

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 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Evening

5:30 pm

7th-12th grade Youth Group

Monday

1:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Logos Children's Program

K-5th 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 Jean by
Monday, October 24th.**

FAITH NOTES

Dear Faithful Friends,

I was driving into church this morning and drove through an avalanche of falling leaves. While the temperatures are absolutely wonderful, I am reminded by those falling leaves that winter is coming. As I grow older the thought of winter brings multiple layers of meaning to my mind. It is the changing of seasons. A reminder that what God has instilled into the earth's rotation is still true. Summer follows spring, autumn follows summer and winter is not so very far away. I am reminded also that just as the beautiful days that we now enjoy will not last forever, neither will I, at least not in the physical form that I now possess.

Fall is a season of great beauty as God does some of his best work with a palette of colors that no human can possibly duplicate. It is also the season of harvest. If we were part of the farming community we would see the noticeable uptick of activity as the last cutting of hay is brought in; beans and corn are harvested and either sent to market or stored for winter purposes.

As a boy growing up on the farm, I remember some of the preparations for winter. There was garden produce to be picked and canned. There was garden work to be done to make sure that it was ready to for tilling in preparation for the next season. The same was true with the field crops. There was harvesting and there was gleaning. Farm animals were moved to the places where food and water would be amply available for winter. There was much to do to prepare for the days when cold and snow and ice would prevent us from doing much at all.

And so it should be us as well. We are blessed to be a multi-generational church. We have every age represented from 1 to 91. That diversity makes this a wonderful place to work and to worship. We see life and we see vitality and we see a future for that part of the Body of Christ that we call Faith. But every generation must, at some point, prepare for winter because we know that one day it will come for each of us.

The Bible speaks in both the Old and New Testament of Harvest times and tells us to be ready. There is even the admonition that the "harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Is that true for us as well. We are busy in ministry, doing good works in the name of Jesus, loving each other and enjoying the fellowship of a wonderful place and a wonderful moment of time; but how are we doing with the work of the harvest?

Figuring out what harvest is in the church is a discussable item. Is it baptisms? New members? Is it growth and maturity? I think all of those are part of it, but there is more. Certainly there are many things that we can point at and say that these are indicators that we are at work in the fields, harvesting for Jesus. One of the

measures that I am looking at more and more is who will do this when I cannot. Are we mentoring our young adults, teens and new Christian brothers and sisters. If we think that what we do is kingdom work, who will do it when we are in the winter of our lives and beyond? I think of Apple Butter and Church Council, Trustees, Festival of Sharing, Logos, Patricia's Project and other great ministries of the church. Are we training up those who will continue this work? I see pieces of possibilities as Kim Compton works with Faith Serves and the efforts of Mindy Jacoby, Jennifer Bell and others. But are we being intentional about reaching out to these very capable young people and raising them up in leadership and conveying to them the things that we think are important.

Faith is a rare thing in the Methodist Church. Our average age is about 38 years compared with 57 years in the church at large. We have a moment of rare opportunity to insure the vitality of this piece of the Kingdom if we will choose to invest in it.

What is the hope of the world? Of course you know the answer, it is Jesus Christ. Who will carry the message of Jesus into the generation yet to come? It probably will not be those of us who are approaching the winter of our lives. Who are we investing future harvest to? Who are we coaching? Who are we mentoring? Who are we trusting this great treasure to? "The harvest is great, but the workers are few." Those are the words of Jesus in the days of his disciples and yet in spite of that scarcity of workers, the church was born and has been a light unto the world for more than 2000 years. Our prayer, our effort, our vision should be to do those things that God calls us to that will ensure that this place that has been trusted to us for this moment in time will continue to part of the army of Christ for centuries yet to come.....insuring that future harvest will be laid before the Lord for blessing.

This fall season is filled with opportunity: Leading as Christ Leads, the 2nd Half, Women's retreat, Logos, The Festival of Sharing, Men's Breakfast, Young @ Heart, Patricia's Project, Shoebox Ministry, Christmas activities. Who will you bring to help with the harvest?

I am so grateful and blessed to be part of this place that loves so lavishly and that pours itself out so generously that the world might know the love of the Christ. Thanks for allowing me to walk with you in this wonder journey of life.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave

**Law of Identical Harvest—
What we sow, we reap.**

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

Excerpt, From the Back of My Bible



To the Methodist Church,

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

The Grain Valley Assistance Council

A very special thank you for being so very thoughtful! Please accept this great big thank you to the group that made me a beautiful bridal shawl and the marriage prayer! I just love the shawl and will cherish it forever!

