

Faith in Action November 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.

- 11/01 Rachel Brown
- 11/02 Shirley Fischer
- 11/02 Roger Pollat
- 11/03 Rick Pettit
- 11/04 Alexandra Bray
- 11/06 Jon Obermiller
- 11/06 Kailyn Spellman
- 11/08 Jack Beatty
- 11/08 Pam Blessing
- 11/08 Mary Hall
- 11/09 Marie Danburg
- 11/11 Jason Odens
- 11/12 Richard Chism
- 11/18 Barbara Clark
- 11/18 Samantha Shultz-Ramer
- 11/20 Dean Dahlke
- 11/20 Terry Korb
- 11/21 Averie Evans
- 11/22 Breanna Obermiller
- 11/23 Tyler Hanson
- 11/23 Mary Rishel
- 11/23 Trista Tennant
- 11/24 Neil Miller
- 11/27 Emma Brewer
- 11/29 Mary Garrison
- 11/29 Jayne Samp
- 11/30 John Beatty
- 11/30 Linda Johnson
- 11/30 Rick Tighe



\$25,000 Challenge Match for Accessibility Addition

The congregation has been challenged by an anonymous gifter to match gifts and pledges for the Accessibility Addition up to \$25,000! This challenge pertains to new gifts and pledges between August 14 and December 31, 2016. **Over \$12,700** has been raised toward the challenge since August 14 from the elevator ride auction and

additional gifts or pledges. Thank you for considering a gift or pledge toward the match. Watch for the elevator display in the church to track progress toward the \$25,000!

Matching Funds



- 11/04 Stuart & Marci Gilbertson
- 11/05 Steve & Nancy Zwink
- 11/07 Mike & Crystal Duester
- 11/10 Mike & Linda Johnson
- 11/15 Ron & Pam Blessing
- 11/20 Roger & Sandy Townsend
- 11/27 Bret & Sarah Stubbs



*Everyone needs beauty
as well as bread,
places to play in and
places to pray in,
where nature may heal
and give strength
to body and soul.
~ John Muir*



It's that time of year, time to start practicing for our Christmas program. "Oh No, Not Another Christmas Play!" is the Christmas program the Sunday School kids will be putting on this year.

* Sunday, December 4th @ 4:30, refreshments following the program.

* Rehearsal on Saturday December 3 with details to follow.

* Please send Lauryn an email (lauryn_1996@hotmail.com) letting her know if your child/children will be participating in the program so I can assign parts!
Thank you!

Lauryn Gustafson
kids@kearneyfaith.org
lauryn_1996@hotmail.com

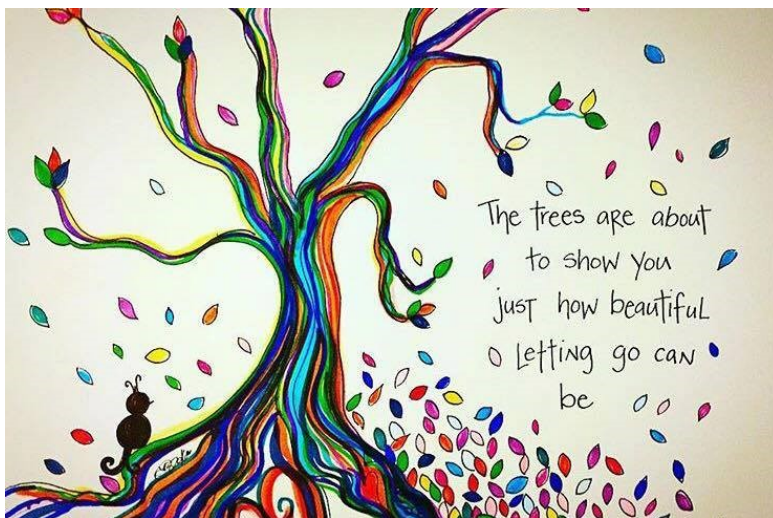


IN THE FALL

(<http://umcdevelopmentcenter.org/news/in-the-fall>)

Letting go can be one of the hardest acts we as human beings can undergo. Most of us are hoarders. We enjoy holding onto stuff. Not just items but ways of doing things as well.

We cling tightly to "how we always do things" instead of embracing a different way of accomplishing the same goal. "If it ain't broke don't fix it." Yet we sometimes miss how broken things are if we are too busy policing how things should be happening.



The trees are about
to show you
just how beautiful
Letting go can
be

Yet it often takes letting go of old leaves in order for new ones to spring forth. In that way, another generation might enjoy the shade below the tree of the church.

