

# First Word

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**Faith United Methodist Church**  
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**Living for Jesus**  
**FAITH at Work**

**Pastor**  
David Hackett

**Sunday Worship**  
8:15 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.

**Sunday school**  
9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Evening**  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group  
5:30 pm

**Monday**  
1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Logos Children's Program  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sept- April

Follow  
**Answer his call**  
Invite others to his fellowship  
Teach the word  
Honor Him

**Articles for Newsletter need to be submitted to**  
**Pastor or Karla by**  
**Wednesday August 31st.**

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?**

Receive Newsletter by email  
[kparkhurst3@comcast.net](mailto:kparkhurst3@comcast.net) Thanks! Karla Parkhurst

## FAITH NOTES

Dear Faithful Friends,

Can it really be August already? Didn't school just dismiss for the summer the other day? Where has the summer gone? All the ads are about school supplies, back packs and related items. It can't be Fall yet, I haven't been fishing!!! Those are some of my laments, well maybe they are whines....but time is going too fast for me, and I'm having a hard time keeping up.

July was a most blessed month with Bible School, our Mission Trip to Pike County Kentucky and the baptism of Ciara Carter. God was very good to us in July of 2011 and I would fully expect that August will be full of the goodness of God as well.

The Fall season will see us busy with Valley Fair Daze, Apple Butter Making, preparing for the Festival of Sharing, the start up of Logos, a new confirmation class, a new life and marriage enrichment offering, a Ladies' retreat and a lot of other exciting opportunities to grow and learn and serve. God is sure to show up and you will want to be there for the blessing.

At the last Church Council Meeting I was given permission to seek bids for the installation of some new Audio Visual Equipment in the Sanctuary that will include screens/monitors and a projection system. I am excited about this and how it can help us to streamline some parts of our worship. In particular, I would like to use the screens for announcements and to project our scripture reading. It can also be use for special presentations regarding Bible School, Mission Trips, Youththeology and more. I hope it might shave a few minutes off of our worship time (not the sermon). Please know that I love the hymnbook and don't want you to fear this new technology. I think it will make our time together more efficient and enjoyable. Someone said that a picture is worth a thousand words; so sometime in the next 3 or 4 months we will see. The nominating committee will begin its work in the next few months as we look for new and renewed leadership for our church. We will be seeking folks to serve in a variety of areas including Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development and Finance Committee. Some of these appointments serve a 3-year cycle. All of the positions are volunteer, require membership in the church and are important parts of our visioning and governance. If you have an interest

in serving In any of these capacities, I hope that you will get in touch with me.

We are planning two new studies that I am excited about. One will be co-led by Patty and Myself. It is titled "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Half" and deals with a biblical perspective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of life. It is aimed at those who are retired, semi-retired, thinking about retirement and couple in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of life. It will be an 8-week offering that should be fun, stimulating and life affirming. We hope that many of you will want to be part of this group. Other details will be available soon. We think that it will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning sometime in September.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> offering is a reading/study group that I would like to develop as a leadership development piece. This group would meet once each month with an assignment to read a book that would be discussed at the next session. The book list has not been developed yet, but each book would be about church leadership and lay involvement in the church. I would anticipate that it would be 8 months long with 8 books required. If this kind of activity sounds good to you, please let me know of your interest.

Patty and I will be away one week in August. We have been invited to Billings Montana to be a part of the Wedding of Ashley Packham, Daughter of former members and good friends, Sam and Barbara Packham. The wedding will be on Saturday, August 20. We will take a few days on either side of the wedding to drive through Yellowstone National Park and to see Mount Rushmore and some of the Badlands of the Dakotas. We have never seen either and are excited about being able to participate in a joyous occasion and see some of the remarkable sites in our nation. Ken Howard will fill the pulpit on August 21 and we will be recognizing many of our youngsters who have served the church as acolytes and who will be filling that same role in the next year. This will also be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday fellowship dinner; three great reasons to be in church in my absence.

This (July) is the last month of Jennifer Bell's service as an employee of the Church. She has been a valuable asset to me and to you. I wish her well in her educational pursuits. I know that she is not leaving and will continue a number of volunteer efforts here as a member of Faith, but I just wanted to say again how much I have appreciated her work and her friendship.

