



Call of Faith

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Church News



All Church Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 11:30 AM

All are encouraged to attend.

Topics will include:

- A review of 2011 reports
- Election of leadership for 2012
- Adoption of the 2012 budget
- Membership changes

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Room

February 5: James 3:13-18
Matthew 5:17-20

February 12: Mark 12:28-34
Matthew 15:21-28

February 19: James 2:14-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Wednesday Night Dinners

Please join us in February for Wednesday Night Dinners prepared by local chef Michelle Weiser. A variety of kid-friendly fare is served. A donation of \$5 per person will cover our costs.



Current Worship Schedule

Sundays:

9:00-10:00 AM	Christian Education for All Ages
10:00-10:30 AM	Fellowship
10:30-11:30 AM	Worship Service

Wednesday Evening Prayer:

6:30-7:00 PM Celtic or Taizé style service

Church Contacts

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Director of Music	Jo Halvorsen	Joh@faithumchurch.com
Director of Faith Formation	Susan Mullin	Smullin@faithumchurch.com (Hours: Tues. Wed. Thu. 10:00 - 4:00)
Communication & Facility Administrator	Kristin Erlandsen	Kerlandsen@faithumchurch.com (Hours: Mon. & Thu. 9:00-4:00, Wed. 9:00-3:00)
Finance & Membership Administrator	Janet Olson	Jolson@faithumchurch.com (Hours: Tues. & Wed. 8:30 - 3:30, Fri. 8:30-2:30)
Organist	Marie Kuglin	
Treasurer	Rod Long	

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Congratulations, Faith Church!

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Because of generous gifts from our church family, including a substantial memorial gift, Faith United Methodist Church was able to exceed our goal and contribute more than \$25,000 to *Imagine No Malaria*! Because we were able to make this gift by year end, it was matched 100% by an anonymous donor to the Minnesota Conference. This is a great gift from a small church like ours, and due to faithful people like you across the state the Minnesota Annual Conference was able to exceed its goal as well – by over 22 percent, raising more than \$2.2 million by year-end!

Thank you to the Outreach Ministry Team (Amy Neuswanger, Kay Acton, Brenda Brelje, Mari Donaldson, Mary Ann Fitzer, Gary Johnson, Nancy Kruse, Ken Nelson, Ed Ostberg, Fern Ostberg, and Michele Vance), and Susan Mullin (Director of Faith Formation), for your excellent work in coordinating our *Imagine No Malaria* campaign and all our mission ministries. Thanks to the the Finance Ministry Team (Terry Krinke, Don Ausmus, Dave Goldner, Doug Johnson, Rod Long, Mary Ann Thuesen, Judy Vijums, Denise Wells and staffer Janet Olson) for making this possible through your commitment and contribution. *And of course thanks to each of you that gave toward this important mission to save the lives of children in Africa.* I am so touched by your giving, and privileged to be pastor of Faith Church.

Our efforts are highlighted in this article on the General Conference website (umc.org) Note the picture and caption! “Pablo Mosquito” (may he rest in peace) was the creation of our own artist-in-residence Cassia Mullin.

~ Pastor Leigh

By Victoria Rebeck*

3:00 P.M. ET Jan. 4, 2011 | MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMNS)

Minnesota United Methodists have raised \$2,226,023 in pledges and gifts for [Imagine No Malaria](#). The United Methodist Church’s campaign to eliminate malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa by 2015.

That total, the highest amount raised by a United Methodist annual (regional) conference to date, is “a vivid demonstration of the vitality of our participating churches,” said Minnesota Bishop Sally Dyck. “They have vision for the realm of God and compassion for people outside of their immediate community. Their creativity in raising awareness and giving generously is inspiring.”



[Faith United Methodist Church in St. Anthony, Minn.](#), made a piñata mosquito for an *Imagine No Malaria* fundraiser. A web-only photograph by Susan Mullin.

“[Young people have been particularly drawn to this ministry](#),” Bishop Dyck said. “They are interested in church when church is saving lives.”

Congratulations, Faith Church! (continued)

Malaria, a preventable disease spread by mosquitoes, no longer occurs in developed nations such as the United States. The church's Imagine No Malaria campaign has stated that deaths from malaria can be prevented even in sub-Saharan Africa, where it is estimated that a child dies every 45 seconds from the disease.

