

## Being Bold for Making Disciples

by Pastor Travis K. Walker

I am soon entering into my first month of being the pastor at Faith UMC and I must say that I feel blessed to be a part of the congregation. Faith Church has welcomed me with open arms and for that I am very grateful. I believe that God is at work in the congregation and I believe that together with the work of the Holy Spirit we can accomplish great things for the community of Cheyenne and beyond. Faith Church is blessed to have so many wonderful people in the congregation.

As we move forward together, it is important that we make the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ a priority for the congregation. Faith Church is placed in a location that can reach the southern parts of Cheyenne, making the church accessible to a population that can hear the Gospel of our Lord and Savior. In order to reach this population and be able to make disciples it will take some attempts of being bold, of acting out on faith and ultimately reaching the goal of becoming the community that Christ calls us to be.

We are blessed to have many stories in the Bible that we can look towards for inspiration of being bold as a church community. I identify greatly with the work of Jeremiah, a prophet called to speak truth to the people of an exiled community. Jeremiah faced many troubles in order for the people to listen to him and accept his message. His ultimate inspiration was God and he acted boldly knowing that he was performing the work that God called him to do. This is a prophet that I believe took a risk and gave all of his being to work for God in this world.

To act boldly and serve the population of our community we will have to be creative and willing to work for God to advance the kingdom of heaven in our community. What will we have to do? That's where we need to work together, asking for the Holy Spirit to be with us as we make decisions that will impact the church and community.

It is my hope that as a community we will work together as we try new ideas and remember our traditions at Faith Church. The world is ready for our message of hope and our community of believers. The question comes back to the thought; are you ready to act boldly?



## A WORD FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Travis K. Walker. Pastor Travis was chosen by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, in consultation with her cabinet, to be appointed as Faith United Methodist Church's pastor. An introductory meeting was held on June 7, at which time Pastor Travis was introduced to the SPR Committee by District Superintendent Rev. Deb Olenyik. After a time of asking and answering questions, sharing, and prayer, the appointment was confirmed and the committee personally welcomed Pastor Travis to Faith Church.

At our Church Conference on January 17, 2010, it was approved by vote that we would change our level of pastoral care from full time to half time. Pastor Travis will be serving in that capacity - 25 hours per week. His office hours will be: Monday & Tuesday from 9 am—1 pm. He can be reached any time at 307-701-0790. His email address is: pastortraviskwalker@gmail.com. When he's not actively at work for Faith Church, he will be carrying a full course load at Iliff School of Theology, working toward earning his Master of Divinity degree in June, 2011.

Pastor Travis is a local pastor. He completed Licensing School to serve as a local pastor in the United Methodist Church in June, 2007. The licensed local pastor is not ordained in the United Methodist Church, but is appointed to a particular charge, and licensed for pastoral ministry to perform all duties of a pastor, including proclamation of the Word of God, leading in worship and liturgy, performing the sacraments of baptism and holy communion, the services of marriage, burial, confirmation and membership reception. The licensed local pastor has the authority of a pastor only within the setting and during the time of the appointment and shall not extend beyond it.

Loosely translated, this means Pastor Travis is **OUR** Pastor - ready, willing and able to lead Faith United Methodist Church into the future that God has planned for us. Please welcome him warmly!

## Believe that the best days for your church, using

A little church humor!

**Two Good Reasons** One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1), they don't like me, and (2), I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why YOU SHOULD go to church. (1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"

**Show and Tell** A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion. The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David.." The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary." The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

## Save your Campbells's Soup Labels!!

We are once again saving Campbell's soup labels for McCurdy School in New Mexico. Please save the UPC code (not the entire label) from the following products:

Campbell's soup (all varieties including chunky & select harvest)

Spaghettios

Swanson broth

Campbell's supper bakes meal kits

Pepperidge Farm soups, breads, crackers, and pastries

Franco American gravy

Prego Italian sauces

Please save the cap from the following products:

V8 Splash

V8 Fusion

V8 juice

**Place your UPC codes or caps in the large Campbell's soup cans near the front and back doors of the church.**



Our condolences to District Superintendent Deb Olenyik in the death of her mother.

## TRUSTEE REPORT

Members of the Board of Trustees have been continuously engaged with various church activities. Thanks to all members for lawn care, electrical repairs, water leak repairs, front sign overhaul, general church reorganization and cleanliness. Small or large problems continually appear, from sticking doors to roof replacement, and the trustees are kept busy meeting the needs here at Faith Church.

### *Trustees Pay Tribute To Virgil Brenneman*

The Board of Trustees wish all church members to know that Virgil served them loyally and effectively as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Until his recent illness and death, Virgil had ably taken care of many of the tasks of the Trustees personally and promptly. Virgil and his cheerful and helpful attitude will be greatly missed. Thank you Virgil!

### *Trustees Welcome Wayne Lawrence*

Upon confirmation by the Administrative Board, long-time church member Wayne Lawrence will join the Board of Trustees here at Faith Church. Wayne, son-in-law of Faith's oldest member, Everett Merklin, has helped with many church projects through the years, and his experience and abilities will be most welcome.



## Choir Practice Will Begin Soon!

Do you love to sing? If so, please consider joining us this year!  
Be watching and listening for an exact date and time.

Please pray for:  
Donna Cool (general health)  
Cheryl Brenneman (general health)  
Vondel Tucker (cousin of Ken Merklin)  
Ann Willis (general health)  
Jean Broeker (general health)  
**Please call Donna Cool at 635-0276 to start an item on the prayer chain**



**Reminder** - There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary where you can place your requests for songs you would like to sing during church. Please let us know what you like to sing - and then be sure to be in church so you don't miss it!

UMW will resume on Thursday, September 23 at 7 p.m. in the fireplace room.  
All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.  
Dessert will be served following the meeting.

# Welcome New Member!!

Lorraine Wittkorn has transferred her membership from First United Methodist Church.



## Recycle, Reuse, Go Green

**Do you recycle your aluminum cans?** Did you know that if you bring them to the church, someone will take them to the recycling place and donate the money to the church? Bring your cans and toss them over the fence in the back!

**What do you do with old, worn out ink cartridges from your printer?** Did you know that we can turn them into Office Max for a \$3.00 credit? Bring your old cartridges and leave them just inside the office door and Penny Franz will take them to Office Max for a credit on our office supplies!

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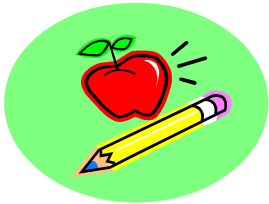
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 *Linda Ariosa	3	4	5	6 *Cassandra Brenneman	7
8	9 Board Meeting 7 p.m.	10	11 **Bill & Melody Geweke	12	13	14 *Berniece Faris Noon-Worship Planning party
15	16	17 *Lorraine Wittkorn	18 *Cheryl Brenneman	19	20	21
22 *Ilene Windom	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31		*birthday ** anniversary		

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 **Jack & Linda Talkington	3	4
5 *Joyce Allman	6 Labor Day	7 **Kent & Kris Hollingsworth	8	9	10	11
12 *Lynda Tucker CHURCH PICNIC	13	14	15 *Evelyn Grooms Noon prayer lunch	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Noon prayer lunch	23 UMW-7 pm	24	25
26	27 *Mae Bradney	28	29 Noon prayer lunch	30		

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# ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**When:** Sunday, September 12 immediately following the church service (approximately Noon!)

**Where:** The picnic shelter next to the Big Boy in Holliday Park. All food will be provided. Free will offering will be taken. (church basement in case of inclement weather)

**What:** Bring your appetite and a lawn chair!