

# MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 7:45 am Vocal Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School , Bible Study Coffee/ Fellowship 6 pm Cowboy Church- Cherry Grove</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7 10:00 am Confirmation  5 pm Worship
<p>8 7:45 am Vocal Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School , Bible Study Coffee/ Fellowship 7:00 pm Piano Recital</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14  5 pm Worship
<p>15  9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School Bible Study Graduation Reception</p>	16	17	18 9:30 am Rachel Circle at Hillside	19  1:30 pm Ruth Circle at Sonja's	20	21 10 am Confirmation Class  5pm Worship
<p>22  Celebration Sunday 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee and Fellowship</p>	23	24	25  1:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting	26	27	28  5:00 pm Worship
<p>29  9 am Worship 10 am Coffee and Fellowship</p>	30	31				
		7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting				



**Faith United Methodist Church**  
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Web Page: [faithsv.net](http://faithsv.net)

Saturday evening worship: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday morning worship: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Coffee & fellowship: 10:00 a.m.

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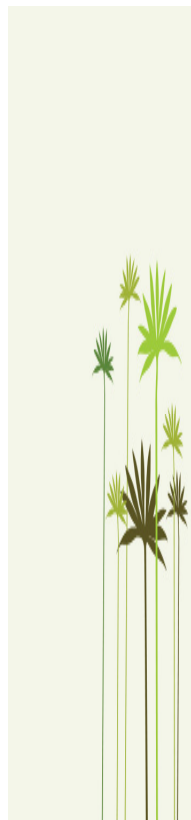
**Choir Pianist Kristie Shorter**



**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for June will be Friday, May 20th at 3:00 pm.

The Service Group handles the Sunday Coffee Hour the first three Sundays of the month. The 4th Sunday will be served by the Sunday School and Youth. The 5th Sunday will be served by Cursillo participants.



**MAY**

* Herb & Jean Barnhart	unlisted
Betty Bernard	346-2441
Arlen & Joanne Berg	346-2857
Sam & Gloria Blakeslee	937-3349
Ardys Copeman	346-1774
Bob & Betty Dewitt	346-2053
Carroll & Doris Henderson	346-7589
Linda Jacobson	352-2582
Bill & Arlene Johnson	346-7964
Mark & Debra Larson	346-2374
Charlene Losey	352-5402
Scott & Kristie Shorter	754-5264

**CHURCH WORK DAY**

There will be a church work day on April 30th starting at 8:00 am. Please bring your rake and help keep Faith United Methodist Church looking its best.



## FROM THE PASTOR

I love this time of year – except for the late snow storms like yesterdays that just seem to extend a winter that’s already gone on far too long. But I love to see the grass greening (I’ll feel differently by July when I’m outside mowing yet again), the flowers begin to bloom, and the young animals frolicking out in the fields. For a while we had foals nearly every year, and it was such a delight to watch their antics as they explored this world that was so new to them!

All of these are signs of new life, of course, a reminder that our God is in the business of making all things new. And just as God renews creation around us each spring, so too does God long to renew you and me! If that’s so than we ought to be both looking for and finding signs of new life in our lives as well.

And so in moments of introspection we might recognize that we’re becoming more caring and compassionate, more generous, or more patient with others. Our perspectives, values, beliefs and even our political views may be changing as God seemingly challenges the things we have held to be true. Or we might sense a renewed spark in our devotional life, coupled with an awareness of God’s presence with us in a way that we had seldom recognized before, particularly when we are in prayer.

