

Faith in Action September 2016 Volume I



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.

- 9/03 Jacque Triplett
- 9/04 Jacob Garrelts
- 9/05 Rhelynn Schriener
- 9/05 Rhidelle Schriener
- 9/06 Jerry Idt
- 9/07 Donna Carson
- 9/08 Robb Carter
- 9/10 Jody Londer
- 9/12 Karen McBride
- 9/12 Addison Shultz-Ramer
- 9/12 Rex Wiles
- 9/13 Carmen Brewer
- 9/13 Marci Gilbertson
- 9/13 Jenny Zwink
- 9/15 Evan Clausen
- 9/15 Chet Graham
- 9/15 Barb Saum
- 9/16 Dan Brown
- 9/16 Sharon Buck
- 9/16 Graham Duester
- 9/16 Donna McLaughlin
- 9/16 Mary Nuss
- 9/17 Lance Bain
- 9/17 Carl Royle
- 9/17 Julie Royle
- 9/19 Rod Bear
- 9/20 Katelyn Korb
- 9/21 Nancy Pfannenstien
- 9/21 Kristi Vogt
- 9/22 Casey Arentsen
- 9/22 Heidi Jarvis
- 9/22 Vicki Wisch
- 9/24 Ashley Brown
- 9/24 Kelsee Graham
- 9/24 Brewer Stubbs
- 9/27 Michael Henderson
- 9/27 Lola Mae Johnson
- 9/27 Elma Lohrenz
- 9/27 Peter Rishel
- 9/29 Lynda Henderson
- 9/30 Kent Maaske



Thank you for your love and support as we grieve the loss of our sweet Lane "Laney". While nothing can bring Lane back, your thoughtfulness is appreciated more than words can express. We will always remember the compassion you have shown us.

~ Matt, Melissa, and Ella Graves

(The Graves family was Covered In Prayer on July 10, 2016.)



Received via Faceook:

Bob,

I received the prayer blanket today. The thoughtfulness and generosity of spirit is humbling.

I only have my phone in rehab, so writing a thank you to your congregation might have to come from a PM like this one. Would that be okay?

I appreciate your thinking of me.

Fondly,
Michele

(Michelle Everett Seibel was Covered in Prayer on July 31, 2016)



- 9/01 Rick & Jacque Triplett
- 9/02 Rick & Carey Chism
- 9/02 Rick & Maggie Tighe
- 9/03 Chet & Kim Graham
- 9/04 Keith & Marie Danburg
- 9/06 John & Carol Reicheneker
- 9/13 Lee & Rachel Woollen
- 9/15 Roger & Jan Pollat
- 9/21 Ryan & Carrie Findley
- 9/25 David & Bobbi Runge
- 9/29 Andrew & Angie Olson



Men's Bible Study
Tuesday Evenings (beginning September 6, 2016)
7:00 p.m. Lower Level Northeast Classroom

We are continuing our study of John MacArthur's "Drawing Near".



Matching Funds



\$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 \$3,000 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!

Going Up!

Thank you to everyone who “raised their hand” to vie for the first ride on the new elevator at the August 14 church services! The successful bidders were Thelma Wise from first service and Kurt and Linda Johnson from second service. A second ride was also auctioned at the 11:00 a.m. service with Mike and Linda Johnson being the successful bidders. The funds raised through the auction are being counted toward the \$25,000 match! Kudos to the riders and to all for the generosity evidenced through the spirited bidding!



Dear Members of Faith United Methodist Church,

Thank you to all for the beautiful prayer shawl, the kind words, and prayers for our family. We sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of your congregation.

Sincerely,
The Family of Laura Stuewe

(The Stuewe Family was Covered in Prayer on July 24, 2016.)

**Live in
Concert**

**Keith Danburg and
Art Hansen
A NOTE-worthy
Studio
2117 Avenue A
Kearney NE**

**Thursday, September 1, 2016
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**



Faith Mission for August and September

Because fruits and vegetables are an important part of our diet, please bring . . .

Canned Fruit or Vegetables (any kind)

Items will be distributed to various Kearney agencies.



Eating fruits and vegetables has many health benefits. People who eat a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables can help lower their risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer. Eating healthy can also help prevent obesity and high blood pressure.

(<http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/>)



Homeward Trail Bible Camp Proclaiming Christ in Central Nebraska

(Homeward Trail Bible Camp occupies 10 acres of beautiful creek bottom ground 1/4 mile north and 1 mile east of Mason City, NE.)

Ladies Retreat
September 17, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<http://homewardtrail.org/events/>

If you have any questions please contact Bobbie Jo Christensen at (308) 520-0609. This is a one day event of fun, fellowship and equipping in the Word. Ladies of all ages are welcome and a free will offering will be taken to help with expenses. Please bring one salad per car load to share for a potluck style meal.

