



Come Walk With Us

July 2011

Mark Your Calendar

- Youth :Mondays at Pine Lake @1p
- Youth: Wednesdays, La Mesa @6p
- July 10 New Comer's Class
- Youth Missions Trip'- July 10-16
- July 22 @ 8:45a Youth: Wild Waves
- July 24 @12p Youth: Game Day
- July 31 @ 1:10p Youth @Mariners

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A United Methodist Ministry



August 5-7, 2011

If you have not registered for family camp you will want to do so soon! Currently the Skyline Lodge is full, however, we have room in the Ridgeview Lodge and Cabins. The Lazy F is a fun experience for families. You will enjoy archery, hikes, tubing in the creek, zip lines, climbing walls, fun board games, a duck race and fellowship. This is a very laid back weekend and your kids will love it.

Single or Retired? Come enjoy some great fellowship and connect with others. There is always great weather and lots of laughter. For registration forms please go to the Connection Corner in the lobby or go on line to: www/faithunited.org



Faithful Thoughts

“The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight.”

Theodore Roosevelt

This quote from Teddy Roosevelt may not be something from the scriptures, but, it is a reminder that anyone who is a citizen of these United States has some responsibility to take care of himself/herself and to contribute to the good of all in the community.

As I reflect on the congregation here at Faith Church, I could say the same thing about membership as Teddy Roosevelt says about citizenship..... “The first requisite of a good member in this church is that he/she shall be able and willing to pull his/her own weight.” Don’t get me wrong. This is not a theological statement of obligation. It is a statement about a community where people “belong together and to one another.” In that belonging rests an understanding: That we each and every one must **OWN THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY/ CONGREGATION.**” We are the ones who make the church strong, vital and successful...or, by our absence, contribute to a much-less-than quality of the church mission and ministry.

That is what I am so thankful for virtually every day as your pastor! We have some great, committed persons who give their creativity, time, talent and tithe to “contribute their share (own weight) to the Body of Christ. We are NOT a building. We ARE a fellowship of believers who understand that God’s love for us lays a claim on us for response. For all of you who are here serving the life of Christ, THANKS!! You are the life blood of Faith Church! Keep it up! You are good “citizens of this community of mission-aries!” It is time to celebrate the 4th of July and all that it means! Be safe and I will see you involved in the life of the congregation as one of those solid “citizen members.”

Rev. Dr. John A. Brewer

In the Beginning Preschool & Mother's Day Out

Dear Faith Church:

Hello and Happy 4th of July from the Preschool Ministry!

The students are gone, the halls are quiet and the staff are relaxing by the pool...The Preschool ministry has slowed down to rejuvenate with family and friends as we prepare our minds, bodies and spirits for the next School year! We look forward to getting back in our classrooms to decorate

and dream about our students and families in early August. We will be hosting our Meet & Greets on Tuesday, August 30th and Thursday, September 1st in the mornings. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th. We have a few openings left our Terrific Tiger's class, which come to us at 3 ½ years old as of August 31st. If you know of anyone who is looking for a preschool, please have them contact Kathryn @ 425-392-0123 x3 or our website: www.inthebeginningpreschool.org



Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer - Blessings and love, Kathryn and Staff

Youth

Gathered around the table, we celebrated the beginning of summer on Wednesday, June 22nd. The smell of sizzling hamburgers and franks filled the Talbert building. The sound of fellowship took the form of chatter, ping pong clatter, bouncing basketballs, and feet parading back and forth. Following joy of a shared meal, the group bonded in laughter over reenactments of Godzilla, flashlights, and flowers.

As the evening winded down we turned to 1 John 4:16-5:4 to reflect and connect with God. Fittingly, the passage speaks of a deep love that God has for us that harkened back to Pastor John's Father's day sermon. This passage reminded me of "Finding Nemo," where the Father loves the child so much that he never stops pursuing him. This is the love of God that 1 John so artfully conveys.

Is that where it stops? God loves us. No, but how do we respond. In the passage John calls us to demonstrate our love through obedience to God's commandments. This does not earn us God's love, but the proper response to the love that God has given us freely and unconditionally. This is what it means to be in a **covenant** relationship.

To be clear, this is not a **contractual** relationship with God where we earn God's love. We do not earn our salvation through anything we have done or will do. Instead, God has already given us this gift. We must respond to it with obedience.

Obedience may seem difficult, yet this is what flows from loving God. Saint Ignatius explains it saying, "It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey." When you love someone, following their requests becomes easier. John Wesley echoes the same point, "Love rejoices to obey, to do in every point whatever is acceptable to the Beloved."

As a community of faith, how then are we obediently responding to God's love? This is the reflection question I asked the youth, but it has given me constant tension since. The day after this talk I felt called to care for those whom God has placed in my life. As a result I made food and hand delivered it to struggling friends. This question though comes up for me, and I hope for you, everyday. How can I respond obediently to my Beloved Creator?

