



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, June 14, 2020

Now THIS Is Eternal Life!

John 17:1-5, 17-24

Prayer Requests

- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing, retirement 31 years at UP
- **Terry Unterseher and family** ~ comfort as they grieve for **Terry's aunt**
- **Rosalie Weber** ~ healing
- **Grace Thomsen's granddaughter Anna** ~ healing from dental surgery
- **Tracy's mom Donna** ~ Surgery on Monday
- **Denise Waller** ~ healing & joy of a new hip!
- **Camp Fontenelle**
- **Pastor Jaime Farias** and his family for transition from his current churches to Living Faith
- **Pastor Sandy and family** for transition into retirement and future endeavors
- **All who are feeling isolated and lonely**
- **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.** for his leadership and for modeling life in Christ
- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **Larry & Karen Lakeman** ~ healing & encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ strength
- **Our nation, our leaders** ~ wisdom and discernment
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Adeng, Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen**
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

Until further notice, we will not be meeting in person for Worship Services, Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live. Please watch sermons Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. on our church

Facebook page.

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From The Pastor

Good times make great stories and wonderful memories. As my time at Living Faith grows short, my mind is filled with how fulfilling it has been to be in ministry with you. Whether it has been helping build a house for Habitat for Humanity or “weeding”, not reading at Ellen Ring’s school, teaching children of our neighborhood about Jesus at VBS or sharing a meal on Wednesday nights at Wednesday Night Live, God’s work is being done at Living Faith and you are the disciples who are bringing others to Christ. Keep up the good work!

Highlights of my time as your pastor are so numerous that I really shouldn’t even attempt to list them, but then, you know me! The precious times come to mind first:

- Spending intimate time with a family when a loved one is sick or has passed away
- Meeting with a couple for months prior to their wedding to help them prepare not just for a Christian ceremony, but for a Christian marriage.
- Trying so hard to not cry as I baptized people was a very real challenge for me as it is such a great honor to bring a child or adult into God’s Kingdom.
- Sundays were always the greatest day of the week for me. I arrived early to make coffee, but the real reason was to visit with Jackie. What a remarkable woman she is and I loved every minute of our chats. I loved Sunday school, fellowship time, and our corporate worship. Thank you LFUMC for GREAT Sundays!

After the precious times come memories of laughing and having fun—yes, at church. I laugh when I remember after-dark-faces of our youth appearing in my office window to scare me, which they did. I still laugh when I think of Dylan jumping out of a classroom to scare me, which it did. Then there was Seth, who did an imitation of me in a skit as he sprayed his hair and spiked it. Perhaps my favorite experiences of all came from the confirmation classes. Thank you, youth, for the fun you offered and for your dedication to learning.

We are more than a potluck group, although we do love a good potluck. Thank you del, Courtney and Carolyn for incredible Young at Heart experiences that included great food and interesting speakers.

Thank you, Ron, for serving as worship leader at my side for many years. You gave me confidence and you did a great job at the planning of worship that goes on behind the scenes.

I’ve shed tears when Vicki sang and even more tears when Austin served Holy Communion as “Jesus” in the Living Last Supper. Thank you, Irene, for all your hard work on this incredible annual portrayal, and thank you all who worked, served, and performed. What a ministry!

Terry U. got Dick and I to Kentucky to experience a mission trip at The United Methodist Workcamp, Redbird Mission, and for that I will always be grateful. We met people who lived in the Appalachian Mountains and it was a culture we had not known before our trip.

I knew better than to start listing memories because there are so many that are not mentioned here that are just as special and just as life-changing. I just want to thank you for your commitment to serving God through your local church. It’s been an amazing journey!

Pastor Sandy

West O Auto & Cycle Show

Living Faith United Methodist Church

182nd & Q in Omaha

For more information call: 402 393-2321

Saturday, June 20th

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

***Cars & Cycles
Old, New & Classic***



FREE ADMISSION:
***Accepting donations of
canned goods for
food bank.***

NO REGISTRATION FEE


Registration beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Retirement Drive By For Pastor Sandy!

Please bring a card with an encouraging word or
memory verse!

Living Faith UMC
Sunday, June 28th
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



June 17

**CITYWIDE PRAYER
JUNE 2020
THE VULNERABLE**

“...if you offer yourselves in compassion for the hungry and relieve those in misery, then your dawning light will rise in the darkness and your gloom will turn into noonday splendor! Yahweh will always guide you where to go and what to do. He will fill you with refreshment even when you are in a dry, difficult place. He will continually restore strength to you, so you will flourish like a well-watered garden and like an ever-flowing trustworthy spring of blessing. Your people will rebuild long-deserted ruins, building anew on foundations laid long before you. You will be known as Repairers of the Cities and Restorers of Communities.” Isaiah 58:10-12 TPT

The blessings in this Isaiah passage are familiar to many, but the actions that secure those blessings (caring for those in misery and need) are often overlooked. Those refugees or members of Hispanic communities in our Metro area have seen a rise in cases of COVID-19. In these communities, it is common for multiple generations to live together, making isolation of one ill family member from the rest of very difficult. These communities are also very vulnerable to the ravages of the economic shutdown, either working in service industries that have been closed down, or in places such as packing plants where it is difficult to maintain the proper infection control principles. Language barriers also make access to accurate information more difficult.

