



Call of Faith

Spring Edition 2018

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Lenten & Easter Season 2018

Holy Week and Easter Schedule at Faith UMC



March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday –
Children singing

Holy Communion and Service of Darkness
(same service) on both:

March 29 Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and
March 30 Good Friday at 12:00 noon

March 31 Easter Eggstravaganza for all ages 2:30-4:30 pm
(See page 2)

April 1 Easter Sunday – Worship at 9:00 & 10:30 am
Fellowship Time at 10:00 am

The Easter Season concludes with the celebration of Pentecost
and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, May 20, 2018

Lenten Worship – Remaining Wednesdays Soup Supper at 5:30 pm; Worship at 6:15 pm

During Lent, we are meeting with the other
Northeast United Methodist Churches on
Wednesday nights.

March 7 Northeast UMC
March 14 Community UMC
March 21 Faith UMC

“The Day He Wore My Crown”

Celebrate Easter again
Sunday April 8



during the church service.

The choir will bring you the passionate story of
Jesus’ journey from Palm Sunday through Holy
Thursday and Good Friday to His resurrection on
Easter Sunday.

Worship Schedule

Sundays:	9:00 am	Adult classes
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time
	10:30 am	Worship Service/Nursery Available
	10:30 am	Kids Connect

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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A Message from *Rev. Diane M. Christianson*

Dear Friends,

Lent has begun! And so has our focus on how God loves us. Each Sunday during Lent will focus on a particular way in which God loves us. Appropriately then, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coincided this year. As we received the sign of mortality, ashes, on our foreheads, we also heard the good news of God's love. Knowing that we are loved will carry us through this season of preparation for Easter.

I hope to see you in worship on Sunday mornings and also during one of our Holy Week services. This year we will have two identical services – one at 7 pm on Holy Thursday, March 29, and the second at 12 noon on Good Friday, March 30. Both services will include Holy Communion and a Service of Darkness.

New this year is an inter-generational Eggstravaganza on March 30, 2:30-4:30 pm. Come to color Easter eggs, learn the art of Ukrainian egg dyeing, and reflect on the meaning of Easter. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join in the excitement!

Interestingly, just as Ash Wednesday coincided with Valentine's Day, Easter falls on the same day this year as another observance, namely, April Fool's Day. I hope that when we get to the empty tomb, we don't hear "April Fool!" At the time, some people did believe that the empty tomb was a trick Jesus' followers were playing on the world. But after two millennia of experience with the living Christ, we can say assuredly that "Love is Alive!" And so begins our emphasis for the Easter Season on the varying ways in which we experience the love of Christ.

Charles Wesley, co-founder of Methodism, wrote a hymn in 1740 that can be our prayer today:

*Jesus,
Thine all victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove,
rooted and fixed in God.*

Amen.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Diane

Lenten & Easter Season (cont.)

Easter Eggstravaganza for all ages

Saturday, March 31

2:30-4:30 PM



Come prepare for the celebration of Easter. We will explore the meaning of Easter as we dye Easter eggs. Learn how to dye Ukrainian Easter eggs (you must be at least 6 years old and plan to spend the entire time on that activity). Or you can try a variety of egg-decorating and other activities (for younger kids or anyone that prefers to keep it simple).

There is no charge for this event, but please sign up in the Commons or register online at www.faithumchurch.com (online registrations will be available by March 4). Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

Church News

Eco Kids Camp Camp

Save the Date!

August 6-9, 9:00 to 4:00

Children entering grade 3-6 are welcome!

Cost is \$75 per child, scholarships available

We will be learning from wolves this year! Camp will include field trips to Silverwood Park and the Wildlife Science Center. Register online at www.faithumchurch.com (online registrations will be available by March 4).



Parents Night Out hosted by Faith United Methodist Church

Friday March 16, 2018 from 6:15 to 9:00 pm

Faith Church is having Parents Night Out. Children (infant through 5th grade) will have an evening of games and crafts. There is no charge. Any free will donations will go to Nourish 282, which serves families in the St. Anthony/New Brighton School District. You can register online at www.faithumchurch.com. If you have questions about Parents Night Out, contact Janet Johnson, jrcjohnson@yahoo.com.