Children's Ministry July Highlights

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins July 3rd at 10:30am

For the months of July and August Sunday school for children pre-school—Grades 5 will be held during the 10:30am service ONLY!



Children entering grades 1—5 in the Fall will be participating in a new curriculum, *Molly Pickens and the Rainy Day Castle*. This story transports elementary-age children into the odyssey of the Fantastic World. This exciting adventure makes it easy for children to grasp and participate in the changing power of God's love. With lively, humorous characters and an intriguing storyline, children will be delighted as they encounter themes such as: strength, faith, encouragement, humility, service, sharing, honesty, and empathy. Children entering preschool or Kindergarten in the Fall will participate in a curriculum built around the VeggieTales movies. Your children won't want to miss a week! So plan to attend at 10:30am this summer.



HELP WANTED!

In order to keep our Children's Ministry thriving we are seeking volunteers for a variety of positions. Please review the list below and contact Laura Scott to make a difference in the life of a child.

•**Sunday School Teacher—Time commitment = 1-2 Sundays/month**

Sunday school teachers are responsible for leading children in Bible stories, games and crafts. All curriculum and supplies are provided. Schedules are created and maintained by the individual teaching teams, but most teachers teach one or two Sundays/month throughout the year.

•**OUTLET Small Group Leader—Wednesday evenings 6:30—7:30pm**

OUTLET leaders will lead children in fun games, crafts, projects and hands-on fellowship activities during the school year on Wednesday evenings. Curriculum and supplies are provided. Our hope is to have a team of adult leaders that can rotate the responsibilities from week to week.

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

Adult Ministries

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult class is on vacation for July and August.
We will resume our 9:00am class on Rally Sunday,
September 11, 2011.

“FALL PREVENTION FOR THE AGING POPULATION”

2 PART SERIES OFFERED

AUGUST 11TH AND 18TH 2011

AT FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Facilitated by: Kate Williamson, PT, DPT – of Snoqualmie Valley Hospital
Seniors, and those interested in learning about this important topic, are invited to
attend this 2 part series being held at Faith UMC:

Dates: Thursdays – August 11th and August 18th
Times: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: Sanctuary Lobby

Participants can expect to learn factors that:

- ~Increase the risk of falls in the elderly
- ~Safety techniques with everyday activities to limit the risk of falls
- ~Community resources for staying active and maintaining balance strategies

Everyone is welcome to attend. Gather information for yourself or for a caregiver
of another. For further information please contact Tanya Smeton at
ggsmeton@q.com
Hope to see you there!

HOSPITALITY TEAM needs your help.

Please sign up in the Narthex to bring cookies and
treats to serve after each service on Sundays.
Please bring cookies whenever you can, we can al-
ways use the extras!



Adult Ministries



Got MONKEY?

We do! Survey Monkey! Our Adult Ministries Team has prepared a **very** short survey for all adults affiliated with Faith Church to complete! This survey will gather very important information about Bible Studies, ones you have taken, or **NOT** taken, and **YOUR** current interest level. Please see the next page for more information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DiscipleSurvey>

ADULT ONLY

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS...

AUGUST 13
@ THE MERCERS'

SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE
AVAILABLE STARTING
SUNDAY, JULY 17

LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE

REMEMBER...

To Keep Your
Wednesday Nights Free This Fall!

OUTLET Starts Sept. 14!

(Here is a sneak peek at the classes!)

- * 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
- * The 24 Hours that Changed the World

New Comers' Class

Please plan on attending the class on Sunday, July 10th at 3:30p in the Lobby. A great dinner will be provided. This class provides education in Faith's beliefs, history and organization. It is also a great opportunity to get to know Pastor John, our leaders and others who are considering joining the church. This seminar, led by Pastor John Brewer and Faith UMC Leaders, is for nonmembers who wish to inquire about membership in Faith UMC. You can get more details and [register online](http://www.faithunited.org/adults/newcomers-class/) at the Events Tab: <http://www.faithunited.org/adults/newcomers-class/>

Adult Ministries

More about Survey Monkey...our online survey!

Becoming Disciples ... through Disciple Bible Study

If the mission of the United Methodist Church (UMC) is, “To make disciples for the transformation of the world,” then what is each of us doing to fulfill that mission?

Your Adult Ministries Team in collaboration with our Pastor John have considered quite a few strategies for Faith United Methodist Church to support the UMC mission, and the team believes one very effective strategy is to promote each member's participation in a Disciple Bible Study. We know that many of our members and friends have already taken at least one of the Disciple studies, and we also have heard that quite a few more are interested in participating if a study were offered at a time that worked for them.

