



# Call of Faith

Summer Edition 2016

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## Church News

### Feed My Starving Children Event

Join Faith UMC to pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children on

Saturday, June 11 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm

at the Feed My Starving Children's Coon Rapids location:

401 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.



Children as young as 5 years old can participate if they have an adult with them. People can either meet at the church at 11:00 am to carpool, or meet at the Coon Rapids location.

You must sign up on the sheet in the Commons or online at [www.faith@faithumchurch.com](http://www.faith@faithumchurch.com) in order to participate in the event.

Include name, email, age (if a child) and whether you are carpooling or not.



### Faith UMC Booth at St. Anthony VillageFest

Saturday August 6, 11:00 am—4:00 pm

We will have a baby comfort station (changing table and rocking chair) and a children's craft, along with ice water. We need volunteers, so please sign up in the Commons.

Worship Schedule		
<b>Sundays:</b>	9:30 am	Worship Service/Nursery Available
	10:30 am	Fellowship Time

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## A Message from *Rev. Diane M. Christianson*

Dear Friends,

The warmth of spring is upon us. Praise the Lord! With new growth visible around us in green grass, budding trees, and many-colored flowers, I invite you to consider your continuing spiritual growth.

All of us are on a spiritual journey, a journey with many possibilities along the way. You are invited to two opportunities this summer.

### #1

The first is to make plans to join me in a trip to the Holy Land next January. Fifteen folks are already registered for this exciting pilgrimage. We will journey to Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus for ten days, January 10-19, 2017. Our pilgrimage is planned through Educational Opportunities, a travel ministry begun 40 years ago by a United Methodist pastor. More information is available at [www.EO.travel](http://www.EO.travel), or pick up a brochure from me or at the Welcome Center in the Commons. Register with a friend before July 10 and you may be eligible for a discount on your airfare!

### #2

Join me in August for a video tour of the Holy Land, as we discuss the “I am” sayings of Jesus. The Gospel of John records several declarations by Jesus known as the “I am” sayings. With each statement, Jesus used vivid images to capture our imagination, revealing more about his identity, and purpose: “I am ... the bread of life; the light of the world; the good shepherd; the true vine; the way, the truth, and the life; the resurrection and the life. Our study book is *The God We Can Know* by Rev. Rob Fuquay. Cost of the book is about \$7. Study dates and times are the first four Mondays in August (August 1, 8, 15, & 22), 7-9pm. Join me!

Whether or not either of these opportunities work for you, rejoice in God’s creation, celebrate the risen Christ, and expect the power of the Holy Spirit to enliven you!

Have a great Minnesota summer!

In Christ’s love,

*Pastor Diane M. Christianson*

## Church News (continued)

### Eco-Kids Day Camp: River of Life



We have 35 children registered to attend camp on August 1-5! Together, we will explore the natural world and learn how to be good stewards of God's creation. Field trips this year include a canoe trip on the Mississippi River with Wilderness Inquiry and a trip to Minnehaha Falls Regional Park.

Our theme this year is the river of life. In Ezekiel 47, Ezekiel has a vision of water flowing out from the temple – water deep enough to swim in—a river too deep to cross. There were very many trees on both banks of the river. “Wherever the river flows, everything will live. People will stand fishing beside it, from En-gedi to En-eglayim, and it will become a place for spreading nets. It will be like the Mediterranean Sea, having all kinds of fish in it. Its marshes and swamps won't be made fresh (they are left for salt), but on both banks of the river will grow up all kinds of fruit-bearing trees. Their leaves won't wither, and their fruitfulness won't wane. They will produce fruit in every month, because their water comes from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for eating, their leaves for healing (Ezekiel 47:9-12).” What a beautiful vision of God providing beauty, food, and healing through the waters of the river! At Eco-Kids Camp we will learn how rivers are a source of life for the plants and animals that live in or near the river, and for our human communities as well.

Speaking recently at Hamline University, Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart encouraged us to see God's creation of our region as an act of divine love. He then said, “Most of us are quite ignorant of where we live—this is a profound act of ingratitude.” Eco-Kids Camp is one way that we can become more ecologically literate, and therefore more grateful for God's act of divine love.

We collaborate with Northeast UMC and Community UMC to host this camp each summer. Many hands make light work, and Eco-Kids Camp is no exception. There is a sign-up sheet in the Commons if you are interested in helping with camp. Signing up indicates you are interested, but is not a firm commitment! Someone will follow up with you to talk about how you might like to be involved. Some of the volunteer tasks include planning, organizing volunteers, teaching a class, serving as a teaching assistant, chaperoning field trips, preparing snacks, and welcoming parents and children.

