



Call of Faith

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Church News

SignUp Genius.com Is Now Ready!

Reggie McCarthy has been working on facilitating a user friendly online site called SignUp Genius. It's more efficient and a time saver in recruiting Faith members to sign up online with helping others in our congregation. SignUp Genius is an online tool you can access from any computer or iPhone. To use the site, visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com>, register your name and email address, no other info is required. When we have a need, Reggie will create an online sign up for the event (i.e. meals, rides, etc.), email a link you can click on, and sign up for the date and time that works for you! Within a day or two of the date you selected, an email reminder will be automatically generated from SignUp Genius to you. Please call Reggie McCarthy at 612-789-4600 or email her at mccar072@yahoo.com with any questions.

ART & SOUL HAPPENINGS

This July and August there will not be an Art & Soul. We resume again on September 20, 2014.

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

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



The characteristics of an energetic, healthy, growing church have changed. Fewer people attend church. Church is no longer the place where people go to “make contacts.” In addition, the program-based churches of the 1950s, 60s and 70s are no longer the model for a vital church. Only very large churches are able to survive as program churches now. The number of non-profit organizations has greatly increased, and there are many programs and activities available today outside of the church. Many of them even have a spiritual or moral component. Only very large churches have the money, staff and volunteers to offer programs that can compete with these.

So what attracts people to church today? Here’s a surprise – it isn’t worship style. Although a band definitely helps! It isn’t even necessarily *worship*. Two things are critical.

First, a vital congregation is a congregation whose members are actively seeking to live a more Spirit-led life. This can be difficult for congregations, as when churches were places to network the key was to put on a good appearance. Seekers are looking for a place to honestly share their joys and struggles and questions, and grow in spiritual maturity. They are truly searching for a more God-centered life. I think the closest example we have to illustrate this at faith is the “What Are You Praying About?” Sunday school class. It is hard to get members of that class to disperse and come to worship! They share their vulnerabilities and struggles. They talk about their kids. They laugh a lot. I know this because they meet next to my office! I can’t hear what they’re saying, but I can hear them laughing. Hopefully they’re not telling pastor jokes. Members of this class have bonded. They pray for each other during the week. They talk about their faith.

Second, for small urban churches a key to vitality is a signature ministry. A signature ministry is something the community knows you for – as in “oh, that’s the church that does _____.” There can be one or two at most. Here’s the key – the signature ministry cannot be about taking care of one another or anything that happens within the congregation. A signature ministry reaches outside the church doors. It can be anything from health care to advocating for racial justice. It must be something for which the congregation is passionate and personally involved. Similarly, it cannot be the pastor’s passion – the congregation will far outlast the pastor! Finally, a signature ministry cannot be a program (such as ASP) as all churches have such programs. It must be lived out in an ongoing way.

I have been sniffing around for the hidden seeds of a signature ministry at Faith since my arrival. I have sensed passion in two areas – Reconciling Ministry and the environment. This is exciting because the Reconciling Ministry’s message is uniquely held by Faith among St Anthony’s churches, and speaks to the fears or perceptions seekers have that churches are judgmental or bigoted. It is the civil rights movement of this time. It’s exciting because the environment is truly the most compelling issue of our time, one that will impact all others – economic security, hunger, violence, health. We are on the precipice of minimizing damage vs. acting too late. The church universal has been sadly detached from the environmental movement. Like every institution that exists, we have played a role in the degradation of the environment. Since we believe that the earth was created by God (yes, God invented evolution!) and indeed is a part of God, it seems that we should be leading the cause for saving it. So what do you think are Faith’s potential signature ministries? Have you seen something that I have missed? Send me an email, call or drop me a note and let me know what you would like people to think of when they think of Faith Church.

Church News

Camp Minnesota of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

We're getting excited...camp is just around the corner! Staff are getting ready, wood is chopped for campfires, lake is heating up, new activity areas are set up and bags are being packed. Can't wait to see you this summer at Koronis, Northern Pines, Kowakan and around MN! [You don't want to miss this summer! Sign up today! Camperships](#) available. Contact camps@campminnesota.org, or call 855-622-1973 with any questions.



This year, Faith UMC is sending team of ten people to Kentucky from July 4-13 to repair homes in the Appalachia region. They will be caring for neighbors in need by working to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. The youth and young adults going on this year's trip are John Bosveld, RaeAnn Hill (a member of Community UMC), Toby Mathews, Eleanor Noble, Nigel Wolfe, and Adam Busacker. Adult chaperones include Mark Grimes, Dean Mooney, Bill Pappin, and Theresa Perkins. Please pray for safety as they travel and as they do construction work. Also pray that lives will be transformed; both the lives of the people in Appalachia and the lives of our volunteers.

Faith Hope AA Group

Every Sunday evening at 7:00 pm, Thomas Kiefner (Jack Kiefner's son), is facilitating an alcoholic anonymous group, Faith Hope AA Group. All are welcome to attend. During the summer, weather permitting, the group will meet by the picnic tables; otherwise, the meetings will be in Fellowship Hall.



**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: Free!**

We are busy planning our 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 parks, 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

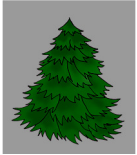
Outreach team will be preparing and serving the N.E. Community Meal on Saturdays, July 19 and August 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. If you are able to help, sign-up is in the Commons.



Citizens For Sustainability July Forum: Promoting Healthy Local Food Sources.

