

Special Points of Interest:

- Congregational Meeting April 29 after Worship. Topic: Storage Addition
- May Calendar with Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Faith VBS— Overboard! - scheduled for August 6-10
- JUNE Newsletter & Calendar deadline— May 22.
- Food @ Faith May 19
- Love Offering— collected May 5 & 20

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF SOLITUDE

This is our third article on spiritual disciplines; we have talked about prayer, and fasting and now we will explore the discipline of solitude. A spiritual discipline is an exercise or habit we do that will improve our spiritual health and well being. They are all designed to help us grow and mature in our walk with God.

Here is a quote that has stuck with me over the years:

“Punctuation is a helpful way of thinking about Jesus’ relationship with silence and solitude. Jesus punctuated his life with silence and solitude. His times alone were comas, pauses and full stops in the story of his life. They gave the rest of his life its structure, direction and balance. His words and works were born out of those hours of silent waiting upon God.”

(A Center of Quiet: Hearing God When Life is Noisy - David Runcorn, pg.6)

Now that you have read this quote, reflect on your life and how are you doing at carving out quiet space.

When was the last time you were completely alone without the television or radio on and without others to distract you?

How long were you alone?

What did you do?

How did you feel?

Do you find it easy or hard to be alone?

When there is silence in a room or a group do you feel compelled to say something?

If silence is the punctuation of our lives. Is your life a well written book or a run on sentence?

Readings for reflection: Mark 1:35; Matt.4:1-2; Luke 6:12;Matt.14:13; Matt.17:1;Matt.26:36;Mark 6:30.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What pattern do you see forming in Jesus’ life in these passages?
2. Looking at the context of these passages on what occasions did Jesus seek solitude?
3. In the Last three passages Jesus invites his disciples to be with Him. If He was seeking solitude why did he ask others to come away with him?

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4. What purpose did these times of solitude serve in the life of Jesus or why did the Son of God need to spend time in silence?
5. What is your experience of being quiet and alone with God? What attracts you to, and what makes you uneasy with, the idea of getting alone?

Assignment:

Write out your weekly schedule of activities. Where are the punctuation marks? Have you got full stops, pauses and commas that balance out all the other activities? Are there enough of them?

If not find a place you can be alone with God. Set a consistent time that you can meet with Him. Determine how long you will be silent before Him and spend some time alone each day for the next week in God's presence.

I pray that you will be encouraged to "Be still and know that I am God."

~~ Pastor Victor Waters

Flower Gardens

Work has begun on our church flower gardens for the summer. Funds will be needed for supplies and bedding plants. If you wish to contribute to the Garden Fund, just put your money gift in an envelope marked "Flower Gardens" and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or drop it by the Church Office.

Thank you for your help—Clair Voshell.

Where Can We Store It?

For most of the past year, the Trustees have been considering how we might create additional needed storage space for our church. Depending on the activity, we need to either set up tables and chairs, or take them down and store them along with the Food @ Faith grocery carts. We need to have this equipment readily accessible when and where it is needed.

The Trustees have developed a plan for a small storage addition to the church building to be located on the West end of the Fellowship Hall. Complete details of the plan along with the cost will be presented at a meeting of the Congregation following the church service on Sunday, April 29. We urge you to attend this important meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY,

APRIL 29, 2012

AFTER WORSHIP

Opportunity

for congregation to ask questions regarding the proposed storage addition

on the West end of

Fellowship Hall.



FUMC Mission Moment

A group of people from Faith UMC will be traveling to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center on May 13 and returning May 19. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and then work on mission projects at the Center during the week.

DID YOU KNOW??

"Time is money. It's a cliché, yes, but even the "priceless" volunteer hours given by a generous country can be translated into dollars and cents. Nearly 27 percent of the U.S.

adult population gave 8.1 billion hours of volunteer service worth \$169 billion in 2009, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service."

(www.aarp.org)

According to the AARP listing on their website—Minnesota volunteers are valued at \$20.90 (2009 wage estimates).

WOW! Keep up the Good Work!

LOVE OFFERING—Collected MAY 5 & 20, 2012

The Love Offering for Missions is received by Minnesota United Methodist churches and delivered to conference session. It benefits international, national, and Minnesota missions, as well as Volunteers in Mission. The conference Missions Promotion Action Team determines the annual recipients.