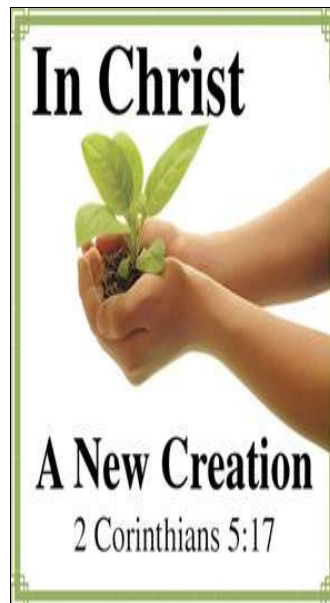
The opposite, of course, can also be true. Sometimes our lives can

begin to feel a bit like one of those Minnesota winters that seemingly drag on forever and we sense that we’ve stopped growing, or worse that we’re going backwards. Or perhaps, as Easter approaches, you’re wrestling with questions or doubts. If that’s so remember that the Christian life isn’t simply about believing in Jesus Christ, it’s about believing in Him in such a way that we also walk with Him – in other words it’s about being in relationship with the God who loves us and who longs to be in our lives.

God still brings about transformation when He enters a life. But God will only come at our invitation!

In Christ,

*Pastor Mark*



## THANK YOU

Dear Faith United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the use of your fellowship area. It is such a nice place to meet and we very much appreciate being able to use it.

Thanks,

Julie & The Spring Valley  
Historical Society Board

Thank you to everyone that graciously brought food for the Lenten meals. There weren't a lot of people that came to eat but I believe the ones that did enjoyed the fellowship together and of course the different soups. Thank you again for giving of your time and talents.

Darlene, UMW

Thank you all for your prayers and concerns when I broke my foot. Thanks to Marilyn for lending me her "scooter" and to Darlene, Gloria and Judy for getting me to my appointments.

Praise God I have had a very speedy can complete recovery.

Sister in Christ,  
Kathy Lucas

# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES April 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Jill Douglas. Members present were Jill Douglas, Pastor Mark Rader, Jeff Kappers, Kathy Lucas, Carol Langdon, Gloria Blakeslee, Darlene Vrieze, Mary Vickmark, Mary Grems, Deanna Capelle, Barb Paul and Arlynn Ness.

The meeting opened with a devotional by Mary Vickmark.

The March minutes were reviewed and a motion made to approve. m/s/c

**Financial Report:** The 03/31/11 ending checkbook balance was \$8,925.00. The report of the church accounts was made available to the Council.

**SPRC:** Deanna had no report.

**Membership:** Mary reported no changes.

**Missions:** Mary reported that Easter breakfast plans are underway & they still need help with set up, clean up and donations. Free Will offering will be taken. Money taken in will be split three ways: Mission Committee, Youth Group and Pastors' Discretionary Fund.

Food for Kidz was a great success again this year. They had a total of 362 volunteers and packaged 130,680 meals; and raised \$18,782.40.

Minnesota FoodShare: the winning Sunday School class was Gene Ramaker's class. The food shelf collected 3,308 pounds of food and supplies and received \$3,263 in donations.

Pacific Emergency: Special offerings for the Pacific Emergency through UMCOR are still coming in. Thank you.

Native American Sunday will be Sunday, 05/15/11.

Love Offering will also start the first part of May and end on May 22. They will be putting together school kits for the Pastors to take to conference. Monetary donations will be sought to make these kits. Each kit costs approximately \$15 and they will be doing 14 kits. Signup sheets will be posted.

**Worship Committee:** Carol reported that the Worship Committee met on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The main topic was final plans for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday services will be held in Cherry Grove and Good Friday services will be held in Spring Valley, with a presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

**Trustees:** Jeff reported that there will be a Waffle Breakfast June 5, 2011. Jeff also explained some future projects, along with their cost estimates. (lighting, cement work, carpet/tile, stained glass windows leakage, dishwasher, insulation)

**Education:** Barb reported that the Mother/Daughter Banquet was a great success.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mark reported that several things have been planned and are being planned to address the low NCD score on Spiritual Vitality including:

Lenten Services have been built around the Dimensions of Prayer. Best attendance has been in the mid-forties

Good Friday service will be built around the Stations of the Cross. This moving service walks us through the events surrounding Jesus' Crucifixion.

