

# BEING JESUS

## 2013 Annual Report



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# Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 26, 2014

Blessing	Pastor Jim Oswald
Covered Dish Luncheon	Sponsored by Women's Fellowship
Annual Meeting to follow the Luncheon	
Call to Order	Ronnie McCauley
Invocation	George Fischer
Welcome to New Members	Mina McCall
Moments of Remembrance	Penny Johnson
Annual Report	
Clerk	Michelle Nolan
Treasurer	Dianne Pulley
Stewardship Report	Jill Brant
Old Business	
2014 Budget Approval	Trudy Lewis
New Building Project	Corey Vulgamott
New Business	
Floor Open for Discussion	
President's Remarks	Reggie West
Pastor's Remarks	Pastor Jim Oswald
Closing Benediction	Pastor Jim Oswald
Closing Hymn	<b><u>"We Are One in the Bond of Love"</u></b> (below)

*We are one in the bond of love  
We are one in the bond of love.  
We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God;  
We are on in the bond of love.*

*Let us sing now everyone;  
Let us feel His love begun.  
Let us join our hands that the world will know  
We are one in the bond of love.*

# **Faith United Church Annual Congregational Meeting**

January 27, 2013

The fifty-first Annual Meeting of Faith United Church was held on Sunday, January 27, 2013, following a covered-dish luncheon by the Dinner Committee of Women's Fellowship.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President, Ronnie McCauley, called meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

INVOCATION: Carole McClellan lead the congregation in invocation.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Joed Hill welcomed each new member that joined Faith Church in 2012, and individually named each of the nine members that were welcomed into membership.

MOMENT OF REMEBERANCE: Linda Trapp read the names of the five members of the congregation who passed away in 2012. A moment of silence in honor of their memory was followed by a scripture reading.

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT: Michelle Nolan, Clerk, presented the 2012 Clerk's Report. Membership at the beginning of 2012 started with 188 members. Nine new members joined, by the affirmation. Five new members joined, by confirmation. Four members were lost by death and twenty-three members were lost by inactivity, with membership ending 2012 of 176 members.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Dianne Pulley, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for 2012. She reported that \$1, 010.43 was given to Missions.

STEWARDSHIP: Jill Brant reported on the Stewardship Committee's Drive this year, "Be like Christ". Pledges received to date represent 81.67% of 2013 budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

2013 Budget: Trudi Lewis presented 2013 Budget. Dianne Pulley made a motion to accept the 2013 Budget as presented. Traci Trapp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Building Project: Corey Vulgamott presented updated Building addition and septic tank removal.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Youth Director: Julie Oswald requested search committee to continue looking for a Youth Director. Christian Education Committee will pull together a search committee.

President's Remarks: Reggie West thanked Pastor Jim and the Congregation on the continued growth at Faith United Church.

Pastor's Remarks: Pastor Jim spoke about 2013 "Being Christ" and work always needs to be done. God is always opening doors and Pastor Jim is always available. Remember, this is God's house.

Pastor Jim closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nolan, Clerk

## Pastor Jim Oswald

I concluded last year's report with our theme verse for 2013 which was found in 1 John 4:17b that simply says, "*because we are like Christ here in this world.*" This led our theme for 2013 to be "*Being Jesus.*" It is our responsibility as Christians to be the hands and feet of Christ in every facet of our lives. If we are going to truly be able to bring people to the LORD, then they need to see that He is real in our lives. I think that we had that opportunity in 2013.

In March, we had a couple of events take place in our church life that allowed us to be Christ. First, we had the privilege of hosting Breath of Christ ministries for our church and the community. This couple has portrayed a variety of stories in the Bible, through drama, all over the world and we were given the opportunity to experience the story of Bartimaeus during our Sunday morning worship. They did a wonderful job and we all felt the power of the Gospel message through their dramatization. Second, we once again opened our doors to the community and invited them to come and be a part of our Easter Egg Hunt. The message of Easter was presented as well as our church family was given the opportunity to serve the families that attended.