In response, we have prepared a survey that we would like for each member to complete. The survey will gather information about which Bible Study(ies) you have attended, which Bible Study(ies) you might be interested in attending, and what times might work best for you, among other things. We ask that each person in the congregation prayerfully participate in the survey. It should take no more than 3 to 5 minutes to complete your survey.

There are several ways to participate in this survey:

By copying the following URL into your web browser on your computer:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DiscipleSurvey> and following the instructions.

By accessing the survey from our website: www.faithunited.org and following the hyperlink on the Adult Ministries page.

By completing a hard copy and returning it to the Church Office to the attention of Adult Ministries Team or placing it in the offering plate during one of our worship services.

The survey will open for responses for about three weeks. Results will be reported back to the congregation in late July or early August.

[Addressing the 'why' of God's purpose before engaging in the 'how-to'](#)

COMING THIS FALL:

Disciple – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study: Developing into a biblically nourished person committed to living as a disciple of Christ.

Disciple – Into the Word, Into the World: Concentrated study of four books of the bible emphasizing Sabbath, spiritual disciplines, and ministry.

Disciple – Remember Who You Are: Study of the Prophets and Paul's letters as they relate to the call of the individual/community to remember and repent.

Disciple – Under the Tree of Life: Study of the Writings, Gospel of John, James, John, Jude, and Revelation; emphasis on Psalms and living toward the promise.

Disciple – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study (Youth): Developing into a biblically nourished young person committed to living as a disciple of Christ.

Questions may be addressed to Blythe Mercer, Pastor John, Carolynn Ostrander, Gwen Alin, Ray Rawe, Chuck Smeton, or Tom McCollough. (Your Adult Ministries Team)

Missions

All Church Summer Mission Needs YOU!

Each year our students and families support a mission project at VBS and the 4th/5th Grade Camp. It is an important part of the summer camp program and teaches the children at an early age the importance of serving others outside the walls of the church. This year we will be supporting **HERO'S FOR THE HOMELESS**. This is a local group that supports the basic needs of the homeless in the Seattle area.

Please bring the following items to church beginning July 10th and place them in the specified bins in the Lobby

Hand wipes	Band-Aids	Razors	Travel size soap
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Dental Floss	Q-Tips
Combs	Nail Clippers	Hand sanitizer	
Gallon size Zip-lock bags	Travel size lotion	Travel size shampoo	

Our 4th/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



Habitat for Humanity Building continues at both the Issaquah Highlands and the Renton sites. Our coalition will NOT be building in July, but will resume again the 3rd Saturday in August (8/20). If there are members in the congregation who are available and would like to build on a Thursday in July, please contact Dick Gram. Habitat will also be announcing the opening of a "Restore" in late August. The store, on the corner of 135th and Bel-Red Road in Bellevue, will be offering high quality used furniture, appliances, and building materials. See Dick Gram for more information.

Issaquah Hot Meals Program: Please consider volunteering for the third Tuesday in September, October, November, or December. This is a great way for a small group to contribute to the community. It's very easy and so rewarding. For details, contact the Bennett's' at wabennett@comcast.net

Tent City: Donations are taken weekly to Tent City and the facility for the homeless will be relocating back in Issaquah in the coming months. They need non-perishable foods, diapers, bathroom accessories and clothing.

Events



LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR PANDAMANIA AND SURVIVOR CAMPS

We are wrapping up our registration for our summer camp programs and don't want to miss anyone so if you have not registered your student, now is the time. We purchase supplies and recruit staff for students that have registered so take the time to sign your student up. We still have some spaces open for them and their friends so spread the word. You can sign up on our website at www.faithunited.org.

We are still looking for a few helping hands during the week of VBS. If you can help please stop by the VBS table in the lobby. We are currently looking for a Bible Story Teller, A Movie Station Coordinator, a Decoration Coordinator, Youth Dancers and a clean up team on Saturday, Aug. 27th. If you are able to help please contact Lisa Peters at lisa@faithunited.org.

We depend on the generosity of our congregation for VBS. One way you can help is donate needed items to the camp program. This allows us to keep the cost of camp at a minimum so everyone can send their child. Beginning July 10th you will find donation slips in the lobby for items that are needed during our VBS week.

Thank you for your support- Lisa Peters



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Faith Church is excited to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

The Finance Team worked with the Marketing Team to research and implement an online giving system. We realize that fewer people today are using cash and checks for their financial transactions. As a result, we realize that we have an opportunity to expand giving opportunities. This is not about credit-card giving which could lead members into debt. We will offer “debit only” giving that eliminates this worry and presents a chance to overcome giving obstacles. We decided to work with Vanco Services, an established and highly-regarded company that moves funds directly from church members to the church on the same day without any delay. Vanco processes contributions for more than 10,000 churches and nonprofit organizations and has been endorsed by the Methodist General Council on Finance and Administration.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church’s bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre- determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Electronic Funds Transfer - EFT allows consistent amounts to be drawn directly regularly from your banking account. This option allows you to give as a regular priority and it also reduces the processing expense for the church. To get started with EFT, you can complete an online form and select the EFT option. If you are new to EFT, you will be asked to submit a voided check if you don't do it online. For additional information please contact the office at 425-392-0123 ext. 2. We will also have printed forms in the office that you can fill out if you would prefer.