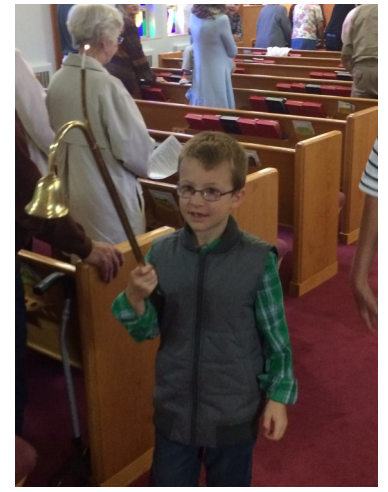
Let us not be afraid to let go.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



**Katelynn Slack and Graham Duester
doing a great job as acolytes!**



Mona's Store

During the school year, Faith UMC partners with Bryant Elementary's afterschool program. In October, November and December, we ask parishioners to bring items that those students may choose

as gifts for family members.

Mona Ripp, a longtime Faith member, loved helping children. Mona was so passionate about this mission of sharing Christmas with neighborhood children that, after her death, we named the event "Mona's Store" in her memory.

Mona was a cook at Bryant Elementary for many, many years. Please help Mona's Store by bringing items of approximately \$5 value. We need gifts for men, women and children of all ages. Also welcome are re-gifted new or gently used items that are Christmas-gift-appropriate.

Please, no books or adult clothing.

Items may be brought any time during October through December 13th and placed in the overflow room shopping cart.

Thank you for supporting Mona's Store!

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER MISSION**

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

THANK YOU to everyone for all of your help with the Fall Festival held on October 25. We had an amazing turnout and were able to touch a lot of lives with our event. This event would not have been possible without the support and generous donations of the congregation.

Thank you,
Christian Education Committee

A New Ministry
If you see what you need, help yourself!
Compliments of your friends at
Faith United Methodist Church –
We're working to keep the bushes full!

The idea comes from First United Methodist Church in Hutchinson, KS. Church members have strung flip-flops and socks (in zip-lock baggies) on the bushes in front of their building, available to anyone who needs the footwear. The project began as a way to brighten the landscape of their church, and grew when members realized there was a community need for those items.

The Kearney community (as do all communities) has families in need of assistance. We would like to try this new ministry at Faith – so please, if you are willing, bring socks or gloves or any seasonal item of apparel – and watch for them to appear (and disappear) from the bushes on the north side of the building!

Thank you.



Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is the quiet
voice at the end of the day saying,
"I will try again tomorrow."
~ Mary Anne Radmacher

WORKINGS OF THE CHURCH

Did you know that as a member of the congregation, you are entitled and encouraged to attend any Team (Committee) meeting? You may ask questions, enter into discussion, express an opinion or bring a concern; the only restriction is that you may not vote unless you are a member of the team.

Teams of the church include the Administrative Council, Trustees, Finance, Nurture, Christian Education, and Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC). Ad Council meets on the third Monday of each month, Trustees and Finance on the first Tuesday, Christian Ed on the second Monday and Nurture on the third Monday. SPPRC meets on the last Monday of every other month.

The times and dates of all meetings are published in the Faith in Action newsletter and Sunday bulletins. Occasionally there are changes in meeting dates to accommodate events or team members' schedules, so always check with the office. The minutes from each team meeting are on file in the church office and available to you upon request; the monthly financial reports are also available in the church office.

Feel a God nudge to serve on one of these teams? Please contact the office or the Lay Leadership Team (Pastor Robert, Penny Buettner, Suzann Christensen, Patty McQueen, and Kerri Miller), which only meets during the fall leading up to Charge Conference. They work on matching folks to teams in areas where there is the most need and where the talents and gifts of each person would best fit.

Stewardship of the church is also in doing the work of the church through giving of your time to those teams that deal with the administration of the church.

TEAM LEADERS

Administrative Council

Dayla Rhodus

Trustees

Jim Brewer

Finance

Regan Jennings

Nurture

Dayla Rhodus

Christian Education

Carmen Brewer

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)

Ed Kohel





OXFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presents our Annual

TURKEY SUPPER

Wednesday, November 9
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Free Will Offering



On Sunday, October 9, a group of United Campus Ministry students and their sponsor, Laura Stubblefield, shared a meal and pumpkin painting with Alta and Bill Crapson, Suzann and Steve Christensen, Marie and Keith Danburg, Roene and Michael Fox, and Deb and Doug Jesch. A good time was had by all!

LOVING THE CHURCH

~ Melissa Spoelstra

(<http://melissaspoelstra.com/loving-the-church/>)

I can honestly say, I love our church. I don't mean the building (it kinda smells because it's old and it's a place we rent that is a preschool during the week.) I'm also not referring to the service on Sundays. I love the worship, testimonies, and ordinances we partake in there, but the church is not a place or an event. It's us. Now I'm not wearing rose colored glasses. Other Christians have hurt me deeply, but other times they have held me up when I thought I couldn't go on.

