

Special Points of Interest:

- June Calendar with Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Peace with Justice Offering— June 3
- JULY Newsletter Article & Calendar Reservation deadline— June 19.
- Food @ Faith June 16.
- Faith VBS Registration Form— Operation Overboard! - scheduled for August 6-10

Healthy Church Check-Up

In a week or so, I will be going in for my yearly physical. I feel fine. No new health concerns except the usual one... I need to move more and eat less. So, why not just skip the physical? Why should I spend the time or the money for a physical? Can't I just assume I am doing fine until something major crops up?

The answer is no. But why? Because by the time something major crops up and I am so sick I have to go to the doctor, it will be much harder on my body. By the time I am "sick enough" to go to the doctor, I will have already been suffering from a disease or an infection that could have been prevented had I gone for my yearly check-up in June. The money I would have saved is now blown on a much more serious condition. The time I saved then is now lost in multiple trips to the doctor or even a stay in the hospital.

None of us would treat our physical health so lightly, but churches often wait until their congregational health is in serious condition before they are ready to make changes; by that time it may be too late.

I have been with you here at Faith UMC for a year in June, and I can see there is health and vitality in the con-

gregation. However... We have to ask:

- What are we doing to ensure that we will remain healthy in the years to come?
- How do we replace our current leadership as we age demographically?
- How do we replace the members we will lose through death and attrition?
- How will we attract new families to our church?
- How are we planning for the future?
- How prepared are we for the next five years, or even ten years?
- Do we know what God is calling us to do as His people at Faith UMC?
- What are we willing to give up, or to start-up, in order to see His name honored in this community?

In order to answer these questions clearly, we need a vision check. This will be a time to check-in with God and re-think what we are doing and why we are doing it.

This is a time to affirm our strengths and to shore up the area (or areas) in which we need to grow.

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The process we will engage in is called **Revitalization**. It is a **SEVEN STEP** process through which we clarify our vision and purpose, and examine all we do in the light of what God has called us to do.

STEP ONE:
ATTITUDE CHECK

- This requires recognition by the leaders of our organization that simple fixes and modest improvement is not enough. **Everything has to be on the table and open to change.**
- **We should be caring more about connecting people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, for their sake and God's sake, more than anything else: our building, our music, our worship, how we do things, our survival should all be focused toward this end.**

STEP TWO:
CLARITY ABOUT PURPOSE

We will develop a compelling answer to each of these questions:

- Why do people need Jesus?
- Why do people need the church?
- Why do people need this church?

We need to become familiar with our current community and context, and be able to answer:

- Who lives in this community?
- What are their hopes, hurts, needs?
- Who can we best reach/serve?
- What is the best way to connect with each other, especially those we don't yet know?

- Who is God calling us to be, and what is God calling us to do in, and for, this community?

Once we agree on the answers to these questions, we can form a Purpose/ Vision Statement. This is not a formal, page length document, that sits in a file...it will be the heartbeat of the congregation and it will be the lens that drives every ministry decision in our future. The shorter and more memorable it is, the better.

This summer I am **forming a team** that will take our core values of **FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, OUTREACH AND FAITH** and formulate a clear Vision Statement that will be the basis for a Congregational Plan. Not just any plan, but **OUR CONGREGATIONAL PLAN**. This Plan will clearly set OUR benchmarks for ministry over the next five years.

We will meet three times this summer and present a Vision Statement to the Church Council for approval in September. If you are willing and able to participate in this process, please let me or Tina know! **Our first meeting will be on June 12th at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.**

~~ *Pastor Victor Waters*

P.S.—Steps 3—7 will be continued in future newsletter articles.

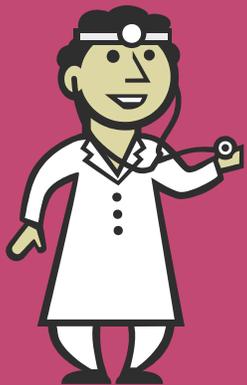
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vision Team

Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE INVITED!