In May, we said, "Congratulations," to our largest graduating class since I've been your Pastor. As in years past, I was sad to see this class go having had the opportunity to get to know them for the duration of their high school years. I had participated in going to Student Life Camp at the beach for two years with them and then getting to serve with them the last two years as we participated in missions in Tennessee and Southern Missouri. They now get the chance to go and "Be Jesus" in their schools and communities.

In June, we had many events take place. First up was our Student Life/Mission Trip to southern Missouri. We spent the week with a

man, Gerald, who has an incredible heart for children of prisoners. When his son was put in prison, God spoke to Gerald and told him that he needed to step up and be the spiritual leader for his grandchildren. Then God took that concept one step farther and told him that there were children all over the country whose parents were in prison and they had nowhere to go for spiritual, and parental, guidance. So Gerald bought some land, with his own retirement money, and began to build a place for prisoner's children to come for a couple of weeks to experience God's creation, and to learn more about God. Gerald and his wife are also able to instill within each child a sense of self-worth, confidence and love that can come from a parental figure. As a group, our church team had the opportunity then to go in and help Gerald to continue to build this camp from scratch. Some of the guys got to frame in the main building while the rest of the group painted, cleaned, cut weeds, stain, and make signs for all around the camp. God has blessed Gerald's endeavor to care for the "least of these" and we were honored that we had the chance to help in some small way. We not only ministered to Gerald and his wife, but helped lay the ground work for seeds planted in the children who attended that camp this summer and beyond!

Also in June we hosted VBS (Athens) for our church and community. Richard Sharp (The Apostle Paul) and I got a chance to appear on "Live at 5" to invite the community to come. It was one door that was opened that we felt we needed to walk through in order to make our church available to our community. We want them to know that we are a safe place for their children to come and learn about the joys of knowing Christ. Richard did a wonderful job of portraying the Apostle Paul, as well as for all of our workers who made an enormous impact on all who attended. We truly got to live out "Being Jesus."

Also in June, the New Generation Singers came and led worship for us one Sunday. We had two members, Aaron King and Jennifer Cobb, who are a part of that group. The church was packed and it was one more way we could help show the world who Christ is by giving to their love offering and helping to provide for their tour.

In July, we held the third ever children's camp at Miracle Hills Ranch in Bethany, MO. We had absolutely the perfect weather for the camp. The days were just warm enough to swim and the evenings were perfect for a camp fire. Our theme for camp was "God's Great Dance Floor." The children got to learn the stories of creation, Joshua and the sun standing still, Elijah and the gentle whisper, and of Jesus walking on the water. Children's camp has become a welcomed tradition and the workers are just as excited about it as the children. Camp will be here before you know it so start thinking about laying the spiritual foundation for your child today by giving them the gift of attending.

In August, we had seven members attend the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit via satellite at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty, MO. As in the past years, God spoke to each of us in a very unique way inspiring us to do more as His children. From this conference, we realized that we need to take the necessary steps to be more relevant in a 2014 world and for a 2014 generation. One of the steps we took was deciding on adding a band to morning worship. This was one more way that God added to our worship time by bringing more instruments and styles of worship to glorify Him. This is a work still in progress and it is a real joy to look out and see all of the smiling faces! Also in August we had two different baptisms at two different locations. The first baptismal event took place in the pool at the Demuth's home. Traci and Maci Trapp, along with Daniel Slaybaugh, were baptized in their pool. As I have said many times before, nothing is more powerful to me than being a part of a transformation that has taken place in a

person's life, regardless their age. One week later we had another baptism take place out by the Brant home. Rawlins Brant, Larry Cole, and Rawlin's friend, Luke, were all baptized in their neighbor's pond. Doves were released in celebration for their decisions to commit their lives to the LORD. The tears still flow as I think of these six individuals and of how you can never be too young, or too old to give your life to Him! I celebrate still today for what He had done for me, this church and for what He is going to do in 2014!

