



Call of Faith

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From the Pen of Pastor Leigh

When I was in high school – 30 years and more than 30 pounds ago – I was a sprinter on the track and field team. I was no good for distance races, but for the short runs I was the fastest on the team. My body was almost as fast as my head.

You see, my head is always moving at full speed – full of ideas and tasks that need to be accomplished. Patience is not a virtue that is generally ascribed to me. And I have always had this disconnect between my head and my body – my head leads the way and my body had better keep up!

That worked fairly well until about age 35, when my body began to protest. And the older I get, the louder the protests. It appears that erratic mealtimes and sporadic exercise are something one gets away with in younger years... but not so much once middle-age sets in. This seems wrong to me, because the older I get, the faster the years seem to go by! And so my need for speed seems greater. It seems a year becomes a relatively shorter period of time once you have a number of them behind you.

The world is moving at lightening speed as well. Changes in technology come so quickly it is difficult to keep up. I recently joined Facebook, but I refuse to “Twitter.” We’ll see how long I hold out. Information from around the world is available in our living-rooms 24 hours a day. Keeping up with new ideas and methodologies in our work requires vigilance.

I think that is why it is so hard for us to accept change in the church. Church is the place we go to connect to the eternal, to our source of being. It is the one thing we count on in an uncertain world. This is why the use of ritual is so important in worship, and is being reintegrated into contemporary worship services. We crave that constancy.

If we look back at the history of Faith UMC, we can identify the times of great change in the church – such as rebuilding after fire, merging with Ebenezer, renovating the building, and the many pastoral changes. And now we look toward a new Sunday morning schedule in the fall. These times of change are stressful because they affect that one place of

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Summer Sunday Worship Schedule: 9:15 AM Hymn Sing 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee

Fall Sunday Worship Schedule: (beginning September 13, 2009)

9:00 Celebration Service 10:00 Christian Education 11:00 Traditional Service 9:30-11:30 Fellowship/Coffee

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stability we have come to count on in our lives. And yet we know that we truly cannot keep our faith unless we also nurture it and share it with others. So change we must. The key is to find the right time and the right pace for change. Our Sunday morning schedule change came after much discernment and a church conference vote. As uncomfortable as it may seem now, I know we will all soon adjust to the changes and that God will continue to nourish our spirits and gently draw us into deeper relationship with God and with each other.

With the change in appointment and the changes happening at Faith, I've become very aware of my personal tendency to want to move quickly. There is still a sprinter somewhere inside this body. I've even been told that my preaching voice is a bit fast! It seems my speech is trying to keep up with my thought. In this, and in many things, I have been reminding myself lately to *slow down*. All of our goals will not be accomplished in a few days, nor should they be.

You too may have to challenge yourself to slow down, or perhaps you are one who must challenge yourself to speed up! In any case, we look to God to help us navigate the waters of change. We all need time to rejuvenate, to care for ourselves and to listen for God's voice amidst the clatter of our lives.

A member of the church shared with me a Christian practice taught to her as a child, which I in turn shared in my sermon last Sunday. She was told to take quiet time each day (I am not sure how much time, but 30 minutes seems good to me) and to divide that time into thirds: one-third for reading scripture, one-third for prayer and one-third for meditation and listening for God's will. I love the simplicity of this practice. You may have your own practices that tend to the health of your spirit, or maybe this is one that you can try out.

Lord, help me to be still and know that you are God.

Church News

Sunday Morning Education Opportunities: 10:00-10:45 am

Contemporary Christian Issues in the Ebenezer Room - An education and discussion group on contemporary issues that Christians face every day and how God calls us to respond to them. This group usually has a guest speaker, or presentation of the issue followed by some discussion. See Page 3 for upcoming topics.

Hermeneutics in the Conference Room - Facilitated by Scott Johnson. In this ten-week study in the fall, we will explore various issues as well as processes and skills involved in interpreting the Bible. By building understanding of the composition, sources, historical contexts, inspiration, and varying types of literature of the Bible, this course will help us develop a framework within which to read and interpret Biblical passages.

Coffee and Conversation for Young Adults in the Commons - Facilitated by William Cox. This group engages in conversation about various faith and spiritual topics with a contemporary twist.