Vital Congregations...

THE VITAL CONGREGATIONS INVITATION

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” (*Matt 28: 18-20 & Matt 22: 36-40*) This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be Disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.

VITAL CONGREGATIONS ARE:

- Spirit-filled, forward-leaning communities of believers that welcome all people. (*Gal 3:28*)
- Places where Disciples of Jesus Christ are made through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Matt 28: 18-20*)
- Communities that serve like Christ through justice and mercy ministries. (*Micah 6:8, Luke 4: 17-21*)

A VITAL CONGREGATION HAS:

- Inviting and Inspiring Worship
- Engaged Disciples in Mission & Outreach

- Gifted, Empowered & Equipped Lay Leadership
- Effective, Equipped & Inspired Clergy Leadership
- Small Group Ministries
- Strong Children’s & Youth Ministry
- 16 Drivers of Vitality (see below).

A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST:

- Worships regularly
- Helps make new disciples
- Is engaged in growing in their faith
- Is engaged in mission
- Shares by giving in mission

You will hear more about the Vital Congregations movement within The United Methodist Church, and specifically what this means to our Faith Family, in your bulletins and newsletters. We invite you to explore the Call to Action, our Goals, and Success Stories at the Vital Congregations website: www.umvitalcongregations.org.

16 Drivers of Vitality

- 1) More small groups for all ages.
- 2) More programs for children.
- 3) More programs for youth.
- 4) Focus on increasing the effectiveness of lay leaders.
- 5) Lay leaders demonstrate a vital personal faith.
- 6) Place an emphasis on rotating lay leadership in order to involve more people over time.
- 7) Call, equip, use and support more lay leaders than non-vital churches.
- 8) Vital pastors coach and mentor lay leadership.
- 9) Vital pastors use their influence to increase the participation of others in order to accomplish changes within the church.
- 10) Vital pastors motivate the congregation to set and achieve significant goals through effective leadership
- 11) Vital pastors inspire the congregation through motivational preaching.
- 12) Vital pastors, when they are serving effectively, stay for a longer period of time.
- 13) Offer a mix of contemporary and traditional services.
- 14) Have preachers who tend to use more topical sermon series in traditional services.
- 15) Use more contemporary music in contemporary services.
- 16) Use more multi-media in contemporary services.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY—June 3, 2012

Half of the Philippines' 101 million people, and most of it's poor, live in depressed rural areas, many barely survive 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 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.



Coffee, Bible & Friends

Tuesday Bible Study will meet on **June 5 at 11:30 a.m.** and will go out to lunch at Johnnie Beans afterward. They will **continue meeting every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in the Upper Room through the summer.**

Pastor Kathy Horn Retirement Party

You are invited to join the congregation of the United Methodist Church in Staples, MN on June 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the ministry and retirement of Pastor Kathy Horn. She was the Pastor at Faith UMC from 1998—2000.

All are invited to attend, or to send a card of best wishes to Kathy & Jim.

Parsonage Address (until June 13):

933—8th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479

Retirement Address (after June 14):

15125—160th Ave.
Villard, MN 56385



Thank you for your Gifts!

ATTENDANCE	May 6, 2012	May 13, 2012	May 20, 2012	May 27, 2012
<i>Sunday</i>	82	106	93	74
Sunday School (TOTAL)	8	5	5	4
<i>Children</i>	7	4	4	3
<i>Shepherds</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Teachers</i>	1	1	1	1
FINANCIAL				
	May 6, 2012	May 13, 2012	May 20, 2012	May 27, 2012
General Budget	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 2,727.00	\$ 528.20	\$ 700.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.70	\$ 1.50	\$0.00
Apportionment 2012	\$66.00	\$1.00	\$ 1.00	\$0.00
Crisis Fund	\$49.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$2.00
Parish Nurse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 130.00	\$330.00
Special Sunday Offering	\$46.00	\$430.00	\$ 132.00	\$0.00
UMCOR	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$ -	\$0.00
UMYF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$100.00
Building	\$ 583.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 9.00
CIF	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Other	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 411.00	\$ 25.00
	\$3,759.00	\$3,808.70	\$2,214.70	\$1,168.00

Quilters & Sewers Unite!