Communities of Shalom

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will benefit Communities of Shalom, a United Methodist ministry initiated in 1992 to nurture peace and development in challenged regions and neighborhoods. Communities of Shalom are committed to renewing the spirit of God in communities and congregations, developing the prosperity and economies of communities, strengthening relationships among neighbors, and improving community health care and coordination of services.

Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurse Assoc.

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will benefit the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurse Association.

Imagine No Malaria

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will benefit Imagine No Malaria, the United Methodist Church's campaign to eradicate malaria deaths

in sub-Saharan Africa by 2015. Minnesota Conference is a leader in this life-saving ministry. The amount collected for the Love Offering toward Imagine No Malaria is IN ADDITION to your church pledge; it is not applied to your church or individual pledge.

Volunteer in Mission Scholarships

Ten percent of the Love Offering will benefit scholarships for first-time Volunteers in Mission.

Last year's giving: \$96,691

- Haiti VIM teams received 30 percent (\$28,692). Grants of \$2,500 each will benefit Minnesota UM work teams visiting Haiti.
- Justice For Our Neighbors received 30 percent (\$28,692). This benefits this service agency (Advance #901285)
- Recovery ministries: Recovery Church (St. Paul) received 15 percent (\$14,346) and congregational recovery ministries can apply for grants from the other 15 percent (\$14,346).
- Volunteer in Mission scholarships for first-time VIMS received 10 percent (\$9,564)
- Minnesota United Methodists donated 5,584 pounds of disaster ministry relief kits to Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY—June 3, 2012

Half of the Philippines' 101 million people, and most of its poor, live in depressed rural areas, many barely surviving by farming. They suffer from historic inequality in the distribution of land and resources, resulting in high unemployment, hunger, illiteracy and violent conflicts between insurgents and government forces.

But United Methodists there are making connections in order to make a difference. A small grant, funded by the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, helps Filipinos in the Southern Tagalog region build faith-based partnerships to foster solutions to the poverty and injustice that burdens this tiny nation.

Through its Just Peace League, the Southern Tagalog Provisional Philippines Annual Conference East teaches youth and adults to struggle alongside communities for justice, economic sustainability and peace.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) joined the league at its Kongreso ng Ka-

bataan, or Congress of Youth, in 2011. Bible study, lectures and group activities helped nearly 70 young people become more informed and involved leaders in peace with justice ministry.

"It was organized to let our youth have a voice on different issues of our society, especially around agriculture," reported UMYFP President Angelica Justiniano.

Now the youth are engaged in projects to protect the environment, feed malnourished children, and work with poor farmers, "so we can know their problems and the possible solutions they need," said Justiniano.

Your Peace with Justice Sunday offering aids disciples, young and old, who are indeed changing lives and changing the world, inspired by Christ's gospel of love and liberation.

Your generous gifts support Peace with Justice ministries in our local annual conference and Peace With Justice Ministries in the U.S. and Globally. These funds are distributed by the General Board of Church and Society.

Mission Quilts and You

Welcome all quilters and want-to-be-quilters!

WHEN: Every second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

We will have a short devotional, a 'learning something new' lesson, and then move on to cutting, pressing and sewing, and fellowship.

Our first quilts will go to the Head Start program in our area, then we will be quilting for UMCOR.

If you are unable to participate and want to help, cotton fabric is needed for the quilts. Come join the fun & fellowship!

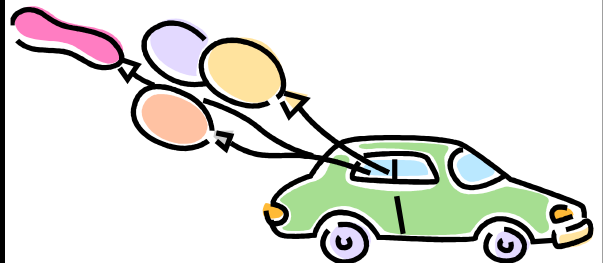
Coordinator,

Sherry Scholljegerdes, (507) 835-4304

40 Years of Wedded Bliss

Tom & Karen Kuyper are celebrating 40 years of wedded bliss.

