

Faith in Action May 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.



- 5/03 Donna Day
- 5/03 Megan Chandler
- 5/04 Dean Carson
- 5/04 Maxwell Mizner
- 5/05 Penny Buettner
- 5/05 Janeen Cox
- 5/05 Sarah Stubbs
- 5/09 Charlotte Wisch
- 5/10 Mary Helen Samp
- 5/10 Chase Divan
- 5/10 Shyloh Gavierrez
- 5/11 Brenda Oliver
- 5/11 Brad Isaac
- 5/14 Blanca Korb
- 5/14 Nancy Blume
- 5/14 Sam Curtiss
- 5/15 Robert Perry
- 5/15 Joleen Perry
- 5/15 Joel Gargan
- 5/16 Patty McQueen
- 5/17 Raymond McLaughlin
- 5/17 Alyvia Shultz-Ramer
- 5/20 Mandi Vasquez
- 5/22 Roger Oliver
- 5/22 Shauna Brown
- 5/23 Matt Saner
- 5/24 Maxine Ridgway
- 5/24 Otto Lohrenz
- 5/24 Annette Froid
- 5/25 Dan Spellman
- 5/27 Rich Froid
- 5/27 Patricia Cook
- 5/28 Torrance Walters
- 5/29 Rhonda Kohel
- 5/30 Darlene Triplett
- 5/30 Roger Townsend
- 5/31 J. Harold Walker
- 5/31 Mike Johnson



- 5/04 Fran & Jan Wilson
- 5/05 Mike & Sue Lamkin
- 5/05 Robert & Joleen Perry
- 5/07 Benjamin & Kristi Vogt
- 5/14 Bill & Alta Crapson
- 5/16 Ronald & Janeen Cox
- 5/17 Shawn & Nikki Mizner
- 5/22 Tim & Mindy Lester
- 5/22 Pat & Jennifer Slack
- 5/23 Roger & Brenda Oliver
- 5/26 Jack & Janelle Beatty
- 5/29 Jerry & Lois Idt



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May Out-To-Eat Night
Monday, May 23, 2016
5:30 p.m.
 Perkins Restaurant
 609 South 2nd Avenue

From Bishop Scott J. Jones
Great Plains Conference
Kearney Faith United
Methodist Church



THANK YOU for giving faithfully 100%
 to Mission Shares in 2015

Together, We Do More.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the “covered in prayer blanket” given me during my recent illness. Since the temperature and added moisture has been conducive to cooler days, the added body coverage has been tremendous. Your thoughts and prayers have been wonderful in helping me through my ongoing therapy.

~ Jerry McCollough



(Jerry is undergoing treatment for liver cancer and was covered with prayer on 4/10/2016)

To My Faith Family,

Thank you so much for the prayer blanket that was given to me in April. I will take it with me each day as I begin seven weeks of radiation next week. I also thank each and every one who sent me cards, brought food after my surgery, and most of all, for the prayers to help both Rich and me through this “bump in the road”! Our Faith family means so much to us.

Thank you again.
 ~ Annette Froid





Everyone who likes to sing is invited to attend the **Annual Anthem Reading Session** on Wednesday, May 18th in the First United Methodist Church in Wood River. The 6:00 p.m. potluck meal (Faith UMC is providing fried chicken) will be followed by choir members, other singers and directors in sight reading about 20 new anthems from which we could choose for next fall. Those of us from Faith UMC will leave from the church at 5:00 p.m. Randy Shackleton will be the accompanist. If you enjoy eating or singing or both, this is for YOU!

Please let Fran Wilson know if you are willing to provide the special music for any of the services this summer. So far we have several openings.



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CONGRATULATIONS To Faith's Graduating Seniors

Moriah Chandler
Chase Divan
Madisyn Miller
Brooke Rishel

Lord God,

We ask for your almighty hand to be upon all those who graduate today. Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and love. Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love. Amen.

(http://www.living-prayers.com/events/graduation_prayer_blessings.html)



WELCOME

Heather Crowley **Dakota Tagel** **Brittany Trobough**

Heather, Dakota and Brittany will join the Faith family as members on May 15 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22, 2016



Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future

In honor of Heritage Sunday (and because we found **lots** of treasures in the Pastor's office cupboards), the overflow room will be filled with memorabilia for you to see. We hope you spend some time reviewing, remembering, and reminiscing! Following Heritage Sunday, those items will be packed away for the remainder of construction.

What Will General Conference Mean To My United Methodist Church? (Excerpted from a UMC.org feature by Joe Lovino)

As a United Methodist, you are probably aware that **General Conference, the once-every-four-years official meeting of the church is happening in Portland, Oregon, May 10-20, 2016.** What may be far less clear, however, is what happens there and what it means to your local congregation.