Pray—Pray for city, state and private organizations working with these communities, especially the health care and social workers tasked with caring for their health and connecting them with the information, and services they need, including Personal Protective Equipment and accurate instruction (including translation) in how to use it.

Pray—Pray for the church to come alongside these organizations, and the many refugee communities here in our metro area, providing the compassion and care of Jesus to the most hurting among us.

Pray—Pray for the Lord to release creative solutions- that He will indeed “always guide us in what to do” as we care for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Pray—for the end of Covid 19!

Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

Sunday, June 14

Now THIS Is Eternal Life!

John 17:1-5, 17-24

Sunday, June 21

Trust In Jesus

John 14:1-7

Sunday, June 28

Grace And Peace To You!

John 14:15-19, 25-27

1 Thessalonians 3:16-18

A Look Ahead

June 20 ~ West O Auto Show 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

June 28 ~ Drive by Retirement for Pastor Sandy 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.


Finance May Update:

Our pledges have remained strong. Thank you for dropping off your offering or for mailing them into the office.

Tithing has not been cancelled.

Thank you for faithful giving!

**We will be continuing online worship for the
upcoming Sundays:
June 14, June 21**

A photograph of a hand pushing a shopping cart through a grocery store aisle. The cart has a green handle. The background is blurred, showing shelves stocked with various products.

**Debbie Beavers small group is willing to shop for any
congregation members who are not wanting to or
can't get out.**

**You can email Debbie directly at
pemberly01@gmail.com**

Committees

Living Faith has a structure of committees to do our work. We have great volunteers, but attending evening meetings is difficult so attendance is low.

How would you re-structure?

The structure of the local church in the United Methodist organization includes a Lay Leader who helps the pastor with leadership of the church. LFUMC is fortunate to have two Lay Leaders, Gene Latham and Rita Pfingsten and both are active leaders. Thank you, Gene and Rita, for your wisdom, discernment, and for always keeping the best interests of Living Faith in your hearts.

Lay Representative to Annual Conference has been Joyce Savage. Please thank Joyce when you see her for representing you well at these huge gatherings year after year. She attends every session, listens well, and takes good notes so she can report back to you. She has voted conscientiously and has always kept the interest of the church as her highest priority.

Four people served as Chairpersons for Church Council during my years with Living Faith: Linda Zimmerman Morgan, John Maxell, Phil Fisher, and currently Joan Smith. Thank you for running meaningful meetings and for leading us towards results.

Doug Simon leads the team of Trustees and they ensure the protection of the church's assets and they care for the property. Doug leads with confidence and common sense, as well as with a sense of humor and flexibility.

Elisa Booth has served for the past two years as the Chairperson of Staff Parish Relations Committee. SPRC supports the pastor and acts a liaison between pastor and congregation if needed. Elisa leads a great group of people who have given me all the support I could ever want!

We are a rather small church, and yet our leadership team is strong and capable. Listen to them and heed their expertise. They love Living Faith and serve well for its success.

Other teams include Joan Smith and Joan Roberson: Christian Caregivers, Ellen Ring: Membership, Lynn Hizer: Prayer, and Joyce Savage Special Events.

Psalms 37:5 "Commit everything you do to the Lord; Trust Him, and He will help you."

What would make it easier for you to serve?

What keeps you from volunteering?

What could change that would turn your "no" to "yes" for committee work?

Please send and email to Tracy
info@livingfaithumc.com

**Pray
Pray
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Bishop Saenz has asked all United Methodists to unite

In prayer each day at noon.

Pray The Lord's Prayer at 12:00 noon everyday.

**We lift our prayers together—
one body, one LORD.**



Habitat for Humanity is a mission that many of us feel passionate about, even though we no longer go to the worksite together as a team.

If you want to volunteer, go to their website and sign up for the date & time you'll work.
They will be glad to have you!

<https://habitatomaha.org/volunteernow/>





1st Sunday Prayer
Following Worship

Personal individual prayer
with two people.

Meet in the FH

OUR MISSION

To make disciples for Jesus Christ
to transform the world

OUR VISION

- 1) To be disciples for Christ
- 2) To bring others to Christ

OUR GOALS

- 1) Become & remain Spiritually Strong
 - a) Attend Worship Regularly
 - b) Be Part of a small group
 - c) Pray faithfully
- 2) Share God with our Community & the world
 - a) Mission Shares
 - b) Service to others
 - c) Reaching out
- 3) Interact with The Holy Bible Daily
 - a) Educate & guide our children & youth
 - b) Christian Education for all ages

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