

Faith in Action March 2016 Volume II

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.



- 3/01 Madelyn Henderson
- 3/02 June Kantor
- 3/03 Alyssa Jennings
- 3/03 Declan Findley
- 3/04 Sue Divan
- 3/04 Suzann Christensen
- 3/04 Linda Clark
- 3/05 Ryan Findley
- 3/05 Madisyn Miller
- 3/07 Kyle McBride
- 3/09 Kyle Garrelts
- 3/11 Kathy Garrelts
- 3/12 Diane Steinbrink
- 3/13 Michael Fox
- 3/14 David Reed
- 3/15 Alex Miller
- 3/16 John Divan
- 3/16 Jake Greder
- 3/18 Kennedy Evans
- 3/19 Chuck Sadler
- 3/19 Sydney Gabriel
- 3/20 Melinda Bray
- 3/21 Joan Epping
- 3/23 Kurt Johnson
- 3/25 Jodi Pettit
- 3/26 Lee McQueen
- 3/26 Levi Ramer
- 3/29 Colton Holoubeck
- 3/31 Kasey McBride
- 3/31 Abbie Castaneda



National Pet Day April 11, 2016



It's time to feature our pets! Those of you who are pet-parents and/or pet

-grandparents know the joy (and sometimes other emotions) that pets bring into our lives.

Please send me your photos by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**; that's the deadline for the National Pet Day Slide Show in church on Sunday, April 10.

If you cannot e-mail your photo (office@kearneyfaith.org), please drop it off at the church office for Suzann to scan.

And please be sure to give me the correct spelling of your pets' names (*I know how they hate to have their names messed up*).

Thank you!



A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers for providing breakfast casseroles, breads, juice and fruit for Faith's United Campus Ministry annual Breakfast Fund-raiser March 13. And a big

thank you to all who came to eat and enjoy the worship service they provided. We raised \$600 for the Ministry, plus leftovers will help feed the students at their next few activities (another boost to their budget).

~ Lee and Patty McQueen



- 3/02 Doug & Deb Jesch
- 3/03 Merland & Barbara Clark
- 3/10 John & Sue Divan
- 3/14 Paul & Jody Londer
- 3/20 David & Charlotte Wisch
- 3/26 Kent Maaske & Tari Poorman-Maaske



**Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae
and Communion
March 24, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Service of
Readings and Responses
March 25, 2016
7:00 p.m.**



Mark Your Calendars!

FAITH OUT-TO-EAT NIGHTS

MARCH OUT-TO-EAT NIGHT

Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Eagles Club

17 West 24th Street

Kearney NE 68847

Burgers, Chicken Strips, Chicken Breasts, Salad

Very reasonably priced (senior discount!)

Meet any time after 5:30 p.m. in the east room

Please RSVP to Dayla Rhodus

(daylarhodus@gmail.com or 308.234.4225)

APRIL OUT-TO-EAT NIGHT

Monday, April 11, 2016

Location To Be Announced . . .



ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

As a member of Faith United Methodist Church, you may apply for a scholarship. The application form is very simple; it asks about your church and community involvement.

Forms are available online (kearneyfaith.org/Scholarships) or e-mail Suzann in the church office (office@kearneyfaith.org) for an application.

Please direct questions to Lynda Henderson, Memorial Team chairperson (lynda1@frontiernet.net).

Deadline for returned applications is May 1, 2016.



EPWORTH VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

For years, Epworth Village has participated in the Campbell Label program for education. **Now, Campbell's is discontinuing the program.** Epworth was in the process of collecting 1.6 million labels to secure a much needed mini-van to transport students. Campbell's is allowing a time for Epworth to submit the needed labels. **So between March 1 and June 1, Epworth is asking every church to make a special effort to gather labels.** Working together, Epworth believes it can come up with enough labels, but it is going to take everyone!