Imagine No Malaria, [in partnership with the United Nations Foundation](#) and working alongside organizations like the [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#), the [World Health Organization](#) and others, already has diminished the death toll through medical aid, preventive measures, education, and communication. United Methodists around the world are working to raise \$75 million for the mission. The commitment from the Minnesota Conference now puts the amount raised at more than \$19 million.

[Minnesota United Methodists had raised \\$1.2 million in pledges](#) by Nov. 30, 2011, and earned an additional \$600,000 from an anonymous donor. The conference's total pledge goal was \$1.8 million.

[Minnesota—with 355 apportioned churches, not the largest conference in the United Methodist Church](#)—is the only conference to exceed \$1.5 million in pledges and gifts to Imagine No Malaria and the only one to reach its goal before the end of the pledge period (seven months early). Additional pledges are expected.

Malaria deaths drop

What is now apparent is that “a sustained effort” can make a difference, said the Rev. Larry Hollon, top executive of United Methodist Communications, which handles the Imagine No Malaria campaign. Because of better prevention and control measures, malaria mortality rates have fallen by more than 25 percent globally since 2000 and by 33 percent in Africa, according to the [World Malaria Report 2011](#) issued in December by the World Health Organization. However, a projected shortfall in funding threatens those fragile gains, the organization said.

The people of The United Methodist Church are stepping up “at a critical time,” Hollon said. “As major-country donors are not increasing their pledges and, in some cases, reducing their contributions to the global effort to end malaria, the people of the Minnesota Annual Conference are giving a strong and encouraging message that the church can make a substantial difference in the fight against malaria.” Through their donation to Imagine No Malaria, Minnesota United Methodists “are making a strong witness to the world that it's critical for people of faith to tackle the diseases of poverty by backing up our words of concern with meaningful action,” Hollon added.

The Minnesota bishop “is our strongest advocate as a whole,” said Leia Williams, the full-time Imagine No Malaria field coordinator assigned to Minnesota. “She’s a strong advocate for people in Africa, who don’t have a voice in the United States, and she advocates for revitalization in local congregations through participation in global missions.

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“Bishop Dyck made sure churches got the resources and training they need. She set aside a significant amount of time for me to address annual conference session. She motivated the cabinet to engage local congregations. She personally solicited and obtained major gifts, including a matching gift to encourage congregational participation.”

Williams also pointed to pastoral leadership. “In this bad economy, pastors still embrace that God is a God of abundance,” she said.

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Best practices

Dyck said the secret of Minnesota's success are the following best practices:

- Having a full-time field coordinator
- Promoting lay participation from many churches of all sizes in training events, which ensured that more churches made significant pledges
- Asking district superintendents to commit themselves to the mission

Twenty-one percent of Minnesota United Methodist congregations set a pledge goal of saving at least 10 lives per average worship attendee, raising more than \$1.1 million in pledges. The conference successfully exceeded its goal even with fewer than 30 percent of churches pledging at this level. Eighty-three other Minnesota United Methodist churches also set goals, collectively raising \$300,000 in pledges.

The total number of churches participating is 201. Sixty-eight percent of churches sent representation to training, exceeding all other conference training-participation levels.

"This has been a great example of combining large-gift cultivation and congregational participation," Dyck said. "Participating churches are showing their neighbors that they are relevant and compassionate."

*Rebeck is the communicator for the Minnesota Annual Conference.

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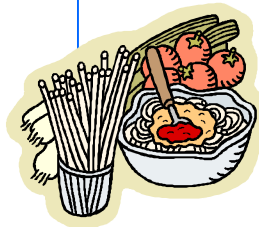
Extend and Serve

Volunteer to Serve a Meal at Simpson Shelter

Is your New Year's resolution to try something new? Are you thinking about how God wants you to serve? If so, serve a meal at Simpson Shelter.

Feb. 12, Mar. 4, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 are the dates we are responsible for in 2012. We start at 6:00 p.m. and are usually done by 8:30.

Please sign up or contact Amy Neuswanger at 651-635-0576 if you are interested. See you there!



N.E. Community Meals

The December meal was festive with singing and lots of Christmas cookies. Thank you to all those that donated cookies and/or money: Donna Zurbay, Kay Acton, Emily Dennison, Susan Johnson, Cindy Bhimani, Joan McMillan, Nancy Neilson, Miriam Bosveld, Michele

Vance, Karolyn Busacker, Mari Donaldson, Audrey Wagner, Mary O'Hara and the Porter Family. Our workers were superb. Good job to: Sarah Olson, Miriam Bosveld, Michele and Carroll Vance, Brenda Brelje, Joe Howard, Janet Johnson, Mari Donaldson, Kay Acton and Pastor Leigh.

