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Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Monday:
8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Tuesdays-Fridays
8:00-10:30 AM



Minnesota Annual Conference Highlights

-Theme: The theme of this year's annual conference was "Living Generously: Unleashing God's Gifts."

-Love Offering: As of Thursday afternoon, conference attendees had given \$93,767 and donated 13,842 health kits to the 2016 Love Offering for Missions, which this year has a financial component and a hands-on component. Funds from this year's Love Offering will go to three projects: 40 per cent will go to the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services, which welcomes and provides support to refugees from around the world. Ten per cent will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to ship the prepared health kits where they are needed most. Forty per cent will go to International Child Care in the Dominican Republic, a health agency that serves people with disabilities. And the remaining 10 per cent will go to Volunteers in Mission scholarships for first-time participants.

-Party in the park: On Tuesday evening, attendees gathered at Lake George Park to celebrate and enjoy fellowship. They listened to live music from Boiling Point band, participated in a fun run/walk, packed health kits for refugees, played games—had popcorn and food from food trucks, and listened to a brief program at which they met the 2016 ELI Project interns and blessed those who have been confirmed within the past year.

-Open-space conversations: Conference attendees spent Tuesday afternoon engaged in small-group "open-space" conversations to discuss social justice issues and explore how Minnesota United Methodists can be a good gift to the world.

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Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,

Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering, Marilyn and Dan Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Lynne Swenson, Marie Wells, the Westrum family.



Sit and Fit

A new exercise class is on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** This exercise will be stretching and relaxation from the comfort of a chair. If you are not able to take the walks you see other people doing, or attend the Silver Sneakers class, but still would like to participate in some type of exercise, I encourage you to try the "Sit & Fit" class. We will be using a DVD with chair exercises. Be sure to check with your physician before attending the class. Come and try something different.

Sit & Fit Update

There will be no Sit & Fit the second week of August.

Custodian Update

Bob Stephan will be on vacation from Sunday, August 14th to Friday, August 26th.

Guest Night

Guest Night at Faith Church! Come on Tuesday August 16 at 7:00 pm to hear our program, "Open Hands, Open Hearts", featuring Tina Haroldson, Inspirational Speaker and Communications Specialist from Amboy, MN. She has been speaking to Corporate as well as various Women's groups for over 25 years. Her message balances her unique sense of humor with her practical Biblical perspective and passion for Holy Spirit-infused ministry, and is meant to encourage and inspire everyone. Join us for a fun, faith filled time of fellowship.

Faith Crafters and Stitchers

Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet **Thursday, August 11**, from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. You are invited to bring your own project to work on or share ideas and supplies for Bazaar 2016 items that we can all work on. Snacks will be provided. Call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

Minnesota Annual Conference Highlights

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-Teaching sessions with Sara Miles: Sara Miles was raised as an atheist, but everything changed the day she entered a church at age 46, ate a piece of bread, and took a sip of wine. The now well-known author was later baptized and started a food pantry at the church, St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco, that serves hundreds each week. She said she's come to see our own stories like the parables in the Bible—and like Jesus' parables, they have the power to evangelize, to share the good news.

-Lait session: Minnesota United Methodists are good at healing a broken world. Give us a missional goal, and we exceed it. But ask us to reach new people, and we hope someone else will do it. Even the word "evangelism" makes many of us uncomfortable. Yet, evangelism and reaching new people have been identified as vital elements to the future growth of our churches, our conference, and our denomination.

-Reach Renew Rejoice tops \$3.7M goal: To date, \$3,759,055 has been pledged to this congregational development initiative that aimed to raise \$3.7 million. The amount was announced to applause, dancing, and clappers flailing in the air. Funds given will be used to start seven new churches across Minnesota, enable 140 churches to go through transformational processes to position them for vitality, and expand seven churches to additional sites.

