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THE MESSENGER

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Dear First-Faith Family,

As I sit and write my farewell letter to you, it is with the deepest of love and affection. I am blessed to have been your pastor. I consider it a very high honor to have walked along side you through many of your personal successes and sorrows. I have been inspired countless times by your willingness to be disciples of Jesus Christ in new and varied ways.

In fact, as I've thought about you over the past several weeks and what I would say at this time, the word "resilient" keeps coming to mind. The definition of resilient persons are those who are able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions. I learned that very quickly about you right when I came and heard your story of the merger. Two congregations who were facing various difficulties discerned they could be better together. And look at you now!

I've witnessed your resiliency as we've made physical changes throughout the building, how so many of you have participated in Bible studies, engaged in worship leadership, and how doing these things have challenged us in our faith. I've seen how you respond when God calls you to reach out beyond the walls of this church building to share God's love, particularly through the WIC partnership and A Perk and A Prayer.

And I certainly see it now in the way you are managing such unprecedented times with COVID-19 - through your creative acts of kindness and care for one another. Many of you have ventured into realms of technology you never thought you'd enter. You've been very gracious as we continue to figure out livestreaming and how we move into the future with this as an essential part of corporate worship.

You have brought me much joy and fulfillment in my ministry time here at First-Faith. I have grown in my faith and am a better person and pastor because of my time here with you. I look forward to sharing other thoughts with you during our Parking Lot Church on my final Sunday, June 7th at 9:30. And while I'd rather just say "see you around" the words of Winnie the Pooh capture my heart best….

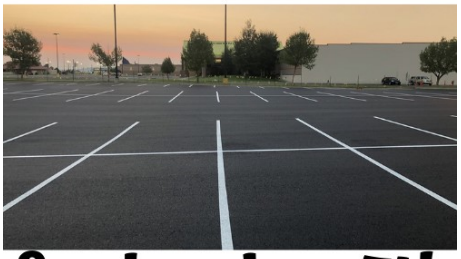
Grace, peace, and love, *Pastor Trudy*

2 ways to say farewell to Pastor Trudy

The Staff Parish Team has organized a **Pastor Parting Parade** in the church parking lot on **Saturday, June 6th from 2:00-4:00 pm.** It's a come and go event ~ enter at the south entrance of the parking lot and remain in your car. A card basket will be available for those who'd like to place some "moving" words of wisdom and/or memories to send Pastor Trudy on her new ministry adventure.

ALSO Church Council made arrangements for us to have

Parking Lot Church Service



Sunday, June 7th

9:30AM

Just stay in your cars and hear the service over an FM station. It will be good "windshield" time together!

Your faithful contributions insure the basic ministries of the church continue during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your generous giving.

If you have not had the opportunity to check out the new Prayer Walk, please do so. It is located in the tree line on the north side of the church property. There will be new, more permanent signage up in early June. Come check it out and take a few minutes to connect with God.

Care Teams were created to help everyone stay connected during this time of separation. Please do not hesitate to let your care team leader know of any needs.

We are in need of face masks for when we start returning to in-person worship. If you would like to make and donate them to First-Faith, we would appreciate it.

Welcome

We have formed a committee to welcome Pastor Ray & Natalie who will be arriving on June 28th. His first Sunday to preach will be July 5th.
We would like to have some meals prepared for them. If you would like to be a part of this, please call Sharon Sorensen.
The committee will be setting up meet & greet groups also. If you would like to host a group or be part of it, please contact the office.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Please remember that we have people that would love to pray for you if you have a need. Please let Mel Sheen know if you have a prayer request. If you would like to participate in praying for others, please let Mel know. Contact Mel at prayerwheelffumc@gmail.com

We will continue to stream the service on Sundays live at 9:30 am on Facebook.
After the service is over, we will leave it open for you all to "chat" with one another for about 10 minutes.