Eco Kids Camp is currently full, but we are accepting a limited number of children on our waiting list. Information and registration forms are available on our website: [www.faithumchurch.com](http://www.faithumchurch.com).

### Journey to the Holy Land

Pastor Diane will be leading a group of church members and friends to the Holy Land, January 10-19, 2017. Fifteen people are already registered. You are invited to join this group of pilgrims!



The “Holy Land Classic” journey takes us to Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and other important sites. Arrangements are through the United Methodist-related tour ministry, Educational Opportunities, [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel). A detailed brochure is available at the Welcome Center or from Pastor Diane.

# Church News (continued)

## Messages from the Music Department



Thank you for showing your appreciation for our musicians. It is great to hear how much you enjoy our music.

There is a summer schedule for special music. If you would like to share your talents and offer music during the service, the schedule folder is on the information table.

The choir is going to sing for the July 10<sup>th</sup> service. If you would like to join us, come early at 9:00 am to rehearse. I promise, it will be something easy and familiar.

All of our music groups would be happy to include you. Give some time this summer to think about joining the Choir, Hand Bells, Faith Praise Singers or Band. The Choir could use some Bases, Sopranos and a Tenor or two but we will not turn down an Alto.

## Extend and Serve



### Outreach Committee Christmas in July "FILL THE BABY BIN"

Many churches in years past celebrated "Christmas in July". It was a time to fill the "mission barrels" to be shipped overseas to missionary families, assuring that they would receive the gifts by Christmas. While we no longer worry about these delays, we are aware that many people find themselves in a financial crunch throughout the year. The Outreach Committee has chosen Simpson Family Housing "Fill the Baby Bin" to emphasize during "Christmas in July". It is our hope that you will help.

We are collecting items for mothers and newborns at Simpson Family Housing. Items needed are listed on pink, blue and yellow sheets located under the tree and near the baby crib by the nursery. Donated items may be placed in the crib throughout July. Envelopes on the tree are reminders for specific baby items or for monetary donations or gift cards. Monetary donations will be matched \$1 from the Outreach/Ostberg Trust Fund for every \$2 contributed by the congregation or friends.

### Hamline-McVay Snacks

We are in need of more snacks for the Hamline-McVay Youth Partnership.



### NE Community Meal



We will be preparing and serving the N.E. Community Meal on Saturday June 18, Saturday July 16 and Saturday August 20. If you are able to help, sign-up is in the Commons.

### 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 SignUp Genius has been used to secure rides for individuals, provide meals when needed, etc.

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

or

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

Reggie McCarthy is the organizer of this valuable service!

# Community Connections

## **Mission u: Education for Transformation** **July 12-15 or one-day option on July 16** **St. John's University in Collegeville, MN**

Each summer, the United Methodist Women host Mission u – an educational event for men and women that helps us prepare for faithful living and action. Three mission studies are offered each year - a **geographical, topical, and spiritual growth** study. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. The studies this year include:

**The Bible and Human Sexuality:** This study explores the Bible and human sexuality as two essential components of our Christian faith. The Bible is part of the foundation of our faith. Human sexuality is part of who we are as human beings, created by God and called good. The study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality.

**Climate Justice:** This study invites you to understand climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Climate injustice is one result of climate change. The study will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today. The church needs to more powerfully model a way of doing it differently. This will entail not just focusing on the environment, but also asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, our independent way of thinking and our understanding of efficiency.

**Latin America: People and Faith** is an overview of the richness of Latin America and its people for readers on the North American continent. The study examines the history of the region from pre-Colombian times until colonization and the struggle for independence. It also explores the current challenges of the nations, along with their rich art, culture and the ongoing contributions of women. The role of religion is woven throughout the pages and will help the reader understand how Latin America has been influenced by various religions and faith traditions.

Rev. Susan Mullin and Rev. Sarah Lawton will be leading the sessions on Climate Justice! We hope that you will join us at Mission u. Costs depend on the options you choose. Please register online at <http://www.mnconfumw.com/>.

## **Screening of the Documentary "Love is a Verb"**

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 7:30 pm  
Northeast United Methodist Church  
2510 Cleveland St. NE, Minneapolis, MN



"Love is a Verb" is an examination of the work of Fethullah Gulen, a Muslim scholar and humanitarian, and the global movement that he inspired called Hizmet, the Turkish word for service.