Joleen Perry would like to attend this. She is inviting any ladies at Faith to join her!
jln_elwell@yahoo.com or (402) 310-8383

TWINKIES AND ROOT BEER

(Author Unknown)



A little boy set out to meet God. He thought it could be a long trip to where God lives so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his little suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer

when he noticed that the old man looked hungry so he offered him a Twinkie.

The elderly gentleman gratefully accepted it and smiled at the lad. His smile was so pleasant the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." Before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

A wife invited some people for dinner.

At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Please join us for **Sunday School Kickoff** for all ages on **September 11 at 9:45 a.m.** An all church "potluck" with hamburgers and hot dogs furnished by Christian Education Committee will be held after the 11 o'clock service on this day. We are asking the congregation to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

CCF (for ages kindergarten through fifth grade) will start on **Wednesday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m.** Bring a friend!

Confirmation class will be offered this year to seventh and eighth graders. If you are interested in attending Confirmation class and have not received a letter, please contact the church office (308) 237-2550 or office@kearneyfaith.org.

Informational/Planning Meeting for United Methodist Youth Fellowship for students in 6th – 12th grades (and parents) **September 7 at 6:30 p.m.** - Supper will be served. We are seeking your input for UMYF this year – please come share your ideas!

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) for grades 6-12 will begin on **September 14.**

Lauryn Gustafson, Director of Christian Education
kids@kearneyfaith.org



**God's Amazing
Animals
Sunday School
Grades 3-5**

**Sunday
September 11,
2016**

10:00 a.m.



WOW! God's Word is AMAZING!!

Mary Nuss, Teacher

One Sunday morning at a small country church the new pastor called on one of the older deacons to lead the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going.

The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed.

The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour either. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em, I just love biscuits."

"Lord, help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, we need to wait and see what You are making. After You get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

(Author Unknown)



A note from Thelma Armitage:

Hi to all my friends at Faith!



Fall Church Kickoff Potluck

September 11, 2016

12:00 Noon

Please join the Christian Education Committee for our Fall Church Kickoff on September 11. We will be starting our new fall classes and want to celebrate as a church with an all church "potluck". Christian Education will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask the congregation to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We are looking forward to an exciting beginning to our Fall programs and sharing time as a church.

Thank you,
Christian Education Committee

JESUS LOVES ME (FOR SENIORS)

(Author Unknown)

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gate to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50 odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... The only thing that would comfort was this verse....."

**"Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, We are weak but He is strong....
Yes, Jesus loves me... The Bible tells me so."**

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it. A pastor once stated:

"I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children, of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of **Jesus Loves Me**.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

**YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.**

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

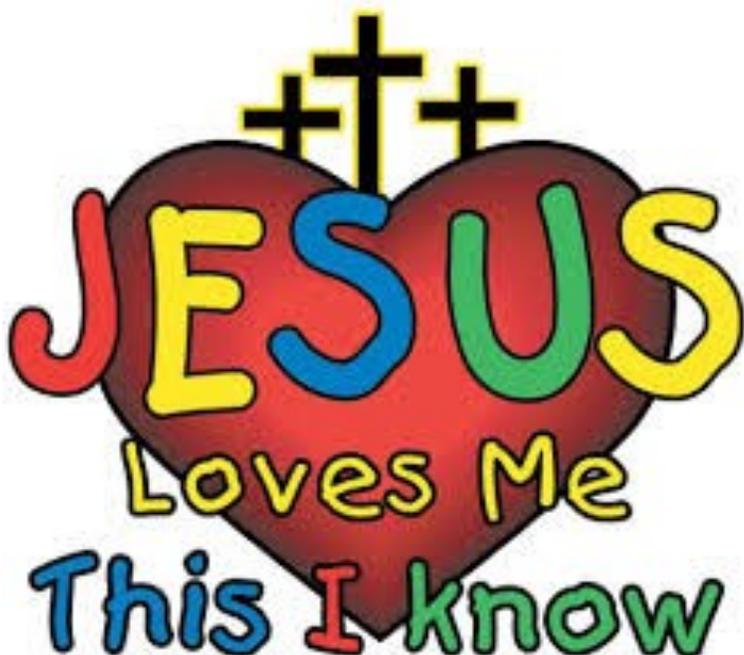
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love .

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)



**2016 James E. Smith Midwest Conference on World Affairs
Migration, Borders and Identity: Building Bridges or Walls
Monday and Tuesday, September 26-27, 2016**

Nebraskan Student Union Ponderosa Room

Many issues that shape the nature and quality of our lives have an international dimension. Today's economic interdependence, the development of appropriate environmental strategies, the resolution of regional conflicts, social inclusion, and the enhancement of human rights all require a global perspective. Important aspects of the educational experience include discussion and interaction with people from diverse cultures. Since 1964, Kearney State College, now the University of Nebraska at Kearney, has sponsored an international conference to discuss issues of global importance. In 1988 the name of the conference was changed to honor Professor James E. Smith.

