (take out a loan) if necessary.

Following questions and comments, a vote was taken to approve the blueprints, contractor's bid, and budget and financing plan. The final vote was 43 yea and 4 nay. Motion passed.

Faith owes a huge debt of thanks to those who have served tirelessly on the Building Accessibility Committee: Pat Slack (Chairperson), Marlys Bauer, Bob Bradley, Carolyn Forney, Lee McQueen, Kerri Miller, Roger Townsend, Norm Vinderslev, Roger Wisch, and Patty McQueen (nonvoting secretary).

If all goes according to plan, groundbreaking will occur shortly after the ground is thawed this spring.

Thank you to all who attended this important Charge Conference.



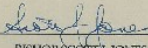
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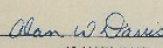
THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

Kearney Faith United Methodist Church

HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR PAYING 100%
2015 APPORTIONMENTS

Thank you from the Great Plains Conference and the Gateway District


BISHOP SCOTTY JONES
GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE


ALAN W. DAVIS
GATEWAY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

WE MADE IT!

Thanks to your generosity and above-and-beyond giving, Faith United Methodist Church has been recognized for paying 100% of our 2015 mission shares. (Yay for us!)



TROOP 158 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP FUNDRAISER

Faith United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 28, 2016
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per person (Children under 5 are free)

Menu: homemade chicken noodle soup, rolls, vegetables, drinks, desserts

Bake Sale with homemade goodies

A Former Pastor's Birthday Celebration

Bob and Mary Neben (who served Faith from 2000—2003) would like to invite you to a reception in honor of Pastor Bob's 75th birthday on Sunday, March 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church located at 46th and "A" Streets in Lincoln, NE. Bob requests no gifts. Instead, feel free to bring a can of food for a Lincoln food pantry.

You are also welcome to attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Christ United Methodist Church. State Senator Kathy Campbell will share about her work for the Nebraska State Legislature on this United Methodist Women's Sunday.



February is



American Heart Month

Heart disease is the number one killer in the U.S. It is also a major cause of disability. There are many different forms of heart disease. The most common cause of heart disease is narrowing or blockage of the coronary arteries, the blood vessels that supply blood to the heart itself. This is called coronary artery disease and happens slowly over time.

It's the major reason people have heart attacks.

Other kinds of heart problems may happen to the valves in the heart, or the heart may not pump well and cause heart failure. Some people are born with heart disease.

You can help reduce your risk of heart disease by taking steps to control factors that put you at greater risk:

- Control your blood pressure
- Lower your cholesterol
- Don't smoke
- Get enough exercise

(NIH: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute)

God of Love, thank you for the gift of others to walk with me through the journey of life. May both my joys and struggles help me be a better friend to others who face similar things. Amen.

~ Chris Cash

Church Library



Did you know we have a church library? It's on the lower level in the middle classroom.

While it's not in Dewey Decimal order, you are welcome to browse the shelves and find something you'd like to read. Borrowing books is on the honor system; we trust you to return them. (After all, it's a church library.)

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.

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: Doug Jesch

11:00 a.m. Choir Director: Fran Wilson

Pianists: 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

New Lights In The Sanctuary Trivia

Each of the six old hanging light fixtures in the sanctuary contains four bulbs (three small and one huge). The difference in wattage between the old bulbs and the new LED ones is a savings of 668 watts per fixture. For the six fixtures, that is a savings of 4,005 watts. The total watts savings for all lights replaced with LED bulbs is 5,161 watts.

Now THAT should make a difference in the electric bill!





LET THERE BE (NEW) LIGHTS (and Clean Ceiling Fans)

The Renovation Committee has recently disbanded after 16 years of fundraising and renovating at Faith Church. We have enjoyed many different fundraisers over the years -- potato bars, spaghetti dinners, golf tournaments, ice cream socials, BBQs and Praise Band Concerts, sales of T-shirts, sweatshirts and aprons, chili cook-offs, candy sales, Prime Festivals, Home, Lawn and Garden Shows and work projects for members at their homes. Our congregation has been so supportive of Renovations with their donations of food, volunteering to help with the events and supporting fundraisers in general. The fundraisers have provided good fun and fellowship and many good memories.

Since 2002 our fundraisers have taken in over \$85,919.00. We have been able to renovate the kitchen, downstairs and upstairs Sunday School rooms, put new doors on the south side of the church, replace windows for the church, provide part of the

kitchen remodel at the parsonage, remodel stage area, paint sanctuary, carpet the sanctuary, put new tile downstairs, carpet fellowship hall, folding curtains in sanctuary, recover pew cushions, wallpaper the overflow room and entry way --- just to name a few. Our last major project was completed this week when the ceiling fans and beams in the sanctuary were cleaned and new LED lights were installed.

This has all been possible with your help. For example, we have served Prime Festival (one of our biggest fundraisers every year) since 2001. Faith has provided a total of 757 pies for Prime Festivals. The people attending Prime have loved every piece. We always got compliments on the variety of pies we had available!!! Thank you Faith pie makers!!!

