

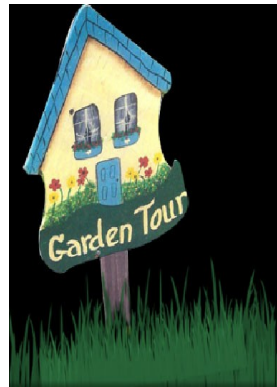


Come Walk With Us

August 2011

Mark Your Calendar!

Aug 5-7 Family Camp @ Lazy F
Aug 12-14 Youth Backpack Trip
Aug 13: Whidbey Island Garden Tour
Aug 14: Case's Bridal Shower
Aug 15-20 Prep Campus for VBS
Aug 22-26 VBS



Whidbey Island Garden & Nursery Tour
Saturday, August 13, 2011
Sign-up in the Lobby or email
Janice Murray @
jamurray64@hotmail.com

www.faithunited.org

To ALL Faith Friends of the soon to be married



ALISON CASE
You are invited to a
**"STOCK THE
PANTRY"**



Bridal Shower
**Sunday, August 14th from 2-4:30pm in
the church lobby**

Be creative—maybe include your favorite recipe!

For more information or to RSVP please contact
Karen Gladhill (gladhills@comcast.net) **OR** Karene
Shields (shieldskl@gmail.com)



A United Methodist Ministry



Faithful Thoughts

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time. ~John Lubbock

I do hope you are finding some time to relax this summer....to lie on the grass.....to listen to a brook....to watch the clouds. Make the time to do so.

Because.....

Heads up.....September is coming. And we have some fantastic ministry programs that involve both “inside” and “outside” the church walls! This fall promises to be a very strong year for our congregation as we focus on mission and ministry that supports our congregational vision and mission statements. Please take note of the following:

RALLY SUNDAY is the 11th of September and we will celebrate the return to regular worship attendance and the engagement of people in a variety of ministries that truly make a difference in the lives of people! Be watching for details of the **MUSIC**, the **MINISTRY FAIR** and the **PICNIC** that will take place that day. **EVERYONE** will be there, so don't miss out!

OUTLET 2011-2012 WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14!

Please consider participating in this every Wednesday fun time of food and learning for all ages. We have some terrific classes for adults, La Mesa for youth and Outlet activities for children. And dinner is provided! Can't beat this! All are done by 7:30 and you are on your way home. Sundays and Wednesdays are our primary ministry days each week! Cool! Get plugged in and re-energized each week at OUTLET!!

Choir launch this fall is looking for committed singers who will be part of a musical group/choir that will sing some great and worshipful anthems this coming year. This takes a serious commitment on the part of choir members to be at rehearsals and to be faithful to be in worship. Interested!? Talk to Director of Music Ministry, Jeff Hill.....soon.

See you Sunday,

Rev. John A. Brewer



Events



Donations needed for PandaMania and Survivor Camps!

Each year we are able to offer a great program at a low cost to the community and this is made possible through donations from our Church families. We are looking for some donation items again this year. Below is a list of items we are collecting. If you can help please email **Lisa Peters** at lisa@faithunited.org

- * 3 boxes Lucky Charms Cereal
- * 3 boxes of cinnamon chex cereal
- * 3 boxes yogurt covered raisons
- * Juice boxes-we have 120 kids
- * 8 cases of variety chips
- * cereal bars
- * 6 boxes of carrot cake mix
- * yarn, yellow, brown and black
- * wiggly eyes-self adhesive
- * colored duck tape

I am looking for some volunteers to work the check in table, Monday-Friday as well as individuals that can help with decorations during the week of August 15-19th from 10-2. Thank you for your support- Lisa Peters , Director of Special Events

A Rally Sunday to Remember-September 11th

Save the date for our all Church baseball game and picnic at Beaver Lake park and baseball fields. This is a potluck style picnic, we will provide the beverages, hotdogs and bouncer. Bring your baseball glove, some friends and food to share.

