



Call of Faith

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Church News

Worship



Sunday Schedule

Worship at 10:30 am through May 17

Worship at 9:30 am starting May 24

- May 3 Rainbow/Reconciling Sunday;
Reclaim Flower Pre-sale starts
- May 10 Festival of the Christian Home;
Mother's Day
- May 17 Music Sunday; Reclaim Flower Sale;
Feed My Starving Children Bake Sale
- May 24 Pentecost Sunday; Memorial Day
Weekend; Worship Service at 9:30 am
- May 31 Celebration of Ordination/Baptism
- June 7 Graduation Sunday

2015 Love Offering For Missions



Each year in May, a Love Offering is collected and brought to the Minnesota Annual Conference. The offering benefits international, national, and local mission projects, and helps fund Volunteer in Missions scholarships. This year's love offering will be split as follows:

- 60% Grace Children's Center in Vietnam
- 30% Church-School Partnership Grants
- 10% Volunteers in Mission scholarships

The Love Offering will be collected during the first three weeks in May. Deadline for donations is May 17.

Please give generously.

Worship Schedule (through May 17, 2015)

Sundays:	9:00 AM	Adult Christian Education
	10:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Christian Education for Children

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.

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In the weeks before Confirmation Sunday I do a lot of talking about *believing* and *belonging*. Often when we think about newcomers coming into the Christian faith or about our own Christian journey we place *believing* before *belonging* – first we profess the faith (take vows of faith and loyalty to Christ – state our belief), and *then* we belong to the church. But the gospel and our experience tells us the opposite. Jesus called the disciples, they belonged, and then they came to believe. All faiths are practiced in community – because God has created a relational and diverse world. We belong to a community, and as we practice our faith our understanding deepens. This is why we baptize our children and profess belief for them until they come to claim it for their own. Even then belief is dynamic, not static.

Like all of us, on their journey to believe the disciples sometimes got a bit stuck, or even took a step or two backward. But because they belonged to their community and kept following Christ, they came to believe again in a deeper level. Actions speak louder than words, and actions speak a lot louder than thoughts and ideas. We belong together and we grow in our belief together.

The apostle Paul knew this. In Ephesians 4 he writes: *Let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.*

St. Patrick knew this. Patrick (who wasn't Irish and wasn't born with the name Patrick) dreamed that he was to bring Christ to the people of Ireland. While other Christians in Ireland did not mix with the pagans, Patrick lived among them in their villages and embraced them where they were. He preached in Gaelic. If people in a Druid village worshiped at a large stone, Patrick placed a cross there. The number 3 was sacred to the Celts, so Patrick used the language of the Trinity.

Even the Apostle's Creed says this. When in the creed we say *I believe in the holy catholic (universal) church* – we profess our belief in belonging.

This is why I tell confirmation students they do not need to possess full understanding of the creeds before they are confirmed. How many adults in the pews can do that? Rather, they claim their place in the community of Christ in which they were baptized and in the congregation that has taught, loved and nurtured them through the years. Claim your place, I tell them, and the understanding will follow. Let the Holy Spirit work within you!

But it isn't magic. Like all that is good, faith requires effort. If we want that understanding, that meaningful life, we have to walk the talk! And we have to do this *within the church*. *Why? Because baptism, belonging and belief all come from within the church. They cannot be found individually. The church offers what no other community can:*

Belonging (Connect)

Church is where our connection to God, each other and creation is known and experienced. Church is both the people and place we count upon in the greatest transitions of our lives – baptism, confirmation, graduation, relationships and marriage, vocation, illness, and death of loved ones. It is where we form relationships that are deep and lasting across all generations.

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Over the Coffee cont. by Rev. Leigh Brown

Believing (Discover)

Unlike other places like school or work, the church offers a complete system of values (beliefs about right and wrong) that are grounded in an authority beyond ourselves – in the Truth that is God. With this Truth we make good decisions and live with honesty and integrity.

Purpose and Meaning (Make a Difference)

Our church values and shared stories help us understand the whole of our lives and our purpose for existing. Nothing outside of a solid spiritual foundation and practice can do this! Church helps us make sense of our world and our place in it.