It all started with the vision and dreams of seven women after rain damage in 1999 created the need to get new carpet for the sanctuary and complete other needed maintenance projects at the church. It seems to be the ultimate example, sixteen years later, of the expression "one thing leads to another". We give God the glory for what we were able to accomplish for the church as the Renovation Committee and thank each one for your help and support all these years.

Amy Bear, Kathy Garrelts, Kathy Larson, Kathy Brisbin, Barb Saum, Delores Swift and Annette Froid

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A: Ruthless.

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: German Shepherds.

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah. He was floating in stock while everyone else was in liquidation.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Compass Nebraska is a non-profit organization in Kearney that invests in the lives of children in the foster care system in many ways. One way they do this is through offering a night out for the foster care parents. We provide a meal, snacks and activities for the children for three hours one evening a month so foster parents can have a date night or just have a quiet night at home.

We are asking local churches to partner with us in donating items that will be used throughout the year for Foster Parent Night Out. Below is a list of items we could use:

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| juice boxes | graham crackers |
| bottled water | granolas |
| Goldfish crackers | Little Debbie snacks |
| animal crackers | popcorn |
| fruit snacks | any type crackers |
| fruit, Jell-o or pudding cups | |

We are trying to get the word out about this opportunity to help the foster families in our area.

If people are willing to donate items, they may bring them to the Compass office at 514 W 11th Street, Kearney, or to Faith United Methodist Church.

Also, if they have further questions about other ways to help they may email questions to marie@compassnebraska.org.

Thank you so much.

Marie Liibe
Compass Nebraska



FEBRUARY/MARCH MISSION

Faith's mission for February and March will be **Compass Nebraska.**

Compass raises awareness about foster care and adoption and about other services, and it supports children and families in the foster care system.

A list of items that we may contribute to Compass is elsewhere in the newsletter.



"Prayer is not just spending time with God. It is partly that - but if it ends there, it is fruitless. No, prayer is dynamic. Authentic prayer changes us - unmasks us, strips us, indicates where growth is needed. Authentic prayer never leads us to complacency, but needles us, makes us uneasy at times. It leads us to true self-knowledge, to true humility.

~ St. Theresa of Avila



"So They Might See" Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time

In just about any dresser drawer, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. Collect glasses and take them to a Lion's Club collection center. (There is a collection area in the Vision Center at most Walmart Stores.)

What is Lent and Why Does It Last Forty Days?

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring". The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



TOP TEN THINGS YOU CAN TRY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

(Author Rev. Penny Ford is the pastor of a small UMC church in Carrollton, Alabama.)

10. **Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (Or everyday of Lent!) Use the time to read and pray.
9. **Start a prayer rhythm.** Each day of Lent, pray for another person.
8. **Go deeper into the Bible.**
7. **Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)**
6. **Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money you save to help folks in a different part of the world who are in crisis.
5. **Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.
4. **Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
3. **Participate in a Lent Photo-a-Day practice** and pray each day with your camera in your hand.
2. **Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry.
1. **Pray for others you see,** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

Have You Noticed . . . ?

Each time we celebrate communion, the communion elements are on a table draped with different colored cloths. These beautiful communion tablecloths are made and donated by Kathy Larson.

Thank you, Kathy.





February 20th, 2016
11:30 - 1:30

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Free Will Donation



CHICKEN
D I N N E R

Camp Comeca is hosting a Chicken Dinner February 20th! This is a free will donation, we are raising money to improve our summer programs offered at Camp this summer (i.e. canoes, paddle boat work, lakefront work). If the group you are bringing has over 5, please R.S.V.P. (comecaoffice@greatplainsumc.org) so we can mark you down. We are very excited for Summer 2016 and to make a difference in the lives of youth. Thank you for all your support to Camp Comeca. We look forward to moving forward with you.



Saturday, April 2, 2016 The ONE DAY BIG EVENT at UNK Celebrating a Decade of Service

Please plan to participate in UNK's Student Service Day, "The Big Event" on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

We are looking for non-profits, charities, or individuals who are elderly and have physical challenges and would like assistance of any kind.

Please visit our webpage www.Bigeventunk.weebly.com to sign up, or contact the Nebraska Student Union/Office of Student Life at (308) 865-8523 if you have questions.

The students at UNK have been doing this for over ten years and want to make this year the biggest and best ever. Please let us serve you, or contact us if you know someone that may need assistance with yard work, painting, or any other type of service.

Thank you, Kearney Community, for all you do for us!



Dining Out for United Way is a competition in which teams compete to see who can raise the most tips to benefit United Way.

All times are 5:30-8:00 p.m.



February 9th Sozo
Team Barney and Schnieders



January 19th Old Chicago
Team Kernick, Straatman, and
McBride



February 16th Skeeter
Barnes
Team Gerdes and Anderson



February 2nd Cunningham's
Team Brockmeier and Berglund



February 23rd Chicken Coop
Team Means and Jelden



Each Wednesday, we feed children at our CCF program.

Each week, we send home sacks of food with those who are in need.

These ministries would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you, Faith members, for so selflessly supporting our missions.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food . . ."

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7 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Worship	8 5:30 Christian Ed 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Cub Scouts	10 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	11 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	12	13 8:30 W.W.
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