Work

The best-known aspect of General Conference is the legislation. General Conference is the body that determines direction and speaks officially for our denomination. 864 delegates elected by their annual conferences will consider 1,044 petitions. Half the delegates are clergy and half are laity. Bishops lead the sessions, but have neither voice nor vote.

Amendments to The Book of Discipline that guides the work of local churches, pastors, annual conferences, general agencies, and bishops, are adopted. Delegates also vote on resolutions that give the official positions of The United Methodist Church on social issues which are published in our Book of Resolutions.

The General Conference covers a wide array of issues that affect all levels of our church. A small percentage of them receive a great deal of attention. Others will pass or fail without much fanfare, but will have lasting impacts on the life of our local churches.

At the 2016 General Conference legislation will be presented and debated on human sexuality, the budget of the general church for 2017-2020, a more global church structure, the ordination process for our pastors, formation of a hymnal revision committee, and more. Whether widely publicized or not, General Conference legislation directs our work globally, regionally, and locally in our congregations.

General Conference receives reports, votes on legislation, and passes a budget, but it is more than a business meeting. The General Conference sessions are the only time The United Methodist Church gathers from across the globe in a single location. In that sense, it is something akin to a family reunion—albeit a ridiculously large one. When we come together every four years, we take the opportunity to worship, remember, and celebrate.

Worship

When the United Methodist family gathers, we come from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. We come together as one in our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for The United Methodist Church. There are, however, a variety of languages and cultures represented. The worship of General Conference celebrates our unity and diversity.

Celebration

On Wednesday, May 18, at 9:48 a.m. (PDT), The United Methodist Church will celebrate one of those ministries by which we have helped millions. Imagine No Malaria has greatly contributed to a coordinated international effort to eradicate this preventable disease. Through the efforts of this amazing ministry, more than 1 million mosquito bed nets have been distributed and more than 250,000 people have been diagnosed and treated. That is reason to celebrate.

Remembrance

General Conference is also an important time to remember our history. At General Conference 2016, United Methodists will pause to remember Francis Asbury. Asbury was the first bishop in our Methodist heritage. Born in England, he came to America to form and lead this new church. Under Asbury's leadership Methodism grew. This year is the 200th anniversary of his death on March 31, 1816.

Therefore, go...

The activity of General Conference can seem far removed from our home congregations, but that could not be farther from the truth. The work, worship, celebrations, and remembrances at General Conference are the activity of all the people of The United Methodist Church.

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs." General Conference meets every four years to facilitate this work happening in each of our churches.

***The theme of General Conference comes from Jesus' words recorded in Matthew 28:19-20,
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."***





ORANGE CONSTRUCTION BARRELS

Many of you can probably relate to this statement: **“Orange construction barrels are our new state flower”**.

After driving for many years through a construction zone, widening a two lane interstate to six lanes, we learn to appreciate and hate orange construction barrels. They help to direct us away from dangerous situations and ensure the safety of construction workers. More often than not, they narrow our driving options and sometimes are out of alignment throwing obstacles in our way.

Occasionally we have “orange construction barrels” around us. These barriers help to protect us and keep us safe from the cruelties of the world. Often we put up these barricades after a deep hurt has been inflicted upon us to protect ourselves.

Just like some construction projects we may spend years with orange barrels being present around our hearts and souls.

The problem comes when the barrels become permanent. The wound is so deep, the pain so bad, it overwhelms us and we get stuck behind the orange barrels we develop to protect ourselves. Depression can often set in, turning our barrels into concrete barriers. Life can become bleak with feelings of hopelessness and faithlessness.

Thankfully we have Jesus who knows what it feels like to be entombed behind a heavy barrier when he was at his weakest. However he walked away from the protection of the tomb back into the very world that had condemned him.

That is the problem with barriers around our hearts, the pain can continue flooding in while love is blocked. On our interstate system the orange construction barrels do eventually come down. Hopefully as we work on our internal issues and relieve those internal barriers, we begin to enlarge who we are. In the end, we can open up to even more possibilities in life. As Christians we have a God who can help us to be “resurrected.” Let us not forget that.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

~ Matthew 28:2 (NIV)

(<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/orange-construction-barrels>)



MEMORIAL DAY

Putting flowers on graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origins of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America’s need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers’ graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

For many years, states observed the holiday on different dates. By federal law, however, Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of each May to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

Fly the U.S. flag in honor—but at half-staff until noon.

(The Old Farmer’s Almanac)

Sunday, May 15th- Last Day of Sunday School

- ◆ There will not be Sunday School classes during the summer for Pre-K through High School.
- ◆ Information regarding Sunday School for the fall will be announced in August.

