

Call of Faith

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Church News

Reconciling United Methodists and Twin Cities PRIDE

TC PRIDE is June 28 & 29. It is an annual celebration for the GLBTQ and allies community and it's the MN Reconciling Congregation's primary outreach effort. It's a great way to let people know that there are people of faith who support the GLBT community! Please consider being a part of this year's PRIDE celebration. There is a booth in Loring Park that is open on Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer for a two hour shift, go to the booth sign-up sheet at www.timetosignup.com/mnreconcilingumc/. There will be a UM worship service near 3rd Street and Hennepin Ave at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning followed by the parade beginning at 11 a.m. Congregations are encouraged to walk with the Reconciling float in the parade. For more information about Reconciling UMs and PRIDE, you can contact Judy Jerde at 651-426-0156 or jan@hopefultravelers.net.

ART & SOUL HAPPENINGS

Friday, June 20, 5:30 – 9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. We will have a special art painting event that starts at 6:00 pm, but we will need to arrive early. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The charge for the art supplies is \$35 and MUST be paid in advance to Denise Wells. In July and August there will not be an Art & Soul. We resume again on September 20.

Sunday Sermons

Are now available
on Faith's website:

www.faithumchurch.com

It's on the website tabs:

Worship & Music, then Sermons.



Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30 am Worship Service (Nursery Available)
10:30 am Fellowship Time

Church Contacts

Pastor	Rev. Leigh Brown	lbrown@faithumchurch.com
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Over the Coffee *by Rev. Leigh Brown*



Rev. Leigh Brown is attending the 2014 Session of The Minnesota United Methodist Annual Conference from May 28-30 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Look for her "Over the Coffee" article in the next issue of the Call of Faith Newsletter.

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WE WANT YOU! TO BE AN USHER!

We are looking for more people to join the Usher team. No experience is necessary, we will show you everything you need to know. Come help us make our Sunday service a continued success. The time commitment is minimal but the service you provide is valuable. Contact Bill Parrill (651-636-5017 or wdparrill@aol.com) if you are interested or for more information.



Eco-Kids Summer Day Camp For children entering 3-5th grade

Dates: Monday-Friday, August 4-8

Times: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$50, with scholarships available.

We are excited to be offering a summer camp that will give upper elementary school children the opportunity for hands-on exploration of our local environment and how to be good stewards of God's creation. Daily themes will include water, animals, food, climate, and the four R's (Reduce, reuse, recycle, rejoice). We will take field trips to local areas of interest, and will be learning with all of our senses through science, art, games, cooking, and plenty of time to be outside. This camp is a collaboration of the Northeast Area United Methodist Churches and will be held at Northeast UMC, 2510 Cleveland Street NE. Please let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity. Talk to Rev. Susan Mullin (612-781-3167) if you would like more information or would like to volunteer to assist

Church Directory Updates

Have you moved, changed a phone number, added an e-mail address, had a name change or addition to the family? During June/July the Church office staff will be updating our Church Directory and we would like to include all the latest information. Please notify us of any changes or additions for the directory by calling 612-781-3167 or e-mailing faith@faithumchurch.com.

Outreach

NE Community Meal

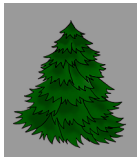
Outreach team will be preparing and serving the N.E. Community Meal on Saturday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m. If you are able to help, sign-up is in the Commons.



Celebrate Northeast Parade on June 17!

Plans are underway for the 85th Celebrate Northeast Parade on Tuesday, June 17th. The Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking sponsors, entrants, vendors and volunteers for this event. Please consider participating and supporting this long standing community tradition! For more information, you can visit online at: <http://www.minneapolischamber.org/>

There's Christmas in July!



For the month of July, the Outreach Christmas Tree, will be decorated with donation envelopes and will be displayed in the Commons. Please use the envelopes to make a contribution to one or both of the following mission funds:

Faith Fund (For People in Need in our Community):

Faith Church has a pastor's discretionary fund called Faith Fund (formerly Mother Hubbard), so that we may be the hands of Christ for those who knock on our door. This money is used for congregation or community members in need of emergency aid for food or other basic needs. It is supported entirely by our congregation and donations are always needed. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact Pastor Leigh.

Hunger (Simpson/Community Meals & Local Food Shelves):

Faith Church members and friends provide meals at Simpson Shelter three to four times a year; provide a Community meal once a month; support two local food shelves: Salvation Army NEED and Ralph Reeder. Your generous donations to Hunger will help in continuing support to these important outreach efforts.

Summer at Faith Church

Summer Nursery at Faith



Our Nursery will be staffed during Sunday Worship Service (9:30-10:30) for children from birth up to age 4. Children 5 and older are not allowed to stay in the nursery. Having older children in the nursery makes it difficult for our nursery volunteers to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for our younger children.