Please join them at their Open House on **June 3, 2012 from 1- 4 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

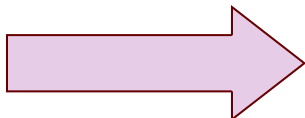


Thank you for your Gifts!

ATTENDANCE	March 4, 2012	March 11, 2012	March 18, 2012	March 25, 2012	April 1, 2012
<i>Sunday</i>	101	94	70	91	110
Sunday School (TOTAL)	5	6	3	8	8
<i>Children</i>	4	5	1	6	6
<i>Shepherds</i>	0	0	0	0	
<i>Teachers</i>	1	1	2	2	2
FINANCIAL					
FINANCIAL	March 4, 2012	March 11, 2012	March 18, 2012	March 25, 2012	April 1, 2012
General Budget	\$ 4,151.00	\$ 3,009.00	\$ 4,314.00	\$ 1,240.94	\$ 4,400.00
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ 1.50	\$ -	\$ 3.50	\$ 0.10
Apportionment 2012	\$ 34.00	\$ 440.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 43.00
Crisis Fund	\$ 14.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.00
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
MN Food Share (NSC)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
NSC	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Sunday Offering	\$ 145.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00
UMCOR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Building	\$ 288.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 1,404.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 509.00
CIF	\$ 2.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 391.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 50.00
Other	\$ 33.50	\$53.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 51.50	\$ -

ATTENTION:

**Healthy
lifestyle
may
lead
to
this...**



**I'm getting so old ...
that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it.**

Circles are one of the small group opportunities available at Faith where Bible Study, Devotions and Prayer are shared.

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 3 p.m. in the Upper Room. Norma Buland will be our hostess with Shirley Burdick leading devotions. Visitors are always welcome.

Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 15 at 2 p.m. Location to be announced.

Rahab Circle

Rahab Circle will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month, May 22 at 6 p.m. Location to be announced.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. Location to be announced.

Join us!



WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is going to be great! The spiritual retreat and luncheon **will be held Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Ruth Wiertzema, the presenter, has spent 35 years in ministry with rural Appalachian people in the coal region of southeastern Kentucky. She is the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Red Bird Missionary Conference—the most comprehensive mission work of the United Methodist Church in the United States. Presently, her focus is on development and public relations for the Missionary Conference. She is a Minnesota Native and recently moved her office back to Faribault, travelling to Kentucky as needed.

Her hobbies include sewing and collecting just about everything she can find in thrift stores. Her doll collection numbers near 100.

Nearly all her dolls have undergone some physical transformation. But during the process, the dolls have also served as much-needed listeners in Ruth's ongoing spiritual journey.

Lydia, Ruth's Bible Study, will cover "Lessons from Lydia—Lessons from the Dolls." Ruth will lead the Bible Study in the morning and tell stories from her Traveling Dolls Collections, which she will have on display.

It's going to be a fun day filled with a message, food, fellowship and a treat. You are encouraged to attend and invite a friend. Invitations have been extended to all the local churches.

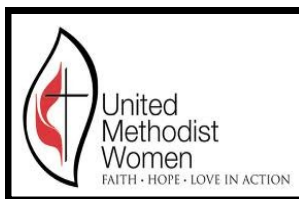
The sign-up sheet will be available at church, or you may call the church office at 835-3167, or Roberta at 835-3044 to make your reservations. Cost is \$7.00 (includes lunch).



Wear Your Hats on Mother's Day!



UMW NEWS



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MISSION SUNDAY

It sounds like the Chili contest went over well.

Thanks to all of those who made the pots of chili! This was a great way to support our mission project: Emma Norton.

SPRING LUNCHEON

The Spring Luncheon, held Wednesday, April 11 was attended by about 127 people, which is an increase from last year. We have a bill to come in yet, but we should have brought in over \$750 for our missions.

We had great support from our “church family,” members of Faith United Methodist Church. The donations that people gave to help cover some of the costs, or those who actually purchased items for the luncheon, were greatly appreciated. The workers, men and women, are greatly appreciated too. And, of course, we need all those who came to eat!

The luncheon is ‘work’ but I feel that it is an enjoyable time also. Thank you to all those who did their part.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE SPRING GATHERING

The Southern Prairie Spring Gathering, held on April 21 in Madelia, was attended by six Faith UMW women. The title of the event was “Love in Action.” Leslee Jaeger was the speaker and her topic was “Haiti.” These events are always very informative and the fellowship is great!