Summer Camp Information:

Don't forget about summer camps! They are so much fun and you won't want to miss out. There are pamphlets at the church if you want more information on Camp Comeca. Please contact the church office if you have any questions regarding camps this summer.

Vacation Bible School:

Please join us **Sunday, July 17 through Thursday July 21** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a fun week of Deep Sea Discovery as we learn that God is with us wherever we go! Supper **WILL BE** provided for all the children and helpers. There are flyers at the church. Please grab one for your children/grandchildren/neighbors. There are postcards that we ask you to fill out if you are thinking about sending your child/children to VBS. These will assist us with numbers so we can be prepared. If you need a postcard, please contact the church office. We will send out registration forms toward the end of June and we ask that you send those back by July 4th. If you have **ANY** questions, please contact Lauryn at kids@kearneyfaith.org. If you need to reach me quickly, e-mail me or contact the church office for my cell number.

Looking forward to all the fun activities that are coming our way!

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Monthly Mission for April, May and June: Nebraska Youth Camp

Nebraska Youth Camp is a non-profit organization of Christians who joined together in the early 1960's to provide opportunities for young people to enjoy camping in a Christian setting. The campsite is just north of Fort Kearny where the Oregon Trail, the Oxbow Trail, the Nebraska City Cut-Off and the Pony Express Trail came together.

Nebraska Youth Camp has been serving the greater Nebraska area for the past 50 years, providing 8 weeks of youth camping each summer at Trail Junction along with several activities for families. The camp is governed by fifteen directors who are chosen by the general camp membership at its annual meeting in September.

Donation Requests

Kitchen

Heavy Duty Pot Holders
Gently Used Dish Towels
Scotch Brite Scrubber Pads-No Sponge
Trash Bags 55 Gallon
Trash Bags 32 Gallon
Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets
Gallon Jug of Vinegar
Zip Locks One Gallon Size
Zip Locks Quart Size
Antibacterial Pump Soap
Paper Napkins
Big Bottles of Dish Soap-Antibacterial
Toilet Paper

Cabins

Brooms and Dust Pans

Crafts

Magic Markers
Glue Sticks
Colored Pencils

Beach

Life Jackets
Canoe Paddles

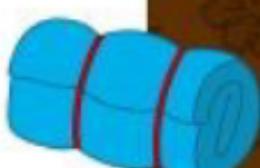




SPRING »» INTO «« SUMMER



JOIN US



for Camp Comeca annual open house! Come enjoy a day with the whole family and experience what Comeca has to offer. We have some great activities planned; archery, crafts, rock wall, swimming pool, campfire, games and much more! If you sign up for summer camp during our open house you will receive 10% off of registration!

Where: 75670 Rd 417

Cozad, Ne 69130

When: Sunday, June 12th

1PM to 4PM



If you have any questions please contact
Josey Hoyt: 785.418.8620



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**Food That's In
When School
Is Out**



**Come eat lunch
with your
friends
this summer.

It's free
and fun!**



Summer Food Service Program

Enjoy Meals at School this Summer!



Food That's In When School Is Out!

Kearney Public Schools will host a Summer Food Service Program at **Bryant & Central Elementary** school. **Anyone 18 years or younger qualify for this free program - over 18 are charged \$3.50.**
An adult must accompany anyone under 4 years of age.

**Free Lunch Served
Monday, June 6th, through
Friday, July 29th, 2016
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Closed, July 4th**

Please enter through the Main Entrance at Bryant Elementary and the East doors at Central Elementary.

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability, in program access and delivery.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964. "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 2 7:00 Boy Scouts | 3 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 6:00 Finance 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Mens Bible Study | 4 12:15 W.W. 3:30 C.C.F. 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir | 5 National Day of Prayer 5:45 W.W. | 6 | 7 8:30 W.W. |
| 8 Mother's Day 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 9 5:30 Christian Ed 7:00 Boy Scouts | 10 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Mens Bible Study | 11 12:15 W.W. 3:30 Final C.C.F. for the year 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Choir | 12 5:45 W.W. | 13 | 14 8:30 W.W. |
| 15 Pentecost 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sunday School (Last Day for Children) 11:00 Worship | 16 6:30 Ad Council 6:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 1 7:00 Boy Scouts | 17 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Mens Bible Study | 18 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir | 19 5:45 W.W. 7:00 PFLAG | 20 8:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 4 | 21 8:30 W.W. 3:00 Sparks/Feese Wedding |
| 22 8:45 Worship 10:00 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 23 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:45 Faith Softball Harvey Park Field 2 | 24 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:00 Rental 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Mens Bible Study | 25 12:15 W.W. 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir | 26 5:45 W.W. | 27 | 28 8:30 W.W. |
| 29 8:45 Worship 10:00 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 30 Memorial Day | 31 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. | | | | |