If you have a favorite meal you would like to cook for any of the upcoming meals, please contact Nancy Kruse.

Church News (continued)

Winter Sermon Series

What distinguishes the United Methodist Church from other Christian denominations? Is our denominational identity still relevant today? How does our tradition impact our understanding of the Christian faith and our ministry in the world?

Pastor Leigh will preach a sermon series called *What Does It Mean to be United Methodist Today?* through February 19. We will examine our Wesleyan history and theology and how they inform the issues and needs of our present time. Whether you are a prospective, recent or life-long United Methodist, join us on Sunday mornings as we share good times (and of course coffee and treats!), worship God, and learn about our church's belief, connection, culture and calling.

Faith Forum

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

- Feb. 5 Majorie Savage, Director of the Parent Program at the University of Minnesota
- Feb. 12 Kathleen Vitalis, Minnesota Assistance Council For Veterans
- Feb. 19 Prof. Bridget Doak, Music Therapy, Augsburg College
- Feb. 26 Kevin Spading, Minnesota Prevention Resource Center



Chancel Flower Sign-up

If you are interested in providing flowers for Sunday mornings, please sign-up on the chart in the Commons. Cost is \$30 per Sunday.

Children's Center

Faith Saints – Children in Grades 1-6

Faith Saints meet the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM. Next meeting date is February 15. Join us for a variety of service projects, games, and fun. All children in grades 1-6 are welcome. Come and bring your friends. Please call Pete or Amy Neuswanger at 651-635-0576 if you have any questions.

Youth Arcade



Buck Hill Ski Lock-In 6th-12th graders are invited to attend on Friday, February 17, 2012, 9:30 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. Cost: \$35.00 for skiers/snowboarders, \$10.00 for non-skiing youth.

The cost includes lift ticket, rentals for skiing or snowboarding, games & movies. Adult chaperones will provide transportation from Faith UMC to the event. Youth need to bring food or pay for food from the cafeteria. Lifts will open at 10:00 p.m. and close at 5:00 a.m. Free ski and snowboard lessons will begin at 11:00 p.m. Tubing will be offered from 11:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m. for an additional fee of \$10 to be paid in cash to the tubing hill at Buck Hill. Please do NOT include tubing money with your registration. Registration forms can be found in the Commons, in the junior and senior high rooms, and on the website. Registrations forms and money are due on Sunday, February 5. Please leave them in the church office, or hand them to Susan Mullin. This has been a popular event for the youth at Faith UMC. Please be sure to sign up so you don't miss out on the fun! Financial assistance is available for all youth events. Please talk to Pastor Leigh or Susan Mullin if you need assistance.

Senior Moments

"We are on a journey throughout our lives and the people, both young and old, who we meet along the way, are our teachers and our mentors. The gift that we share is our experience, knowledge, and faith... We've earned our wrinkles and our wisdom and we possess the wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God through Jesus Christ and to our true selves."

– Rev. Dr. Richard H. Gentzler, Jr.

A Hopeful Earth

Sunday, January 29th, 2012
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(Meet at church at 1:00 to carpool to Hamline University)

Join the authors of *A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science and the Message of Jesus* for an afternoon of worship, presentation, and discussion. The authors Bishop Sally Dyck and Sarah Ehrman are aunt and niece and provide their cross-generational perspective on the intersection of spiritual and environmental issues. Refreshments provided. The event is free.

Minnesota's Greatest Generation

Friday, February 17

9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

(Bus leaves the church at 9:30 a.m.)

Join us for a tour of the History Center and view the exhibit on Minnesota's Greatest Generation. This exhibit tells some of the stories of the people who grew up during the Depression, came of age during World War II and participated in the post-war boom – creating a lasting legacy that has shaped all of us who have come after. The cost of the bus plus entrance fee is \$20 per person. We will stay for lunch at the History Center cafeteria, so bring money for lunch as well. Please sign up in the Commons.

Financial Assistance Available!

If you need financial assistance to attend any of these events, please talk to Susan Mullin or Pastor Leigh. Funds are available and we would love to have you join us.