We have expanded our Mission Projects! We will be making pillow case dresses along with quilts. Come join the fun and fellowship for a good cause. We meet the 2nd Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

If you don't sew, "like-new" pillowcases are needed. These dresses go to such places as Africa and Haiti. Be part of this mission cause, you'll be happy in serving the Lord and His people!



Salad Luncheon

Friday, June 1, 2012

from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

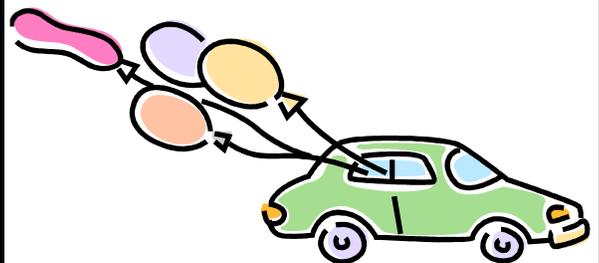
At Sacred Heart Church (Waseca)

Cost: \$6.00

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.



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, June 20** at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting at Jonnie Beans in the Miller Armstrong building. Visitors are always welcome.

Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on **Tuesday, June 19** at 2 p.m. at Dolores Dahner's home with Gloria Tollefson co-hosting.

Rahab Circle

Rahab Circle will meet again **Wednesday, September 19, 2012** at 6:30 at the home of Edy Barber.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, June 20** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Lou Sahlstrom.

Join us!



Medical Mission Trip to Haiti

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN, our Parish Nurse, will be going to Hospital Bon Smaraitain (HBS) in northern Haiti with a medical team made up of a surgeon, a dentist, nurses and an anesthesiologist—9 people total. The trip is scheduled for November 2—10, 2012.

HBS was founded in 1953 by Dr. Hodges, a Baptist medical missionary. It has grown to a 130-bed hospital and outpatient clinic that includes a laboratory, radiology and most recently, an HIV clinic. Medical mission teams augment existing services by providing surgical treatment for 5-6 weeks each year. These teams of physicians and nurses usually stay for one week and perform elective surgeries, such as hernia repair, hysterectomies and cesarean sections. Patients travel from many miles away, usually by foot, to receive these services for a limited fee.

This year, cervical cancer screening has been added as a service to the Haitian women. The program has been very popular and produced long waiting lines. We hope to continue to expand this program with new volunteers, one of which

is our very own Sherry Scholljegerdes!

Sherry will be doing cervical cancer detection and treatment. She worked as an OB/Gyn Nurse Practitioner for 18 years before retiring.

If you would like to financially support this trip, please contribute to Faith UMC—Parish Nurse-Haiti. This ensures getting a deduction on the annual statement from the church for your support. The total cost of the trip is \$1,200.

Our Faith Family supports her mission work and asks for Prayers: for the medical team and for Sherry. She says she is truly stepping out of her comfort zone on this trip. She also knows that God is with her and will work through her to do His will. He is already in Haiti; she looks forward to feeling His presence with her and the team.

*** This is not a United Methodist sponsored trip, although several team members are Methodist.*

UMW NEWS**UMW NEWS****Emma Norton Trip**

The trip to Emma Norton on May 10th was taken only by a few people but Char Frankenberg gave a very informative and interesting report on their trip at the UMW meeting. Char showed slides of Emma Norton and even if we were not able to go, we got to see and learn more about Emma Norton services.

Southern Prairie Spring Gathering

Faith United Methodist Women received recognition as one of Southern Prairie District 2011 Five Star units and a 2011 Mission Today unit at the Southern Prairie Spring Gathering in Madelia.

