

FIRST WORD



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**Living for Jesus
 FAITH at Work**

*Follow
 Answer His call
 Invite others to His Fellowship
 Teach the Word
 Honor Him*

Faith Notes

Dear Faithful Friends,
 What interesting weather. The last two winters have been filled with snow and cold and now this year we haven't had enough snow to make a snowball. 40 and 50-degree days in January are delightful. Is this what global warming feels like? Well, I guess I should remember that February and March and occasionally April can bring some winter weather, so I think we'll try to appreciate each day as it comes. I think that is biblical. Didn't Jesus say in his Sermon on the Mount that each day has enough trouble of its own and not to worry about tomorrow? Good advice, let's fill today with goodness and take care of tomorrow when it gets here.

I was visiting with a friend the other day about the illness of a pet. I have had this conversation with a number of my good church friends. They wondered if it was all right to pray for their pet. I think the answer for all of us is found in God's attention to detail. Have you ever studied any portion of God's creation and paid particular attention to the detail. Study a flower, a fly, your hand.....God paid attention to the detail.

Reread his instructions to Noah in building the ark or reread his instructions to Moses about the tabernacle or the clothing that the Priest was to wear or the building of the Ark of the Covenant. God cares about the details. If you ask me if God cares about your cat or your dog or your horse or your goldfish, I hope that I remember to tell you that God cares. Your pet may not seem like much to the rest of the world, but to the God who knows the number of hairs on your hair, no detail escapes his notice and he cares.

We have had 14 or 16 men sign up for the Prayer retreat on February 10 & 11 in Oak Grove. I hope there are more. I think it will be a great opportunity to be with other men and to be reminded that we are called by God to be men of prayer. Too often we want to be men of action when action is not yet called for. Every plan for life should be undergirded by the intentional conversation that we have with God about how something fits in his plan. Armed with the knowledge of God's purpose revealed to us in a season of prayer we can plan actions that are aligned with God's will. Now that will be a plan

that will yield fruit for the kingdom. Shouldn't we be in prayer for our wives, our families, our church, our nation, and our leaders? Come with me to this retreat and let's practice the spiritual discipline of prayer.

The season of Lent is nearly upon us. Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) that precede Easter. Lent is a time when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter. The journey begins with Ash Wednesday, this year February 22. The significance of Ash Wednesday is to reflect upon why Easter was necessary in God's plan for humanity. It was our sin that forced Jesus to the cross. We take the sign of the cross in the ashes on Ash Wednesday as a sign of our repentance. Symbolically, the ashes used in the service are the remains of last year's Palm Sunday celebration. We will have other special services during Holy Week in April. The special services are somber in tone because of what they represent and parents should discuss the meaning of each service with small children to help them understand what is going on in the worship that looks so different from our regular Sunday worship.

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Faith Notes

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Patty and I will be away for a little vacation during the first week of February. We will be visiting Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina, as well as playing a little winter-time golf. Ken Howard will fill the pulpit during the 1st Sunday of February. I am so grateful for Ken's presence in our congregation and his willingness to lead in my absence. He is a blessing to all of us and I hope that you will be present on Super Bowl Sunday to hear his message. We are also grateful to serve a church that is so gracious to allow us to be away for a time of refreshment. You would have to be married to a preacher to know how many evenings the Pastor is away from home and unable to take the evening meal with his/her family. Time away is a time to remind us of our commitment to love, honor and cherish.

Don't tell Patty, but I am planning to take a couple of books with me that I hope to use with our Leading Christ's Way class.

February is full of holidays. There is Super Bowl Sunday, St. Valentine's Day, President's Day, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Leap year (yes we have an extra day this year), my sister's birthday, spring training starts and March madness is not far away. It is easy to get caught up in all the hoopla and lose our Christian focus. We are children of God and we have been banded together for a purpose to speak the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples for the transformation of the world. There is a lot of work ahead of us if we are to fulfill our mission of pushing the "gates of hell" away from our part of the kingdom. In our own wisdom and

strength we would fail at this purpose, but in the power of Jesus we are more than able, we are more than conquerors. I am glad to be yoked with you and as we celebrate the holidays and every other day of our lives, let us remember to give thanks to the one who has blessed us so richly. Let us exalt him with such passionate lives that the world will want to know what drives us in our mission that we might have the opportunity to introduce them to the wonder, the majesty, the miracle of our mentor Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Thank you to all who remembered us in our loss with cards, calls, flowers and prayers, especially the prayers. We felt the love.

Sincerely, *Judy & Duane Condra*

To the Faith Methodist Church:

The Grain Valley Assistance Council wishes to thank you for your support throughout the year.

