



Faith in Action

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Sneak Peek

- ◆ Birthdays
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- ◆ Kids of the Kingdom
- ◆ Calendar



- 01/01 Alta Crapson
- 01/03 Ed Kohel
- 01/03 Mike Lamkin
- 01/04 Taylor Walters
- 01/05 John Reicheneker
- 01/09 Marci Jo Lambert
- 01/10 Paul Londer
- 01/10 Peyton Shultz-Ramer
- 01/12 Bill Crapson
- 01/12 Keenan Clark
- 01/14 Steve Christensen
- 01/15 Kathy Larson
- 01/15 Tab Eastberg
- 01/15 Logan Maschmann
- 01/16 Patricia Sadler
- 01/16 Jocelyn Hamaker
- 01/17 Darrell Epping
- 01/18 Millie Otto
- 01/18 Robert Eberhard
- 01/18 Jan Wilson
- 01/20 Richelle Schriner
- 01/21 Merland Clark
- 01/22 Lois Idt
- 01/22 Brandon White
- 01/22 McKenzie Mayo-Proell
- 01/23 Gayle Vavra
- 01/23 Zeanna Odens
- 01/23 Macey Pettit
- 01/26 Jennifer Slack
- 01/28 Andrew Olson
- 01/28 Ethan Mizner
- 01/29 Steve Curtiss
- 01/30 Bob Olmsted
- 01/30 Carol Hilton
- 01/31 Nancy Zwink
- 01/31 Kimberly Kohel

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

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



- 01/04 Marv & Carol Hilton
- 01/10 Lyle & Lynda Henderson
- 01/27 Stan & Roma Grube



Featuring The Hendersons

Faith's **LYLE and LYNDA HENDERSON** recently were featured as one of the Nebraska Stories on NET (Nebraska's PBS and NPR stations).

Search **Nebraska Stories: The Saddle Maker, 703**, or type in this link:

<http://netnebraska.org/interactive-multimedia/television/nebraska-stories-saddle-maker-703>



Why Many Welcoming Churches are Dying Churches

By Joseph Yoo

(Excerpted from <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6580/why-many-welcoming-churches-are-dying-churches>)

It's no secret that our culture is becoming increasingly "secular." What's frustrating is that a lot of our churches still operate with the assumption that everyone knows about the church. And when we meet people that don't know the Lord's Prayer, instead of trying to teach them, we become more outraged at the secularity of our culture.

Where I believe my church and others fall short is meeting people where they are and joining in on the conversations they are already having. We still seem to want people to meet us where we are. At a recent visioning meeting, we talked about how we can reach our community and let them know that our church exists. A majority of the ideas were something along the lines of a facelift for our campus so that we can look fresh, brighter, newer for the people driving by.

"If they see a new landscape, they might think there's life in the church and may want to come and check us out."

That's all good, but a new landscape or change of color of the church building isn't going to draw people in.

That's the second mistake many of us make. Not only do we assume that a majority of our neighbors know about church, we also look at outreach through the lens of the question "How do we get people into our pews" rather than actually being missional.

My church is absolutely welcoming. Many other churches are also welcoming... and happy, gracious and grateful to meet new families. But a welcoming church can easily become a dying church. Welcoming suggests passively waiting for people to come to be embraced, much like a dog anticipating and waiting for its master to come home.

Yes, we need to be welcoming... but more importantly, we need to be invitational. That means taking a risk and putting ourselves out there for possible rejection when we invite people to our church. It means going out into the world, making contact with people and building relationships with them.

Many decades ago, people looked for the cross and flame (the United Methodist Church logo) when they moved into a new town.

We don't have that luxury anymore.

We can't just wait and assume people are going to show up — because they won't. We're also going to encounter more and more folks who don't know the things about our faith that we take for granted. And that's okay.

What's not okay is for us to mistake the words of Jesus to "Go" for "Stay and wait for people to come" — no matter how welcoming we may be.

(Joseph Yoo is pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Santa Barbara, California.)



BenefitLunch

A benefit luncheon is being held for George and Linda Giesler this Sunday, January 17, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

This is a benefit for medical costs as George has been in the nursing home for four months.

He is at home now.

He had his leg removed up to the knee and also had six bypasses.

The Gieslers are friends of Mae Smith and Alta Crapson.



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.

Do you enjoy **Keith Danburg's** music? Here is his schedule for local performances:

Chapman Swifts Coffee House

Thursday, February 11 and Thursday, March 24
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Lodge Restaurant

Monday, January 25
Monday, February 22
Monday, March 14
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Everything I Need To Know, I Learned From Noah's Ark.