One last event that occurred in August was our B.I.G. kick-off which took place out at the West's home. We invited students who were currently in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to come and be a part of a new venture with our students. We decided to meet in individuals homes each Wednesday throughout the Fall semester. I had each of the students write down topics that they were curious about, or wondered if the Bible even addressed it as an issue. I took each of these individual thoughts and placed them in a hat. Each week I would pull out one topic and present a Biblical lesson and we called it "Lessons from the Hat." It was a tremendous success and I look forward to continuing our meeting in the Spring of 2014.

In October, our church hosted the Fall Harvest Festival. Joed Hill and I went on "Live at 5" to invite the community to come and be a part of our celebration. We had an extremely good turnout with lots of activities for people of all ages. Next year we hope to grow this event to something even bigger. Also, in October we had our initial Women's Fall Retreat in Atchison, KS. A number of women from our church attended the weekend retreat and new relationships were formed as well as older relationships that were enhanced. This is another event that we hope to grow in 2014 as we continue to "Move Forward" in this day and age.

Our year ended with yet another beautiful Christmas Eve service. I look so forward to that service each year and it always seems to go by

so quickly. We celebrated yet another year in which our church had the opportunity to “Be Jesus” not only in community wide events, but also in the Bible studies that were held on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Our church strives to continue to grow in our Faith and that is only accomplished by growing in God’s Word, prayer, and worship. Job 17:9a says, *“The righteous keep moving forward...”* “Moving Forward” is not always easy when you are having to make some changes, but it is always so rewarding when you arrive on the other side. Bill Hybels, Senior Pastor of Willow Creek,

always talks about how he and his church are always moving from “here” to “there.” God’s work is constantly in motion and we have to be willing to move from one place to another. We can’t grow complacent with the way things are, but must move forward together as one! As always, I look forward to serving you, and serving alongside you as we “Move Forward” through 2014. Where God’s hand leads us only He knows, but the journey is always exciting, and moving as one will make the ride even better!

Be God’s In All Things!  
Pastor Jim

## **President’s Annual Report 2013**

As I reflect upon the past year I do so with immense pride. How great is our God that He would bless our Church in such a profound manner! As I ponder my two years as president of Faith United Church, I realize this fact today more fully than ever: Faith United Church is composed of collective individuals who gather together to worship and serve God. I am continually impressed at how we collectively and individually have come together, supported each other and contributed to do the work of God. We have worshipped together, learned together, and struggled together all for the glory of God. We continue to minister to those less fortunate than ourselves, as is Jesus’ desire and example for us. We have loved one another following Jesus’ command, sincerely seeking to grow in faith and Christian love.

I’ve said it before, being President of Faith United Church is not a difficult job if you have an involved committed leadership team. Our Cabinet and the groups they represent have been outstanding in their involvement and commitment to Faith United Church. I am honored to work with a Cabinet that is as dedicated, thoughtful,

wise, and committed as ours, and I am grateful to each and every Cabinet member for their gifts of time, energy, and wisdom. I also extend my gratitude to everyone who has stepped forward to serve as a committee chair or on a new committee, as well as all who have stepped in to help with Sunday Worship, the many special activities, and all the behind-the-scenes activities it takes to operate a successful church like Faith United. I want to extend a special thanks to our staff, and to Pastor Jim Oswald, who without his dedication, hard work, and leadership Faith United Church would not continue to grow and prosper.

Fiscal challenges and trends clearly impact the landscape of operations today, and we certainly are not immune to their influences. However, during these unpredictable economic times, we are thankful for our financial blessings. I am particularly thankful for everyone’s financial gifts which without we would not be able to serve God in the many ways that we do.

We are privileged and honored to serve God through Faith United Church. As we steward this gift, we make plans in a way that confronts reality, yet passionately and boldly

plans for our future. These are exciting times! Upgrades to the music and sound system are underway, and plans for the building expansion project are moving forward. Upgrades to the building's interior in the form of painting, new fixtures, and furniture are continuing. Landscaping plans are being explored, and there are many more projects on the table for

consideration. In the coming year I look forward to seeing what new and creative ways we can challenge ourselves.