- * A-N- Please bring a side dish or salad
- * O-Z- Please bring a dessert

Finance Team Report



The Finance Team is off and running in anticipation of an exciting year filled with accomplishment. Our primary goal, which is the prism by which all of our actions are measured, is “are we being good stewards of God’s money?” That is our overriding goal as we approach financial matters.

Our second goal is to keep the congregation informed of our church’s financial condition (no matter whether it is good or bad news), what activities we are considering to improve our overall financial condition, and how we can help and support our ministry teams as they do God’s work.

As of June 30th, the calendar year mid-point, our YTD expenditures are under budget by approximately \$19,000. However, our YTD income is also under budget by approximately \$42,000. Our teams have done an excellent job of showing restraint on spending, but the collection of our pledge income is running behind when compared to the budgeted amount. Also, our non-pledge income (loose plate) is running at about 20% less than the amount budgeted. We ask that you keep your pledge commitment current so that all of the important ministry and support programs planned for this year can be maintained.

Speaking of giving, we want to draw your attention to the good work done by our Marketing Team to develop and implement, with the support of the Finance Team, an electronic online giving program. The details of this excellent program were outlined in last month’s FaithNotes that you can retrieve at <http://faithunited.org>. Simply put, online giving is an easy, yet very effective and convenient way to automate your regular giving. It is easy to set up and once done, you’re good to go. But don’t worry, you can change your donation plan or cancel your authorization at any time. Go to <http://faithunited.org/resources/online-giving/> and give it a try. If you have any questions about online giving, please contact our Finance Team liaison, Rob Young at 425-391-1901 or rob.young@boeing.com.

The Finance Team has assigned team members to several task forces on important financial issues. Those issues include:

- An overhaul of our budgetary process
- Defining parameters for the disbursement of funds from the Capital Improvement fund
- Developing an awareness campaign for employer matching contributions.

We want the congregation to know that we greatly appreciate your support and the generosity you have shown. With your help, you have made a positive difference in many lives. May God continue to bless our church with his grace.

Bob Hughes, Finance Team Leader



Missions Team Report

HABITAT GARAGE SALE

The 13th annual Habitat Garage Sale is coming on September 23 and 24!!! This huge event ensures Faith Church continues its long tradition of support of Habitat For Humanity. Many volunteers will be needed on the days leading up to, and during the sale. Also, your salable items will be appreciated.



There are some secondary benefits associated with the sale that cannot be measured...like the opportunity for many with limited incomes to purchase some very nice items for their homes and families...like the opportunity for area residents to interact with Faith Church... like the fellowship of friends and members of Faith who work together to make the sale a success (Did you know that several neighbors of other denominations are regular workers at the sale?).

Please be thinking about the time and the salable items your family can direct to this mission and watch for more details in the September Faith Notes about how you can participate.

For more information go to habitatgaragesale.com, or contact Jan & Bill Bennett at wabennett@comcast.net.

P.S. Storage is available for items you and your neighbors wish to donate, but cannot hold until the week of the sale.

Upcoming Mission Programs!

August – Our coalition build day takes place at Issaquah Highlands on August 20th. Dedication ceremony for two new Habitat homeowners will be held at the Issaquah Highlands site on August 27th. If interested please contact Dick Gram @ 425-392-7016.

September – Annual Habitat Garage Sale—THE largest Garage Sale on the Plateau benefiting Habitat for Humanity takes place on September 23^d and 24th.

October – “Make a World of Difference Offering” will occur in October. This single offering benefits six major ministries of the Methodist church – Human Relations, One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR), Native American Ministries, Peace With Justice, World Communion, and United Methodist Students.

November – “Hands Against Hunger,” a new mission event providing an exciting mission opportunity for all ages will be held Saturday, November 12th. Touching hungry children, teens, and homeless adults, this will be a project you’ll want to get YOUR hands into. Stay tuned for more information.

Missions Team Report *continued*

All Church Summer Mission Needs You!

Each year our students and families support a mission project at VBS and 4th and 5th grade camp. It is an important part of the summer camp program and teaches children at an early age the importance of serving others outside the walls of the Church. This year we are asking for the congregations help in supporting the mission.