NE Seniors

February 1- Legal Clinic for seniors (60+) with Real Estate Related Issues, 10:30 a.m. The legal clinic provides a senior (age 60 and over) with an individual meeting with a real estate attorney to discuss the senior's real estate related matter. Call NE Seniors at 612-781-5096 to reserve an appointment. **Location: 2600 Kenzie Terrace (in Autumn Woods by leasing office)**

February 3 - Foot Clinic, 9 a.m. to noon., held at 2510 Cleveland Street NE (in NE United Methodist Church) Seniors who need help with toe nail clipping and other foot issues can receive care from a nurse at the foot care clinic. Call NE Seniors 612-781-5096 to sign up. If you need a ride, let us know when you schedule your appointment. Foot care provided by Quality Footcare. Cost: \$30.00.

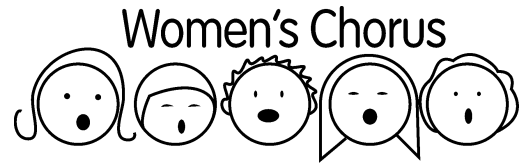
February 26 - Foot Clinic, 10 a.m. to noon, held at 2580 Kenzie Terrace (in Autumn Woods) Seniors who need help with toe nail clipping and other foot issues can receive care from a nurse at the foot care clinic. Call NE Seniors 612-781-5096 to sign up. If you need a ride, let us know when you schedule your appointment. Foot care provided by Quality Footcare. Cost: \$30.00.

Mondays & Fridays - Exercise Class, 1:00 - 1:40 p.m., held at 2510 Cleveland ST NE (in NE United Methodist Church) Join us for exercise sitting on a chair, stand & balance moves, easy marching, dyna-band strength work. Easy, gradual progression. Just stop by to try out the class. Cost: suggested donation \$5/class. Instructor: Sara Tufvesson Doure has taught Seniors Staying Fit at Pratt School for 18 years. If you need a ride, let us know at NE Seniors 612-781-5096.

Wednesdays - Coffee & Conversation, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. A time for seniors to stop by to meet other seniors and enjoy a good chat. Traveling to local restaurants during February - call NE Seniors at 612-781-5096 and listen to voice mail to hear the location for the week.

WAYZATA WOMEN'S CHORUS - WOMEN SINGERS WANTED

The Wayzata Women's Chorus is accepting new singers for our Spring Show. If you have a passion for singing with a wonderful women's chorus, please join us at Peace Lutheran Church, 3695 County Road 101, Plymouth, MN to sing with us. Our rehearsals are on Monday nights. We start at 7:15 p.m. and finish at 9:00 p.m.



Our music for spring is filled with a wide variety of music and will include a tribute to Judy Garland!

For those interested in joining us, please contact Carole Birch at cbbirch1@q.com or come to one of our rehearsals.

The chorus is directed by Carole Birch and accompanied by Mary Fadden.

Founded in 1985, this award-winning chorus is composed of women of many ages who share a love of music and enjoy performing in a variety of venues. The chorus is well respected for the depth of their repertoire. In July 2011, they competed in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales; participated in the Southern New England Music Festival in Boston, MA in 2004; were given the bronze award at the Salzburg Music Competition in 1996; and, have been special guests of the Apollo Male Chorus for three of their holiday concerts...most recently in December 2011. We enjoy singing for our senior citizens in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

We are starting to book outings for the spring season. If you would like to schedule this wonderful group to sing for your organization, please contact Lenore Miller at 952-473-3600 or 952-484-8835.

Walk To Emmaus - The purpose of Walk to Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. Walk to Emmaus will inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Walk to Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Visit www.mnemmasus.org for more information or to sign up.

Men's Walk #97 - April 19-22

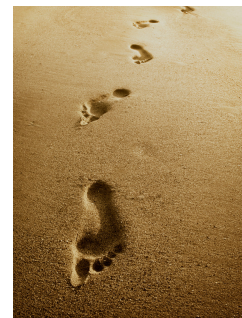
Women's Walk #98 - April 26-29

Spring walks are located at Koronis Retreat Center in Paynesville, MN

Men's Walk #99 - October 11-14

Women's Walk #100 - October 18-21

Fall walks are scheduled for Koinonia retreat Center in south Haven, MN



Team Updates

FINANCE

BLESSINGS IN 2011!

(Final 2011 Report of The Finance Ministry Team)

We have finished the year once again on a positive note with a great month of December. For the month, receipts exceeded expenses by almost \$11,000. We came into the month with our operating balance at about \$500, a decline of almost \$12,500 from the end of 2010. The results from the month of December allowed us to return to within \$1,300 of the 2010 end of year balance. This was achieved in part because of your generous and timely giving and also because our Teams were very diligent, once again, in holding expenses to budget. In fact, our total operating expense for 2011 was less than budget by \$9,000, or 3.0%.