The "Five Star" award refers to the five channels of Mission giving in which Faith UMW participates. It includes Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering.

The "Mission Today" award is given to units who complete a checklist of things the unit does during the year. We completed many different activities and missions during the year and qualified for the recognition.

Women from Faith who completed the requirements for the reading program were also recognized.

Congratulations to Faith UMW- "we done good!"

UMW Unit Meeting

The UMW unit meeting was held on Monday evening May 21st at 6:00 pm. Sherry Scholljegerdes gave a program on Nome, Alaska. She talked about Alaska and about the Methodist Church in Nome and the missions they do.

The UMW budget for 2013 was approved. Mission giving of: \$200 to Emma Norton toward beds; \$200 to assist with the Simpson Shelter meal; \$200 to Food at Faith; and \$200 to assist Sherry Scholljegerdes for her mission trip to Haiti.

Guest Night and the Fall Bazaar were on the agenda. We are looking for chairperson(s) for the Guest Night snack and decorating and for the Fall Bazaar craft area.

Sandy Voshell showed a pillow case dress that she made for Dresses for Africa. She invited people who don't quilt to join the quilting group that meets the second Friday morning at church to make these dresses. If people are not interested in making the dresses maybe they have some pillow cases that they could donate for someone else to make.

Double faced binding tape and quilting material donations are requested ... Can you help?

Guest Night

Catherine Ritch Guess will be our presenter at Guest Night on August 8th. Mark your calendar! It is going to be a fun entertaining evening. Watch for more information.

Day Apart

Day Apart is a daylong event encouraging us to know God, with personal time to explore how well we know God.

It is going to be held on Tuesday, June 12, at Wells, MN, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Pre-registration should be in by June 8th. It would be great to have a large representation from Faith UMW. Please let Roberta Walker know if you can make it.

THANK YOU'S

The family of Ray Dahnert would like to express our appreciation to all who supported us during our recent time of loss. Your kind words and thoughtful gestures meant more to us than we can express. Special thanks to Pastor Waters, Tina, Bob, Jane and everyone who helped with the luncheon. We appreciate you more than you know.

~~ Dolores, Jeff & Laura, Jill & John

On behalf of the staff at Life Line Screening, we would like to thank you for allowing us to come to your community. Thank you for your help in bringing such an important service to the members of your community. *~~ Life Line Screening*

THANK You to the folks who volunteered & worked in the kitchen at the Bibles for the World fundraising event. They had glowing comments about our location, service & hospitality. Thanks again! *~~ Tina*

Dear Friends, Thanks you so much for all the prayers and support while I was with

my dad during his illness. He is doing much better! We are so grateful that he is able to be back in his own home again. Thank you also for all the lovely cards and well wishes for our anniversary! You are a kind and thoughtful church family. We enjoyed our day!

~~ *In His Love, Patrice and Pastor Victor*

Thank you Choir and Jane for all the work and dedication you gave this year. You are so appreciated! Congregation—we always feel the warmth and support you give us each Sunday. Thank you, and please consider singing with us sometime. *~~ Barb Klampe*

Faith UMC—Thank you to the members of our church family for all the thoughtful things you have done for me and my family. Thank you for the cards & gifts, they are greatly appreciated! Also, thanks for the visits and the prayers for our family! *~~ Elvira Blowers*

Thank you for being part of Macy Ann's baptism! *~~ Emily & Caleb Peterson*

Faith for a Cure! FUMC Relay for Life Team 2012

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.

- Help us sell Luminaries before and after worship; 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 Mem-

ber for more information...

- Host at Pizza Ranch on 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.

- We have other fundraising ideas, but need some help... Let us know if you are interested!

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



NURSE NOTES:



I Love the Summer Lifestyle

Summer's here! Let's get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. There is even a good reason to go outside—FRESH AIR is good for you!