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Lent

The season of Lent and preparation for Easter begins on Wednesday, **February 22** with Ash Wednesday.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 p.m. with the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is the **beginning of a 40-day period set aside for considering the purposes of Easter and how our sin was the** reason that we needed a perfect lamb in the person of Jesus Christ. The imposition of ashes marks us as sinners who have discovered the Christ and reveals our personal desire to repent of our sin and to become all that God calls us to through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Pastor Hackett will be leading the Ladies Bible Study on Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in their weekly bible study.

Faith Ladies Fellowship

The ladies are beginning a new study using the book 'Friendship for Grown-ups' by Lisa Whelchel.

All women are welcome to join in anytime as we learn to walk in Christ as friends.

This group meets during the Sunday School hour from 9:30am-10:30am in the corner room off the sanctuary.



Souper Bowl Sunday

For the last several years, Faith UMC has participated in the National Souper Bowl Sunday campaign against hunger, which is appropriately observed on Super Bowl Sunday.

This year the Super Bowl is being played on Sunday, **February 5**, and we are asking our con-

gregation to join with us in the celebration.

Please bring a non-perishable food item with you to church on **February 5** and place it on the altar.

While our congregation is active with the local food pantry at all

times of the year, this is a great time to heighten awareness of the hunger that is experienced in many homes in our community.

Help us fight hunger on Souper Bowl Sunday.



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Men's Prayer Retreat

Men from a number of Eastern Jackson County churches will gather at 1st Baptist Church of Oak Grove on the weekend of **February 10-11** to engage in the sacred activity of prayer. The theme for the gathering is **Man up to pray! Pray to man up!**

There is no cost for the retreat, which begins on Friday evening at 6 p.m. with an evening meal. Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. and the

Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. and the retreat will end by noon on Saturday.

The retreat will include group singing and teaching by Pastor Randy Messer of 1st Baptist in Oak Grove and Pastor Dave Hackett of Faith UMC. Small group breakouts will also give men opportunity to talk and pray in small groups.

Nearly 200 men are expected to be in attendance from area churches. Pre-registration is encouraged for meal counts. Please contact the office or Pastor Hackett or pick up a registration form to be a part of this important spiritual growth activity.

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Joplin Mission Work

Faith UMC has the opportunity to serve along with members of Woods Chapel United Methodist in Lee's Summit in rebuilding Joplin after the tornado. We will be going to Joplin the weekend of **February 24-26th**. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact Karla Parkhurst (847-5341).

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Christmas Shoebox Project—New Plan for 2012

We are eager to share a new plan for our yearly Operation Christmas Child project. Our goal is to make this ministry more personal for both the families packing and the children receiving the gifts.

Instead of collecting shoeboxes and filler items this year, we have red & green ready-to-fill

boxes available for your family or group to take home and pack together.

We currently have 200 boxes with more on the way this summer. We will have a collection & dedication Sunday in November before we send our filled boxes on their way.

Contact Shawna at 816-419-8886 or Shawna.m@juno.com for boxes and a list of appropriate gifts to include or pick one up in the Church office.



*“Men ought always to pray and not loose heart.”
(Luke 18:1)*

“Be a part of a team to help rebuild Joplin after the tornado.”

“Thank you for being a part of sharing Jesus with children around the world!”

Logos

Themes and Menu for February are:

- February 1 — Super Bowl / Pizza
- February 8 — Valentines / Pigs in blanket
- February 15 — Safari Night / Chicken Nuggets
- February 22 — Ash Wednesday—NO LOGOS
- February 29 — Mexican Fiesta / Tacos



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“Jesus said that the only way to truly live is to fully surrender your life to Him.”

Digging Deeper – New Study

The youth Bible study class is beginning a 4-week video series called “Surrender” by Francis Chan—Surrender Stuff, Surrender Status, Surrender Sin, Surrender Self. Perfect to prepare for the upcoming Lent season.

We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm during Logos in the church library. 6th grade & up are welcome to join us and bring a friend! See you there!

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Scout Sunday



♣ Boy Scout Sunday ♣

Sunday, **February 12**, is Boy Scout Sunday at Faith UMC. Faith is the sponsor and host of Boy Scout Troop 310 and Cub Scout Pack 4321. Our Scouts will be leading us in worship and should be

very visible in their uniforms. Scouts will be ushering, serving as acolytes and providing a flag ceremony. We would encourage our congregation to support our

Scouts in any way possible, and particularly, on this Sunday to support them with your presence.



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON— BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

The Club Scouts will host the February luncheon on **February 12th** following the second service. They will be providing a chili luncheon as a fundraiser for their many activities.

The congregation will complement the meal with cornbread and dessert.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this special luncheon and fellowship.

Young @ Heart



The Senior adults will meet on Thursday, **February 16th** for their monthly luncheon.

The group will enjoy an afternoon of bingo after the luncheon.



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Grain Valley Assistance Council

Saturday, **February 18** is the semi-annual Grain Valley Assistance Council **Trivia Night** when teams pit their combined knowledge of all things trivial against other teams for the honor of proclaiming themselves wise in trivial matters and to raise funds for the Assistance Council's work with the poor in our community.