I have met many wounded church people. Someone said, "There is no pain like church pain." I agree as some of my deepest hurts involved other believers. However, we can't give up on each other because Jesus established the church. He called it His body and His bride. He believes in community. Lone Ranger Christ-following isn't really a thing according to Scripture.

I remember one time when our daughter Abby first began to lose her hair. Our church family showered us with help, prayer, and encouragement. They seemed to anticipate our needs even before we realized them. It was clear many had endured their own trials and knew just how to help and what to say (or not to say). Through hats, notes of encouragement, and prayers, God's love was fleshed out through the body of Christ—just as He designed. Those expressions were God's grace and source of strength to us in moments of despair. We saw Jesus in our church family.

As we model for our children a commitment to community in the good and bad times, we'll find blessings in the midst of the pain. Still, we must continually guard against participating in community solely for our own benefit. So many times I've heard statements like:

- ◆ "No one from church came to see me or called me." (Did they know you were sick or struggling?)
- ◆ "I don't feel connected. Nobody talks to me." (Do you participate in a smaller group setting? Sometimes in a large group it's difficult to get to know people. Have you made efforts to talk to others, or are you waiting for them to talk to you?)
- ◆ "Why don't we have this or that ministry or connection opportunity?" (Are you willing to put in the time and effort to help make the change you want to see in your church?)
- ◆ "I don't like the music [preaching, lights, temperature] at church." (Have you lost sight of what matters? Church is about worshipping God and fellowshiping with other believers—for their benefit as well as yours—not personally approving of every aspect.)

As parents, we have to remember that little ears are often listening when conversations regarding church take place. You may think they aren't hearing and internalizing in the back of the car or at the dinner table, but they are. And your attitude toward church will impact theirs.

If you have issues with your church, remember to start at the top! Christ is the head of the body. Spend some time in his presence asking for direction and help. We know through the Epistles that the early church had problems just as we have in our churches today. As Christians were often oppressed in those days, they found strength in numbers; they stuck together and worked out their differences. Is it ever appropriate to leave a church for a new one? Of course. But sometimes people head for a new church without trying to work out their problems with leaders or other congregants. It can be easier to avoid than to confront issues, but Jesus tells us that community is worth it.

How do you approach your church community? Has any consumer thinking crept into your posture toward being a part of the body? Ask God to help you model for your children and others around you a love for God's body!



WHAT: FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

For those who are uninsured, living or working in Buffalo or Kearney Counties, and at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$23,760 for one person)

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: AT HELPCARE CLINIC – 3015 Avenue A

SPONSORED BY: WALGREENS, COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID NEBRASKA AND HELPCARE CLINIC



United Methodist Church **Pleasanton**

Dinner & Bazaar

**Sunday,
Nov. 6, 2016
11 am - 1 pm**

Pleasanton United Methodist
Church Fellowship Hall

\$8 Adults / \$5 Ages 6-12
(5 & under free)

Menu

(meals are all homemade)

mushroom steak, potatoes with gravy,
corn, green beans, sauerkraut,
salads, pies, cakes, bread & rolls

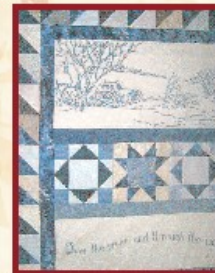
Silent Auction *(all items handmade)*



**Alphabet
Crib Quilt**



Baby Quilt



**Over the River
and Through
the Woods
Wallhanging
52" X 58"**



**Crocheted
Afghan**

Country Store Items

Phil's Wooden Primitives;
baked and canned goods; embroidered,
crocheted, sewn, and knitted work;
garden produce; Christmas items;
and greeting cards



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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 5:30 Trustees 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	2 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF/Confirmation 6:00 UMYF 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	3 5:45 W.W.		5 8:30 W.W.
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	7 6:00 Finance 7:00 Scouts	8 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF/Confirmation 6:00 UMYF 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	10 5:45 W.W.	11 Veterans Day	12 8:30 W.W.
13 Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	14 6:00 Christian Ed 7:00 Scouts	15 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	16 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF/Confirmation 6:00 UMYF 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	17 5:45 W.W. 7:00- P.F.L.A.G.	18	19 8:30 W.W.
20 Christ the King Sunday 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship	21 5:30 Nurture 6:30 Ad Council 7:00 Scouts	22 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship 4:30 W.W. 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Men's Bible Study	23 12:15 W.W. 3:30 CCF/Confirmation 6:00 UMYF 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 8:30 W.W.
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