Please consider attending and inviting others. This is a joint project with the Niagara Foundation (an InterFaith Non-Profit) and Northeast UMC. For more information go to:

<http://www.niagarafoundation.org/ne-united-methodist-church-hosts-screening/>

# Christian Education

## Faith Forum

Sunday Mornings, 9:00-10:00 am in the Ebenezer Room  
September—May

Faith Forum Topics for 2016-2017 will focus on Social Justice, the Environment and You

Faith Forum is planning speakers and topics for next year. Some of our best discussions have taken place when you, members of Faith Church, are discussing your jobs, volunteering, and/or passions. If you are interested in and willing to talk about an interest of yours, we'd love to put you on our schedule. If you have a favorite local charity or non-profit that you think we would benefit from hearing about, we'd like to schedule their representative for a Sunday morning discussion. We meet from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. each Sunday, September-May, in the Ebenezer Room. Please let Nancy Nielsen or Tricia and Mark Grimes know of your interest in sharing your thoughts and experiences with our Faith Forum. Thanks.

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Tricia and Mark Grimes [grimesmn@gmail.com](mailto:grimesmn@gmail.com) 612-706-9523, program coordinators

## KIDS CONNECT

### Thank you to the Faith Formation Volunteers

Thanks to all of those who served as lead teachers in our faith formation programs this year. Barb Bergseth, Jane Grapevine, Susan Johnson, Sarah Olson, Joyce Danger, Sarah Green, Gary Johnson, Carla Keck, Sharon Parrill, Deb Anderson, Carroll Vance, Mark & Tricia Grimes, and Karolyn Busacker. And thanks to the following assistant teachers: Sue Sattler, Molly Sheahan-Spector, Maret Olson, Alex Vijums, Kathryn Grutkoski, Lauren Parrill, Leah Damerow, Emily Moreland, Henry Scamehorn, and Stuart Scamehorn. You have helped us live into our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! -

Rev. Susan Mullin



## Confirmation Class 2016

### Emma Norton Service Project Donations

The confirmation class gathered supplies to help replenish the shelves at Emma Norton Residence. They collected and delivered approximately 200 personal hygiene items, 35 cleaning products, and 60 household items. \$30 was also contributed. Thank you to Deb Anderson for her help with this service project and to her commitment to the confirmation class throughout the year.

Dear Friends at Faith UMC, Because you took the time to care, over 100 women and children will sleep safely tonight and wake to a warm breakfast tomorrow. Each year, Emma Norton provides transformational housing, supportive programs and services, and nurturing care to nearly 250 homeless women and children on their journey of recovery, and we do this only through the generosity of people like you.

Aja McCullough Beers, Development Director, Emma Norton Services

# Church Calendar - June 2016

Date	Event	Time	Date	Event	Time
Wed 6/1	Clergy Conference Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	7:00 PM	Thu 6/16	Men's Work Group Lectionary Group/CR	9:00 AM 12:00 PM
Thu 6/2	Staff Meeting Lectionary Group/CR	10:15 AM 12:00 PM	Sat 6/18	Women's Breakfast at Perkins NE Community Meal	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
Sat 6/4	ISLA Meeting/CR	9:00 AM	Sun 6/19	Worship Service/WC Fellowship Time	9:30 AM 10:30 AM
Sun 6/5	Graduation Sunday Worship Service/WC Fellowship Time	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mon 6/20	Outreach Meeting/CR Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
Mon 6/6	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	Tue 6/21	Annual Conference Communications/CR Youth Group Kick-Off Event	6:30 PM TBD
Tues 6/7	Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	7:00 PM	Wed 6/22	Annual Conference Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	7:00 PM
Wed 6/8	Staff Meeting Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thu 6/23	Annual Conference Lectionary Group/CR 500 Cards/EB	12:00 PM 1:00 PM
Thu 6/9	Lectionary /CR 500 Cards/EB Trustees/CR	12:00 PM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Fri 6/24	Youth Group - 80s Movie Night Senior High Room	6:30 PM
Sat 6/11	Men's Breakfast/Perkins St. Anthony Middle School Car Wash Car Pool to FMSC Event FMSC Event	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Sun 6/26	Worship Service/WC Fellowship Time	9:30 AM 10:30 AM
Sun 6/12	Worship Service/WC Fellowship Time	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mon 6/27	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Mon 6/13	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	Tues 6/28	Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	7:00 PM
Tue 6/14	Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	7:00 PM	Wed 6/29	Mom's Club/115 Staff Meeting Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM
Wed 6/15	Staff Meeting Nursery Cleaning Square & Twirl Square Dancing/FH	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thu 6/30	Lectionary /CR	12:00 PM

**Classical Music Academy— Summer 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

Summer break I: June 11-July 10  
 Summer break II: August 12-September 6

**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)