- Celebrations: During annual conference, attendees celebrated three significant milestones taking place this year: the 160th anniversary of the Minnesota Annual Conference, the 20th anniversary of the order of deacons, and the 60th anniversary of full clergy rights for women

-Recognizing new pastors: On Wednesday evening at a Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service, we remembered United Methodist friends and colleagues who have died over the past year, honored clergy who are retiring, and celebrated licensed local pastors as well as those who were commissioned and ordained. We honored 15 new licensed local pastors—and we celebrated nine clergy who were commissioned and two who were ordained. Thanks be to God for this new group of dedicated leaders!

Hey, Kids!! Have you heard about "SUMMER FUN AT FAITH"??

Be there to Learn about **Noah and the Ark! The Flood! Animals!
The Dove! The Rainbow!** And...**God's Special Promise!**
(Bring a **Friend** or 2 or 3!!!)

Be there to Race in **Shoeboxes!** Play with a **Parachute!** Build a **Rainstick!**
Create your own **Puzzle!** Make a Tie-died **Handkerchief!** Eat a **Bar Bell!**
Bite the Head off a **Camel!** Sing a Song about **Animals!** Have Lots and Lots of **FUN!**
Our **Offering** will go to people whose **homes** have **flooded!**

Have Mom or Dad fill out the **registration form** below:

We will be so glad to see you there!

"The Rainbow Promise"

8:30 – 11:30 am on Aug. 1-4, 2016

Bible Fun for grades K – 6!

NAME _____

AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

GRADE NEXT YEAR _____

PARENTS' NAME(S) _____

PHONE # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE # _____

ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS _____

FREE TO ALL! _____

**Registration Deadline- July 26, 2016 **

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For more information or questions, please call Linda Lohse 835-1917

Nurse's Notes: Beans and Cucumbers

This morning, I was out picking beans from the garden. It is such a joy to have fresh beans to eat and we look forward to them each year. Alas, I suddenly spot an unpicked cucumber and now there's two and more-what's this, Gary picked them all yesterday! Back to the beans, I merrily go along picking. I think, I now have them all. I step back and see the beans I've missed. Of course, I'm looking from the other direction. The same goes for the cucumbers. In a few days, we'll find too-large cucumbers and beans that are hard. What does this have to do with faith?

Well, we are searching for the Way. Some come at it from a different angle and add a new way of looking. We're all on our own faith journey. Let's learn and embrace new ways of looking and thinking. We need loving and respecting of one another, just as Jesus loves us. Let's share the joy of the promise of the Christian Harvest with everyone we come in contact with.

"But the One who received the good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown." Matthew 13:23

Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Mark 4: 9

UMW Update

Our next UMW general meeting is on Monday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. "Joy and Humor" is the theme of the meeting. Shirley Burdick will do the devotion and Mary Jane Stauffer and her ladies will do a skit. Elizabeth Circle will serve. Come join the fun and bring your funny bone.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 24th-Southern Prairie Annual Gathering here at Faith UMC

Oct. 8th-MN UMW Annual Gathering. First UMC, St. Cloud

Nov. 5th-Fall Mission Bazaar

Nov. 21st-UMW General Meeting

P.S. Thank you to the women who helped with the S.P. Executive Board Meeting on July 26th here at our church.

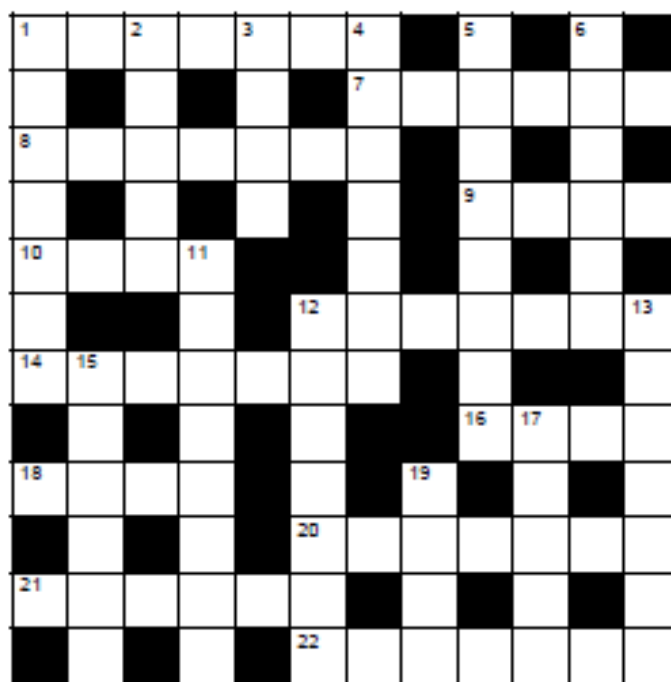
QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD IX