Children Are Welcome to Summer Worship Services

Children are always welcome in worship, and summer is a great time to worship as a family in a relaxed atmosphere. Try out one of the worship activity bags located on the stand near the entrance to the sanctuary (on left side before you enter the sanctuary). We will be changing the contents of the bags from time to time, so come see what's new! *"Allow the children to come to me", Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children."* (Matthew 19:14-15).



Youth Group



UMC Youth Group

UMC youth and friends are invited to join youth from Community and Northeast UMC for youth group this summer. The next meeting will be on Weds, June 4, 6:15-8:00 pm, at Community UMC. For the summer the youth group will meet once a month. The monthly schedule is still being developed. We will have further details soon.

For the Beauty of the Earth *by Rev. Susan Mullin*

For the Beauty of the Earth: The Three-Legged Stool

I have had people say to me, “It doesn’t make any sense to divest from fossil fuel companies until we reduce our consumption of fossil fuels. It is the demand for fossil fuels that leads these companies to find and exploit more fossil fuel resources.” I have had other people tell me that it doesn’t make any sense to focus on reducing our carbon footprint until we put in place policies that force us to pay the real cost of our carbon emissions. Without these policies there is not enough incentive to significantly reduce our use of fossil fuels. Still others point out that climate change is a theological issue and that until we rethink our relationship to God, the world, and other human beings, we will not be able to make significant changes to our behavior.

Erin Pratt, of Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, suggests that we need all three of these approaches. We need to do **the practical work** of conserving energy and using alternative energy sources in our homes and businesses. We need to **advocate for systems and policies** that will take into account the environmental costs of burning fossil fuels so that we have powerful economic incentives to make the changes we need to make. And we need to **use the resources of our faith traditions to help us rethink who we are as people of God**. These three approaches are like the three legs of a stool. If any one of them is missing, the stool will fall over.



The good news is that all of these approaches are important! Some people are more engaged by one of these approaches than the others. So if you’re interested in how we can grow food locally or reduce our carbon footprint here at church... then you should do that. If you are more interested in following what is happening with the EPA carbon rules or the divestment movement... then you should do that. If you are interested in exploring the theology around climate change or helping to design worship services that help us to deepen our love for people and the planet, you should do that.

We are in the midst of a planetary “all hands on deck” moment. Psychologists tell us that many of us are immobilized by climate change – it is so big that we feel powerless and we despair. In times such as these, I believe God calls ordinary people to make extraordinary things happen. I can personally attest to the energy and joy that arise from working with others for a more just and sustainable human presence on this planet. What tugs at your heart? What are you being called to do at this moment? Remember when God asked Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt, he responded, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” And God said, “I will be with you.”

Thanks for the Beautiful Music

Sanctuary Choir

Director: Jo Halvorsen

Kay Acton, Karen Allen, Deb Anderson, Barb Bergseth, Emily Dennison, Bob Dexter, Mari Donaldson, Carla Erpelding, Elsie Graff, Alan Johnson, Doug Johnson, Joyce Jose, Andy Keck, Janice Khan Howard, Patsy Krinke, Terry Krinke, Tom Krinke, Diane Lewis, Steve Lohse, Neal McIntosh, Peggy O'Brien, Theresa Perkins, Pam Pettit, Kate Porter, Glenn Puncochar, Kris Schmitt, Jay Susag, Jeanne Vogt

Organist

Marie Kuglin



Faith Praise Singers Director: Jeanne Vogt

Deb Anderson, Jo Halvorsen, Joyce Jose, Carla Keck, Neal McIntosh, Kate Porter



Centennial Bells

Director: Janet Johnson

Sue Bailey, Miriam Bosveld, Brenda Brelje, Adam Busacker, David Busacker, Karolyn Busacker, Leah Damerow, Carol Grutkoski, Kathryn Grutkoski, Kathy Jerry, Nick Johnson, Andy Keck, Carla Keck, Rachel Keck, Deb Magnuson, Neal McIntosh, Vivien Oja, Ann Perkins, Ginger Rucker, Janet Schafer, Judy Vijums, Jeanne Vogt, Denise Wells



Others

Assistant Organist
Neal McIntosh

Assistant Choir Directors:
Neal McIntosh
Jeanne Vogt

All our vocal soloists, duets, quartets; plus our piano & instrumentalist guest musicians.



Praise Band

Director: Neal McIntosh
Assistant Director: Jeanne Vogt

Tom Campbell, Lindsey Danger, Steve Danger, David Jose, Joyce Jose, Marie Kuglin, Emily LaKosky, Jessica LaKosky, Callie McIntosh, Liana Oja, John Oja, Kent Reed

Community Connections

Wesley Foundation Annual Celebration Event

Tuesday, July 22nd, 6:00 pm, cost \$10 (includes a reception, dinner, and program), at Hennepin Avenue UMC, 511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis. You are invited to attend this year's celebration dinner that supports the Wesley Foundation's nearly \$120,000 annual budget, which pays for events and staff. Mark Seeley, an extension climatologist and professor in the University of Minnesota's Department of Soil, Water, and Climate, will be the guest speaker.