Thank you for being such a loving body of Christ and faithful servants of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Reggie West

## **Report of the Cabinet**

As the year of 2013 comes to a close, we can look back and see what a busy year it has been. The Cabinet is the programming body of our church with a Vice President being the Head of the Cabinet. The Cabinet includes the Chairs of the Commissions, the Officers of the Church, an appointed Secretary, and Leaders of the other organizations of the church. I would like to extend a special thanks to Carole McClellan, Church & Ministry, Joed Hill, Lay Life, Brent Hill and Missy West, Christian Education, Reggie West, President, Pastor Jim Oswald and Cabinet Secretaries, Missy West and Stacy Bollmeyer.

The group works hard to schedule and coordinate the works and activities of the church and to keep the calendar in order. This is not an easy task and takes a lot of time and talent. I would also like to thank all the members of Faith Church for their hard work and commitments to keep us such a caring and loving church.

As we move into 2014, I ask all of you to keep up the good work and to use your time, talents and treasures to help our church grow.

May God Bless You All,

Ronnie McCauley

Vice President

## Nominating Committee Report

President	Reggie West
Vice-President	Ronnie McCauley
Clerk	Michelle Nolan
Treasurer	Dianne Pulley

### Board of Stewards

Mike Prussman	2014
Paul Bidenstine	2014
Denny Cobb	2014
Mina McCall	2015
Travis Rumpf	2015
Teresa Kidwell	2015
Dale Arn	2016
Brent Hill	2016
Sharon Bannon	2016

### Lay Life

Benny Wheeler	2014
Sharon Rumpf	2014
Jill Cobb	2014
Merry Sharp	2015
George Fischer	2015
Jenni Butcher	2015
Tom Taylor	2016
Carol McClellan	2016
Nancy Sharp	2016

### Church & Ministry

Steve Pulley	2014
Eilean McCauley	2014
Loretta Prussman	2014
Beverly Miller	2015
Carolyn Sagaser	2015
Sally Berten	2015
Stacy Bollmeyer	2016
Joed Hill	2016
Missy West	2016

### Christian Education

Kara Tolbert	2014
Karen McClellan	2014
Susan Wheeler	2014
Ashley West	2015
Jody King	2015
Traci Trapp	2015
(unexpired term of Sharon Bannon)	
Jill Brant	2016
Linda Trapp	2016
Richard Sharp	2016

Chairman: Brent Hill  
Committee:

## Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

12 Months Ended December 31, 2013									
	1-Current	2-Momorial	3-Missions	4-McClellan	5-Warrington	6-Contingency	7-Iffert	8-Rumpf	Total
<b>Cash Receipts</b>									
Offering	136,972.69	3,900.00	464.03	23,904.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	165,241.06
Loose Offerings	2,167.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,167.29
Relay for Life	0.00	0.00	430.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	430.00
Interest Income	0.57	452.73	9.28	1,251.78	84.20	95.10	0.00	60.29	1,953.95
Trust income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,445.69	0.00	36,073.96	0.00	45,519.65
Miscellaneous Income	5,148.81	0.00	713.53	0.00	18,792.08	0.00	0.00	1,010.00	25,664.42
Miscellaneous Income	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.34
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>144,290.70</b>	<b>4,352.73</b>	<b>1,616.84</b>	<b>25,156.12</b>	<b>28,321.97</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>36,073.96</b>	<b>1,070.29</b>	<b>240,977.71</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>									
<b>Leadership &amp; Service</b>									
Pastor Salary	23,000.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,000.04
Pastor's Housing Allowance	27,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,000.00
Pastor's Health Insurance	7,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,800.00
Pastrn's Annuity	2,536.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,536.88
Pastor's Car Allowance	1,843.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,843.40
Pastor's Payroll Taxes	1,759.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,759.52
Guest Speakers	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
Conference Registraion	59.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.00
Conference Travel	505.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	505.29
Christian Education	16.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.81
Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,045.26	0.00	10,045.26
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,940.69	0.00	1,940.69
FUN Night	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	173.53	0.00	173.53
Special Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Scholarships Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,838.02	0.00	1,838.02
Lay Life & Work Commission	340.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,181.90	0.00	4,521.90
Pianist/Organist	8,417.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,417.04
Piano Tuning	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
Music Supplies	308.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	308.22
<b>Total Leadership &amp; Service</b>	<b>73,991.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>27,379.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>101,370.60</b>