Find out more about Nourish 282 at www.nourish282.com.

Outreach Committee Plant Sale

Once again, the Outreach Committee will have a plant sale to make your deck and gardens beautiful and to support RECLAIM. You can place your orders for annuals, hanging planters and pre-planted pots on May 6 and 13. Plants can be picked up at church on Sunday, May 20. This is a great way to get quality plants and support RECLAIM, an organization that works with queer and transgender youth and families. Watch for more information in the bulletin or you can contact Judy Jerde (651-426-0156 or jaj@hopefultravelers.net)



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month.

Faith UMC is collecting food items, hygiene products, and monetary donations throughout the month of March for the Salvation Army NEED and Ralph Reeder food shelves. A portion of all donations received is matched by Minnesota Foodshare. Please use a pew envelope for your monetary donation and mark it Foodshare. Donations need to be in the church office by Sunday, March 25. Checks payable to Faith UMC.

Food items and hygiene products can be placed in the brown box inside the parking lot door.



Jerry Hanson Scholarships

Scholarships are available to eligible applicants seeking to achieve advancement in their college education, career, or current employment. Funds may be used to pay for tuition, books, uniforms, necessary tools or other materials to advance one's career. Anyone living within the communities served by Faith United Methodist Church is eligible to apply. There are no limitations based on age, marital status, or educational accomplishments. Application forms will be available April 1st at the Welcome Center. Deadline for submitting applications is May 1st and awards will be announced on June 1st.



Art and Soul

Art and Soul is finished for the season, but we'll see you next fall!



Extend and Serve

Step Up!

Opportunities to serve at Faith Church

Are you interested in opportunities to connect with other people at Faith and make a difference in the St. Anthony Community? Take a look at the list of ways that you can get involved, or talk to Rev. Susan Mullin if you would like to help in other ways.

Volunteer at Parents Night Out – Remember what it was like to be the parent of young children? Show them some love by giving them a break! Volunteers are needed to play games and lead crafts, and to help in the nursery on Friday, March 16. The parents have been generous in their donations to Nourish 282 – so not only do the parents get a break, but kids and families in the St. Anthony New Brighton School District are helped by your service.

Invite someone, or volunteer to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza On March 31, we are inviting people of all ages from our community and our church to come learn about the meaning of Easter as we dye Easter eggs and other activities. You can provide a warm welcome to visitors and long-time members. Lead an Easter craft or activity with a small group of children and adults. We will provide you with instructions and all the materials you need, as well as providing support during the event. Or talk to Rev. Susan Mullin if you have your own idea for a craft or activity.

Nursery Lead and Helper Volunteers – Every Sunday we have two volunteers in the nursery. They create a safe space where children (infants through age 4) can experience the love of God as they are warmly welcomed and accepted. Nursery volunteers typically serve in the nursery one Sunday each month. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please talk to Rev. Susan Mullin.

Call of Faith Newsletter – Help keep friends and members of Faith Church informed of special worship services, events, and opportunities. The *Call of Faith* Newsletter is sent out in electronic and paper format to friends and members of Faith Church approximately 4 times per year. We would love to have a volunteer gather and format the articles and information for each newsletter. Church staff would provide training and assistance. If you are interested in graphic design and would like to give our newsletter an updated look—that would be an added bonus! Please contact Janet Olson in the church office if you are interested.

Easter Offering

In this season when we remember the great self-giving of God for us, may we also give beyond ourselves to strengthen the lives of others. Your gift helps make possible the ministries of Faith United Methodist Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate at worship or mail to the church. Thank you!



NE Community Meal

Outreach team will be preparing and serving the N.E. Community Meal on Saturday March 17, Saturday April 21 and Saturday May 19. If you are able to help, sign-up is in the Commons each month.