Finance Team:
Monday, June 1st @ 6:00 PM

Church Council:
Monday, June 2nd @ 6:30 PM

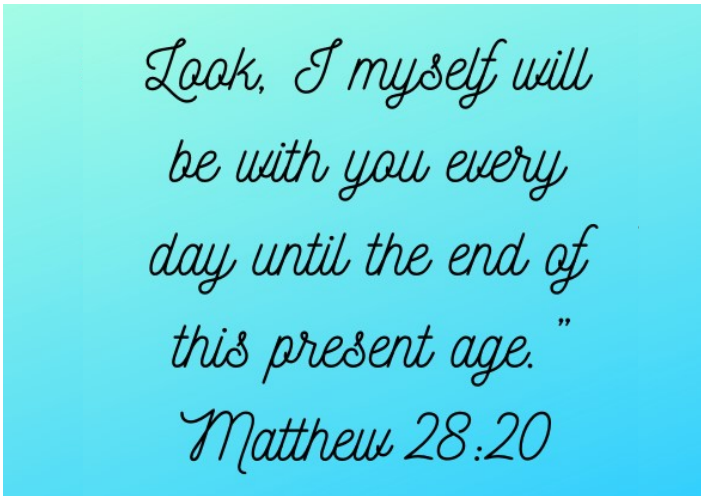
6/1 Sierra Boxenmann
Pam Flynn
6/2 Brenda Bandt
6/4 Eric Luplow
6/5 Kaden Billington
Sheri Meudt
Nance Reynolds
6/6 Vera Thiem
6/7 Katie Huebner
6/9 Alta Bruce
Brett Forsman
6/11 Jim Bogus
6/12 Megan Billington
6/13 Monica Mendez
6/14 Sam Reynolds
6/17 Holden Moural
6/19 Dale Suntych
6/23 Dorothy Enck
6/26 Gordon Bigger
Dona Hawk
Geri Hoagland
Justin Kleint
6/27 Sarah Ramos
6/28 Sarah Berggren
Cora Boling
6/29 Gloria Craven
Keyan Schadwinkel
6/30 Jodi Awtry
Daryl Glos

6/1/2002 Christine & Robert Schropfer (18)
6/8/1969 Ken & Trish Ross (51)
6/8/1958 LeRoy & Jan Wells (62)
6/9/1990 Ted & Julie Berggren (30)
6/15/1974 Terry & Janet Enck (46)
6/15/2015 Dwaine & Carol Kubicek (5)
6/25/1961 Ron & Dorothy Ammerman (59)
6/25/1977 Alan & Gena Hess (43)
6/25/1994 Michael & Anna Sorensen (26)
6/27/1959 Dale & Geri Hoagland (61)
6/29/1996 Bryan & Pam Flynn (24)

Dee Johnson kindly got out to get groceries for my wife and in order to keep us safe in the pandemic. We really appreciate her help.

Thank you.
Harold Reutter

Healthy Congregations has received a $500 grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund to be used for the Prayer Walk.



Thank you for the reception your fellowship extended to me when I was privileged to present the Gideon ministry in your church. What a joy it was for me to be a part of your worship service.

The offering in the amount of $133 will enable 26 Bibles or 106 Testaments to be purchased and placed.

We especially appreciate your prayerful support for this ministry. Thank you again for the privilege of representing The Gideons in your church. Your support is such a blessing to me and to this ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Steve Plambeck
The Gideon International
Adams/Clay Camp

First-Faith UMC has received a $300 grant from the Nebraska UM Foundation.

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Return Service Requested

Worship Schedule
Sunday
9:30am with Fellowship Time and Sunday School to follow at 10:45am

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Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30
(Closed for Lunch Hour)

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Trudy Kenyon Anderson

All Youth 6-12th Grades are welcome to join us on June 10th & 24th and July 8th & 22nd, 7:00-8:15 pm.

We will meet in Stephen & Chyna Hayes' back yard. 4316 Claussen Rd.

We will have a Bible lesson and some games. We will adhere to the social distancing guidelines, and everyone will stay outside.

We hope you can join us!

Backyard Bible

Join Randi and Heather for some fun time together Sunday mornings June 7th & July 12th

Watch for a porch drop.

Article Deadline for July Newsletter: June 19, 2020