**12 Months Ended December 31, 2013**

	<b>1-Current</b>	<b>2-Momorial</b>	<b>3-Missions</b>	<b>4-McClellan</b>	<b>5-Warrington</b>	<b>6-Contingency</b>	<b>7-Iffert</b>	<b>8-Rumpf</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
Church & Ministry Commission	760.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	760.25
Custodian Wages	2,116.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,116.80
Secretary Wages	8,608.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,608.25
Nursery Attendant Wages	1,947.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,947.87
Payroll Taxes	1,613.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,613.39
Office Expense	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00
Office Supplies	2,920.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,920.93
Postage	1,294.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,294.75
Equipment Repair	768.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	768.96
Building Repair/Maintenance	1,928.29	0.00	0.00	6,960.39	6,728.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,616.70
Building Supplies	1,970.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,970.60
Building Capitol Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,480.00
Pest Control	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Electric	9,624.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,624.36
Gas	3,788.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,788.59
Water	395.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.25
Trash	204.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.00
Telephone	2,143.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,143.66
Ground Maintenance	6,377.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,377.44
Snow Removal	2,112.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,112.50
Property Insurance	8,339.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,339.00
Vehicle Expense	115.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.25
Vehicle Gas	974.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	974.66
Vehicle Repairs	2,152.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,152.81
Flowers	264.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	264.80
Dues & Subscriptions	249.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,281.12	6,080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	393.09	0.00	7,754.21
Accounting	5,565.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,565.00
Capitol Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,156.00	0.00	0.00	25,156.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>68,449.53</b>	<b>6,080.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,960.39</b>	<b>27,208.02</b>	<b>25,156.00</b>	<b>393.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>134,247.03</b>
<b>Missions</b>									
Missions	563.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	563.24
Food Kitchen	1,234.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,234.10
Discretionary	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>2,797.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,797.34</b>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>145,238.07</b>	<b>6,080.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,960.39</b>	<b>27,208.02</b>	<b>25,156.00</b>	<b>27,772.49</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>238,414.97</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>1992.44</b>	<b>(1,992.44)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>1045.07</b>	<b>(3,719.71)</b>	<b>1,616.84</b>	<b>18,195.73</b>	<b>1,113.95</b>	<b>(25,060.90)</b>	<b>8,301.47</b>	<b>1,070.29</b>	<b>2,562.74</b>
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b>(100.00)</b>	<b>108024.99</b>	<b>20,671.22</b>	<b>302,723.97</b>	<b>19,247.92</b>	<b>42,337.08</b>	<b>20,034.38</b>	<b>28,493.75</b>	<b>541,433.31</b>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>945.07</b>	<b>104,305.28</b>	<b>22,288.06</b>	<b>320,919.70</b>	<b>20,361.87</b>	<b>17,276.18</b>	<b>28,335.85</b>	<b>29,564.04</b>	<b>543,996.05</b>

## Report of the Church Clerk December 31, 2013

MEMBERSHIP ON RECORD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012..... **176**