(Author Unknown)

- 1. Plan ahead.** It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 2. Stay fit.** When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something Really Big.
- 3. Don't listen to critics.** Do what has to be done.
- 4. Build your future** on the high ground.
- 5. For safety's sake,** travel in pairs.
- 6. Two heads** are better than one.
- 7. Speed isn't always an advantage.** The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- 8. When you're stressed,** float for a while.
- 9. Don't forget** that we're all in the same boat.
- 10. When the doo-doo gets really deep,** don't sit there and complain— shovel!
- 11. Stay below deck** during the storm.
- 12. Remember that the ark was built** by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- 13. Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE** are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
- 14. No matter how bleak it looks,** there's always a rainbow on the other side.
- 15. DON'T MISS THE BOAT!**



Thank You
You make such a joyful difference
and it is deeply appreciated.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! for being a congregation of prayer warriors.

From my bike/auto accident in September to surgery, recovery and now physical therapy, your prayers are felt and appreciated.

God bless each of you and your congregation.

~ Ruth Kirkland and Family

(Faith covered Ruth in prayer on November 1, 2015.)

IF:2016 The Gathering 2016

Would anyone be interested in attending this with me? It is a women's spiritual retreat in Pleasanton, held February 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and February 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

You do not need to attend both days; costs are a freewill offering (with a \$1 bare minimum).

The link is <https://ifgathering.com/thegathering2016/>

Please let me know!
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MOVING INTO 2016: GOD IS WITH US

~ Rose Taylor

(excerpted from <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6575/moving-into-2016-god-is-with-us>)

A year consists of 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, and more than 31,000,000 seconds.

A year can be experienced as going by quickly or slowly, depending upon what is happening in a person's life and his or her anticipation or dread of those events. When troubles and frustrations are present, one month can seem as long as 52 weeks. When life is running smoothly, 525,600 minutes can seem as short as one day.

It is wise for Christians to conduct a personal review of the year in light of Christ's presence and nature. It is helpful that Christmas comes so close to the end of the year and the approach of a new one. The close proximity reminds us that another name for Jesus is Immanuel, which means "God is with us" — through each of the 31,000,000+ seconds.

Scripture records Jesus teaching that there would be trouble in the world, but that we should not be dismayed because he has overcome the world. As we look back over the past year and gain closure regarding the public and personal events of 2015, remember that the same Savior who was with us during 2015 will be with us as we move with hope into 2016.

Matthew 29:20 reminds us, **"Look, I myself [Jesus] will be with you every day until the end of this present age."**

(Rose Marie Taylor is the Director of Children and Youth Ministry at First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.)



From RUTH CHISM:

I would like to say thank you for the prayer quilt. It is so pretty and very warm. Thank you again.

Ruth's address is:

Ruth Chism
Mother Hull Home
Room 37
125 East 23rd Street
Kearney NE 68847



(Ruth was the recipient of a Faith prayer blanket on December 6, 2015.)

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:

juice boxes	Graham crackers
bottled water	granolas
goldfish crackers	little Debbie snacks
animal crackers	popcorn
fruit, jello or pudding cups	any type cracker
fruit snacks	

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

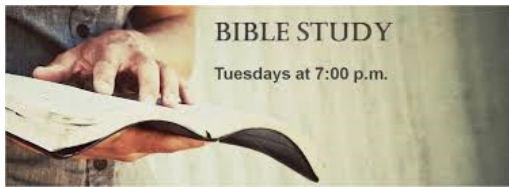
If people are willing to donate items, they may bring them to the Compass office at 514 W 11th Street, Kearney.

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





Co-Ed Bible Study Adam Hamilton's "The Journey"

(based on Matthew Chapters 1 and 2, and
Luke Chapters 1 and 2)

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19
Tuesday, January 26
Tuesday, February 2
Tuesday, February 9

Bible Study meets on Faith's lower level
in the northeast classroom.

Questions? Please contact the church office
(308) 237-2550 or office@kearneyfaith.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Nurture-Sponsored Pancake Feed
Fun, Fellowship, and a Freewill Offering
Sunday, January 31
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

**Come enjoy pancakes,
sausage, and each other!**



Seven Things Church Members Should Say To Guests In A Worship Service

By Thom S. Rainer

1. "Thank you for being here." It's just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told "thank you."
2. "Let me help you with that." If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.
3. "Please take my seat." I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.
4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.
5. "Can I show you where you need to go?" Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.
6. "Let me introduce you to _____." The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff, and other members of the church.
7. "Would you join us for lunch?" I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.



Nathan LeFeber, Director of Bands for Kearney High School, is seeking ways to get rid of current band uniforms (they're getting new ones!) in a way that will honor them and the years of service they have provided.