Serving Faith is a daily joy. There are so many wonderful stories and people associated with this place. We continue to grow and serve God in our community and the world. Love abounds in this place and it is multiplied because of your good works. I am so proud to be associated with you and to be able to say that this is the place that God has called me to. God has been

so very good to me and I know that part of that goodness is you. Thank you for allowing me to Pastor this lovely and loving congregation.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dave Hackett

THANK YOU

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for letting us use the church for Ashley's wedding shower. We really appreciated it. I know Ashley will enjoy the Prayer Shawl. It is beautiful!

Thanks Again,  
Sam & Barb Packham

Faith UMC

I would like to say thank you for the graduation card & money! Not only that, but for all the support & encouragement you have offered my whole life! I wouldn't be the person I am without a church like Faith! Thank you all again.

Love,  
Jeni Luttrell

Faith United Methodist,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl! It is beautiful!

Thank you,  
Ashley Packham

Dear Faith,

Thank you so much for your words of encouragement and gift. Both are very appreciated. I am so fortunate to have people like you surrounding me keeping my life on the right path, Gods' path. I call you friend. Thank you for helping me keep my Faith.

Your Friend,  
Chase Gabriel

## FEED THE NEED

Faith United Methodist will again field a championship caliber (?) team in the annual feed the need softball tournament being hosted by the City of Grain Valley as a fundraiser for the Grain Valley Assistance Council Food Pantry. The tournament will be held at Monkey Mountain Park on Saturday, August 13. Kim and Ross Robertson are organizing this year's team. If you would like to play with this year's Faith All-Stars please contact Kim @443-2421 or the church office @ 847-0008.

## VALLEY FAIR DAZE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Valley Fair Daze in Grain Valley will be the weekend of September 8-11 and Faith UMC will be present. On Thursday evening, September 8, the Fair will open with Family Christian Music Night. Kid Street (free entertainment for the little ones) will be had during the music festival as well as on Friday and Saturday. Faith has participated in Kids Street each year with a booth aimed at entertaining small children. Last year we also shared responsibility for the Burger Barn which provided about \$600 in revenue for our Mission activities. This year Carl Condra is also working on a float entry for Saturday's parade. If any of these activities excites and stimulates you, we have volunteer opportunities in and around the fair. Please contact the church office (847-0008) if you would like to help at the Fair.

## THANK YOU

I appreciate the opportunity I have had to work for Faith for the past 4 years. I have truly enjoyed making new relationships, serving the church and seeing God at work – we have a LOT of volunteers that are in and out of this place!

I will still be at worship services on Sunday mornings and other things here and there, but most of my time will now be spent in Sedalia, MO attending their dental hygiene program.

I have loved working at Faith and my time here has made a great spiritual impact on me, an impact that has prepared me to move on. Pastor Dave is so kind and I am glad I had the chance to work with him.

Thank you for your prayers, love and support! You never know what God has in store for you...you just have to be ready to follow and have faith!

Thanks,  
Jennifer Bell

## YOUTH SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Youth Sunday again this year on August 14. Members of our own youth group will be leading worship by singing, praying, doing announcements, leading children's time and preaching. Michael Draper will be our guest preacher during the 10:45 service and Ashley Manns will deliver the message at the 8:15 service. Pictures and a report on the mission trip to Pike County Kentucky will be part of the worship. Many of our youth will be off to college soon after this worship. Please come to this special time of celebration as we send them off with our love and support.

## ACOLYTE SUNDAY

We will be celebrating old and new acolytes during our worship service on August 21. Some of our acolyte's have served us faithfully and are now 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We will recognize and thank them for their service. Other kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be receiving training for acolyte service during the Sunday School hour and will also be recognized during the worship service for their readiness. Lisa Lunsford is our acolyte trainer and schedules acolytes throughout the year. If you would like to be an acolyte and have not been contacted for training, please let the church office know or just show up for training at 9:30 am in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 21. Please come and join us for cupcakes and punch! Any questions, please contact Lisa Lunsford at 443-2843.

## "GOING DEEPER" TEEN BIBLE STUDY

We will conclude our summer study of the Book of Acts on Wednesday, August 17. Thanks to all who have made this a special time of "going deeper" in God's word. A special thanks to Shawna Meierarend and Skye Clements for leading us in this study. We will take a break while school is starting but be watching for a new teen bible study to begin sometime in September. Shawna and Skye will again be leading us in an exciting trip into the Word of God.

