

Faith Calls...

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Pastor's Paragraph

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Dear Faith Family,

I saw the aisle of Valentine cards on Dec. 31, 2011. The old year wasn't even the new year! It's perplexing that we are advised to "slow down" only to be pressured by the consumer culture to "hurry up". If we allow ourselves to get caught in this frenzy, chances are we will miss experiencing the divine, natural and human beauty that surrounds us. Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity to s-l-o-w the pace and reflect upon what it means to be loved by others, to love others and know how deeply God loves each of us. This love is beyond Hallmark poems and chocolates—it is love powered by action, willing sacrifices and enduring hardships. God's true love toward us is courageous. As Christ-followers, we are to imitate God's love language in our daily living. This month, I challenge each of us to find a way to express this courageous, active love from God to another—stranger or known.

Know you are loved!,

Rev. Harriett

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Faith UMC Website Launch!

Faith UMC can now be found on the world-wide-web! Please check out the site and share it with others. In addition to telling about the ministries of Faith UMC, the site includes:

- Links to other Christian formation resources
- Prayer request page
- Reflection page on scripture
- Faith Calls newsletter
- Photo gallery, and videos.

This unique outreach tool was made possible by the Esta Wood Fund and many volunteer hours from Bryan Cozart—thank you! The web ministry team members are Bryan Cozart, Hannah Cozart, Wes Gross, Don Shelman, and Bobbie Verser. Please share your impressions and ideas with the team!

Add this address to your favorites...
www.faithumclr.org

Something New! Faith Ventures



Faith Ventures is for 3rd—12th graders to have fun, be in mission, and grow in Christian faithfulness. Faith Ventures will meet monthly and friends are always welcome! Feb. 12th, we'll head for Larry's Pizza after worship and then to "experience" the story of David and Goliath. We'll return to the church at 3:00 p.m.

Curious?

Sign up at the FYI table!

Questions?

Ask Rev. Harriett.

CREDO Class

All interested in joining Faith United Methodist Church are invited to meet with Rev. Harriett on Sun., Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m., in her office. Together we'll explore the beliefs and membership vows of the United Methodist Church, as well as learn about the many opportunities to participate at Faith UMC.

In the event of bad weather check with channel 11 for church closings.

Upcoming Events...

- ***Feb 26– Apr. 1, Short Term Sunday School Class, "24 Hours that Changed the World". Sun. 9:30 a.m., Thur. 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., (need 7 for evening class). Pastor Harriett, facilitator.***

SAVE THE DATES:

Mar. 16, Chili Supper, \$7

Mar. 18, UMW Sunday, Mrs. Freddie Nixon, guest preacher

Mar. 28, Fellowship Meal

Mar. 30, "Spring Fling" with Easter Egg Hunt, 10-noon

*Open hearts
 Open minds
 Open doors*