Beth Nelson



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT
Friendships With Purpose

Faith UMC will be hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, November 5th, 8am-3:30pm. Come enjoy friendships, purpose, fellowship, encouragement, worship, and good food for your soul (and tummy)! Registration deadline is October 10th. Brochures with more information are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



APPLE BUTTER



Apple Butter Days was a huge success again this year. There were 400 pints of apple butter and 95 jars of apple sauce made. There is still a supply of apple butter for sale at \$5.00 each. The UMW was responsible for this project and again committed this year to donate 100% of the proceeds to the Grain Valley Assistance Council to help the needy of our community.

As a reminder, it would be appreciated if you would return your jars to the church after enjoying these wonderful items.



This year's Festival of Sharing Celebration will be held on the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia on Saturday, October 15 and will be the 37th annual in-gathering of the generosity of God's people. On that day, hundreds of churches from across the State of Missouri will gather, bringing with them the gifts of their hands to share with the least and the lost. Over the course of the day more than \$1,000,000 worth of goods will be gathered and redistributed to agencies all over America where they will be used to serve others who are caught up in the difficulties that sometimes come to humanity.

Included in the day's events will be a gigantic quilt auction, the packing of beans and rice and potatoes for distribution to area food pantries as well as receiving backpacks, school supplies, personal hygiene packs, student dental kits, baby bundles, family food packs, women's prison packs and much, much more.

Faith United Methodist has been a participant in this ecumenical gathering for most of the years that the Festival has been in existence. We will be concentrating with our local United Methodist Women's Circle in providing materials to be used in assembling women's prison kits. These kits will be distributed to women who are incarcerated in Missouri prisons. Each kit will contain a 12-16 oz. alcohol free shampoo. (i.e. Suave, Alberto VO%, Equate Herbal, etc.), a 6 oz. tube of alcohol free toothpaste such as Colgate, Crest, Gleem, Aquafresh and a 2-3 oz. deodorant. Deodorants must also be alcohol free; no roll-ons or men's brands. Acceptable deodorants would include: Revlon Hi and Dri, Lady Mitchum, Crystal Clean Deodorant, Almay Clear Gel and Simple Basic Clear Deodorant. The UMW will bag and pack the products in acceptable methods for shipment.

The church will also take a special offering on UMW Sunday, October 9, for the purchase of wool blankets that will be sent wherever disaster has left families cold and shivering in the dark. Blankets are purchased from Church World Service for \$6 each. Special offering envelopes will be provided on that Sunday. Checks should be made out to Faith United Methodist Church with blankets in the memo line.

Best Choice labels, used glasses, unused garden seeds will also be received and taken to the Festival for redistribution. This is an awesome exhibit of God's people doing God's work. If you have never seen this event, it might be worth your time to drive to Sedalia and see how God does miracles when each of us do our little part.

GRAIN VALLEY ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

Faith UMC has a long history of partnering with the Grain Valley Assistance Council, the community group that provides a food pantry, clothes closet and other assistance to the economically disadvantaged in our community. Saturday, October 8, is the largest fundraising activity of the year for the GVAC, a chili/pie supper and charity auction. The event will be at the Grain Valley High School from 4-7 p.m. Last year the event raised more than \$10,000. We would encourage our members to support this worthy community charity. For more information please contact Mary Strack, Mary Gabriel, Jerry Vaughan, Kim Roam, Carl Condra or Pastor Hackett. Each year the church provides homemade desserts for this activity. Please let Pastor Hackett know if you are able to help this year.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN

Calling all 6th graders.....calling all 6th graders! The new confirmation class is now forming. It will meet on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 beginning on October 2 and will last until after Easter 2012. The class will explore what it means to be Christian and what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. Others who may be older than 6th graders, but who have not yet been confirmed, are welcome to this class. Pastor Dave will lead the study assisted by Erica Griffitt.

We will be using the curriculum called "CLAIM THE NAME". Our agenda will include a weekend that will have a visit with the Bishop and some visits to other churches that are part of our Methodist Heritage. The culminating activity for the group will occur the Sunday after Easter, April 15, when we will celebrate confirmation and/or baptism for the class.

Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions that you might have.

TRUSTEES

The resurfaced and restriped parking lots look great!! Thanks to our Trustees who work faithfully to care for our building and grounds. We are blessed because of their stewardship?

LEADING CHRIST'S WAY

Pastor Dave and Pastor Sam Fisher (Odessa 1st UMC) are combining their talents and are inviting you to participate in an 8 month study group that will be aimed at growing our Faith and encouraging us to become more active disciples in the work of Jesus Christ.

The study will involve a new book each month and a session of discussion looking at new learning that can be applied to our roles as Christians and members of the Body of Christ.

The first session will be held at Faith UMC on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing being Christian in a Wesleyan Way. Each session will last about 1 ½ hours. Each participant will be responsible for their own reading material. It is anticipated that some of the monthly sessions will be held at Odessa 1st UMC.

Please see the Pastor if this new learning opportunity is of interest to you.

THE 2ND HALF

Pastor Dave and his lovely wife Patty invite you to a 9 week study titled "The 2nd Half". The course is based on the book by the same name authored by David and Claudia Arp. It is designed for those who are in or approaching the "empty nest" time of their lives. Each class will be about 90 minutes in length and will include a video segment. Each couple will also want to purchase an accompanying workbook. The class will begin on Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the church library. A signup sheet will be made available on the information table at the back of the church for those that would like to pre-register to insure that we have sufficient materials available.



Project Patricia will be sewing on October 28th at 5:30pm. Please join us for a night of fellowship and activity as we work together to touch the lives of women and girls in places far away from Grain Valley. Bring a snack to share and scissors or sewing machine, all are welcome. Gently used towels and sheets are still needed. They can be dropped off at the church. Contact Kim Howard for more information at 847-2753.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Faith UMC will celebrate the work of UMW on Sunday, October 9 at both services. This Sunday celebration will coincide with Children's Sabbath. Mission work is a great emphasis of UMW and we will highlight some of the work of our local group and take a special offering for the purchase of blankets through Church World Service. The blankets will be donated to the Festival of Sharing for distribution wherever there is need. Blankets cost \$6.00 each.



The Faith UMC Mother's Day Out Program directed by Amy Hays will be chairing this project but will need a lot of help. We hope our Sunday School Department, Youth Group and Logos program will partner with Mother's Day Out to make this a really big event for the children of our church and community. Please call Amy and ask how you can partner with her on this project.

“FAITH” SERVES
Upcoming Projects

The next event will be Saturday October 22. We will be collaborating with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a deserving family. The location will not be disclosed until the Tuesday before. We are looking for 12-15 helpers—no experience or tools needed; just show up ready to have a good time.

Friday, October 28, 2011 at 6:00 pm, we will have a Della Lamb Christmas present wrapping and pizza party. Pizza will be ordered at \$2.00 a person. When we are done wrapping presents, we have been invited to help out with the Patricia project. Please RSVP your attendance, so we know how many pizzas to order.

In December, First Baptist of Raytown hosts a wonderful show featuring the Life of Christ. It’s an amazing show, but not recommended for smaller children. <http://www.firstbaptistraytown.com/pageant/default.htm> We have chosen Sunday, December 4th to attend this show. Tickets are free. Please let me know by October 10, if you would like to attend, so tickets can be ordered.

Also on December 18, at the Independence Event Center, there is going to be a Christian concert featuring many well known artists. We would like to get a group together to attend. Tickets go on sale on October 3, 2011. The lowest priced seats are \$27.21, but if we get enough people who want to go, we might get a group discount. You can check out the show details at www.Independenceeventcenter.com.

If you are interested in any of these projects or events and need a sitter or more information, please contact Kim Compton at 816-443-3363 or KGMSweet@msn.com.

Logos - Our 11th year of Logos began on Wednesday, September 28, with Family Night. The program meets from 6-7:00pm each Wednesday through April. It includes Bible study, an evening meal, music and crafts. Diane Walker and her crew have planned the following themes and menus for the month of October:

10/5	Backwards	Pizza
10/12	Crazy Hair	Spaghetti
10/19	Crazy Socks	Corn Dogs and Popcorn
10/26	Halloween	Grilled Cheese



I feel very blessed to have been chosen as your new Administrative Assistant at Faith. I have received an overwhelming warm welcome from everyone. During the month of September, I spent my time getting familiar with the office files, as well as all the church programs and ministries. I will be in the office from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm each weekday, so I encourage everyone to stop by the office and introduce themselves and hopefully I’ll remember you the next time I see you. You have an advantage over me—you only have my name to remember!