The Christian faith is a communal rather than individual. That's hard to grasp in our culture. But the early church did not exist so we could become spiritual individuals and develop our own potential. Jesus' call was to carry the church into the world – to show that God is a loving and forgiving, that God is more powerful than any of the corrupt and evil powers that exist in the world, and that God's purpose is to heal the broken world – through us. This is the meaning and the purpose of the church. This is the meaning and the purpose of our lives.

Church News (continued)



Music Sunday
May 17, 2015
10:30 am

Come and celebrate with Faith's music groups as we worship with song!

"I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations."

Wednesday Evening Schedule



Wednesday dinners and Contemplative Services will continue through May 13. Dinner is at 5:45 and open to all, no reservations required! The Contemplative Service is from 6:30-7:00. During these services we light candles, sing songs, and listen to readings. Our readings always include Scripture, and often include more contemporary poetry or prose that help us to experience the Scriptures in new ways. And we pray. We pray out loud for our world, our community, and ourselves. And we pray or meditate silently. We begin at 6:30 and end at 7:00. We would love to have more people join us. Come and see!

Reminder

As the time of graduations is getting closer, the Trustees would like to remind the members of Faith to follow a couple of steps if you wish to borrow tables from Faith. First, the new tables are not to leave the church. We have saved several older rectangular tables for you to use. Secondly, please contact the church office before borrowing tables. This is so we can keep track and/or help schedule when tables are being borrowed.



Thanks, Trustees Team

Church News (continued)



Bake Sale

**Sunday morning, May 17
to Support the
Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack
Event in June**

Sign up to bring items for the bake sale in the Commons.

Come on May 17 prepared to purchase delicious treats.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event



Join Faith UMC at the mobile pack event for
Feed My Starving Children
Tuesday, June 23

St. Anthony Village High School.

Packing times are 3:30-5:30 or 6:00-8:00 pm

A light dinner will be served from 5:00-6:00 pm in the
parking lot

This is a fun event for both children (kindergarten and up) and adults.

There are three ways that you can help with this event;

Sign-up to pack,

Contribute baked goods to our May 17 bake sale, or

Sponsor a packer (we must raise \$50 for each person that packs – donations of any amount are welcome. Please be sure to write "FMSC" on the envelope and the memo line of your check).



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

Dates: Monday-Friday, August 3-7

Times: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday and a half day on Friday.

Eco Brochures and registration forms are available on our website: www.faithumchurch.com and brochures and fliers are available in the Commons. **You can help** by posting fliers in your apartment building, coffee shop, library, or any other public building that will let you post a flier. Also invite families that you know, especially families in the St. Anthony/New Brighton/Northeast Minneapolis/Columbia Heights area. Our theme this year is the story of the mustard seed – How the small actions that we take together can make a big difference. This camp is free! It is one way that we reach out to our neighbors and provide a valuable service for our community.

Art & Soul Craft II

Thank you to the 17 Adults and 6 children who attended Art & Soul on April 18.

Thrivent Financial provided a grant for this fun event.

Projects completed for the following causes:

Project Linus:-14 Blankets

Operation Gratitude (Military):

-5 letters or notecards written out

-30 blank cards created

-14 drawings/letters by young children

-5 Scarves

-24 survival bracelets

Animal Humane Society:-35 Cat toys



Art & Soul Happenings

Summer Projects

We will wrap up the

crafting season on Saturday, May 16

10:00 am – 3:00 pm;

featuring fun summer projects at 1:00 pm

There will be no sessions over the summer, but

we will return in September with more exciting activities.

If you have questions, please contact Denise Wells at therufflady@msn.com or Teresa Krinke at tkrinke@mninter.net.

Church News (continued)



Second Annual Rainbow/Reconciling Sunday

Inclusion - Diversity

May 3, 2015, 10:30 am – 1:15 pm

It starts with Sunday worship. Followed by a delicious lunch of baked potatoes with toppings. After lunch entertainment will be provided by OVation, an a cappella ensemble of 12 singers uniting people to create social change by raising their voices in song. The Reconciling Committee is hosting this event. A video of OVation is available on our website – www.faithumchurch.com – under Rainbow Sunday, May 3.

Flower Sale

Supporting RECLAIM.

Sunday May 17, 2015

Pre-orders taken May 3 through May 10



*Choose from vibrantly colored
geraniums, impatiens, and begonias
to be planted in your garden
or patio pots!*

**Flowers can be picked up at church on Sunday May 17 between 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
If you preorder you can save money and have a much better selection.**

Preorders include hanging baskets, 14" patio pots, and a wide choice of potting plants, and herbs. Pick up and return your order forms and checks on the outreach table in the Commons area.