Fresh air is full of oxygen which our bodies need to run properly. The air is charged with negative ions outdoors: around green vegetation, near moving water, after thunderstorms. Such expressions as, "I need some fresh air" or "Give them some air" indeed are true. If you have spent any length of time in a hospital or a hotel room, you crave fresh air.

So, get out of doors, and enjoy summer! Have green plants in your house, they absorb toxins in the air. Leave your windows open at night. Air your house in the morning. It's all good for you!

If you have kids in your life, try these ideas:

- Mandate green time—playing outside.
- Grow a family garden—kids who grow vegetables eat more vegetables.
- Eat meals outside.

- Tent (camp) in the back yard.
- Exercise outside instead of inside.

Fact: "Interaction with nature reduces depression, promotes healing, [and] sparks creativity..."

"And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (*Genesis 2:7*)

When you think about it, it appears that Jesus spent more of His time outside. I wonder if one of the reasons he did so was to increase people's ability to receive the Word and understand it better... Hmmm.

Have a Great Summer! Hope to see you out and about, if you are able.

Peace and Grace, Your Parish Nurse,

~~ Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN

Sources:

www.Prevention.com, "The Fresh Air Fix" by Sarah Mahoney; www.naturalhealthstore.com, "Get a Breath of Fresh Air".

The Summer Institute in Spirituality and the Arts

"Do Something Creative this Summer"

Tuesday-Friday,

June 12-15

from 9:00 AM-3:45 p.m.

(whole-day or half-day schedules)

Choose one or two workshops and explore the intersection of art and religion in your personal life and/or faith community.

Workshop choices:

- Creativity and Spirituality - Margaret Carroll (aka Peggy Thompson)
- Performance and Social Justice - Sarah Bellamy

- Playing with Art to Create Poems of Vision and Spirit - Susan Deborah (Sam) King
- Freeing Your Voice - Mary Bohman

The workshop(s) you select indicates the theme you will explore all four days of the Institute. Costs range from \$50-\$225. CEUs are available.

United Seminary has many exciting events and opportunities on and off campus. If you have questions, please contact Renee Flesner at rflesner@unitedseminary.edu or 651.255.6138.

Lord! Please hear our prayer...

Cedarview Care Center—Elaine Flathers

Colony Court—Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory Suites—Anna Swenson & Jean Ferry

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

Lakeview Ranch, Dassel— Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI— Marlene Rietfort

Shorewood Sr. Campus, Rochester—Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill or injured: Peter & Verna Fog, Willie Mahler & Becky Green's Sister—Debby (in Hospice Care).

- *Please remember our family and friends in Military Service.*
- *Please pray for the safety of our graduates and all our members this summer, during travels, home repairs and recreation.*



News about our Faith Family



- Please update the Church Office with your news! We love to hear from you.
- **Sarah Thomas** graduated May 13, 2012, from the University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign with a Masters Degree of Social Work, with a concentration in Health Care. She is currently completing her internship with the Carle Foundation Hospitals in Urbana, IL.
- **Graduating from High School** this year, we have: Megan Blom, Jacob Sass and Dylan Fredrickson. Paul Norby will graduate mid-year.
- **New Addresses:**
 - Sarah Thomas** (until August 18)
Daniels Hall 0154A
1010 Green Street
Urbana, IL 61801
 - Jennifer Thomas**
231 Pohl Road
Mankato, MN 56001
- **Mable Long** remains at Lake Shore Inn and welcomes company whenever you have time :).
- Are you travelling this summer? Please let us know:) And, please don't forget to send in your offering.



UMCOR Updates

NEWS: STRATEGIES FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

In many countries, up to 20 percent of children die before their fifth birthday from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhea, and malaria. In addition, more than 300,000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth each year. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is trying to turn these statistics around with its comprehensive maternal and child survival program.