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:**

By Confirmation..... 0

By Affirmation..... 0

TOTAL RECEIVED..... **+ 0**

MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED..... **+ 0**

**MEMBERS LOST:**

By Death..... 1

By Transfer.....0

By Inactivity..... 8

By Request..... 0

TOTAL LOST..... **- 9**

TOTAL MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012.....**167**

**MEMBERS RECEIVED : 0**

**CONFIRMANDS: 0**

**DROPPED BY INACTIVITY: 8**

Cassie Fisch

Jili Fisch

Connie Hixson Coursen

Stacey McCauley

Craig McCauley

Frances Miller

Stacy Simpson

Carl R. Wellenkoetter

**DEATHS : 1**

Willis Gilmore

**BAPTISMS: 5**

Daniel Slaybaugh

Traci Trapp

Maci Trapp

Rawlins Brant

Larry Cole

Luke Swenson

**WEDDINGS: 0**

**MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED: 0**

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy L. Bollmeyer

## In Memory 2013



### **Willis W. Gilmore** **1925-2013**

Willis W. Gilmore, 87, St. Joseph, Missouri died Friday, February 15, 2013 at a local healthcare facility.

He was born October 11, 1925 to Charles and Mary Gilmore in Kansas City, Missouri.

Willis married Violet E. Clark on January 19, 1946 in Atchison, Kansas. She preceded him in death on August 18, 2011.

He was a baker and worked for Wonderbread for forty years. He was a member of Faith United Church for over thirty years, served on various boards through the church, and was an Adult Sunday School teacher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; great-granddaughter, Abigail Schmidt; four brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors: daughters, Anna Schmidt (Mike), Amazonia, Missouri, Ruth Sharp (Scotty), Dekalb, Missouri; sons, Donald Gilmore (Dorothea), Louisville, Kentucky, Rev. John Gilmore (Peggy), Johnston, Iowa; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; brother, Chester Gilmore (Rae Ann), St. Joseph, Missouri; and a sister, Mary Ann Hollingsworth, St. Joseph, Missouri.

## Active Members on December 31, 2013

Abersold, Grace  
Arn, Dale  
Arn, Janis  
Bannon, Sharon  
Beemer, Kara  
Berton, Jacob  
Gibson, Kayley  
Berton, Kourtney  
Berton, Sally  
Berton, Scott  
Bollmeyer, Eddie  
Bollmeyer, Stacy  
Book, Mary June  
Brant, Bart  
Brant, Jill  
Brant, Stetson  
Bridenstine, Paul  
Brumback, Edwin  
Brumback, Marjorie  
Bryson, Larry  
Bryson, Paula  
Bryson, Steven  
Bryson, Amy  
Butcher, Courtney  
Butcher, Jeffrey  
Butcher, Jennifer  
Butcher, Kennedy  
Campbell, Sharon  
Carolus, Robin  
Catron, Audrey  
Catron, Locky  
Catron, Sharon  
Catron, Wilk  
Cobb, Denny  
Cobb, Jennifer  
Cobb, Jill  
Cole, Larry  
Cole, Phyllis  
Demuth, Debbie  
Demuth, Tony  
Dye, George  
Dye, Madonna (Donna)  
Fischer, Dr. George  
Franey, Michelle  
Freeman, James  
Freeman, Ila  
Goforth, Susan (Alden)  
Gottswiller, Ermal  
Haenni, Brayden  
Hill, Brent  
Hill, Courtney  
Hill, Joed  
Hill, Jordan  
Hoecker, Jacob  
Hoecker, Johnathan  
Hoecker, Shawn  
Hoecker, Tammy  
Holt, Carolyn