Online Giving lets you go to: <http://www.faithunited.org/resources/online-giving/> at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office or on our Connection Table.

Other great news! You will also be able to use this same service to pay for Bible Study Books, Outlet Meals, camp registration fees etc. Our goal is to make signing up for things easier and more convenient for you and our staff.

Web questions – please contact Phyllis Pieri, 425-369-2391
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Sunday's At Faith UMC

9:00am

Worship Service
 Children's Youth & Adult Sunday School
 Child-Care Provided

10:00am

Fellowship in Lobby
 Children's Choir Practice

10:30am

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



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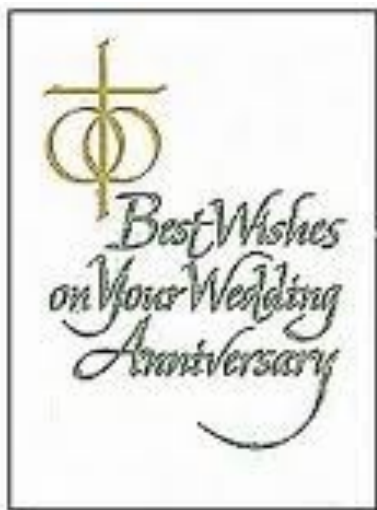


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Birthdays and Anniversaries



07/01	Kathye Handsaker Todd Neilsen Shari Spung Tara Johnston	7/15	Ray Rawe Kim Hand
7/02	Susan Appleton Janelle Eason Jack Zidar	7/16	Gregory Bearson Marcus Atherly Kauner Przybylski
7/04	Robby Fleetwood Stephanie Callahan Marc Sorenson Jake Hollenbeck	7/17	Scott Johnston Kevin Pazaski Jeffrey Hughes
7/05	Laura Parsons Serena Town	7/18	Andrew Steyer Alec Wright
7/06	George Cobel Payton Mercer	7/19	Katherine Ross Bill Karh Melanie Chen
7/08	Sue Dyer Carl Kleinknecht Melissa Krieg Morgan Ross Murial Ross	7/20	James Nielsen Tyler Johnston
7/09	Jay Giesa Shari VanderWood	7/23	Marilyn Rawe Bob Fleetwood Ashley Harrison Jacob Whitney
7/10	Andrew Ishimaru	7/24	Sue Hollenbeck
7/12	Dylan Reilly Brenna Childress	7/26	Valerie Cronquist
7/13	Karene Shields	7/27	Betty Foster Laura Scott
7/14	Yuri Lin Andrew McCollough	7/28	Audrey Wright
		7/30	Allison Hughes
		7/31	Aaron Ishimaru



7/03	DJ & Lainie del Rosario
7/05	Curt & Cathy Anderson
7/07	Boyd & Bertha Christopherson Scott & Shari Spung
7/12	Shamus & Kris McBride
7/15	Scott & Amy Cottrille
7/16	Kim & Diane Garland Wayne & Shirley Schattenkerk
7/21	Kevin & Kathy Pazaski
7/28	Bill & Ginny Fowler Ryan & Laura Scott Brad & Rickie Anderson
7/30	Bob & Jennifer Tenczar

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office closed	2 5:30p SCA T200
3	4 1p Youth @ Pine Lake 6p Music Team S100	5 7p Trustees T200 7p SPR T203 7p Choir S100	6 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6p La Mesa	7 6:30a Men's T203 6:30p Praise Band S100	8 Office Closed	9
10	11 1p Youth @ Pine Lake	12 7p Choir S100	13 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6p La Mesa	14 6p Alzheimer's S105 6:30p Praise Band S100	15 Office closed	16
3:30p Newcomers' Class						
Youth Mission Trip San Diego						
17	18 1p Youth @ Pine Lake 7p Finance T200	19 7p Choir S100 7p Coordinating T200	20 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6p La Mesa	21 6:30p Praise Band S100	22 8:45a Youth @ Wild Waves 4p Wedding Rehearsal	23 10a Wedding S100
24	25 1p Youth @ Pine Lake	26 7p Choir S100 7p COLL T203	27 10a Hearts N Hands T200 6p La Mesa	28 6:30p Praise Band S100	29 Office Closed	30
31	1:10p Youth @Mariner's					