We will be supporting Hero's for the Homeless, a local group that supports the basic needs of homeless in the Seattle area.

What can you do? Bring any of the following items to Faith Church beginning July 10th and place the items in the bins provided in the lobby.

Hand wipes	Band-Aids	Razors	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Dental floss	Q-tips	Combs
Nail clippers	Travel size soap/lotion	Travel size shampoo	Hand sanitizer
Gallon size zip lock bags			

Our 4th and 5th grade students will be assembling the kits during their week of camp and praying for the individuals that may be receiving the hygiene kits.

Thank you for your support. Kim Kurtz

Issaquah Food Bank:

Most of us go to our pantry, refrigerator or freezer and decide what we will fix for dinner. We may be lacking a few ingredients but we will either substitute or go to the store and purchase the ingredients that we do want. BUT there are other people in our community who don't have this ability. They stand in line at our local FOOD BANK to pick out food for their household from the donations of food from people like you or from staples purchased by the food bank from monetary donations.

Please continue to remember these people by donating some of the following food products. Food products such as tuna, beans, pasta and baby items. There is a container in the Narthex marked Food Bank near the coffee table for your donations.



Habitat Store is Opening in August and Needs Volunteers

Habitat Stores, known nationally as ReStores, sell to the public new and slightly used building materials, appliances, furniture and home furnishings at a fraction of retail prices. The funds generated are used to serve families and change lives. Habitat for Humanity of EKC are looking for several volunteers to keep the store in prime operating condition. Positions available include working in customer service, sales, visual maintenance, data entry, donations receiving and pick up and more. Let us know if you have a special skill you would like to contribute to the store. For more information about volunteering or donating items, please contact Curtis Heard at curtis@habitatekc.org or call 425-869-6007.

In the Beginning Preschool & Mother's Day Out



You know you are loved at.....In the Beginning Preschool & Faith Mother's Day Out

August... I think just the sheer excitement of all the preparation and hard work that we put into this month just adds to our momentum and passion when we finally get to our Meet & Greets on August 30th and September 1st. Over the summer our teaching staff has put a lot of work into creating curriculum that will not only inspire their students to love to learn but also share with them our Christian values each and every day. Of course the office staff has been hard at work taking care of everything but the kitchen sink – ha! Last month we hired three former teachers and one new one, into new positions to add to our already awesome teaching staff: new assistant in the Mighty Monkeys class is Laurie Jones and our new assistant in our Bouncy Bunnies class is Linda Brand and our new JJJ Teacher, Jaime Mallamo and Chapel Time /Music Teacher Pam Myers-Sloane. We are always saddened when an employee needs to leave our ministry and yet, God always brings us the people we need to take their place...God is truly amazing and alive at ITBP/FMDO.

We still have a few openings left in our Terrific Tiger's class (3 ½ years old) for this fall. If you are interested or know of anyone, please ask them to contact the office at 425-392-0123 x3.

We truly have a great community of families here at Faith Church and ITBP/FMDO. I would be remiss if I did not also say thank you to the Trustees and other countless volunteers and teams who have cleaned, repaired, painted, fixed, etc. this facility this summer. Faith, you are looking good!

Be safe and be well.

Many blessings and much love,
Kathryn and the incredible Staff of
In the Beginning Preschool and
Faith Mother's Day Out Ministry

P.S. One more favor, if you happen to be shopping at Office Depot this month, would you please consider asking them to put your purchase total towards our preschool ministry through their rewards program? The money we earn helps us save on office type supplies so we can continue to enhance our preschool program in the classrooms. Our number is #70204914. Thank you so much.



Children's Ministry August Highlights



Teaching Sunday School isn't just for parents!!

Did you know that Sunday school teachers come from all walks of life? Grandparents, Single Adults, Aunts, Uncles and all others make wonderful teachers.

Please consider teaching Sunday school. Teachers commit to teach one or two Sundays/month throughout the school year. **That is about 10 hours out of your year!**

The curriculum and supplies are provided. NO teaching experience is needed...just a love for sharing God's word with children.

Teachers are needed at both the 9am and 10:30am services and at all age groups.