EMMA NORTON TRIP

A trip is being planned to go to Emma Norton on Thursday, May 10. We have Emma Norton as one of our missions and have given to them over the years and thought this would be a good opportunity to see a mission project that we support. There will be a sign-up

sheet at the church. We would like to know who is planning on going so we can work on the transportation. This event is open to men and women; if you are interested, let us know!

UMW UNIT MEETING

The UMW unit meeting will be held on Monday evening, May 21 at 6 p.m. Sherry Scholl-jegerdes will be our speaker. She will be talking about Missions in Nome, Alaska. We will also be talking about our 2013 budget and Guest Night. Hope to see everyone there and would like to extend an invitation to anyone else who might like to join us. Mary Circle will be hosting the meal.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

I mentioned in my last article that there are three UMW Circles at Faith United Methodist Church. NOW we have an evening circle! One circle meets on the third Tuesday at 2 p.m. and the other two circles meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and at 3 p.m. and now at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday. These times should work with everyone’s schedule. If you are interested in joining or would like to visit a circle meeting, contact a UMW member, or refer to the Circle schedule at the top of page 6.



REMEMBER
YOUR
MOTHER ON
MOTHER'S
DAY BY
WEARING A
HAT!

Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, May 6, 2012

11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church

(503 2nd Ave. NE, Waseca)

Free-will offering.

Pancake Breakfast—to raise money for youth to attend Camp Omega.

Hospice Volunteer Training

May 7, 9 and 10, 2012

From 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Mayo Clinic Health System

Hospice Office

Madison East Center

(1400 Madison Ave., Mankato)

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer experience, please contact Kim Rotchadl, Hospice Volunteer coordinator at: (507) 385-2618 or 800-327-3721, ext. 6364.

Salad Luncheon

Friday, May 4, 2012

11 a.m.—1p.m.

First Congregational Church

(503 2nd Ave. NE, Waseca)

Annual Salad Luncheon hosted by the Ladies Friendly. \$7.00 all-you-can-eat!

Decision Hills Camping

Decision Hills Campground is located in Spicer, on the north shore of Green Lake. Weekend through summer-long options for campsites and yurts are available this summer from May 21—September 9.

- Seasonal Campsite rental is \$1,500 for the summer.
- Weekly Campsite rental is \$100/week.
- Campsite rental at a site with electricity is \$26/night. Without is \$20/night.
- Yurts in the Yurt Village are \$45 per Yurt per night.

Contact them: 15752 Cty. Rd. 181, Painsville, MN 56362; or by phone: (320) 243-2034 or by e-mail: decisionhills@kronisministries.com

Annual Blessing of the Bikes

Sunday, May 6, 2012

**Following 10 a.m. Mass
(about 11:15 a.m.)**

**Sacred Heart School
Parking Lot**

Open to the entire community.
All bikes, trikes, scooters and motorcycles are welcome!

Let's keep all of our riders safe this cycling season.



NURSES NOTES: Spiritual Health

Acolyte — A couple of weeks ago, I got to be the acolyte. I don't remember ever being one before this. It seems to be a childhood experience for our kids. Let me tell you—being acolyte is for adults too.

I was spirituality moved by bringing the light of Christ into our Sanctuary. It was a deep feeling of being connected to God and to our Faith in Him. At the end of the service, when the light of Christ was carried out into the world. I was taken back by it's importance. Our devotion to Christ doesn't stop at the church door. We are, all, called to spread the good news of Christ in "our" world. For me, I was inspired and challenged to be more than I am, to spread the Word.

Is God challenging you to be more — to step outside your comfort zone to do something new.

Many studies show that having an active spiritual life makes us happier and healthier. Do what you can, where you are. Bloom where you

are planted.

As said in the Bible,

"He said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'"

Peace & Grace—

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN, PN

PS—It's time to plan your garden both with your seeds and plants, and more importantly, with your words and actions!



Monday, May 7, 2012

Noon—6 p.m.

American Legion

in Waseca

Call Pat @ 835-4757 to set up an appointment, or just drop in.