Across

- 1 A Herod (7)
- 7 Not at sea (6)
- 8 Hanging cloth (7)
- 9 Clean animal (4)
- 10 Killed (4)
- 12 Proud of (7)
- 14 Ones who owe (7)
- 16 Portion (4)
- 18 Angle (4)
- 20 Bible outcast (7)
- 21 Diseased persons (6)
- 22 Breastplate stone (7)

Down

- 1 Pointed a finger at (7)
- 2 Days of Saul's blindness (5)
- 3 Talk to God (4)
- 4 Moses removed his (7)
- 5 He escaped incineration (8)
- 6 Country (6)
- 11 Guards (8)
- 12 Oath (7)
- 13 Desecrated (7)
- 15 Banished people (6)
- 17 River of Damascus (5)
- 19 Footwear (4)



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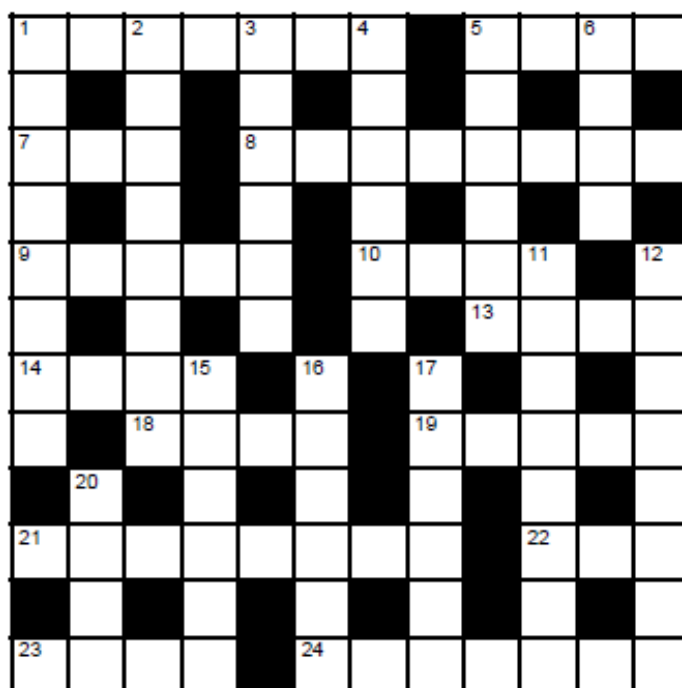
QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD XVIII

Across

- 1 Spoke (7)
- 5 Ridicule (4)
- 7 Path (3)
- 8 Religious work (8)
- 9 Adversary (5)
- 10 God's dislike (4)
- 13 Adullam, for one (4)
- 14 Book written by a priest (4)
- 18 Book of Paul's journeys (4)
- 19 May be guiding (5)
- 21 Bearing (8)
- 22 Pledge (3)
- 23 Can't stand (4)
- 24 Number of sheep in the lost sheep parable (7)

Down

- 1 Dirty (8)
- 2 Lydia's home town (8)
- 3 An epistle of Paul (6)
- 4 Book featuring Nebuchadnezzar (6)
- 5 Concerning the Old Testament laws (6)
- 6 Worry (4)
- 11 One who says how to behave (8)
- 12 Granted (8)
- 15 Charge (6)
- 16 Book read by the eunuch (6)
- 17 Wine vessel (6)
- 20 Devout widow (4)



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will **not meet** in
August.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will be meeting at the
home of Margaret Hasslen on **Tuesday**
August 9, from 10:30 - Noon.

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle **will not meet** again
until September.