



Call of Faith

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Church News

Eco-Kids Day Camp

August 7-11 from 9:00-4:00 (1/2 day on Friday)

Kids entering grades 3-6

Cost is \$75 (scholarships are available)



The theme of our camp this year is Trees Please! Come learn about the mysterious life of trees: Do trees talk to each other? How does “sticky” water help trees grow? How do trees defend themselves? Through science, art, play, and field trips we will explore and interact with trees. Register online at www.faithumchurch.com. Space is limited so register early!

Volunteers make this camp possible! If you would like to volunteer to be a teacher, a teacher’s assistant, a field trip chaperone, or a greeter, please contact Rev. Susan. We especially invite high school students to volunteer.

Camp will be held at Northeast UMC, 2510 Cleveland Street NE.

Worship Schedule

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

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Church News (continued)

Antiracism Study Dialogue Circle

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace... So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. (Ephesians 2:14-19)

The apostle Paul reminds the congregation in Ephesus that Christ breaks down barriers, bringing people together as citizens of the kin-dom of God, no longer strangers or aliens.

In our day, we are also experiencing barriers between groups of people. We are all part of a legacy of racism which can be seen in our regulations and laws, social norms and practices, and in our decision-making. In Christ, we see that God wants to break down these barriers that divide us.

This fall we have an opportunity to host and to participate in an antiracism study dialogue circle at Faith UMC. This circle will meet every Saturday morning from September 9 through November 11 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Yes, this is a significant investment of time! And yes, participants must commit to coming to all the sessions (and commit to doing the reading if they must miss a session). You might think this is too much to ask. But would you think that if you were a young Muslim girl getting accused by her schoolmates of being a terrorist, or if you were a black man getting stopped by the police? The goals of the dialogue circle are to help us think critically about the racism present within our culture, understand how it shapes our relationships, and learn how to cross barriers of difference to form friendships, coalitions, and networks. It will help us take action to dismantle racism and create a more just and equitable society.

There are several ways that you can support this effort:

- 1) Sign up to participate in the antiracism dialogue circle with Rev. Diane and Rev. Susan by going to our website at www.faithumchurch.com. The cost is \$365 per person, plus \$40 for the manual. Please contact Rev. Susan Mullin if you need a scholarship to attend.
- 2) Gather a group of friends to provide breakfast on one or more Saturdays at 8:00 AM. The church can reimburse up to \$100 in grocery costs. Please sign up in the Commons.
- 3) Volunteer to provide childcare (if needed) on Saturday mornings. Talk to Rev. Susan Mullin or Jan Pappin if you are interested.

Travel to the Holy Land in 2018

Pastor Diane will lead another group to the Holy Land next year.

Maybe this is the year for you to go, too!

Living Stones Pilgrimage:

The purpose of this trip is to learn about life in Palestine/Israel from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim residents of the country. As we journey to Bethlehem, Jericho, Jordan River, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jacob's Well, and the many sites of Jerusalem, we will also visit with local residents and community leaders.

This is an 11-day journey leaving on Monday, January 15th.

Cost starts at \$3308, which includes airfare from New York and most meals. Additional costs include airfare from Minneapolis to New York and optional travel insurance.

More information is available at www.eo.travel The tour number is JC18/L. Printed brochures will be available in mid-June.

Is your travel appetite whetted? Please let Pastor Diane know if you would like to travel to the Holy Land in 2018.



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 16th 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 Basses, Sopranos and a Tenor or two but we will not turn down an Alto.

Extend and Serve

Christmas in July Emma Norton Services

The Outreach Team will be collecting monetary donations and items for Emma Norton Services this July. Watch for more details in the bulletin announcements. Monetary donations will be matched \$1 from the Outreach Trust Fund for every \$2 contributed by the congregation or friends.



Artificial Christmas Tree Needed by the Outreach Team

The Outreach Team is in need of a medium (5'-6') artificial Christmas tree to be used for Christmas in July and Untrim the Christmas Tree in December. Please contact Kay Kramer if are able to donate a tree. Thank you.



Outreach Team meeting June 4, 2017

10:30 am (after worship)

Anyone interested is welcome to join us.
Please bring your ideas for outreach.

Art & Soul



will resume in the fall.

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 17, Saturday July 15 and Saturday August

19. If you are able to help, sign-up will be 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!

Christian Education

KIDS and SUMMER WORSHIP

We have been delighted to have the kids joining us for worship each Sunday this year. During the summer, we hope that you will continue to bring your children to worship.

We will be creating a “playground” near the front of the sanctuary where the children have been sitting with their teachers at the beginning of worship. We envision this as a place where children can draw, read, play, and pray, and where parents can sit nearby. Other congregations have found this works well <http://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/minnesota-church-incorporates-littlest-visitors-pray-ground/story?id=39253999>.

We will also have three special services (on the second Sunday of each month) that will include hands-on experiences as part of worship – Kids Connect for everyone!