Food Safety Program OUTCOMES

On March 26 & 28, 2012, we presented a video from the University of MN Extension Food Safety Team and MN Dept of Health Environmental Health Services section. We had an unexpectedly good turn out! 35 people, representing 10 other churches attended, along with 34 people from our own Faith UMC. Thank you to all of you who took the time to participate!

We have had the Easter Breakfast, the Spring Luncheon and two funerals to put into practice what we learned. It looks like we are doing a good job! We soon will feel very comfortable with the changes.

A FUMC Kitchen Manual is nearly complete and the training video is available if you missed the earlier opportunities and want to watch it. Just ask Sherry S. or Roberta W.

Lord! Please hear our prayer...

Cedarview Care Center—Elaine Flathers

Colony Court—Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory Suites—Anna Swenson

Lake Shore Inn— Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Eleanor Jane Hutchison & Mable Long

Latham Place—Jean Ferry

Lakeview Ranch, Dassel— Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI— Marlene Rietfort

Shorewood Sr. Campus, Rochester—Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill or injured: Don Lohse, Willie Mahler & Mary Shouts.

- *Please remember our family and friends in Military Service.*
- *Please remember the family and friends of Ray Dahnert and Evelyn Stewart during their time of loss.*



News about our Faith Family

- Please update the Church Office with your news! We love to hear from you.
- The new evening circle, **Rahab**, will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Any woman interested is invited!
- **Walking at Faith** will start again if there is interest. Please call Sherry S. at 835-4304 and she will coordinate the best days & times after the group is identified.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you Pastor Waters for your concern about Mom while in Rochester. ~~ *David A. Peterson*

Thanks be to God's Blessings! Thanks for all the prayers! Thanks for the good wishes! ~~ *Jim Barber*

Thank You to Wally Ruedy for the hours he has spent organizing and maintaining our Faith Church flower gardens. Your service has been appreciated! ~~ *Clair & Sandy Voshell and your Faith Family*



Polka Service and Spring Bazaar

Sunday, May 6, 2012

American Legion Post 228
(700 South State Street, Waseca)

Sponsored by
St. Peter's Lutheran Church,
Otisco

- Services at 10:30 a.m. by Pastor Scott Williams.
- Loose offering will be donated to the Waseca Food Shelf and the New Richland area Food Shelf.
- Music by Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers.
- Meal and Bake Sale after Service 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
- Adults \$7.50; Children 10 & under \$5.00 . Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw & Calico Beans, Bars, Coffee and Lemonade.

Faith UMC and the Relay for Life

Relay for Life--- We've all heard of it...finding a cure for cancer. And every one of us knows someone who has had cancer, been treated for cancer, or died with cancer. Faith UMC is sponsoring a teaming the upcoming Relay for Life walk in July. We are looking for people; people to walk and people to volunteer to work in fund raisers i.e. Pizza Ranch, Jack's Root Beer Stand, Pop for Cure (Pop and Popcorn at Fourth of July).

Faith for a Cure... That is the name of Faith UMC's Relay for Life Team. Everyone is invited to join. You can help in many ways; walk, donate, work, volunteer, pray. Dave Baldini is our chairman, however, Sue and Tina can answer questions if you can't reach Dave. We will have luminaries available in mid-May. Meantime we will be doing some fundraisers to raise the money for our goal... \$1000. We can make that and more! We had ideas flying allover the fellowship hall at our last meeting. How does Pop and Popcorn on the Fourth sound? What a great idea!

Cleaning

Buckets

NEEDED!!

Complete kit lists are available in the Narthex...

Bring completed kits to Church Office before May 20.



Holy Land Mission Trip

Living Stones Mission/Holy Land 2013:

Jan. 16-25, 2013.

Travel to Palestine/Israel with the Living Stones program. Experience historic Biblical sites and attend a lecture series on peace and reconciliation, Palestinian needs, ministries of hospitals, schools and churches, and Holocaust remembrance. Cost: \$2,796; airfare and lodging included. Contact Rev. Michael Miller at (952) 975-1704 to register.



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Volunteers!**

Welcoming Team

Pastor Victor 835-3167

**** Looking for Project
Volunteers!**

Don't be shy...

Call Us !

Plug-In!

give us a
call & get
involved!