Traditional Bible Study for Adults in the Fellowship Hall - Facilitated by Jennifer Krinke and Pastor Leigh. This class provides a traditional approach to adult education exploring the bible and the teachings of Jesus..

Jesus, Life Coach - a Book study in Room 219 - Facilitated by Neil Carlson. This class will read the book by Laurie Beth Jones and discuss how to incorporate Jesus' examples into our everyday life. Participants of the class will need to purchase the book. It can be found at various bookstores.

Junior High Bible Study in Room 117 - Facilitated by Susan Mullin and Deb Anderson. This confirmation class is for grades 6-8. Ninth grade confirmation students will join the Senior High discussion group. The Crossroads curriculum will be the foundation for this class and will be supplemented with additional pieces related to confirmation studies. There will be offsite "encounters" with other churches incorporated into the program.

Senior High Discussion Group in the Youth Room - Facilitated by Kent Reed and Carroll Vance. The Senior High Discussion group meets in the Youth room. It involves a low-key discussion in a casual and relaxed atmosphere on current events and our faith. Topics vary from Sunday to Sunday. Youth are given the opportunity to develop a stronger sense of self and personal commitment to their faith.

Ages 0 to 3 in the Nursery - Facilitated by Fran Cox

Ages 4-5 (kindergarten) in Room 114 - Facilitated by Laurie Gross

Grades 1 to 3 in Room 115 - Facilitated by Teresa Krinke

Grades 4 and 5 in Room 116 - Facilitated by Susan Johnson

Church News (continued)

Rally Day 2009 *Catch the Spark... Ignite Your Passion!*



Rally Day is Sunday September 13!

With the new schedule comes a need for more volunteers on Sunday morning. We will need 12 hospitality volunteers every single Sunday! Each volunteer will work one of two shifts:

- 1) 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM or 2) 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

For each shift we need: 2 greeters, 2 hospitality hosts (to work at the new welcome center), and 2 coffee-bar hosts.

These are easy jobs and training is available! We will be announcing training sessions soon – most likely they will be right after worship time and take only a few minutes. Instructions for each volunteer position are also available.

There are sign-up sheets in the Commons for each of these volunteer opportunities – please sign up!! If everyone takes a turn, we will have no trouble ensuring that we are a welcoming and hospitable church!

On Sunday, September 13 we will officially begin our program year. We will worship together, have refreshments and fellowship. Our children and youth will enjoy fun, face painting and treats in Sunday School. Our adults can attend an “education fair” in the Fellowship Hall, where we can learn about all of the education opportunities being offered and each choose the one that speaks to our hearts, and yes we also will have treats! See you there!

The new Sunday schedule beginning September 13 is:

9:00 - 9:50 Celebration Service	10:00 -10:45 Education time
11:00 -12:00 Traditional Service	9:30 - 11:30 Fellowship/Coffee

Contemporary Christian Issues: Upcoming Events

- September 13: Gary Hafvenstein, Asia Program Coordinator, World Mission Prayer League speaks on "Mission in a High-Risk Context." Gary was confirmed at FUMC in 1966.
- September 20: Appalachian Service Program (ASP) - Summer 2009
- September 27: Amy Neuswanger, FUMC Outreach Coordinator speaks on "Bread for the World" Workshop.

Youth Arcade

Great Things Are Coming!

Rock the River - Sunday, August 16- a full afternoon and evening of Christian Rock at Harriet Island. Tickets are \$10, bring money for concessions, we'll meet at the church at 1:30 PM and return sometime around 10 PM. It promises to be a great time! To make sure that we have enough car space, let me know if you are planning to come by emailing kyleh@faithumchurch.com or 770-861-6715.

We're getting ready for the school year around here, and that means... Wednesday Nights at Faith!

The theme for the year: Stories that Teach. Each week, we'll look at a story (parable) that Jesus told and what they mean for us.

A little different schedule from last year: the church will be open for early arrivals at 5 PM (hang out, play ping pong, do homework). Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM (free but asking \$3 donation), then we'll open our evening in the Fellowship Hall (as dinner wraps up) around 6:20. We'll break out into groups from 6:30-7:30 (7th-8th grades to middle school room, 9th-12th grades to youth room) for discussion and fellowship. After that, we'll gather back in the fellowship hall for free time/waiting to be picked up. (Parents, please pick up between 7:30 and 8)

We can't do this all without YOUR HELP (Parents!) we need discussion facilitators and meal preparers. With a little help from everyone, this year will be a great year!