Access to basic health care can dramatically increase the health of mothers and their babies. UMCOR supports prenatal clinics and clinics for children under the age of five, as well as training events for traditional birth attendants. UMCOR also educates mothers. This program emphasizes four basic health strategies: nutrition, oral rehydration, immunization, and growth monitoring.

Give to help mothers and their children by contributing to the **Maternal and Child Survival Program, UMCOR Advance #982645.**

PRAYER: HAITI PARTNERS

Pray for the Haiti Mission Partners as they examine new ways to collaborate with the people of Haiti to advance recovery from the January 2010 earthquake there.

MEDIA: TEXT TO GIVE AND FIGHT HIV/AIDS

Support the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund through the new text-to-give campaign. Text HEALTH to 80888 to give \$10 to support education, prevention, care, and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS.

RESOURCE: CONNECTING NEIGHBORS

The Connecting Neighbors leadership training program is a one-day, disaster-readiness program for local churches, designed to equip volunteer trainers with the information and tools they need to help guide the church as it prepares to respond to disaster in the community.

UMCOR provides emergency relief in many areas of the world. To find out more about UMCOR's ministries, please visit umcor.org. You can donate to any project by placing a contribution in the offering plate at a local United Methodist church; by sending a check to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068; or by calling 1-800-554-8583, where credit card donations are accepted. You can also give online by clicking any of the "DONATE" links or make a \$10 donation anytime by texting "UMCOR" to 80888. UMCOR is exempt from tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction by donors.

NEWS: PROVIDING SHELTER IN THE PHILIPPINES

The southern Philippine island of Mindanao is still undergoing the ravages of deadly typhoons that hit the nation last year.

With the help of UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, "shelter-boxes" have been shipped from a humanitarian services corporation, D.R. Strategies in Texas, each of which can be used by a family of up to 10 members to create their own new home.

They are a step toward much fuller provisions, but for now will provide sturdier and more protective

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Faith UMC Vacation Bible School 2012

Dear Parents—

We're bringing an underwater universe adventure to the kids at our Vacation Bible School, **Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God!** Your children will become divers-in-training at **Operation Overboard** as we plunge into God's Word and discover stories of deep faith.

After a high-energy opening at **Ocho's Cave**, the divers make their way to the **Underwater Passage**. Interactive Bible lessons reveal five ocean insights for living as a follower of God, and your divers will discover **Sea Scripture** memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at **Aquatic Arts**, singing new music at the **Choral Reef**, exploring science activities at **Exploration Station**, participating in recreational activities at **High Tide Hangout**, and enjoying tasty snacks at the **Diver's Diner**.

Dive right in! Join us at Faith UMC (801 4th Ave. NE, Waseca, MN) on **August 6—10, 2012 from 8:30—11:30 a.m.** To register, or find out more information about **Operation Overboard**, call the church office at (507) 835-3167, or visit the church website at: www.wasecafaithumc.com.

Sincerely, *Julie Blom* (Your Operation Overboard VBS Director)

Registration forms available in this newsletter, in the Narthex and online.

PRE-REGISTRATION by JULY 1 is APPRECIATED. Thank You!



YOUTUBE! YOU WHAT?

Yes—it's true! Faith UMC now has a YouTube "channel". What does this mean?? Well, most of us have heard of, and maybe have even visited You Tube on the internet. Now, if you go to You Tube, and enter Waseca Faith (or use the link below)—you will be able to watch our recorded worship services going several months back.

This is another outreach tool we can use to reach our membership, and attract new members! So, when you are travelling, visiting with family or friends, or just stuck at home ... Remember that you can now share the FAITH worship experience!

A special thank you goes out to Patrick Hagge for making this idea an actual working reality. Special thanks to George Hagge for being proactive and keeping us moving forward with technology! Your gifts and talents are appreciated!



www.youtube.com/use/wasecafaith/

Food @ Faith... More WOW for your buck!