Will you get this word out to your entire congregation this month? Please ask each member/friend to include their extended families, neighbors, other churches, etc. Clip the area around the product bar code. Products include any Campbell Soup, V-8 Product, Pepperidge Farm, Prego Sauces, Bic pen products. Cut the bar code off, and designate a gathering place for the labels in your church. Then either bring them to Epworth in York, mail them to P.O. Box 503, York, NE 68467, or send them to Annual Conference in Topeka with your pastor or lay delegate. They may be delivered to Epworth Village's booth at Annual Conference.

Please contact Epworth Village at 402-362-3353 with questions.

Thanks for your help, encouragement, and prayers.

Thanking you for your kindness and thanking God for you.

Thank you for remembering me with the prayer blanket and covering me in prayers. Also for the support and prayers and being a part of my life as I travel this journey.

Thanks again!

Judy

*(Judy Gustafson was covered in prayer
on February 21, 2016)*



MARCH MISSION

Faith's mission for 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 follows.

Donation Ideas for Compass Nebraska

Gift cards to Target or Walmart
Diaper bags
Luggage (carry on size-minimum)
Stuffed animals
Small toy for children ages 4-9:
 Matchbox cars
 Webkinz, etc.
Crayons and coloring books
Notebook/diary
Deck of cards



Kits for kids aging out:

Towels/wash cloths
linens (twin size)
pillows
laundry baskets
cleaning supplies
household/kitchenware: utensils, pots and pans, kitchenware,
etc

Hygiene items:

Tampons
Pads
Deodorant
Bathroom Poofs
Hair brush
Hair accessories (hair bands, barrettes, head bands, etc.—all ages)
Tooth brush and tooth paste
Body wash
Shampoo/Conditioner
 Detangler
Nail polish
Chapstick
Notes of encouragement
School supplies: paper, pens, crayons, pencils, etc.

Family Celebration Baskets:

Pizza gift cards
Movie Night snacks

*"Our Lord has written the promise
of resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf of springtime."
~ Martin Luther*

HelpCare Clinic

*"I was sick, and you cared for me."
~ Matthew 25:36*

Greetings Friends in Christ!

HelpCare Clinic is the free and charitable health care clinic serving the uninsured citizens at or below 200% of poverty level in Buffalo and Kearney counties. Since opening in April 2015, we have served over 270 individuals of the potential 6,500 per the 2010 census. Many of these individuals have chronic conditions that have been untreated for years and now have reached life-threatening stages. Imagine having to choose between seeing the doctor or providing food for your family. It is not an easy choice nor one someone should be forced to make! You can read some of the patient stories or watch the video on our website at www.helpcareclinic.com.

HelpCare Clinic was started by a faithful group that believed we should care for everyone in our community as Jesus taught us to do. As we approach the Easter season, we would ask if you would consider a donation to the HelpCare Clinic. Your donations can help us in our mission to care for those who cannot afford it.

We thank our faith partners in advance for their generous Easter donations!

Peace and blessings,

Cheryl Bressington
Executive Director, HelpCare Clinic
3015 Avenue A
Kearney NE 68847
(308) 224-2392

*(A copy of the HealthCare brochure is on the
bulletin board in the overflow room.)*



March is Irish-American Heritage Month

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours.

- Irish Blessing



May flowers always line your path
and sunshine light your day.
May songbirds serenade you
every step along the way.
May a rainbow run beside you
in a sky that's always blue.
And may happiness fill your heart
each day your whole life through.



- Traditional Irish Blessing

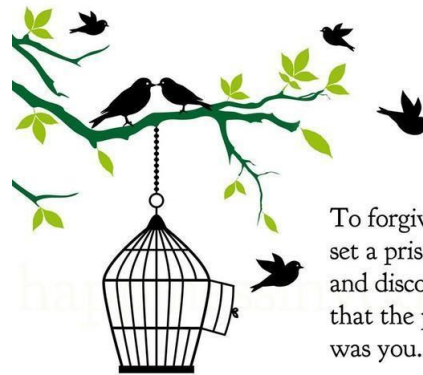
FORGIVENESS

Easter is the ultimate example of forgiveness. The message is a life changing one. What an example has been set.

