



Call of Faith

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Church News



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 pm

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing



Parents Night Out

Making a Difference for Children in our Community

Friday, December 2, 2016; 6:15-9:00 pm

Faith Church is having Parents Night Out. Children (infant through 5th grade) will have an evening of games and crafts. There is no charge. Any free will donations will go to Nourish 282, which serves families in the St. Anthony/New Brighton School District. You can register online at www.faithumchurch.com. If you have questions about Parents Night Out, contact Janet Johnson.

Find out more about Nourish 282 at www.nourish282.com.

Volunteers from Faith Church are needed! Sign-up is in the Commons.

Worship Schedule

Sundays:	9:00 am	Adult classes
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time
	10:30 am	Worship Service/Nursery Available
	10:30 am	Kids Connect

If you need nursery care for your children during Adult Christian Education on Sunday morning please contact the church office at 612-781-3167 by Wednesday. We will happily arrange for childcare!

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A Message from *Rev. Diane M. Christianson*

Dear Friends,

Worship

Worship this fall has certainly been enriched with the presence of our children for the opening parts of worship! This is a wonderful way to celebrate the multiple generations in our church family. The children will continue to begin their classes in the worship service each week and then go to their classrooms for activities based on the theme of the day. Thank you, Christian Education Team, for your creativity that makes this work so well!

The Worship Design Team has also been a leader in guiding us to an ever more meaningful worship experience. ANNOUNCEMENTS, which were often lengthy and stopped the flow of worship, are now all printed in the bulletin; please get your written announcements to Janet in the church office by Wednesday morning and then read all the announcements that are on the insert in your bulletin on Sunday morning. JOYS & CONCERNS are specifically for prayer requests, and MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES are highlighted as a way to connect worship to service in the world, usually around the Theme of the Day. Exceptions will arise, of course, so please see me before worship so that we can find the proper placement for what else needs to be said.

Worshipping together is a blessing for the entire community!

Advent and Christmas

Advent begins on November 27 with Rev. Susan Mullin preaching. December 3 is a service of Holy Communion. On December 11, all children present will be invited to be a shepherd, wise person, or angel; we will have costumes and guidance for them as they help us live into the story of Christ's birth. Our Choir will lead us in worship with "A Noel Celebration" on December 18. Two candlelight services will be offered on Christmas Eve – 5 pm and 11 pm. On Christmas Day, worship begins at 10:30 with a cozy gathering in the sanctuary; enjoy a cup of hot wassail, special Christmas stories, and singing your favorite Christmas carols. Everyone will receive a gift!

Quasquicentennial

2017 is our quasquicentennial (125th) anniversary as a congregation! Special events are being planned January through December. Already scheduled:

- On April 30, former pastors and their families have been invited to join us for worship and lunch.
- Bishop Bruce Ough will preach at worship on October 22.
- Close to November 3, we will celebrate the date in 1957 (60 years ago) that we became Faith Methodist Church of St. Anthony, and
- Close to December 13, we will celebrate the date our congregation was founded in 1892 (125 years ago) as Second Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Minneapolis.

Blessings to you at this special time of year!

*"...The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord,
just as the water covers the sea." (Isaiah 11:9)*

"Come, ...let's walk by the Lord's light." (Isaiah 2:5)

Pastor Diane

Church News (continued)

Art & Soul



- Dec 1 6:00 pm—? Cookie exchange & potluck
Jan 28 10:00 am— 2:00 pm Open Crafting
Feb 25 1:00 pm Painting with Tina Sheppard from Canvas and Soul. Cost \$35

We can provide supplies for you if you want to make items for charity. Right now we have a large collection of yarn and fleece.

Craft for a Cause 4 was a success since we finished everything we had planned for the day! With only 15 people, we got everything done and then EXTRA! There were 186 granola bars labeled, 40 toiletry kits assembled and 40 pillow cases tie dyed. In addition, 17 survival bracelets were made as well as six blankets. Thanks so much to everyone who participated and donated items.