Contact Laura Scott if you are interested.

OUTLET



for kids

Fall Kick-off

Wednesday, September 14th

Children in grades preschool—5th grades are invited to join us for a mid-week program designed to help kids build relationships with each other, have fun and share in their faith. This is a great evening to bring your friends to. Come for dinner and stay OR just come for programming.

For more information please contact: Laura Scott Director of Children's Ministry
425-392-0123 ext. 6 Laura@faithunited.org

HOSPITALITY TEAM needs your help!

Please bring cookies whenever you can, we can always them!



Youth Ministry

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith...” Ephesians 4:4-5

As we read over this passage this last Sunday a verse caught me. The theme of unity had been coming up very clear the past few weeks, but this time I became enthralled with the last line, *one faith*. Our church being called “Faith” got me thinking in a new way. Faith here seems to have two meanings that cannot be escaped. In one sense I saw this as Paul seems to intend. as Paul seems to intend.



We are to believe the same thing, or a singular faith in Jesus as the Christ. Here at Faith though we have to see this word as not only a belief, but a community. The Middle school youth observed how Paul focuses on how we are to be one community united by Christ.

There are so many things that can separate us and cause conflict or tension. Our youth were able to rattle off many in a few seconds: gender, race, political party, age, and beliefs. While these can separate us, we as a community need to keep our uniqueness, but also be one. The youth began to sense this on the mission trip. They quickly bonded with other churches, leaders, believers, and all children of God. As we debriefed on the last night they began to see they could have this same family feel and truly become one Faith. They decided, as a result, to no longer stay in their comfort zone in their corner of the sanctuary, but to begin to meet the rest of the congregation. They are taking one small step to bringing the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. As you reflect this week and month, prayerfully consider what small ways can you respond to God’s love and grace.

Mission Trip Comments: Carlene Camera: “I would love to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the congregation for their prayers and support for the trip. Tess and I will never forget this inspiring trip and look forward to the future outreach our youth will take in our hometown!” Lisa Gaston: “That all 3 Gaston's were touched by the message of our Lord Jesus Christ, by what we saw, what we were able to do and in our hearts.”

Each Monday we send out an email update on coming events, calendar, requests for help, and a quick description of this week’s Sunday School lesson. If you would like to receive this email please email **Nate at ngoldbloom@faithunited.org**.

Sunday School and La Mesa Leaders:

Each Sunday and Wednesday we worship God through study, fellowship and fun. To do this we need great adults to learn and grow with us by giving their time. Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to support the youth ministry here at Faith in this way.

Upcoming Calendar:

- **Mondays:** Pine lake 1-3:30
- **Wednesdays:** La Mesa 6pm (5pm for Basketball or Mao!)
- **Aug 8:** Eastside Baby Corner 6:30-9pm
- **Aug 12-14:** HS Backpacking Trip
- **Aug 22-26:** VBS Help
- **Sept 2-3:** Youth Team Retreat

ADULT MINISTRIES

ADULT ONLY

BBQ

August 13 @ The Mercers'
6 pm

Sign up at the Connection Corner
Limited to 40 People

FALL PREVENTION SERIES FOR AGING ADULTS!

This 2 part series will take place on Thursday
August 11 and August 18th

6:00pm – 7:00pm

In the Lobby

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Contact Tanya Smeton ggsmeton@q.com

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult class is on vacation
for July and August; we will
resume our 9:00 am class on
Rally Sunday- Sept. 11.

For more information on any Adult program,
Sunday school class or small group, please
contact Blythe Mercer at:
six.mercers@hotmail.com or 425-392-2927



OUTLET

WEDNESDAYS

This FALL!

The Case for Christ
The 5 Love Languages
When Christians get it
Wrong

5 Conversations you must
have with your Son/
Daughter

Twisting the Truth
90 Minutes in Heaven
24 Hours that Changed the
World

DINNER AT 6
CLASSES AT 6:30

Starts Sept. 14!