Kyle Hayes, Youth Ministry Coordinator
kyleh@faithumchurch.com or 770-861-6715

Senior Moments



Remember that old saying; "These are the so-called 'Golden Years' but that is because it takes a lot of 'gold' to pay the doctors!" While the saying may be true in many ways, it gives me a two-point message:

- 1) How thankful we can be here in the metro area, and even state-wide, that we have such excellent family physicians, skilled specialists, nurses who can answer many of our questions, and modern medical facilities!
- 2) Let me or Pastor Leigh know when you are in a medical need situation (i.e., up-coming surgery, illness, or facing a problem of any sort). We are all part of a family, the church family, and we want to give prayer support and concern. We need not be informed of all the details, but at least pastoral care can be available to you. And if you desire, all the church family can be praying for you too.

Of course, all of this goes for ALL of us in "the family," whether in our "golden years," or no matter your age! We share our concerns and our joys in our church family.

Dave Schneider, Sr. Adult Coordinator

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Sr. Adult Council

August 25, Life Line Screening is Coming to Faith Church: Register for: Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, and Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening. The cost is \$149 for all four tests and an Osteoporosis screening can be added for an additional \$10. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-324-1851.

September 17, 10:30 AM: Join us on a visit to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum to see the beauty of the fall trees and flowers and the Minnesota landscape. We leave Faith Church by bus promptly at 10:30. The cost of the bus and Tram Tour is only \$25/person. Lunch is available (at your own expense) in the Arboretum cafeteria. A Sign-up sheet and payment envelopes are in the Commons and are due by **Sept 1**. Questions? Call Dave Schneider at 763-780-2363 or Carol Vick at 651-633-9641. All are welcome!

October 15, 7:00 PM: Bishop Wayne Clymer, retired former Bishop of MN, will share his experiences as a bishop, as a person on numerous national committees, and as a world traveler. All are welcome to come hear this outstanding leader within the United Methodist Church. Fellowship time will follow.

October 19 and November 2, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM: We will be hosting the Life Enrichment Adult Forum for Seniors (LEAFS) here at Faith Church. The September 21 and October 5 sessions will be held at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. We will need several helpers for these two events. A sign-up sheet is in the Commons. Your assistance is much appreciated!

Watch for more information on these and other senior events. Questions can be directed to Dave Schneider at 763-780-2363 or daves@faithumchurch.com.

Musical Score

Sanctuary Choir

This choir is open to anyone who is 10th grade and up. They sing each Sunday morning at the 11 AM service. They begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Coffee time is held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:45 PM. Director: Jo Halvorsen
612-788-5438



Able Cain Raisers (Youth Choir)

Any youth from 6th - 12th grade are welcome to come join. The music is contemporary but can also include skits and other acting. This group usually performs three times a year. Rehearsals will vary. Director: Jeanne Vogt 651-633-6015

Centennial Hand Bells (High-school age through adults)

The group participates in worship every 4-6 weeks. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:45 PM. Director: Janet Johnson 612-788-1502.

Faith Praise Singers

This smaller ensemble sings their praise and worship to God in a contemporary style. They typically provide musical leadership for the 9 AM. service once a month. Director: Jeanne Vogt 651-633-6015



Children's Bells and Hand Chimes (Grades 2 - 8)

The group participates in special services. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:45 PM. Director: Janet Schafer 651-639-1683.

Tapestry

This choir is designed for those individuals who wish to offer their musical witness while enjoying a casual and minimal rehearsal schedule. The music is contemporary in nature and the accompaniment ranges from keyboard to orchestra tracks. Director: Neal McIntosh
763-783-1502

We encourage anyone who is interested in any of the musical groups to come to a rehearsal and try it out or call the director. Childcare is by pre-arrangement.

PICTURES
WANTED!

Pictures of church members out in the world doing mission. Planting flowers, serving at Simpson, delivering meals, working with the youth, this is just a few examples of what we are looking for. Do you have any pictures you can share? Please send to the church no later September 15. Further questions contact Mary Ann Thuesen at 612-789-6470.