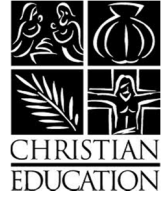
Simpson Shelter Meal

A chance to serve! On Sunday, April 22, Faith Church will serve dinner at Simpson Shelter in Minneapolis. We will gather at 3:00 in the Church kitchen to make the food and then leave Church at 6:00 to serve the meal at 7:00. After clean up we return to church about 8:30 or 9:00. I heard birthday cake is being served for someone special so no need for bars (except we still need Mark Grimes' cookies). Come and join in this service to others.



Christian Education

Kids Connect



Sundays, 10:30-11:30 AM (Children start in worship and then go to classroom)

During Lent the children will be hearing stories from the Old Testament. These stories are about promises from God and how God kept them. We will hear about the promise to Noah and his family, the promise to Abraham and Sarah, and promises spoken in the Psalms and by the prophet Jeremiah.

Following Easter Sunday, on April 1, the Bible stories will be taken from the New Testament. Children and youth will learn about Jesus' appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection and the ways in which Jesus' friends and followers shared the good news of God's love. You might like to read these stories together at home: John 20:19-31, Luke 24:36b-48, John 10:11-18, Acts 8:26-40, John 15:9-17, and Acts 1:15-17, 21-26.

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 20, marking the end of the Season of Easter. This is a day to celebrate the Spirit of God and the growth of the Christian community. The following poem can help younger children understand this image.

<i>God's Spirit</i>	<i>God's Spirit is with us,</i>
<i>We can't see the wind</i>	<i>we know this is true.</i>
<i>but we know it's there,</i>	<i>And people can see it</i>
<i>'cause it rustles the leaves</i>	<i>in the things that we do.</i>
<i>and blows through our hair.</i>	

May these Lenten and Easter seasons be a time of spiritual nurture and growth for your child and your family.

Faith Forum

Sunday Mornings
9:00-10:00 am in the Ebenezer
Room

March 4 - Quiet: The Power of Introverts by Susan Cain, TED Talk and Discussion

March 11 - Joyce UMC Preschool, Deborah Jahn

Lenten Study

Surprise the World! The Five Habits of Highly Missional People

A book (\$5.00) by Michael Frost

Three ways to engage with others as we explore this book (remaining dates):

Study Group	Lenten Worship	Bible Study
Tuesdays 9:30-11 am Ebenezer Rm	Wednesdays 6:15-7 pm (soup supper at 5:30 pm) rotates between churches	Sundays 9:00-10:00 am Fellowship Hall

Feb. 27 **Feb. 28 @ Community UMC** **March 4**
Chapter 4 "Eat: The Second Habit"

March 6 **March 7 @ Northeast UMC** **March 11**
Chapter 5 "Listen: The Third Habit"

March 13 **March 14 @ Community UMC** **March 18**
Chapter 6 "Learn: the Fourth Habit"

March 20 **March 21 @ Faith UMC** **March 25**
Chapter 7 "Sent: The Fifth Habit"
Chapter 8 "Discipleship, Nurture, and Accountability"

What are you Praying About?

Sunday Mornings
9:00-10:00 am in the Conference
Room

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.

Transformational Mission Opportunities

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The mission of the United Methodist Church is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Sometimes we think of this as a linear progression: we teach people about Jesus, then they decide to become disciples, they go serve others like Jesus did, and then the world is changed. And sometimes it happens that way. Many times, however, when we go to serve our neighbors we find that **we** are changed. Getting to know people who are very different from us, traveling to another country or experiencing life in a different setting and from another point of view can transform us. Our image of the world is changed and our understanding of God is changed. We come home ready to serve in new ways and with a renewed passion.

The Outreach Team invites you to consider engaging in transformational mission in 2018. We have set aside \$800 in our budget this year to assist with transformational missions. To apply for funds from the Outreach team, please send us one page, typed, with 1) your name and contact information, 2) a description of the mission trip, 3) how you hope to grow through this opportunity, 4) how you will share what you learn with the people of Faith Church, and 5) the total cost of the mission experience and how much you are requesting from the Outreach Team (email your request to kaykramer@gmail.com).