Every 3rd Saturday of each month a truck full of produce and other products arrives in the Faith UMC Parking Lot around 7 a.m. A group of volunteers unloads and sorts the product, bringing it into the building and organizing for distribution.

At 10 a.m., we start distributing product. For the small investment of \$25 and a bit of time, people purchase significant quantities of fresh produce, bread and sometimes dairy products...

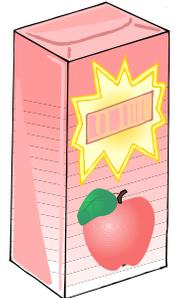
Have you tried this great value yet?

Here is an example of what you buy:



May 19, 2012

- Tomatoes (25 pounds) = \$34.75
- Red (1) & Yellow (1) Peppers = \$3.37
- Green Peppers (7) = \$6.50
- Green Onions (1 bunch) = \$0.59
- Orange Beets (2) = \$1.80
- Eggplant (2) = \$3.38
- Vidalia Onions (2 pounds) = \$3.69
- Swedish Fish (10 ea .5 oz) = \$1.79
- Spinach (16 oz) = \$2.49
- Apple Juice = \$3.69
- Lettuce (9 heads) = \$12.51
- Distilled Water (1 gallon) = \$0.89
- Oatmeal (80 oz) = \$3.99
- Grits (16 oz) = \$3.98
- Quick Cream of Wheat (16 oz) = \$3.98
- Captain Crunch Cereal (1 box) = \$4.29
- Strawberries (2 pounds) = \$3.00
- Zucchini (12 each) = \$5.94
- Egg Matzah Crackers (1 box) = \$2.39



TOTAL RETAIL COST = \$ 103.02

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shelter than many displaced people have so far been able to find.

Sister Maria Famita Somogod of the Balsa Mindanao secretariat, an UMCOR partner in the region, welcomes the shipment of the shelter-boxes: "This is very timely now that we are seeing, after all the efforts to provide shelter for the survivors of Typhoon Washi, that evacuation centers are still cramped."

To help with the continuing recovery in Mindanao, you can make a donation to **Philippines Emergency, UMCOR Advance #240235.**

ANNOUNCEMENT: CHANGES TO UMCOR REFUGEE MINISTRY

Church World Service, through the support of UMCOR, has begun providing leadership for UMCOR's historic mission among refugees and immigrants. Dr. Jen Kilps, formerly of the Minnesota Council of Churches, will resource UMCOR's network of Refugee and Immigration Coordinators, encourage United Methodist congregational involvement with resettlement, and resource local projects for the displaced in the U.S.

And, please pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of these and other natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them....

THANK YOU!

Ed Dallas Rides His Bike Coast to Coast for UMC Mobile Ministry

Can you hear the loons calling from the northwoods of Minnesota?

This summer, they are singing for Ed Dallas, who is riding his bicycle over 4000 miles across the country from Maine to Washington! Ed is riding to increase awareness and raise support for the Mobile Ministry, a Minnesota Annual Conference mission to the communities of Kabetogama and Crane Lake in the far Northwoods of Minnesota at the entrances to Voyageur's National Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Ed will be riding for about 90 days beginning on May 17. He will be in Minnesota in late June. Ed says: "At some time during a person's life, there will be the need for pastoral care and for those who don't

live in a major urban area, that care might not be available. The Mobile Ministry assures the people in Crane Lake and Kabetogama that they will have access to pastoral care."



Roger Parrish-Siggelkow is the pastor of Kabetogama UMC and Crane Lake Chapel, which are the only churches in both communities. In the summer months, Voyageur's National Park hosts over 200,000 visitors and Pastor Roger is the only Christian pastoral ministry presence in the park.

To support the Mobile Ministry, you can send donations to UMC Mobile Ministry: P.O. Box 128, Orr, MN 55771. The memo section of the check should read "Bike Ride" or if you are attending a UMC church, you can help the Mobile Ministry as an Advance Special of the Minnesota Annual Conference through your church offering.



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