Registration opens in
Mid-August

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Sunday's At Faith UMC

9:00am

Worship Service
Child-Care Provided

10:00am

Fellowship in Lobby

10:30am

Worship Service
Children's Sunday School
Child-Care Provided
Youth Group in the afternoons



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Rally Sunday— September 11th!

Join us for our Fall Ministry Kick-off on
Sunday, September 11, 2011



Rally Sunday picnic and ball game at Beaver Lake Park from 5-7p

August Birthdays & Anniversaries!

08-01	Paul Leigh Michael Raschko Heather Raschko	08-17	Elmore Brolin Katelyn Zidar
08-03	Jan Bishop Mark King Olivia Verhagen	08-18	Verna Sessler Bill Bergesen Jack Gewin Noah Penman
08-04	Laurie Engelbeck Lielyn Mercer	08-19	Jim Handsaker
08-05	Ethel Crosser Garry Crosser Beth Box	08-21	Ray Burge
08-06	Rickie Anderson Paul Childress	08-22	Dallas Dyer Georgia Worden
08-07	Phil Purdy Rachel Clark	08-23	Jared Schattenkerk
08-08	Betty Upton Kim Kurtz	08-24	Creslyn King Owen Theis
08-09	Pam Rittenhouse	08-25	Pam Sloane
08-10	Minerva Davis	08-26	Meg Reilly
08-11	Anne Novak Joshua McBride	08-27	Joan Carroll
08-12	Paul Stanley George Metcalf (Jr)	08-28	Chase Goulart
08-13	Delroy Murray Becky Dederer Alexa Meyer	08-29	Bill Tuttle
08-14	Perrihan Mercer	08-30	Betty Cobel Joan Bergesen Carol Stiers Elizabeth Verhagen
08-16	Susan Rolette Nikki Vanderwood	8-31	Ron Case Kevin Purdy Stian Johnson Hannah Peters



08-01	George & Laurie Engelbeck Gene & Betty Strickland James & Juliette Dunkelberger
08-02	Rob and Marcia Rivers-Smith Kevin & Lisa Theis
08-05	Jay & Lesa Larson John & Janelle Eason
08-07	Carl & Becky Kleinknecht
08-08	Chuck & Tanya Smeton
08-10	Gary & Pam Rittenhouse Brian & Sara Bauman
08-12	Ron & Terry Cowger John & Elaine Atherly
08-13	Jim & Karen Ishimaru Bill & Nancy Sherertz
08-15	Wes & Laurie Halstead Robert & Ann (Landerholm) Burke
08-19	Heather & Michael Raschko
08-20	Bill & Joan Bergesen
08-23	Bob Fleetwood & Daphne Soleil
08-24	Gene & Carolyn Sullivan
08-26	Elmore & Dorcas Brolin Dennis & Laura Meinhardt Tom & Blyth Mercer



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6p Boy Scouts S100 1p Youth @Pine Lake 7p Music Team S100	2 7p Trustees T200 7p SPR T203 7p Choir	3 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6:30p La Mesa	4 6:30a Men's T203 7p FaithWalk S100	5	6 5p SCA
7	8 1p Youth @Pine Lake 6:30p Youth @ East Side Baby Corner	9 7p Choir	10 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6:30p La Mesa	11 6:30p Alzheimer's T203 7p FaithWalk S100	12	13 5p SCA Adult BBQ at Mercer's
14	15 1p Youth @Pine Lake 7p Finance T203	16 7p Coordinating T200 7p Choir	17 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6:30p La Mesa	18 6p Fall Prevention S101 7p FaithWalk S100	19	20 FAITH NOTES DEADLINE 9A Habitat Build 5p SCA
21	22 1p Youth @Pine Lake 7p Marketing Team T203	23 7p COLL T203 7p Choir	24 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6:30p La Mesa	25 9:30a Faith Notes Folders 6p Fall Prevention S101 7p FaithWalk S100	26	27 5p SCA
28	29 1p Youth @Pine Lake	30 7p Choir	31 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6:30p La Mesa	PANDAMANIA AND SURVIVOR VACATION BIBLE CAMPS @FATH UMC		

Lazy F Family Retreat thru Sunday

Youth HS Backpacking Trip