He is looking for a small team of individuals who would be interested in taking the coats and making throw pillows out of them.

If you are interested, please contact Joleen Perry (jlh_elwell@yahoo.com) or the church office (308) 237-2550 and we will forward your names to Mr. LeFeber.

Thank you!

THE DAY THE ROOF LEAKED

Or

How The Renovation Committee Found Its Calling **

The Renovation Committee formed in 1999 after Faith Church experienced water damage in the sanctuary. Seven women saw the need to replace the carpet, paint the sanctuary and perform other necessary sanctuary updates. Since Trustees Committee was unable to fund these maintenance issues, these seven women began fundraising projects to accomplish these missions. Over the years fundraisers have included spaghetti dinners, ice cream socials, golf tournaments, barbecues and Praise Band concerts, chili cook-offs, sales of sweatshirts and t-shirts, candy sales, concession stands at Prime Festivals and Home, Lawn and Garden Shows, potato bars, and work projects for members at their homes. It seemed like over the years, one project led to another, and since the Capital Fund had not reached its goal to provide quarterly interest payments for church maintenance projects, Renovations continued to fundraise and fulfill some of the needs. This committee has consisted of the same people since its inception. We all had a vision of seeing the church building updated and inviting to all who entered the front doors.

The Capital Fund has been fully funded in the last several years and Trustees have been receiving quarterly interest payments of \$3,000+ which is designated for maintenance of the church property. It is for this reason that the Renovation Committee feels it has fulfilled its purpose and the six remaining members of the committee have tendered their resignations after sixteen years of service.

The equipment (roasters, large thermos, paper products, etc.) that have been purchased by Renovation Committee will be donated for church use.

If the church wishes, we will still be willing to do candy sales during Advent. We propose that church committees that wish to have funding for projects submit requests in the fall. It would then be decided which proposals would be funded with candy sales profits. Over the last few years, the candy sales profits have been \$1,000—\$1,200.

We would also like to thank all the members of Faith UMC for supporting Renovation fundraisers through the years with their donations, time and talents. There were many good times and much fellowship had by all who participated in the projects and events.

With the balance of money in the Renovation account (after ceiling fan cleaning and installation of new LED lights in the sanctuary), the committee asks that Trustees clean and wax the tile floors on the lower level.

Following is a brief review of Renovation projects. (For an itemized listing, including financial information, please see the bulletin board in the Overflow Room.)

- 1999-2001 New carpet in sanctuary, painted sanctuary, replaced pew cushions, replaced all wallpaper in overflow room and entryway
- 2002 Folding curtains in sanctuary
- 2003 Carpet upstairs Sunday School rooms, remodel downstairs Sunday School rooms
- 2004 Downstairs bathroom flooring, carpet downstairs, bookcase for downstairs library room, tile downstairs
- 2005 Mural for stage area, drywall for stage, vinyl blinds for fellowship hall, paint for fellowship hall, church storerooms, etc.
- 2006 Start remodel of kitchen, prep room area
- 2007 Kitchen drywall, central piping (kitchen remodel), moving of refrigerator and freezer, countertop in prep room, cupboards in prep room
- 2008 Kitchen window replacement, ovens and cooktop for kitchen, electrical work in kitchen, new cabinets for kitchen, sinks, garbage disposal, faucets, water softener, tile for kitchen wall
- 2009 Kitchen cabinets (west side), kitchen vinyl curtain at serving counter, electrical work in kitchen, plumbing work in kitchen
- 2010 Tile for downstairs, chair carts for storeroom, carpet fellowship hall, coasters on chair carts
- 2011 Tile for upstairs and stairways, sewing room, choir room, storerooms off fellowship hall
- 2012 Three new doors for church on south side, painting around stained glass windows
- 2013 Carpet for church front entryway, replaced outdoor carpet by front door, cabinets and countertops for the parsonage kitchen
- 2014 Replaced some church windows, removed tree in front of church
- 2015 Paint sanctuary, replace cooktop in kitchen, paint upstairs stairwell, paint downstairs stairwell and downstairs hallway, clean ceiling fans in sanctuary, replace sanctuary lights with LED lights

Two original Renovation Committee members acknowledged for their work through the years are Delores Swift and Barb Saum. Their dedication to Renovations behind the scenes, even though they have been unable physically to assist with projects, has been remarkable. The other five Renovation members are Amy Bear, Kathy Brisbin, Annette Froid, Kathy Garrelts, and Kathy Larson.

**** Title of the original article about the Renovation Committee written by Rich Froid for
"A History of Faith United Methodist Church 1955—2005"**



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