The Capital Appeal fund, used for our monthly mortgage payments, ended the year with a \$44,000 balance. The monthly mortgage payment is \$9,200, so this balance can fund the mortgage for nearly five months. Your continued help with this fund is equally important to our financial future.

The People of Faith continue to reflect the gifts that God has showered on them with generous financial support of the ministries of their church.

We are most grateful and wish you continued blessings in 2012!

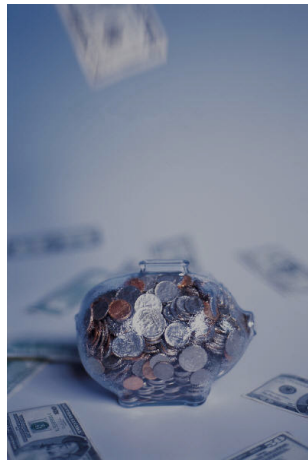
In His Service,

Terry Krinke, Finance Ministry Team Leader
Rod Long, Treasurer

OUTREACH

Untrim the Christmas Tree results:

Simpson Hot Meals	\$610
N.E. Community Meals	\$615
Military Meal	\$245
Christmas/Year End Giving	\$3,270
Imagine No Malaria	\$25,476



Thank you for your very generous giving during the month of December!

Church Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Date	Event	Time
Wed. 2/1	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM	Thu. 2/16	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM		Worship/Music Ministry Team	6:30 PM
	Meal	5:45 PM		Scout Leaders	7:30 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM	Fri. 2/17	Senior Adults to History Theatre	9:30 AM
	Confirmation Class	7:00 PM		Scout Committee	7:30 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM	Sat. 2/18	NE Community Meal	
	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:30 PM	Sun. 2/19	Christian Education	9:00 AM
	Choir Coffee	8:45 PM		Fellowship	10:00 AM
Thu. 2/2	Lectionary Group	12:00 PM		Worship	10:30 AM
Sun. 2/5	Christian Education	9:00 AM	Mon. 2/20	Cub Dens	6:30 PM
	Fellowship	10:00 AM		Scouts	7:30 PM
	Worship	10:30 AM	Tue. 2/21	Communications & Marketing	6:30 PM
Mon. 2/6	Cub Dens	6:30 PM		Ministry Team	
	Scouts	7:30 PM		Staff Parish Relations	6:30 PM
Tue. 2/7	Church Council	7:00 PM		Ministry Team	
Wed. 2/8	Mary Martha Circle	9:30 AM		Christian Education Ministry Team	6:45 PM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM	Wed. 2/22	Mom's Club	9:45 AM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM		Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Meal	5:45 PM		Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM		Meal	5:45 PM
	Kids Bells	6:30 PM		Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
	Confirmation Class	7:00 PM		Kids Bells	6:30 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM		Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:30 PM
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Thu. 2/9	Lectionary Group	12:00 PM		500 Cards	1:00 PM
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	Trustee Ministry Team	7:00 PM	Sun. 2/26	Christian Education	9:00 AM
Sat. 2/11	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM		Fellowship	10:00 AM
Sun. 2/12	Christian Education	9:00 AM		Worship	10:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:00 AM	Mon. 2/27	Cub Dens	6:30 PM
	Worship	10:30 AM		Outreach	7:00 PM
	All Church Conference	11:30 AM		Scouts	7:30 PM
	Simpson Meal	6:00 PM	Tue. 2/28	Hospitality	6:30 PM
	Call of Faith information due			Finance	7:00 PM
Mon. 2/13	Cub Dens	6:30 PM	Wed. 2/29	Mary Martha Circle	9:30 AM
	Scouts	7:30 PM		Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00AM
Tue. 2/14	Adult Council	4:00 PM		Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM
Wed. 2/15	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00AM		Meal	5:30 PM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM		Lenten Worship Service/Faith UMC	6:15 PM
	Meal	5:45 PM		Kids Bells	6:30 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM		Confirmation Class	7:00 PM
	Faith Saints	6:30 PM		Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Confirmation Class	7:00 PM		Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:30 PM
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Bradley Childbirth Classes are held on most:
 Sundays 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Nursery
 Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Nursery

Classical Music Academy is held on most:
 Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 PM in room 218
 Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121, 218
 Thursdays: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121

For more information check out the Calendar of Events on our website: www.faithumchurch.com. Church office hours are generally: Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.