Nicaragua Service/Learning Trip Welcomes the Whole Family July 6-18, 2014, Cost: \$1,450 plus airfare

Interfaith Service to Latin America (ISLA) is a nonprofit organization that has been taking teams to Central America and operating medical, construction and education programs since 1993. Many members and friends of Faith UMC are involved in this organization. The trip in July is designed as a family-friendly sampler of ISLA's public school and public health programs in Jalapa, Nicaragua. Participants from all backgrounds will get a range of experiences working and learning in different community settings, especially with children and youth. Lodging is at a family-run hotel with a built-in playground area that feels much like a north woods resort. For more information, visit the ISLA website at www.isla.cc or contact Jon Kerr at jon@isla.cc or 612-819-8877.



Mission Trip: Hurricane Sandy Relief August 9-17, Cost: \$250

The Minnesota Annual Conference is returning to New Jersey this summer to continue Hurricane Sandy relief work. Anyone 14 or older at the time of the trip is welcome to join the trip. The group will depart on Saturday, August 9, from somewhere in the Twin Cities (more information will be available to participants as the trip nears).

The group will travel by van (adults 25 and older are asked to drive if they are comfortable) to New Jersey. There will be an overnight somewhere in Ohio on the way out and probably one in Indiana or Chicago on the way back. The group will also take the ferry over to New York City for part of a day.

Projects that members of the group will take on may include electrical work, installing drywall, painting, and various other tasks as requested based on the collective skill levels of participants. This is an amazing opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus while helping people rebuild their lives and their homes. The goal is to take 60 people on the trip. Those who went on last year's Sandy relief mission trip loved their experience and returned home changed because of it. Don't miss out!

Register by July 20th at: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1598045/Sandy-Mission-Trip-2014>

Church Calendar - June 2014

Date	Event	Time	Date	Event	Time
Sun. 6/1	Graduation Sunday		Sat. 6/21	NE Community Meal	6:00 PM
	Worship/WC	9:30 AM	Sun. 6/22	Worship/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM		Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM
	Pack Leaders	4:00 PM	Mon. 6/23	Cub Dens/114,115,116	6:30 PM
Mon. 6/2	Worship Design/Applebee's	6:30 PM		Scout Leaders/FH	7:00 PM
	Cub Dens/114,115,116	6:30 PM	Tue. 6/24	Mom's Club/115	9:45 AM
	Scout Leaders/FH	7:00 PM		Finance Meeting/EB	7:00 PM
Tue. 6/3	Pastoral Care Institute	2:00 PM	Thu. 6/26	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	Admin. Board Meeting/EB	6:30 PM		500 Cards Club/EB	1:00 PM
Wed. 6/4	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM		Cub Dens/ 114,115,116	6:30 PM
Thu. 6/5	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	Sun. 6/29	Worship/WC	9:30 AM
	Cub Dens/114	6:30 PM		Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM
Sat. 6/7	ISLA Board Meeting/EB	9:00 AM	Mon. 6/30	Cub Dens/114,115,116	6:30 PM
Sun. 6/8	Pentecost Sunday			Scout Leaders/FH	7:00 PM
	Worship/WC	9:30 AM			
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM			
Mon. 6/9	Call of Faith Info Due Into Office				
	Cub Dens/114,115,116	6:30 PM			
	Scout Leaders/FH	7:00 PM			
Tue. 6/10	Nursery Meeting & Cleaning	6:00 PM			
	SPRC Meeting/EB	6:30 PM			
Thu. 6/12	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM			
	500 Cards Club/EB	1:00 PM			
	Cub Dens/114	6:30 PM			
	Trustees Meeting/EB	7:00 PM			
Sat. 6/14	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM			
Sun. 6/15	Worship/WC	9:30 AM			
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM			
Mon. 6/16	Cub Dens/114,115,116	6:30 PM			
	Scout Leaders/FH	7:00 PM			
Tue. 6/17	Marketing/Communication/CR	6:30 PM			
	Northeast Parade	6:30 PM			
Wed. 6.18	Hopeful Earth Meeting/EB	12:30 PM			
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM			
Thu. 6/19	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM			
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM			
	Cub Dens/114	6:30 PM			
Fri. 6/20	Art & Soul/FH	5:30 PM			

Classical Music Academy is held on most:

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 PM in room 218
 Tuesdays: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121, 218
 Thursdays: 2:30 PM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121

Bradley Childbirth Classes:

Sundays 4:00 - 6:00 PM
 in Room 115
 Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 in the Nursery

Abbreviation Key:

CR = Conference Room
 EB = Ebenezer Room
 FH = Fellowship Hall,
 KI = Kitchen
 WC = Worship Center/Sanctuary