Saturday, July 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m., St. Anthony Village Council Chambers. Speaker—**Amy Fields**, Manager of Eastside Food Co-op. Learn about our local food co-op and its expansion plans, also about the local food movement in the T.C. area and nationally.

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. For the summer the youth group will meet once a month. The monthly schedule is still being developed. We will have further details soon.

Community Connections

MINNESOTA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT: PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH

Save the date! September 20—21, 2014.

As part of a global effort to mobilize action and ambition on climate change, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is inviting Heads of State and Government along with business, finance, civil society and local leaders to a Climate Summit in September 2014, New York. Together with people of faith from across Minnesota and the Midwest, Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light is organizing a group that will travel to New York to tell our stories, share our successes and best practices, and powerfully call on the UN Climate Summit Leaders to take significant, life sustaining action. There will be time to share our stories, participate in trainings, and strategize for deepened climate engagement. More information available at www.mnipl.org.



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>

Questions? Please contact Rev. Cody Nielsen at (319) 759-9688 or j.cody.nielsen@gmail.com. Also feel free to contact Rev. Susan Mullin and Marisa Lilley to ask them about their experience on this service project last year.

Church Calendar - July 2014

Date	Event	Time	Date	Event	Time
Tue. 7/1	Michael Shafer Voice Class/FH	9:00 AM	Sat. 7/19	NE UMC Community Meal	6:00 PM
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM	Sun. 7/20	Worship/WC	9:30 AM
	Admin Council/EB	6:30 PM		Nursery	9:30 AM
Wed. 7/2	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM		Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM
Thu. 7/3	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM		AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	Mon. 7/21	Cub Scout Pack 153	6:30 PM
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM		Scout Leaders/FH	7:00 PM
Fri. 7/4	Fourth of July—Church Office Closed		Tue. 7/22	Michael Shafer Voice Lessons	9:00 AM
Sat. 7/5	ASP Mission Trip (returning 7/13)			Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM
Sun. 7/6	Worship/WC	9:30 AM		Finance Meeting/EB	7:00 PM
	Nursery	9:30 AM	Wed. 7/23	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM		Mom's Club/115	9:45 AM
	AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM	Thu. 7/24	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM
Mon. 7/7	Summer CMA (Alex)/116	9:00 AM		Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	Cub Scout Pack 153	6:30 PM		500 Card Club/EB	1:00 PM
Tue. 7/8	Michael Shafer Voice Class/FH	9:00 AM		Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 AM
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM	Sun. 7/27	Worship/WC	9:30 AM
Wed. 7/9	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM		Nursery	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM		Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM
Thu. 7/10	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM		AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	Tue. 7/29	Michael Shafer Voice Lessons	9:00 AM
	500 Card Club/EB	1:00 PM		Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 AM
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM	Wed. 7/30	Michael Shafer Voice Lessons/116	9:00 AM
	Trustees Meeting/CR	7:00 PM		Pastoral Staff Meeting	1:00 PM
Sat. 7/12	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM	Thu. 7/31	Michael Shafer Voice Lessons/116	9:00 AM
Sun. 7/13	Worship/WC	9:30 AM		Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	Nursery	9:30 AM		Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM			
	AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM			
Tue. 7/15	Michael Shafer Voice Lessons	9:00 AM			
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM			
	Communications Meeting	6:30 PM			
	SPRC Meeting	6:30 PM			
Wed. 7/16	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM			
	Community UMC Youth Group				
Thu. 7/17	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM			
	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM			
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM			
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM			

Classical Music Academy - Summer Schedule: 7/7/14—8/12/14:

Mondays Lessons with Alex - 9:00 -3:00 pm in room 218

Tuesdays: All Three Teachers Giving Lessons 1:00-9:00 pm,
In rooms 116, 121, 218

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Tuesdays: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121, 218

Thursdays: 2:30 PM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121

Childbirth Classes:

Tuesdays 6:00—8:00 PM, in the Nursery

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Sun. 8/3	Worship/WC	9:30 AM	Sun. 8/17	Worship/WC	9:30 AM
	Nursery	9:30 AM		Nursery	9:30 AM
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM		Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM
	AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM		AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM
Mon. 8/4	Eco-Kids/Northeast UMC	9:00 AM	Mon. 8/18	Cub Scout Pack 153	6:30 PM
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	Michael Shafer Voice Class/FH	9:00 AM		SPRC Meeting/CR	6:30 PM
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM	Thu. 8/21	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM
	Admin Council/EB	6:30 PM		Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
Wed 8/6	Eco-Kids/Northeast UMC	9:00 AM		Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM
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	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM	Tue. 8/26	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM
Fri. 8/8	Eco-Kids/Northeast UMC	9:00 AM		Finance Meeting/EB	7:00 PM
Sat. 8/9	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM	Wed. 8/27	Mom's Club/115	9:45 AM
Sun. 8/10	Worship/WC	9:30 AM		Pastoral Staff Meeting	1:00 PM
	Nursery	9:30 AM	Thu. 8/28	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
	Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM		500 Card Club/EB	1:00 PM
	AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM		Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM
Tue. 8/12	Michael Shafer Voice Class/FH	9:00 AM	Sun. 8/31	Worship/WC	9:30 AM
	Adult Ministry Team/EB	4:00 PM		Nursery	9:30 AM
	Childbirth Class/Nursery	6:00 PM		Fellowship/Commons	10:30 AM
Wed. 8/13	Michael Shafer Voice Class	9:00 AM		AA Meeting/FH	7:00 PM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting	1:00 PM			
Thu. 8/14	Michael Shafer Voice Class/116	9:00 AM			
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM			
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