Each team is made up of 8 members and they are given sets of questions in a variety of categories. The team with the highest score at the end of the evening is proclaimed "Trivia" champions!

The fee for a team is \$80 with all proceeds going to the Assistance Council. The event is held at the Grain Valley High School and begins at 6:30 p.m.

Get a team together, bring some snacks to share and join in the fun while helping the food pantry.

Contact Mary Strack, Jerry Vaughan, Jan Reding, Pastor Hackett or Kim Roam for more information.

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Leading Christ's Way

Our monthly meeting of those involved in the Leading Christ's Way lay leadership class will be Tuesday, **February 21** at 7 p.m. in the Library. Our book this month is UNCHRISTIAN. See you there.

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2012 Summer Camp

It's time to start thinking about summer camp . This year's theme: "Secrets of the Kingdom". Contact Pastor Dave for more information.

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United Methodist Men's 43rd Annual Lenten Breakfast

The 43rd annual United Methodist Men's Lenten Breakfast will be held at 1st UMC in Blue Springs on Saturday, **March 31** from 8 to 10 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Phil & Pam Morgan Family. The

cost of the breakfast is a \$7 donation to the United Methodist Men. A love offering will be taken for the Morgan Family. The First UMC of Blue Springs is located at 301 SW Woods Chapel Road in Blue Springs Missouri.



February 7, 7:00pm—Night Group
February 13, 10:00am—Day Group
Upcoming Events:

- Month of February—Buddy Drive for Children's Mercy Hospital. See Rachel Dickensheets or Cathy Sanderson for more information.
- March 10— Combined meeting
In-house service project—Potato Bar lunch

*“Are you
smarter than
a....?”*



2/1	Duane Condra Raye Ried	2/7	Brenda Keeton Rich Wilson	2/19	Grace Reid
2/2	Beckie Brandes	2/8	Rhett Butler	2/20	Mitch Chitwood
2/3	Don Baker Tylor Coulson Lloyd Garrett		Audrey Hartsock Tina Huston	2/22	Paul Thurman
2/4	Virginia Swellick	2/12	Michael Draper	2/23	John Thompson
2/5	Gary Reid	2/13	Alexander Clements	2/24	Cathy Basinger Evan Howard
2/6	Susan Soulis Curtis Walker Barrett White	2/14	Mark Ruhl	2/27	Bob Rigby
			Kayla Weingartner	2/29	Lance Schick



2/10	Robert & Angie Nadeau	2/24	Mike & Kathy Butler
2/22	Brian & Juli Luttrell	2/26	Bill & Pam Wade



8:15 Service
Peyton Bell & Kelsie Wade
10:45 Service
2/5 Ciara Carter & Caton Day
2/19 & 2/26 Lexi & Kaiser Oliver

FEBRUARY

OFFERING STEWARDS

2/5 Don Caslavka
2/12 Sarah Vaughan
2/19 Jennifer Bell
2/26 Ken Howard



USHERS & GREETERS

8:15 Service
Orville & Alice Gott
Ralph Pugh
10:45 Service
Louis & Judy Billups
Janice & Rodney Allison

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Church Stage

There is a lot of equipment and cords on the Church stage and we don't want anyone getting hurt. We ask all parents to help us keep the small children off the Church stage, unless they are performing or being an acolyte. It is especially important to be watchful before and after Church services and during other weekday activities at the Church.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Prayer Chain

If you would like to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Betty Laughlin at 697-3115

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 7:00pm Choir	6 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Webelos	7 7:00pm UMW 7:00pm Wolf Den	8 6:00pm LOGOS 6:00pm Teen Bible Study 6:00pm Bells of Faith	9 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	10 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	11 7:00am Men's Prayer Re-treat, Oak Grove First Baptist
12—SCOUT SUNDAY Noon—Fellowship Luncheon 4:30pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm Youth 7:00pm Choir	13 10:00am UMW 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Webelos	14 7:00pm Wolf Den 	15 6:00pm LOGOS 6:00pm Teen Bible Study 6:00pm Bells of Faith	16 11:30am Young@Heart Noon—Senior Luncheon 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	17	18 6:30pm GVAC Trivia Night
19 4:30pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm Youth	20 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm Trustee's Meeting 7:00pm Webelos	21 8:30am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Leading Christ's Way 7:00pm Wolf Den	22  7:00pm Worship	23	24	25
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Sunday Worship

8:15 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

9:30 am

Women's Fellowship

9:30 am

Sunday Evening

5:30 pm

7th-12th grade Youth Group

Monday

1:30 pm

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Logos Children's Program

K-5th grade Sept- April

***Digging Deeper* - Teen Bible Study**

6th grade up



And so we know and rely on the
love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love
lives in God, and God in them. (NIV)

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