A word from Carroll Vance. I have been teaching the Senior High Sunday School at Faith for over 25 years. Many wonderful young people have come through my class. One of them, Janet Bystrom, is the director and founder of Reclaim. Sponsoring the services given by Reclaim to the GLBTQ community is critical. Reclaim provides top notch mental health services which are not available elsewhere to this underserved population. It is particularly significant because Reclaim founder Janet is one of ours. She was confirmed at Faith. I often tell the young people in my class, *"Go into the world and do great things"*. This is a wonderful example of how our church has been able to reach out to youth and why we should continue to support Janet in her ministry in the community. Buying flowers or just giving a donation for Reclaim will the help make the world more beautiful and spread the love of God in to our community. Thanks for your support.

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.

Calling All Recent Graduates!

We would like to acknowledge all graduates during our Sunday, June 7 worship service and reception following in the Commons. To do so, we would like the names of everyone who has graduated from any high school, college, degree program, certification process, or trade school since July 1, 2014.

Please call the church office 612-781-3167 or email faith@faithumchurch.com by Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

We need the graduate's:
· Full name;
· Where he/she is graduating from;
· Degree received;
· Future plans, if known



Practicing Christianity

I did an internet search on the meaning of “practice.” Google had two definitions: 1) the actual application or use of an idea, belief, or method as opposed to theories about such application or use; and 2) repeated performance of an activity or skill so as to acquire or maintain proficiency in it. So a “practicing” Christian would be one who is actually applying the ideas, beliefs, and methods of Christianity to their daily life, and is repeatedly performing the actions and skills of a Christian so as to acquire or maintain some proficiency. In other words, ***doing Christianity instead of thinking about Christianity.***

Jesus says, “Why do you call me ‘Rabbi, Rabbi,’ but don’t put into practice what I teach you? Those who come to me and hear my words and put them into practice – I’ll show you who they’re like: they are like the person who, in building a house, dug deeply and laid the foundation on a rock. When a flood arose, the torrent rushed against the house, but failed to shake it because of its solid foundation. (Luke 6:46-48).

Are you interested in the real thing? Going deeper in your Christian practice, and learning from others who are doing the same? I will be forming a small group of people that would like to support one another in this endeavor. The group will decide on a meeting time, probably one hour every other week. Group members will commit to participating faithfully in the group for a year. This is not a Bible study or a book study. And it is not a group therapy session. We will be focusing on how we live out our Christianity through practicing spiritual disciplines, being compassionate, making a difference through acts of justice, and participating in worship. This group is for people who are new to Christianity and it is for people who have been Christians for decades. All that you need is the desire to practice. We will learn by doing, and share what we learn with one another. We will, no doubt, struggle with our practice... and we will support one another, hold one another in prayer, and learn from our struggles.

Interested? Want to find out more? Please contact me at smullin@faithumchurch.com.



Christian Education

Children's Sunday School

Meets on Sunday mornings
from 10:30-11:30 am, Downstairs

May 3—Children begin in worship for
Children's Time
May 10—regular class
May 17—last day of class

Faith Forum

Sunday Mornings
9:00 am in the Ebenezer Room

- May 3 Good Teachers, Good Students, Good Character, Barb Bergseth, Synergy & Leadership Exchange
- May 10 Teaching English as a second language to adults in the Robbinsdale School District, Miriam Bosveld
- May 17 Discussion on topics for future Faith Forum programs. Treats & coffee

What are you Praying About?

Sunday Mornings
9:00-10:00 am in the Conference Room
Last session until fall is May 17

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.



Adult Bible Study

Meets on Sunday mornings
from 9:00-10:00 am in Room 219
Last session until fall is May 17

Extend and Serve

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, May 16 and Saturday, June 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 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.

Reggie McCarthy is the organizer of this valuable service!

Community Connections



Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals United Methodist Day 2015 Monday, June 8 at 7:10 pm

Bishop Bruce Ough will be throwing out an honorary first pitch before the game and leading the 7th inning stretch!
With every ticket you order \$3 will benefit Imagine No Malaria.

Place orders by Tuesday, June 2. Due to the high demand, all orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis .

Ticket Options: \$16 Home Run Porch View
\$31 Skyline Deck

Order tickets by calling 1-800-33-TWINS or 612-33-TWINS and press "0" to speak to an attendant. At the start of your call, be sure to ask for the special United Methodist Day offer. Pay with credit card. A \$5 service fee will be added to each order. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Questions—contact Nick Corcoran with the Twins at 612-659-4083.

Cemetery Lots Available from Northeast United Methodist Church

Northeast UMC owns 13 cemetery lots at Hillside and Sunset. They would like to make some of them available to our congregation at a reduced price. If you are interested please contact their church office at 612-789-7462 or northeastumc@gmail.com. Their office will put you in touch with the Trustee in charge of the properties.

Twin Cities PRIDE is June 27 & 28.



TC PRIDE 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! Reconciling Congregations will have a booth in Loring Park and will participate in the parade on Sunday. More information will be available in the Sunday bulletins. If you have questions about the Reconciling Congregation's activities at PRIDE, please contact Judy Jerde at 651-426-0156 or jaj@hopefultravelers.net

Seminary Scholarships Available

Apply now for a Grannis-Martin Foundation & Grannis Memorial scholarships. Recipients must be preparing for ministry in the United Methodist Church and have a Minnesota connection.

Application deadline is June 15, 2015

To request an application:
Email fumc@fumcscr.org or call 320-251-0804 or Write First United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee, 1107 Pine Cone Road S, Sartell, MN 56377 or visit <https://sites.google.com/a/fumcscr.org/church-template/scholarships>.

Church Calendar - May 2015

Date	Event	Time
Fri 05/1	Planet Home School/ downstairs	8:45 AM
Sun 05/3	Reconciling Sunday	
	Adult Faith Formation Classes	9:00 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM
	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:30 AM
	Lunch/FH	11:45 AM
	OVation Concert /WC	
	Cub Scout Committee meeting/FH	4:00 PM
Mon 05/4	Cub Scouts 115	6:30 PM
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Tues 05/5	St. Anthony AP Testing/FH	7:30 AM
Wed 05/6	St. Anthony AP Testing/FH	7:30 AM
	Mary Martha/EB	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM
	Meal/FH	5:45 PM
	Contemplative Service/WC	6:30 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:15 PM
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM
Thu 05/7	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	Rev. Judy Zabel - Reach Renew	
	Rejoice Campaign/EB	7:00 PM
Fri 05/8	Planet Home School/Downstairs	8:45 AM
Sat 05/9	Men's Breakfast /Perkins	8:00 AM
Sun 05/10	Adult Faith Formation Classes	9:00 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM
	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:30 AM
Mon 05/11	Cub Scouts 115	6:30 PM
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Tues 05/12	Staff Parish/CR	7:00 PM
Wed 05/13	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM
	Reconciling Meeting/FH	5:30 PM
	Meal/FH	5:45 PM
	Contemplative Service/WC	6:30 PM
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM

Date	Event	Time
Thu 05/14	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	500 Card Group/EB	1:00 PM
	Trustees/CR	7:00 PM
Fri 05/15	Planet Home School/ downstairs	8:45 AM
Sat 05/16	Women's Breakfast/Perkins	9:00 AM
	Art and Soul/FH	10:00 AM
	Classic Music Academy/WC	2:00 PM
	and Commons	
	NE Community Meal	
Sun 05/17	Music Sunday	
	Reclaim Flower Sale	
	FMSC Bake Sale	
	Adult Faith Formation Classes	9:00 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM
	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:30 AM
Mon 05/18	Cub Scouts 114-117/KI	6:30 PM
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Tues 05/19	Communications/CR	6:30 PM
Wed 05/20	Mary Martha/EB	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM
Thu 05/21	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
Fri 05/22	Planet Home School/ downstairs	8:45 AM
Sun 05/24	Worship Service/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Tues 05/26	Finance Meeting/CR	7:00 PM
Wed 05/27	MN Annual Conference	
	Mom's Club/115	9:45 AM
Thu 05/28	MN Annual Conference	
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	500 Card Group /Commons	1:00 PM
Fri 05/29	MN Annual Conference	
Sun 05/31	Worship Service/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
	Cub Scout Committee meeting/FH	4:00 PM

Classical Music Academy— 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, Dz) 116, 121

Abbreviation Key:

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

Childbirth Education (Sarah Beth Seguin):

Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 PM, in the Nursery