- June 11: The story of creation – what is a Mobius strip? Come and find out!
- July 9: the story of Isaac & Rebecca
- August 13: the story of Joseph and his amazing coat

If you are interested in helping to create our “playground” space, or if your child would like to decorate and present the theme of the day on one of these special Sundays, please contact Rev. Susan.

Community Connections



Faith UMC Booth at St. Anthony VillageFest

Saturday August 5, 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 watch for the sign up in the Commons.

United Methodist Day 2017 at the Twins game!



United Methodist Day is **Thursday, August 3rd, 7:10pm**, at Target Field. Here's your chance to join family, friends, and other United Methodists across Minnesota for a night of big-league action and fun, as the Twins play the Texas Rangers. **Bishop Bruce Ough** will be in attendance!

Support **UMCOR International Disaster Response** with every ticket you order! \$3 from every ticket will benefit UMCOR International Disaster Response.

Cost: The Deck: \$31; Home Run Porch View: \$16

Demand for seats to this outing is very high and tickets will likely go fast...seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

Deadline: July 20, 2017, 4:00 pm

Contact Pastor Diane if you can be our coordinator for this outing. The coordinator would receive reservations and place the final ticket order.

It will be a fun evening under God’s beautiful evening sky!

Community Connections (continued)

Annual Conference 2017



Rev. Susan Mullin and Mark & Tricia Grimes will be attending the Annual Conference from June 20-22 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud on behalf of Faith Church. Did you know that visitors are welcome? There is no charge to attend the camp revival (June 20 from 6:00-9:00 pm in Lake George Park) or the Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service on Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 pm. It costs \$25 if you want to attend as a visitor for a day. And if you don't want to make the drive to St. Cloud, many of the conference sessions will be livestreamed. Find out more at <http://www.minnesotaumc.org/annualconference2017>.

The theme of the 2017 Annual Conference is "Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly." We will focus on what it means to be an Acts 2 church and to fully claim our identity as people of Pentecost—filled with the Holy Spirit and called out into the world to share our faith and be the presence of Christ to others. We will explore the importance of being evangelistic disciples and sharing our stories with others—and just like the earliest followers of Jesus in Acts 2, we'll come together for teaching, breaking bread, fellowship, and prayer.

The three-day conference session is a time for Minnesota United Methodists to worship and enjoy fellowship, learn from teaching sessions, seek God's guidance as we make decisions about ministry direction, determine budgets, ordain and commission clergy, and receive the bishop's clergy appointments.

The guest speaker at annual conference is Rev. Junius B. Dotson—former pastor of a 3,500-member multi-campus church in Wichita, Kansas and currently the general secretary of Discipleship Ministries. Before starting his current role, he helped launch the #NoFergusonHere effort to bridge police and community divisions in Wichita, and his work on the Kansas State Sentencing Commission resulted in changes in the sentencing guidelines for persons facing incarceration. "We must shift the conversation from fixing churches to reaching people for Christ, not to save or preserve the institution, but because we are committed to living out of the biblical mandate that Jesus gave us, called the Great Commission," Dotson said when being installed as general secretary. In Minnesota, he'll deliver talks about the "why" and "how" of evangelism and provide both inspiration and practical ideas for sharing our God stories.

Church Calendar - June 2017

Date	Event	Time
Thu 6/1	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
Sun 6/4	Graduation Sunday	
	Worship Service/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
	Outreach meeting	10:30 AM
	Flute & Piano Recital/WC	1:00 PM
Mon 6/5	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Wed 6/7	Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Square & Twirl	
	Square Dancing/FH	6:30 PM
Thu 6/8	Lectionary /CR	12:00 PM
	Trustees/CR	7:00 PM
Sat 6/10	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM
	Trustees Clean-up	9:00 AM
Sun 6/11	Peace With Justice Sunday/Kids Sunday	
	Worship Service/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Mon 6/12	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Wed 6/14	Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Square & Twirl	
	Square Dancing/FH	6:30 PM
Thu 6/15	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
Sat 6/17	Women's Breakfast at Perkins	9:00 AM
	NE Community Meal	6:00 PM
Sun 6/18	Worship Service/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Mon 6/19	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Tue 6/20	Annual Conference	
	Communications at Joses	6:30 PM
	Square & Twirl	
	Square Dancing/FH	6:30 PM
Wed 6/21	Annual Conference	
	Square & Twirl	
	Square Dancing/FH	6:30 PM
Thu 6/22	Annual Conference	
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
Sun 6/25	Worship Service/WC	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:30 AM
Mon 6/26	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Tue 6/27	Square & Twirl	
	Square Dancing/FH	6:30 PM
	Finance meeting/CR	7:00 PM
Wed 6/28	Mom's Club/115	9:45 AM
	Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Square & Twirl	
	Square Dancing/FH	6:30 PM
Thu 6/29	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM

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 Directory will be updated 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.

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

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 1: June 08-July 11