## AUGUST FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

August 21<sup>st</sup> is our Fellowship Lunch. July we had a very large turn out which was great fellowship!

This month we will be having fried fish. Because of our large turn out last month, we are asking that families please bring two sides and everyone else bring one. Thanks and bring a neighbor!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Kelsey Parkhurst has been nominated and accepted into the 2011-2012 class of YouthTheology at Saint Paul School of Theology. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the Faith UMC youth group to be selected into this elite class in recent years. Previous award winners were Kayla Howard and Ashley Manns.

Kelsey will attend 3 weekends of theological exploration and study in the next school year and then spend an additional week traveling to important historical places in the history of American Methodism. Congratulations, Kelsey!!

## UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

The finance committee of Faith UMC is looking at investing some church funds in the United Methodist Foundation and will be meeting with a representative of the Foundation on Monday evening, August 8 at 7 p.m. in the Church library. We have learned that the Foundation may have programs that would be of interest to church members. If you have an interest in a charitable annuity or investing funds for retirement, you may want to attend this meeting for informational purposes. All members and friends of the church are welcome.

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF

Pastor Dave and Patty are planning an 8-week small group study titled "the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half". It looks at life and marriage from the backside. If these sounds like your perspective on life and marriage and would be interested in participating, please let the church office know. Plans are still being made. The study will start in September, last 8 weeks and will probably be held on Wednesday nights. Location yet to be determined.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The Grain Valley Assistance Council is looking for more volunteers to deliver meals during the lunch hour to the elderly in the Grain Valley area. How it works: you pick up a cooler of lunches and drinks from Patricia's Grocery Store deli between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m.; deliveries are all in the Grain Valley area and there are usually 6 or 7 deliveries; it usually takes 45 min to an hour to complete; volunteers are just for one day of the week. Contact Linnea Cogan (the director) at 816-229-1086 or the church office if you are interested in volunteering or have questions.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Grain Valley Food Pantry has expressed to us that their supplies are dwindling. Your help in feeding the less fortunate of our community is needed. Any canned goods other than green beans and corn is appreciated. We have been asked to help with Macaroni and Cheese and toilet paper. Please help if you can. Donations will be received weekly at the Altar and taken to the pantry.

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

The August meeting of the Grain Valley Senior Citizen Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, August 3 at noon. This month's luncheon is sponsored by the Grain Valley School District and will be held at Prairie Branch Elementary School located at 2100 Dillingham Road. If you need directions, please contact Pastor Dave

## TRUSTEES MEETING

The church trustees will have their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 15 in the library at 6 p.m.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly gathering of Methodist Men (and friends) who love breakfast will be on Tuesday morning, August 16 at 8:30 a.m. No important business will be entertained. If we are fortunate, no decisions will be made. Some stories (both true and slightly exaggerated) will be told. The menu will consist of things that our wives would probably not allow us to eat at home. All the men of the church are welcome.

## YOUNG @ HEART

The August gathering of the Young@Heart lunch bunch will be on Thursday, August 18 at 11:30. The repast will be a potluck luncheon followed by a rousing game of B-I-N-G-O. All who believe themselves to Young@Heart are welcome to our fellowship.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Jonathan White  
Cameron Nadeau  
8/2 Donna Compton  
8/3 Judy Billups  
8/4 Josh Limberg  
Janie Kahler  
Kayla Wade  
8/5 Kyle Parkhurst  
Jack and Sam Carney  
Jim Jacobs  
8/6 Kevin Readshaw  
David Fitzpatrick  
8/7 Chelsea Gabriel  
Wally Meierarend  
8/8 Mia Marchetti  
8/9 Barb Packham  
Lisa Lunsford  
Debbie Woods  
Mike Fitzpatrick  
8/12 Amy Brown  
Shirley Thursby  
Pat Dwyer  
8/14 Alice Gott  
Brandon Capranica  
8/16 Dan White  
8/18 Jan Reding  
8/19 Sarah Rathbun  
8/20 Francis Lathrop  
Joyce Pugh  
8/21 Harvey Kolster  
Kim Compton  
8/23 John Kaldenberg  
8/24 Beverly Craver  
Kennedy Jones  
8/25 Derek Bell  
8/26 Patty Hackett  
Linda Johnson  
Janice Pittman  
8/27 Dorothy Greene  
Bowen Griffitt  
Ruth Macha  
Rusty Kirmse  
Wilson Gaschler  
8/28 Mike Butler  
Wendy Bigham  
8/31 Louis Billups