Administrative Council Meeting & Charge Conference

Tuesday December 6

6:30 pm—Ad Council meeting

7:30 pm—Charge Conference:

Approval of Pastoral Compensation for 2017.



2017 Chancel Flower Sign-up

If you are interested in providing flowers for Sunday mornings, please sign-up on the chart in the Commons during the month of December. Cost is \$32 per Sunday.

Classical Music Academy Performance



Students will be performing Violin Ensembles
Saturday, December 17, 12:00 noon
Mall of America Rotunda

2017 Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes will be available in the Commons throughout December.

If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and would like to, please call the church office at 612-781-3167

Year-End Giving

Consider giving an extra gift to the church at Christmastime.

In order for payments on current pledges to be deposited in 2016 they are due to the Church Office by Friday, December 30, 2016.

2017 Estimate of Giving Cards

Please remember to turn in your 2017 Estimate of Giving Cards

Christian Education

Kids Connect in Advent

There is a lot of energy in worship this fall, thanks to the kids who are sitting in the front rows and participating with such enthusiasm! We will take a break from the “theme of the day” poster during Advent, but you can assure your children that there will be plenty of opportunities to color and present the theme of the day poster beginning in January.

We will continue with our *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum during Advent. We hope you will take the time to talk with your children and youth about what they are learning in Kids Connect each week. Their activities follow the same Bible stories and themes that we are using in worship.

There will be NO KIDS CONNECT on Sunday, December 25 or Sunday, January 1. Kids Connect will resume on January 8th. Children are always welcome in worship!



Faith Forum

Sunday Mornings

9:00 am in the Ebenezer Room

- Nov 27 Implicit Racial Bias, Melanie Funchess, Ted Talk Video and Discussion
- Dec 4 United Methodist General Conference Judy & Dave Jerde
- Dec 11 Lung Cancer Awareness
- Dec 18 Active Listening, video and discussion
- Dec 25 No class

Advent Study

“This Advent: Act like our God really matters. Instead of shop, stress, dread, rush, and worry, choose to worship, reflect, pray, study, serve. Show the world what it means to live like God is with us.” These challenging words come from Robin Wilson’s introduction to her book, “God is With Us.” Robin Wilson is co-senior pastor of Dauphin Way UMC in Mobile, Alabama. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Duke Divinity School, and is a member of the Board of Directors for Discipleship Ministries. There are two ways to participate in this book study:

Adult Bible Study – led by Terry Krinke, meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in Room 219. Class will meet on November 27, December 4, 11, 18, and January 8.

Mary Martha Group – meets at 9:30 am on Wednesdays in the Ebenezer Room. They will meet on November 30, December 7, 14, 21, and January 4.

Everyone is welcome to attend either group.

What are you Praying About?

Sunday Mornings

9:00-10:00 am in the Conference Room

Bring your coffee and share what you are praying about. We discuss a variety of topics as determined by the group. It’s a great way to get to know other people from Faith church in a casual setting.

Extend and Serve



NE Community Thanksgiving Eve Meal

Northeast UMC, 2510 Cleveland St. NE, Minneapolis, MN

Wednesday, November 23, 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Join others for a Thanksgiving Eve meal at Northeast UMC.
Faith UMC is once again providing the pies.

Project Linus: Let's blanket the

children with love! This Christmas season, please bring in new blankets for us to donate to Project Linus, whose mission is "to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets." Blankets can be sewn, quilted, crocheted, knitted or tied single-layer fleece. Of course, store-bought blankets are welcome, too. Bring in your blankets anytime up through New Years and the Christian Education Committee will deliver them to the local branch of Project Linus. They say they are particularly in need of smaller blankets, around 36" x 36". Visit the Project Linus website:



<http://sites.google.com/site/gtcaprojectlinus/>.

Make it a family project!

Blankets will be collected through New Years.

Hamline-McVay Snacks

We are in need of more snacks for the Hamline-McVay Youth Partnership. Please place them in the bin under the Outreach table.