Extend and Serve

Men's Breakfast Group meets September 12, 8:00 AM

You are invited to join a group of men who meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Perkins's Restaurant, County Road D & Highway 88. It is set up so that you come when you can and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with other men of the church. Questions call Dick Wise 651-636-2802.

Men's Work Group next meeting will be September 17, 9:00 AM

This is open to all men. They meet to do repairs, replace and upgrade the church building and property. They enjoy a time of fellowship with coffee and a special treat. If you have questions call Glenn Puncochar 651-633-8365 or Roger Westlund 651-633-5661.

V Team is a group of people who take turns calling visitors within 36 hours after that person has visited Faith Church. If you would like to volunteer call Maureen Krinke 651-636-4383.

Simpson Shelter Hot Meals are made the first Sunday of most months. Chris Dexter, with helpers, make the meal at the church and then they bring it down to Simpson UM Church Shelter at 2740 First Avenue South. They always need volunteers to help serve the meal at Simpson. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the Commons on the Sunday before.

Eastside Thrift Shop is dedicated to assisting families by providing free or low-cost clothing and household items. It is located at 1928 Central Ave. Faith Church volunteers will work next Sept. 29 - Oct 3.



Caring Ministry Team We are forming a new Caring Ministry team at Faith. This team will include our Stephen Ministers, volunteers for visitation to the homebound, and volunteers to provide meals or rides to members as needed. Faith UMC is a caring community and many of these things are happening now informally. This team will help ensure that everyone's needs are met. If you feel called to care for others and have time in your schedule to share, come to our informational meeting on Monday, August 31 at 7:00 PM. If you have questions about this ministry or if you need care, please contact Pastor Leigh.

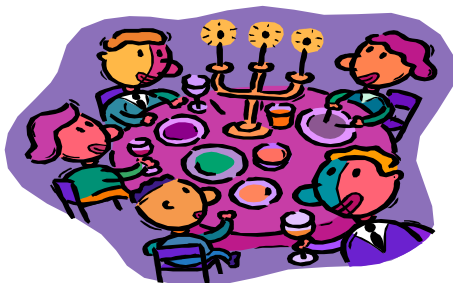
Adult Opportunities

Lectionary Discussion

Join Pastor Leigh each Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:00 PM to discuss the scripture texts that will be the source of the message for the upcoming Sunday worship.

Round Robin Dinners:

People met in small groups for dinner once a month beginning in October. Questions call Michelle Vance at 651-631-3219 or Barb Greicius at 651-340-9855.



Mary Martha Circle.

Gather for a light breakfast and fellowship, and then start a study. There are special 4-week Advent and 6-week Lenten studies. The first meeting will be September 9, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Thereafter they will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Questions call Maureen Krinke 651-636-4383.

500 Card Club

This is a small group of people who enjoy playing 500 cards, having coffee, treats and conversation. A donation of \$1.00 is given to cover coffee & treats and the surplus is given to a church project. They will meet September 10 & 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ebenezer room. Each month they meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Questions call Kathy Tarasar 612-788-0525 or Leona Shannon 612-789-8248.

Community Connections

Ecumenical Life Enrichment Adult Forums (LEAFs)



Everyone is welcome to join the LEAFs program this fall as they provide opportunity to enjoy life-long learning, creative expression, and interfaith fellowship.

The dates and locations are:

September 21 and October 5 - at St. Philip's Lutheran church, 6180 Highway 65, Fridley, MN 55432

October 19 and November 2 - at Faith UM Church, 2708 33rd Ave. NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418

8:30 AM Registration
9:00 AM Opening Devotions
9:30 AM Choose from 3 different classes
10:30 AM Break
11:00 AM Plenary Session
12:00 AM Lunch and Social Time

The registration fee if paid by 9/14/09 is \$38 for the series or \$12 per day. Registration after 9/14/09 is \$40 for the series or \$14.00 per day. (Cost includes lunch) Registration forms are in the Commons. For more information contact St. Philips Lutheran Church at 763-571-1500.