Johnson, Tom  
Johnson, Penny  
Kidwell, Brian  
Kidwell, Teresa  
King, Aaron  
King, Alex  
King, Drew  
King, Jody  
Kline, Sherri  
Lambing, Devera  
Langemach, Darline  
Langemach, Gary  
Langemach, Brenda  
Langemach, Ryan  
Lewis, Trudy  
Leichti, Anna  
Lightle, Scott  
Lightle, Ashley  
McCall, Daniel L.  
McCall, Leonard  
McCall, Mina  
McCauley, Ronnie  
McCauley, Eilean  
McClellan, Carole  
McClellan, Karen  
Milbourne, Uva May  
Miller, Beverly  
Mollett, Chris  
Montgomery, Gwen  
Morgan, Duane  
Morgan, Faye  
Nolan, Austin  
Nolan, Michelle  
Nolan, Kaylin  
Nolan, Roy  
Oswald, Jim  
Oswald, Julie  
Oswald, Jill  
Oswald, Jenna  
Portell, Kevin  
Portell, Carolyn  
Prussman, Michael  
Prussman, Loretta  
Pulley, Steve  
Pulley, Dianne  
Queen, Mildred  
Ritter, Jackie  
Rockwood, Nancy  
Root, Donald  
Root, Mary  
Rumpf, Keith  
Rumpf, Sharon  
Rumpf, Travis  
Sagaser, Carolyn  
Sagaser, Carl Gregory  
Schaaf, Debbie  
Schubert, Joan

Schoenlaub, Elizabeth  
Schuett, LuVerne  
Seuell, Rosemary  
Seuell, Cynthia  
Sharp, Katharine  
Sharp, Matthew  
Sharp, Merry  
Sharp, Nancy  
Sharp, Richard  
Sharp, Ruth  
Sharp, Scotty  
Shores, Frances  
Simpson, Tommy  
Slaybaugh, Ann  
Slaybaugh, Scott  
Smith, Dorothy  
Spitzer, Glenn  
Stephens, Alma  
Stroud, David  
Stroud, Daniel  
Sweat, Samuel  
Taylor, Joan  
Taylor, Tom  
Tolbert, Karamaneh  
Tourbier, Ada  
Tourbier, Alene  
Trapp, Linda  
Trapp, Mason  
Trapp, Michael  
Trapp, Traci  
VanLone, Regina  
Vulgamott, Corey  
Vulgamott, Colton  
Vulgamott, Jean Gayle  
Vulgamott, Kyle  
Vulgamott, Cameron  
Wells, Margaret  
West, Ashley,  
West, Missy  
West, Rachel  
West, Reggie  
Wheeler, Benny  
Wheeler, Susan  
Wickam, Anthony  
Wickam, Melanie  
Wickam, Miranda  
Wilson, Dorothea  
Wilson, Sandra  
Wood, James  
Wood, Donna  
Wood, Darren  
Wood, Katherine

**TOTAL MEMBERS  
DECEMBER 31, 2013  
167**

## Church & Ministry Commission 2013

The duties of the Church and Ministry Commission are many. They are outlined in the By Laws and include anything related to worship, membership, confirmation, pastoral supply and the music committee.

Members of the commission have worked hard this year to follow the guidelines set before us. A big thank you to those who attended meetings regularly. We can only accomplish the work for Christ if we have a

Quorum at the meetings.

We are hoping there will be a "new member" class established after the first of the year, so we may receive those who are interested in membership.

God has blessed us with a beautiful facility. May we continue to use it as a beacon of His love and grace to all.  
Carole McClellan, Chair: 2013

## Lay Life and Work Commission

Wow! Lay Life has had a great year. I would like to say thanks to all the members of this committee for their work this year. We started the year off with the annual "Souper Bowl" Sunday event. This is when we ask the congregation to bring canned goods for the needy around the time of the Super Bowl Game. As always, the congregation "kicks" into action and scores big for these in need! Thanks to everyone that brought item in.

Lay Life this year tried something new which I hope they will continue. We put together several Matinee Movie days. This is where we presented a movie and served popcorn, We showed three movies and had a small group of at least 15 come out each time. The movies were: in February – "Windrunner"; April – "Amazing Love" the story of Hosea; and in June for Father's Day – "Courageous." They were tearful but meaningful. The popcorn was a big hit as well! We decided to hold off on our next movie for another time. We hope more will come out to see "the Adventures of Greyfriars Bobby" which is a Family movie about a dog.

Every year Lay Life provides something special on Mother's Day and Father's Day. This year we went with carnations for Mother's Day and we also provide a breakfast for the moms. The men served at least 25 that morning. For Father's Day we handed out to each father a "Man of God" LED clip light. Dads seem to be big on any kind of little light.