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 John & Jackie Thompson  
8/2 Nathan & Amy Hays  
8/10 Russ & Joyce Adams  
Jim & Frances Jacobs  
Sean & Laura Willard  
8/13 Rich & Tamara Burroughs  
8/14 Sam & Barb Packham  
Will & Dolly Borgstadt  
8/17 Ron & Holly Porter  
8/19 Jerry & Sarah Vaughan  
Ross & Kimberly Robertson  
8/25 Jay & Katie McMullen  
8/31 Dirk & Susan Soulis

## AUGUST USHERS

8:15 Service  
Sonny & Lisa Lunsford  
10:45 Service  
Michael & Kate Hackett

## AUGUST GREETERS

8:15 Service  
  
10:45 Service  
Patty Hackett

## AUGUST OFFERING STEWARDS

8/7 Ken Howard  
8/14 Harvey Kolster  
8/21 Bill Robb  
8/28 Mary Harper

## WE WANT YOUR USED CELL PHONES

Many of you have donated your used cell phones to our recycling program. To date, we have raised \$73 from this program in which the funds will be used to help with postage for the shoebox ministry. If you have outdated or broken cell phones that you have tossed into a drawer, dig them out and drop them in the collection bin located downstairs across from the nursery. Thank you for donating your old phones!

## Faith UMW to Host Fashion Show

If you are interested at all in the history of women's fashion, you will enjoy the program on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Carolyn Miller, wife of Rev. Harvey Miller, will be coming from Sedalia, MO to share her collection of fashions and testimony.

We will meet at 2:00 p.m. for the program, followed by dessert and a short business meeting. We look forward to all who are interested to join us. Just give Judy Condra at 816-625-3874 or Mary Harper at 816-229-5170 a call to let us know that you will be there, and we will cook plenty of desserts. If you prefer to use e-mail, our e-mail addresses are [dcondra@wcbblue.com](mailto:dcondra@wcbblue.com) and [maryelonb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryelonb@sbcglobal.net).

For local UMW members, the World Thank Offering will be collected that day. So bring those boxes, or whatever you've been collecting in, to the meeting so that we can send this offering along to conference for use in missions.

We have identified a specific need at this year's Festival of Sharing for Women's prison kits. If you would like to help us in this endeavor, please bring the following items:

1. Shampoo (12-16 oz alcohol free) Suave, Equate Herbal, Personal Care Herbal, Alberto VO5, Style
2. Toothpaste (6-6.4 oz. tube alcohol free) all types of Ultrabrite, Colgate, Crest, Aquafresh, Gleem
3. Deodorant (2-3 oz. alcohol free) no roll-ons, no men's brands—acceptable are Revlon Hi and Dri, Lady Mitchum Clean Gel, Crystal Clean Deodorant, Almay Clear Gel, Simple Basic Clear Deodorant.

Place only these items in a plastic bag and label the bag with the number of items enclosed.

### Ain't

He was just a little boy,  
On a week's first day.  
Wandering home from Bible school,  
And dawdling on the way.  
He scuffed his shoes into the grass;  
He even found a caterpillar.  
He found a fluffy milkweed pod  
And blew out all the 'filler.'  
A bird's nest in a tree overhead,  
So wisely placed up high.  
Was just another wonder  
That caught his eager eye.  
A neighbor watched his zigzag course  
And hailed him from the lawn;  
Then he asked him where he'd been that day  
And what was going on.  
"I've been to Bible School," he said  
And turned a piece of sod.  
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,  
'I've learned a lot about God.'  
"M'm, very fine way," the neighbor said,  
"for a boy to spend his time.  
If you'll tell me where God is,  
I'll give you a brand new dime."  
Quick as a flash the answer came!  
Nor were his accents faint.  
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,  
If you can tell me where God ain't."



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