Two mission opportunities were recently announced by the Annual Conference and might be something you would consider (but you are not limited to these two mission trips):

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

Saturday, June 16 to Sunday, June 24, 2018

Cost is \$400 per person

The Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, is home to 23,000 people who live in extreme poverty. Set in the beautiful mountains of Appalachia, the Henderson Settlement offers comfortable accommodations and meaningful service work for volunteers of all ages. Individuals and families are welcome to join this mission trip sponsored by the Annual Conference and led by Hennepin Avenue UMC. All ages are welcome. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at www.minnesotaumc.org (and search for “Henderson Settlement Mission Trip”). **Registrations are due March 30.** If you have questions contact Becky Boland (beckyboland@comcast.net).

Discover... Mission: China 2018

Tuesday, June 19 to Monday, July 2, 2018

for young adults, ages 18-35

Cost: \$3250 per person (includes double lodging and international airfare)

Come with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, the resident bishop of the Wisconsin Conference and the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission of the North Central Jurisdiction, to a mission trip in China. This is a unique opportunity for young adults, ages 18-35, to engage in an intentional, cultural immersion mission journey. Attendees will connect with young adult Christians of China, and learn about the work and witness of faith in the context of contemporary China. The team will travel to Shanghai, Nanjing, and Beijing, China; meet with Chinese Christian leaders visit many cultural sites, such as the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City.

Request an application from umvimncj.coor@gmail.com. Applications must include a \$400 refundable deposit.

Applications due by March 15, 2018.

Community Connections

Emma Norton Services 2018 Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Monday, May 7, 2018

4:00—6:00 pm Social Hour & Silent Auction

5:30—7:30 pm Dinner and Desserts

Minneapolis Marriot Northeast

7025 Northland Drive North

Brooklyn Park, MN 55428



Please join Emma Norton in celebrating and strengthening our lifelong partnership with the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women

You must register to attend. Register at www.ENOpeningDoorsDinner.eventbrite.com
Register by April 1, 2018 for Early Bird ticket price of \$40/individual
After April 1 cost is \$50/individual
\$500/ 8 person table
Registration closes on May 2, 2018

Women of Song Spring Concert “Life & Song”



The Women of Song will join the Wayzata High School Bel Canto Choir and the Wayzata Elementary All-District Choir for an Intergenerational Concert on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 3:00 pm. Wayzata High School Auditorium, 4955 Peony Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55446. For more details see Carla Erpelding, a member of our congregation who sings in this group.

MN Reconciling Congregations Annual Social Gathering



Join MN Reconciling United Methodists on
March 10

2018 may be a crucial year for the Reconciling Movement. The Commission on a Way Forward will make a recommendation on how the denomination treats LGBTQ inclusion to the UMC

Bishops in anticipation of a special General Conference that will be held February 2019 in St. Louis. You are invited to learn about the Commission's work from Dave Nuckols, a Minnesota member of the Bishop's Commission for a Way Forward. We will gather on Saturday, March 10 from 11:30-2:00 at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 W County Road C2 in Roseville, for a time to meet other Reconciling United Methodists, share a potluck lunch and hear Dave speak. Please bring a dish to share, dishes and beverages will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Judy Jerde (651-426-0156) or jaj@hopefultravelers.net



Eastside Meals on Wheels

Would you like to spend an hour or less once a month bringing meals to shut-ins? Faith has been part of this worthwhile mission for many years. If you would like to be on a substitute list please contact me.—Mari Donaldson, 651-633-6838

Eastside Meals on Wheels is a local independent non-profit. Every week day we serve nutritious hot meals to seniors and those with disabilities in NE and SE Minneapolis, as well as, St. Anthony Village (55418, 55414, 55413). Our meal delivery and other community services make it possible for individuals to stay in their own homes longer without the trauma and significant cost of nursing home care.