As soon as Lent is over we hope to offer a more intensive prayer study using Maxie Dunnam's *Workbook on Living Prayer*. Workbooks have arrived for those persons expressing an interest.

Decision will be made as to when/if to take the NCD survey again

The local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous has been meeting on Tuesday evenings. So far things seem to be going well.

Pastor Beth completed her classes last week.

Pastor Mark will be away on May 1<sup>st</sup> leading a Cowboy Church Service at the Minnesota Horse Expo again this year.

A gift was received from the family of Viola Hofner (Gary TerMaat's sister) that the family would like put towards the purchase of ten new tables and two new table racks.

## CHURCH COUNCIL (Continued)

**Old Business:** Barb said that the Daycare Committee met with Rhett & Anna Krahn and that they were **not** able to come to an agreement on renting FUMC's facilities. No further talks are planned.

**New Business:** Jeff said that the Trustees have received a quote from Seabright Electric, for lighting improvements throughout the church. The quote totaled \$5,604.90, and includes a \$776 rebate from the power company. This rebate offer expires in June 2011. A motion was made to proceed with the lighting project, with funding sources to be determined by the Finance Committee. m/s/c

Pastor Mark asked the Ad Council if they would be in favor of repeating the "Natural Church Development survey as a follow-up to last year's survey. A motion was made to wait one more year before repeating the survey. m/s/c

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. m/s/c

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlynn Ness,  
Co-Ad Council Secretary



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women met in the Fellowship Room at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and muffins served by Ruth Circle. Following coffee 13 members met in the Fireside Room for the program, "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" by Sarah Circle. Darlene Vrieze, chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report** - The Secretary's Report of February 9, 2011, was read, Nancy Cornell moved to approve the minutes as typed, Lois Beving seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Betty Bernard moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of February and March 2011, Lois Beving seconded, motion carried.

**Correspondence** - Thank You letters were read from Gary and Dianne TerMaat and from Fillmore County SEMCAC (Rural Concerns Taskforce)

Darlene Vrieze reported the Hofner's gave \$1000.00 to our church which will be used to purchase additional tables and new racks which will allow the tables to be stacked upright instead of lying flat. The carts cost \$150.00 and the tables \$80.00/each. Nancy Cornell moved we give \$100.00 to the Matching Grant Heifer Project, Pam Soma-Mori seconded, motion carried.

Discussion was held on persons to receive the Recognition Pins and it

will be put to a vote at the June meeting.

Nancy Cornell reported on the Minnesota Annual Conference "Love Offering" and this year Health Kits are not needed but School Bags are needed and can be filled and will be taken to the Annual Conference. A display will be set up for Easter Sunday and school kit money should be turned in by the 15th of May.

Sympathy letters were sent to Gary & Dianne TerMaat and Les & Shirley Hyland  
Get Well letters were sent to Bev Kimball, Arlys Terbeest, Sam Blakeslee, Arlyn Bestor and Al Langdon.

### Upcoming Events -

May 6-7 - Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat - Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, MN  
--April 25-29 - Meals-on-Wheels - Rachel Circle  
--May 23-27 - Meals-on-Wheels - Ruth Circle  
--Next UMW Meeting - June 8 - 9:00 a.m. Program - Rachel Circle Hostess - Sarah Circle

A discussion was held on a Graduation Reception with possible date, May 15th. Nancy Cornell moved we have the graduation reception on Sunday, May 15th, Betty Bernard seconded, motion carried.

Marie Tart moved we adjourn the meeting, Eleanor Parker seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with members standing, holding hands and praying, "The Lord's Prayer".

Shirley Hyland,  
Secretary

# FUMC MISSION COMMITTEE

## Committee members:

Mary Vickmark Chairperson,  
Nancy Cornell, , Jan Hammon,  
Arlene Johnson, Marilyn Matson  
& Marie Tart

## UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief  
**Be There. Be Hope.**

UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people.