UMCOR Updates

NEWS: SOMALIA AID LIFTS LEARNING

Civil war has been raging without end in Somalia, and 2011 brought famine to much of the country in the wake of the drought that afflicted the entire Horn of Africa. This was assessed as the region's worst food crisis in more than half a century.

In Somalia, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has an established practice of collaborating with global partners that are well-placed to work with the country's predominantly Muslim populations.

A new grant from UMCOR has just gone to partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which, among other projects, is providing monthly food packages, psychosocial support, and care for severely malnourished children and mothers with newborns residing in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps.

This grant supports IBC's efforts in an IDP camp at Korsan, near Mogadishu. Through it, 500 children and 13 teachers at four primary schools will acquire basic tools for learning, including school kits, blackboards, desks, chairs, playground materials, and school sanitation and hygiene materials. UMCOR's grant will also support teachers' salaries.

You can help with a gift to International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450. Please earmark your check "Horn of Africa Crisis."

NEWS: UNDP HEAD VISITS UMCOR HAITI SITE

Helen Clark, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Administrator, visited a joint UNDP, UMCOR Haiti, and Miyamoto International training site in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on March 24, two years into the recovery from the devastating January 2010 earthquake.

The three groups are working together through the UNDP CARMEN project. CARMEN is an acronym for Centres d'Appui pour le Renforcement des Maisons Endommagées or Support Centers

for Strengthening Damaged Houses. It helps families and communities "build back better" in Haiti by providing access to knowledge, information, and financial services for shelter and reconstruction.

Over the past three months, UMCOR Haiti and Miyamoto International have supplied hands-on training in best-building practices to more than 2,500 skilled workers and homeowners through CARMEN. Miyamoto International is a global earthquake and structural engineering firm that provides critical services to help sustain communities and industries.

UMCOR Haiti and Miyamoto International provided beneficiaries basic knowledge of construction, costs, and repair processes as a means of consumer protection. More than 600 families received grants to purchase quality materials and are repairing their homes under the watchful eye of CARMEN engineers.

UMCOR Haiti continues to work with partners to support families and communities with livelihood interventions, shelter and reconstruction support, and water, sanitation, and hygiene services.

With the support of partners and donors, CARMEN will contribute effectively to the reconstruction of Haiti by training resilient communities in the fundamentals of construction to meet the requirements of Haiti's Ministry of Works, Transport, and Communications.

Your gift to Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325, supports UMCOR partnerships such as this one in Haiti.

RESOURCE: CLEANING BUCKETS

UMCOR is preparing for spring floods and tornadoes and needs cleaning buckets to get ready. Our inventory is low. Your monetary donation to Material Resources Ministry, UMCOR Advance #901440 will help UMCOR purchase these supplies.





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Faith for a Cure! FUMC Relay for Life Team 2012



We have a team!—Our Team Name is: **FAITH FOR A CURE.** You can join at any time—but we do need you to pre-register. Team t-shirts are provided and will be ordered ahead of time, so plan ahead! If you want to walk for Faith—please call Sue Baldini (835-3697) she is registering our team members on-line, and paying the registration fee from donations already collected.

WALKING—You do not have to be part of a team to walk, but you DO have to register on-line before May 18.

Survivor Lap—Are you a cancer survivor or experiencing cancer now? Would you like to walk the Survivor's lap with others? You do not need to join the team to do this—but you can. Please let Sue or Dave Baldini or Tina England know, so you will be registered.

THANKS—To Terra LaMont & Haley Becker for the awesome poster in the Narthex!

FUNDRAISING!—The purpose of the Relay is two-fold: to celebrate survival and to raise money for research and find a cure. The Faith Relay for Life Team has set a fundraising goal of \$1,000. To accomplish this, we will....

- Sell Luminaries before and after worship, starting May 13. They are \$10 each. You can decorate them yourself, or our Sunday School class has volunteered to help out.
- Be a Team sponsor, see a Team Member for more information...

- Host at Pizza Ranch on May 21 and June 18. Come eat supper between 4:45 and 8 p.m. and a portion of the proceeds and all tips go towards our team goal. You can help by volunteering to "host" - clean tables and help people or by buying dinner for your family.
- Volunteer to work in Jack's Root Beer Stand the night of the Relay.

**Let's
make it
a
success!**