Money Matters

Be sure to register for the Money Matters Stewardship Seminar with Michael Slaughter, pastor at Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, Tipp City, Ohio. The seminar will be held September 21 at Rosemount UMC, 14770 Canada Avenue, Rosemount. This event is geared for clergy and laypeople and will emphasize financial stewardship within the local church. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3 PM, with lunch included. You may register online at <http://events.minnesotaumc.org>.

The cost is \$25 per person (before September 17)
\$35 per person (after September 17)

\$100 for five to eight people from a single local church

For more information contact Val Walker at (612) 230-3337 or e-mail val.walker@mnumc.org.

Challenging Business as Usual: Who is my Neighbor? October 23-25, Bloomington, MN

Mark your calendars now for the United Methodist Church North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Religion and Race Annual Learning Event as it asks the question "Who is my Neighbor?" Can you imagine what our churches and communities would look like if we lived out this question?

He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence--and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself." (Luke 10:27, The Message)

Join us for an exciting conference where we can explore resources in our communities and practical ideas for living out the question 'Who is my Neighbor?' in our churches and communities.

Worship and keynote speakers will include Bishops Sally Dyck, Julius Trimble, and Lydia Lee, along with Professor Harold Recino.

To register for this event, visit <https://events.minnesotaumc.org>.

Boundaries Training Sept 19, 8:00 AM - Noon First UM Church in Red Wing, MN.

This training is recommended for anyone who works with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Recommended by the Methodist Annual Conference for all Sunday school teachers and youth leaders. Rev. Diane Olson will be the presenter. Register at <https://events.minnesotaumc.org>.

Northeast Child Development Center

The Northeast Child Development Center currently has openings for children 6-weeks to kindergarten and provides comprehensive education strategies to prepare children to be successful in school. This foundation of education will not only benefit our children, but also our community as a whole. For more information or a tour of their facilities, call Kris O'Dell at 612-787-4048.

Church Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Tues. 9/1	Classical Music Academy Church Council Meeting	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
Wed. 9/2	Pastoral Staff Meeting Lectionary	10:00 AM 12:00 PM
Thurs. 9/3	Classical Music Academy	9:00 AM
Sun. 9/6	Hymn Sing Traditional Worship Service Fellowship Simpson Meal Preparation	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM
Mon. 9/7	Labor Day - Office Closed	
Tues. 9/8	Classical Music Academy Men's Spirituality Group	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
Wed. 9/9	Mary Martha Circle Pastoral Staff Meeting Lectionary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:30 PM
Thurs. 9/10	Classical Music Academy 500 Card Club Trustee Meeting	9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. 9/11	Classical Music Academy	3:00 PM
Sat. 9/12	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
Sun. 9/13	Rally Day Celebration Service Fellowship/Coffee Christian Education Traditional Worship Service Scout Leader's Meeting	 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM
Mon. 9/14	Call of Faith is due to office Cub Scouts Stephen Ministries Check-In Boy Scouts	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM
Tues. 9/15	Classical Music Academy Church Office Closed until 1:00 Communications Meeting Staff Parish Relations Christian Education Meeting	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:45 PM

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Wed. 9/16	Pastoral Staff Meeting Lectionary Church Dinner Youth Activities Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Adult Handbells	10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:45 PM
Thurs. 9/17	Men's Workgroup Classical Music Academy Sr. Adults to Arboretum United Methodist Women	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM
Sun. 9/20	Celebration Service Fellowship/Coffee Christian Education Traditional Service	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. 9/21	LEAFS @ St. Philips Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	8:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Tues. 9/22	Hospitality Team Finance Team	6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wed. 9/23	Mary Martha Circle Pastoral Staff Meeting Lectionary Church Dinner Youth Activities Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Adult Handbells	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:45 PM
Thurs. 9/24	500 Card Club	1:00 PM
Sun. 9/27	Celebration Service Fellowship/Coffee Christian Education Traditional Service	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
Mon. 9/28	Cub Scouts Outreach Meeting Boy Scouts	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM
9/29 - 10/3	Work at EastSide Thrift Store	
Wed. 9/30	Mom's club Pastoral Staff Meeting Lectionary Church Dinner Youth Activities Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Adult Handbells	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:45 PM

For more information check out the Calendar of Events on our website: www.faithumchurch.com.

Church office hours are: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. For security reasons the church doors are frequently kept locked. Please feel free to ring the bell at the parking lot door and we will assist you.