### DOORS TO PROMISE.



*Native American  
Sunday  
May 15th, 2011*

Native American Ministries Sunday is one of the six church wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Native American Ministries Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to church and society.

Native American Ministries Sunday is celebrated with a special offering on the Third Sunday of Easter.

The funds allow The United Methodist Church to collaborate with existing Native American ministries and create programs on behalf of Native Americans. Money collected also supports seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans.

Fifty percent of the offering remains in the annual con-

ference to develop and strengthen local Native American ministries. Should no such ministries exist within the conference, the offering is remitted in full to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). The funds are then distributed equally between the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending the church's schools of theology and the Native American Urban Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries. Approximately 22,310 United Methodists identify themselves as Native American. About 141 United Methodist churches, fellowships and ministries relate to this population.



### LOVE OFFERING 2011 "RESTORING VITALITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE"

- International Projects (30%)
  - Haiti Recovery
- National Projects (30%)
  - Justice For Our Neighbors
  - Minnesota Projects (30%)
    - Recovery Ministries



Love Offering donations to help put together 14 School Kits will begin May 1st and continue till May 22nd. Please check the table for the donation box and a sample of the School Kit. We will also be taking the Love Offering

during Church Services on Sat, May 21st & Sunday May 22nd. The Tri fold will better explain How the Love Offering will be used in 2011. Thank you to Everyone for your generosity towards our Special Missions.

### Church Table Borrowing Policy Reminder

With Weddings, Graduations, Garage Sales etc



coming We would like to take this time to remind everyone of the Table borrowing policy for FUMC. Only the OLD TABLES may be borrowed; at this time Only 3 tall and 4 short tables can be borrowed. Tables MUST be requested through the Office during *Office Hours Tues-Fri 8am to 4pm; Check out and Returned during Office Hours.* There are NO EXCEPTIONS. *The 3 Large tables can NOT be borrowed the week-end of June 5th Dads All you Can Eat Waffle Breakfast* We Thank you for your help and cooperation concerning this policy.

### **Dad's Belgian Waffles All you can Eat!**

**Will be brought to you by the Trustees of FUMC**

**Sunday June 5, 2011**

**Serving from 10 am till 1 pm**

**\$6.50 Children 5 & under eat free.**

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have been meeting to put together a list of projects that need to be undertaken in the immediate or near future to keep our church building sound, safe, and a place where people want to come to worship the Lord.

As our building nears its 40th anniversary several significant improvements have been made in recent years. These include the new roof and entrance, repairing the exterior walls of the church and the bell tower, rebuilding the parking lot, and adding the storage loft and the media desk and equipment. These projects totaled nearly \$300,000 and were paid for by tapping into previous gifts along with a \$60,000 loan. Thanks to your generosity that loan is scheduled to be paid off at the end of this year.

Upcoming needs that we've identified include replacing broken cement panels in the sidewalk, crack sealing the parking lot, replacing carpeting and tile throughout the church, installing storm windows for the stained glass windows, upgrading the kitchen and installing the commercial dishwasher (we already have the dishwasher), and adding insulation in the roof to enhance energy efficiency. The estimated costs for these projects are quite significant, and we will likely need to look to a capital campaign to raise the money to make them happen. Still, if you'd like to designate a gift to any of these projects that would be a great help.

Most of these repairs and upgrades really should be done within the next year or two.

However, our most **immediate need** is a lighting project that the Ad Council approved during its April meeting that involves replacing the lights in the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and Fireside Room. The estimate for this project is just over \$5600. There is, however, a rebate for these lights of \$776 available from the power company. This rebate expires in June, meaning that in order to take advantage of the savings we must act now. In addition the new bulbs will be 35 to 40% percent more efficient than our old ones leading to cost savings on future utility bills. If you can help us with this project please mark on your gift "lighting project".

The Trustee budget for the church is \$5,000. We will continue to use this to do minor projects throughout the church. Painting, landscaping, and window and door replacement are some of the projects that we hope to work on with these dollars.