In the 20th chapter of John, the Risen Christ returns to speak a word to the church: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The Greek word for "forgive" is cancel. The Greek word for "retain" is clutch.

That's the eternal choice: are you going to cancel or clutch? Are you going to let go or hang on?

(Source: Bill Carter, First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit, PA)



To forgive is to
set a prisoner free
and discover
that the prisoner
was you.

- Lewis B. Smedes

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COLORECTAL CANCER MONTH



Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancer. Colorectal cancer affects people in all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people age 50 and older. The good news? If everyone age 50 and older were screened regularly, 6 out of 10 deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to encourage people to get screened.

How can Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month make a difference?

We can use this month to raise awareness about colorectal cancer and take action toward prevention. Communities, organizations, families, and individuals can get involved and spread the word.

Here are just a few ideas:

Encourage families to get active together – exercise may help reduce the risk of colorectal cancer.

Talk to people in your community about the importance of getting screened for colorectal cancer starting at age 50.

Ask doctors and nurses to talk to patients age 50 and older about the importance of getting screened.

(Adapted from the Prevent Cancer Foundation)

For more information and materials, contact the Prevent Cancer Foundation at info@preventcancer.org.

**Kathy Larson will have home colorectal (fecal occult blood test) kits
available for anyone who is interested.
She will be in the overflow room on Sunday mornings to distribute them.**

*"Christ the Lord is risen today",
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.*

(Charles Wesley)



Faith Church:

Thank you to all my Faith Family for the many prayers lifted on my behalf before, during and after my back surgery. Also for the cards and Facebook messages. The prayers have all been felt and very much appreciated. I am progressing in my recovery. God Bless each and everyone of you.

~ Roberta Nansel



Hello,

My name is Josh McDowell. I am the new Youth Minister at Countryside Christian Church. We are having special guest Dove Award Winner Mitch McVicker perform at 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2016 at Countryside Christian Church. We are located on the west side of Harmon Park.

We would like to let you know that you and your congregation are invited to this event. If you would like to attend just show up. There is no RSVP necessary.

The opening performance will be local talent Taylor Lebsock. The concert does not cost anything yet there will be a time for a free will donation if you would like to contribute to that. All proceeds go to the performers and their ministries.

You may check out Mitch's website here to get more information: <http://mitchmcvicker.com/>

If you would like additional information about the concert, please contact me (Josh) at 308-236-5916.



SOFTBALL SIGNUP SEASON

We are still looking for softball players! We need to know if we have enough players to register a team with the City of Kearney for the 2016 Season.

Please register by signing the Sign-Up sheets circulating during worship service OR contact Patty McQueen at pbm029@yahoo.com or call her at 308-237-1524 by **MARCH 28**.



NEW ADDRESS

Bob Eberhard
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(308) 236-1360



FUN BIBLE FACTS



The first people ever to see a rainbow were Noah and his sons. (Genesis 9:8, 13)

Jesus and Peter once paid taxes with a coin found in a fish's mouth. (Matthew 17:24-27)

God was a whistler. (Isaiah 5:26 and 7:18)

In the entire book of Esther, God is not mentioned once.

Solomon had 12,000 horses. (I Kings 10:26)

Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible.

Abel was the world's first murder victim. (Genesis 4:8)

The Jordan River was parted by Elijah with his coat. (II Kings 2:8)

People were not given permission to eat meat until after the flood. (Genesis 9:3)

Noah was also used for a girls' name. (Joshua 17:3)



March 2016

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	2 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	3 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	4	5 8:30 W.W.
6 GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Rough Around The Edges Gospel Concert	7 7:00 Boy Scouts	8 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	10 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	11	12 8:30 W.W.
13 UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	14 5:30 Ch. Ed. 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	16 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	17 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 P.F.L.A.G.	18	19 8:30 W.W.
20 PALM SUNDAY One Service 10:30 a.m. (Sunday School 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)	21 5:30 Nurture 6:30 Ad Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	23 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir	24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:45 W.W. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	25 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 Good Friday Service	26 8:30 W.W.
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