I am here to serve - not only Pastor Hackett, but the entire congregation. If you have any suggestions for enhancing our newsletter or website, please let me know. I am also in the process of developing a list of members who possess a key to the church. If you have not already informed me that you have a key in your possession, please call the office or email me at admin@gvfaithmc.org.

Jean Weiner
Administrative Assistant

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROJECT

Only six weeks to go! We hope your family can join us for our packing party on Saturday, November 12th at Faith! Here are the latest totals for all items collected:

Socks	398 pair
Washcloths	485
Bars of soap	276
Small stuffed animals	650
Candy canes	2228
Toys	861
Toothbrushes	376
Toothpaste	300
Floss	55
Combs	72
Hair do-dads	400
Crayons / markers	342
Note pads/coloring books	241
Pencils	610
Pens	133

Thank you for helping us reach more children with the love of Jesus!



- 10/2 David Snyder
Kyla Gant
- 10/3 Jackie Thompson
- 10/4 Frances Jacobs
Alai Farlin
Grant Reid
- 10/7 Josh Howard
Jesse McDaniel
- 10/8 Tamara Burroughs
Sherri Filipezuk
Shannon Weingartner
- 10/9 Lisa Limberg
- 10/10 Paige Newman
- 10/11 Ross Robertson
- 10/14 Lance Gabriel
- 10/15 Leslie Manns
- 10/16 Hilary Cole
Ron Porter
- 10/17 Brooklin Zimmerman
Robin Gaschler
- 10/18 Kami Porter
- 10/19 Sarah Vaughan
Levi McDaniel
Amy McDaniel
- 10/20 Mary Harper
Marlene Johnson
- 10/21 Steve Broughton
Juliet Farlin
Ainsley McMullen
- 10/22 Steve McBride
Jean Bessenbacher
Esther Read
- 10/23 Jordyn Sackman
- 10/25 Paul Schiffler, Jr.
- 10/27 Rhett Rigby
- 10/28 Daniel Bolin
- 10/30 Molly McDaniel
- 10/31 Sonny Lunsford
Brandee Jones
Jason Compton
Yvonne Reid
Gary Weingartner



- 10/1 Mark and Erin Jeffrey
- 10/2 Hilary and Isaac Cole
- 10/13 Clint and Tina Huston
- 10/14 Jesse and Amy McDaniel
- 10/22 Kathy and Kevin Readshaw
David and Susan Brown
- 10/25 Jennifer and Derek Bell
- 10/28 Juliet and Matt Farlin



OCTOBER OFFERING STEWARDS

- 10/2 Harvey Kolster
- 10/9 Bill Robb
- 10/16 PPR Chair
- 10/23 Don Caslavka
- 10/30 Sarah Vaughan

OCTOBER USHERS & GREETERS

8:15 Service: Don & Cathy Basinger
Mary Strack

10:45 Service: Wally & Shawna Meierarend
Meierarend Sons



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thank you to Kim Howard for preparing the lasagna last month. It was delicious! This month on the 16th, we will be having brisket. We are now calling those whose month it is to serve. If you would like to see when your months are, let the office know. Even if it isn't your month, we can always use help in the kitchen. All are welcome to join us for this lunch and don't forget to ask your neighbor!



YOUNG @ HEART



Faith UMC and the Young @ Heart group will meet for a potluck luncheon on Thursday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. The program includes a highly competitive series of Bingo games. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

HAYRIDE TIME

The Harvey and Rosalie Kolster family has graciously extended an invitation to the young people of the church to “come on out” to the Kolster ranch for an evening of country good fun. The Young Adult Group will be at the farm on Saturday, October 22 for hayrides, wiener roast, smores and the like. The party begins at 4:30. For more details contact Mindy Jacoby, Kim Compton or Jennifer Bell.

The Youth Group will be the beneficiary of the Kolster hospitality on Sunday evening, October 23 at 5 p.m. The evening activities will be much the same as those that the Young Adult Group enjoyed except Harvey promises a more energetic hayride to the teens. The Youth Group will meet at the church and carpool to the Kolster ranch.

Our thanks to Harvey and Rosalie. This activity is greatly anticipated every year.



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