NE Community Meal



Outreach team will be preparing and serving the N.E. Community Meal on Saturday, Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18. If you are able to help, sign-up is in the Commons.

Untrim the Christmas Tree

The Outreach Christmas Tree will be in the Commons the month of December. The three missions to support this year are Dignity Center, Emma Norton Services and RECLAIM. Envelopes for donations are on the tree. Be sure to include your name and offering number on the envelope.



Checks payable to Faith UMC.

SignUp Genius.com

SignUp Genius is an online scheduler used to recruit Faith members to sign up for helping others in our congregation. Since its start up in the summer SignUp Genius has been used to secure rides for individuals, provide meals when needed, etc. It also is being used for the sign-up to prepare the Wednesday evening meal.

To use the site and volunteer,
visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com>
or

Sign-up sheets are on the "volunteer table" at church.

Church Calendar - December 2016

Date	Event	Time	Date	Event	Time
Thu 12/1	Lectionary Group/CR Art & Soul Potluck & Cookie Exchange/FH	12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sat 12/17	Women's Breakfast at Perkins Classical Music @ Mall of America	9:00 AM 12:00PM
Fri 12/2	Planet Home School Parent's Night Out/FH, 114-116, and Nursery	8:45 AM 6:15 PM	Sun 12/18	Adult Groups Fellowship Time Christmas Choral	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM
Sun 12/4	Adult Groups Fellowship Time Worship Service/WC Kids Connect GS Snowflake Ball/FH	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Mon 12/19	Cub Scouts/114-117 Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Mon 12/5	Cub Scouts/114-117 Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Wed 12/21	Mary Martha/EB Staff Meeting St. Anthony HS Jazz Band & Chamber Choir	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:45 AM
Tue 12/6	Ad Council/EB Charge Conference/EB	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Thur 12/22	Lectionary Group/CR 500 Card Club/EB	12:00 PM 1:00 PM
Wed 12/7	Mary Martha/EB Staff Meeting Organist Rehearsal/WC Meal at Faith/FH Contemplative Service/WC Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC Centennial Handbells/217	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	Fri 12/23	Planet Home School—No Classes	
Thu 12/8	Lectionary Group/CR 500 Card Club/EB Trustees/CR	12:00 PM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Sat 12/24	Christmas Eve — Services 5:00 & 11:00 PM	
Fri 12/9	Planet Home School Cub Scout Make & Take/FH	8:45 AM 7:00 PM	Sun 12/25	Fellowship Time Worship Service/WC	10:00 AM 10:30 AM
Sat 12/10	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM	Mon 12/26	Office Closed	
Sun 12/11	Adult Groups Fellowship Time Christmas Pageant Prep Worship Service/WC Kids Connect	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Wed 12/28	Mom's Club/114 & 115 Organist Rehearsal/WC	9:45 AM 4:00 PM
Mon 12/12	Cub Scouts/114-117 Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Fri 12/30	Planet Home School—No Classes Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	6:00 PM
Wed 12/14	Mary Martha/EB Staff Meeting Organist Rehearsal/WC Meal at Faith/FH Contemplative Service/WC Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC Centennial Handbells/217	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	Sat 12/31	Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	10:00 AM
Thu 12/15	Men's Work Group Lectionary Group/CR	9:00 AM 12:00 PM			
Fri 12/16	Planet Home School Green Christmas Party/FH Classical Music rehearsal/WC	8:45 AM 6:00 PM			

Classical Music Academy— Winter Schedule:
 Mondays 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Instructor: Alex) Room 218
 Tuesdays 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Instructor: Alex) Room 218
 Tuesdays 2:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Instructors: Tina, Dz) 116, 121
 Thursdays 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Instructor: Tina) 116, 121

Childbirth Education (Sarah Beth Seguin):
 Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 PM, in the Nursery

Abbreviation Key:
 CR = Conference Room; EB = Ebenezer Room
 FH = Fellowship Hall, KI = Kitchen
 WC = Worship Center (Sanctuary)