The Trustees thank you for your support in keeping our building a vibrant part of our community. We need to continue to be good stewards of what the Lord has given us and keep it in good condition to show our thankfulness.

God's Blessings.  
Jeff Kappers  
Trustee Chair

## RACHEL CIRCLE

We met April 20 with seven members present. Huberta was the hostess. Barb gave the lesson. She talked about Christ's sacrifice for us. She wove her own experiences with it. Darlene read a story about the same subject. This one told a modern story about someone else's sacrifice.

We missed Beverly with us. Darlene gave us an update on her health.

We will not be buying a table since money was donated for it.

We will give fifteen dollars for filling a school bag. It was also mentioned that some of our quilts were given to the sheriff's department for needy people in the county.

We signed Easter cards for our outreach people. Diane will be hostess next month.

Huberta



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## 2nd Annual Flower Sale

The younger Sunday School students planted flowers in cooperation with the Spring Valley Greenhouse on Palm Sunday as their part of with the annual fundraiser. Hanging Baskets and Potted plants will be sold **during coffee hour on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you recall, this idea was initially brought forward by one of our kindergarten students last spring and as so successful that we wanted to bring it back. Watching the excitement as the students select and plant their flowers is breath-taking; that alone makes the project worthwhile.



Baskets -  
\$20.00

Potted Plants -  
\$15.00

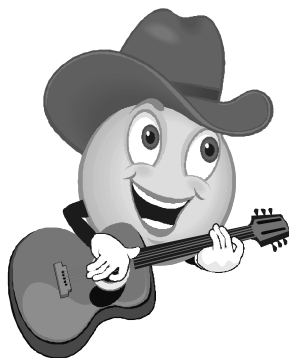
## Celebration Sunday

The end of the Sunday School is fast approaching and plans are underway in every class, including music.... as they prepare to participate in the worship service on that very last day – **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The Education Committee is also planning to make that a very special day for the students. More information will be forthcoming as those plans develop. Stay tuned.....

## Thank you!

We want to express our thanks to everyone who made the Mother-Daughter Banquet so successful; especially the men who helped prepared and served the food...but we won't forget all the help that Judy Thomas did for everyone in the kitchen. Our thanks are also extended to Judy Tart for ordering food; Kathy Casady for serving as MC during the program and for everyone who came to share in the evening's activities. Plans are already underway for the Father-Son Banquet in 2012!

## Head em' Out...for VBS



That's right...the cowboys and cowgirls are roundin' up for a fun time at Good Earth village.

Vacation Bible School is being held on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday a.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> and we're hankerin' for alot of the children take advantage of the classes and activities that are being planned during that time.....

**Music** around the campfire, not to forget the s'mores!

Watch for the **Grubmaster**, and the school marm!

## Saddle up and Ride on Over!



Registration will be open soon!

Register your children and grandchildren for a fun time!

## Celebrating your Birthday!

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Tim Shorter  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Walker Erdman  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Austin Lee  
June 5<sup>th</sup> – Arik Huebner  
June 7<sup>th</sup> – Josh Shorter

**God showers you with blessings on these special days... as He continues to shower you with His Love!**



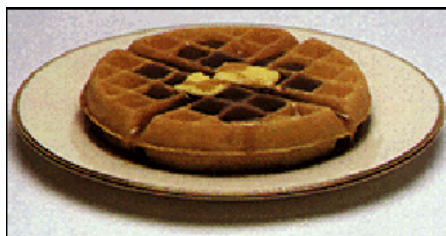
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**All You Can Eat**  
**Dad's Belgium Waffles**

**Serving Waffles, Sausages, Flavored Syrups & Beverages**



**Sunday, June 5, 2011**  
**Serving from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Price: \$6.50**  
**Children 5 & under eat Free**  
**Carry Outs Available**  
**Proceeds go to the Church Projects**