We are asking for your help. If you know someone who might benefit now or in the future in receiving meals, or if you are interested in volunteering,

please contact us at (612) 277-2529 or

info@eastsidemeals.org

www.eastsidemeals.org

Eastside Meals on Wheels

1510 33rd Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Church Calendar - March 2018

Date	Event	Time	Date	Event	Time
Thu 3/1	Lectionary/CR	12:00 PM	Sat 3/17	Women's Breakfast at Perkins	9:00 AM
Fri 3/2	Planet Home School/Downstairs	8:45 AM		NE Community Meal	6:00 PM
Sun 3/4	Third Sunday in Lent		Sun 3/18	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
	Adult Groups	9:00 AM		Adult Groups	9:00 AM
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM		Fellowship Time	10:00 AM
	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM		Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM
	Kids Connect	10:30 AM		Kids Connect	10:30 AM
	Korean UMC/WC	12:30 PM		Korean UMC/WC	12:30 PM
	Korean UMC/FH	1:30 PM		Korean UMC/FH	1:30 PM
	Mpls Area Korean Churches	3:00 PM		Square & Twirl	
Mon 3/5	Cub Scouts 114-117	6:30 PM		Square Dancing/FH	4:00 PM
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	Mon 3/19	Cub Scouts 115	6:30 PM
Tues 3/6	Lenten Study/EB	9:30 AM		Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
Wed 3/7	Staff Meeting/CR	10:30 PM	Tue 3/20	Lenten Study/EB	9:30 AM
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	Wed 3/21	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Meal @ NE	5:30PM		Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM
	Lenten Service @ NE	6:15 PM		Meal @ Faith	5:30 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:30 PM		Lenten Service @ Faith	6:15 PM
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM		Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:30 PM
	Choir Coffee/Commons	8:30 PM		Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM
Thu 3/8	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	Thu 3/22	Lectionary /CR	12:00 PM
	Trustees/CR	7:00 PM	Fri 3/23	Planet Home School/Downstairs	8:45 AM
	Pinewood Derby Weight Check		Sun 3/25	Palm Sunday	
	& Early Impoundment/FH	8:00 PM		Adult Groups	9:00 AM
Fri 3/9	Planet Home School/Downstairs	8:45 AM		Fellowship Time	10:00 AM
	Pinewood Derby Impoundment/FH	7:00 PM		Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM
Sat 3/10	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM		Kids Connect	10:30 AM
	Pinewood Derby/FH	11:30 AM		Korean UMC/WC	12:30 PM
Sun 3/11	Fourth Sunday in Lent			Korean UMC/FH	1:30 PM
	UMCOR-One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday		Mon 3/26	Cub Scouts 115	6:30 PM
	Adult Groups	9:00 AM		Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM	Tues 3/27	Finance meeting/CR	7:00 PM
	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM	Wed 3/28	Mom's Club/114-115	9:45 AM
	Kids Connect	10:30 AM		Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Korean UMC/WC	12:30 PM		Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM
	Korean UMC/FH	1:30 PM		Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:30 PM
Mon 3/12	Cub Scouts 114-117	6:30 PM		Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	Thu 3/29	Lectionary /CR	12:00 PM
Tues 3/13	Lenten Study/EB	9:30 AM		Holy Communion and Service of Darkness	
Wed 3/14	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM		(same service Thursday and Friday)	
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	Thu 3/29	see above	7:00 PM
	Meal @ Community	5:30PM	Fri 3/30	see above	12:00 noon
	Lenten Service @ Community	6:15 PM		Korean UMC Service/WC	7:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:30 PM	Sat 3/31	Easter Eggstravaganza	2:30 PM
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM		for all ages	
Thu 3/16	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM			
	Lectionary /CR	12:00 PM			
Fri 3/16	Planet Home School/ Downstairs	8:45 AM			
	Parent's Night Out/FH, 114-116, and Nursery	6:15 PM			

Classical Music Academy— Spring 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