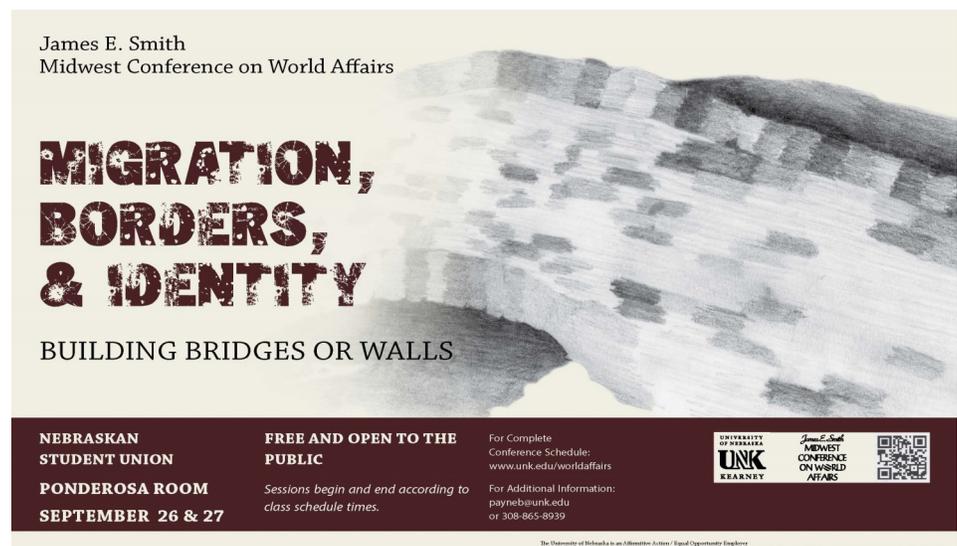
The daily news formed the basis of our conference theme: **Migration, Borders, and Identity: Building Bridges or Walls**. Every day we read horrific stories of refugees fleeing violence at home, only to find themselves facing walls hastily erected to prevent them from reaching safety. We see the families of hard-working Latino migrants separated and criminalized. We hear about Britain's exit from the European Union and how the boundaries and borders that only two decades ago seemed destined for permanent erasure are now being redrawn with anger and bitterness. We watch with disbelief as young men and women—whose parents raised them with the values of love, tolerance, and peace—turn against them, to form a new identity based on extremism and an ideology of hatred. And yet these divisive and frightening images tell only one part of the story. For just as pervasive, though far less strident, are the many who go out of their way to help refugees and migrants, who still seek to remain citizens of the world and for whom human values prevail over all others.

In this year's conference we hope to hear both sides of the story—not only the concerns of those who insist on building walls but also of those who still seek to build bridges. Among the topics our speakers will discuss this year are Europe's response to the ongoing refugee crisis, the role of globalization in the creation of migration and its criminalization, migration as both a threat to national culture and a boon to economic development, and health management in immigrant and refugee populations. These experts come to us from countries that include Germany, the Netherlands, Mexico, India, Pakistan, Slovenia, Cameroon, Fiji, the Dominican Republic and Antigua/Barbuda, as well as the United States and the European Union itself.

Through the information provided at this conference, we hope to introduce UNK faculty, students, and the broader Kearney community and beyond to the critical issues relating to migration, boundaries, and identity. It is our hope that members of the audience will be sufficiently inspired by what they hear at the conference to maintain a lifelong interest in international affairs.

<http://www.unk.edu/international/World%20Affairs%20Conference/index.php>

This link to the conference has lists of speakers and topics. UNK will keep updating this list.



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Mark Your Calendars!

United Campus Ministry will be hosting two exciting fundraisers this fall. Check out our website: ucmunk.org and/or Facebook page: United Campus Ministry at UNK for more information.



UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY (UCM)

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GOLF SCRAMBLE



SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 11th: Tee Time 1 p.m. UCM will be hosting our FIRST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE at Prairie Hills Golf Club. We invite all you "Golfers" to register for FOUR-PERSON TEAMS. There will be exciting Flight and Flag prizes. Teams may also purchase Team Mulligans. Attached is our UCM Golf Scramble Poster for teams to register and advertize the event in your church, bulletins, and newsletters.



UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY (UCM)

at the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK)

DINNER THEATER



SUNDAY-OCTOBER 2ND: 5:30-7 p.m. – UCM will be hosting a DINNER THEATER at First United Methodist Church Kearney. UCM will be serving a wonderful meal and entertaining you with faith meaning skits. More information will be coming soon for ticket sales and prices on our website.

UCM is looking forward to the upcoming school year for the opportunity to connect with your students and be part of their faith journey while they are at UNK.

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