Each year Lay Life also provides an Easter breakfast for the congregation. Good food as always! We also have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children which we held April 30<sup>th</sup>. Good crowd of youngsters out for this event.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Lay Life had their annual Sunday luncheon. We grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. There is also lots of other great picnic food. We served approximately 85 people.

Lay Life also provides the luncheon every year for the Hanging of the Greens. This is the Saturday that everyone who can comes out to prep the church for the Hanging of the Greens service. We have lots of good chili and desserts for the workers. Maybe served at least 20+. Thanks everyone.

This fall we decided to stay in town at the church instead of heading out to Hunts Orchard. We hosted a Harvest Party at the church and opened it up to the community. Thanks to the Christian Education Committee for helping us host this. They provided the hotdog roast and bounce house. Thanks to Paul Bridenstine for providing the cotton candy machine (which I think was a bigger hit with some of our adults). We were blessed with many visitors. Oh, by the way, we have a new family joining us every Sunday because a member invited them to this activity. What a great way to outreach. It was a lot of work but lots of fun! Thanks to everyone that helped with this experience. Looking FORWARD to next year's!

Lay Life is also about Mission work. Thank offering is something we have every year and choose where to send the offering that is collected. This year we chose the Second Harvest. We also take part in the CROP Walk which was in October. We had 19 people participate in the CROP Walk (and 1 dog). We had a wide range of ages, from George to Kolbe. This is something easy to do and for anyone that likes to walk. Thanks to everyone that donated and sponsored the walkers this year. For several

years now this congregation has been involved with the Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for all the boxes brought in. We had individuals as well as the K.F.C. group put together boxes this year. Once again this congregation "wraps" up another great outreach for children by providing love and creating lots of smiles. Bless each of you!

Let us keep reaching others and looking forward to 2014. God Bless and thanks!

Joed Hill, Chair

## Christian Education

I would like to thank all the Christian Education Commission members for all the work they have put in to make 2013 another successful year.

### **Kids for Chris (K.F.C.) -- (1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>)**

K.F.C. had several events during the spring session in starting in Feb with bowling. In March they attended the Easter Egg Hunt and ate Pizza. In Oct, our commission collaborated with the Lay Life Commission to hold the annual wiener roast with a Harvest Party that included a bounce house and games. The children also got together during the year to fill shoe boxes for the Christmas Shoe box mission for their service project.

VBS is always a lot of work for the commission as well as all of the volunteers in the church that give us their time and talents to make an interesting program for the VBS week. This year the VBS theme was Paul in Athens. There were approximately 42 kids that signed up and as many as 48 adults helped at some point during that week.

In July, we had another great time at Miracle Hills children's camp in Bethany, MO! The children learned about creation and had lots of fun games and swimming. Thanks to all the parents and youth that give their time and effort to make this camp possible.

### **Believe in God (B.I.G.) -- (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

The BIG group had a car wash fundraiser in June to earn funds to go on a mission trip to south Missouri. The kids had a good time doing construction projects at a children's camp while staying at Windermere Camp.

In November, the kids also had the opportunity to play paint ball against the parents at Miracle Hills camp and enjoy a bonfire..

The BIG group met regularly during the last half of the year on Wed nights, where Jim would provide a "Lesson from the Hat" on questions that the kids provided him anonymously. The kids enjoyed swimming at the West's new pool as a way to kick off the new semester of Wed night sessions.

The group still provides for a regular service project at Living Community throughout the year by assisting residents to church service.

### **Women's Retreats –**

A women's retreat was planned for both the spring and the fall this past year. In April the women traveled to Branson to hear great speakers and enjoy fellowship with each other. During the fall, they went to Atchison on a weekend to study lessons and stayed overnight at the Newman's farm house.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Hill, Chairman of Christian Education

## **B.I.G. (Believing in God) Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

2013 was an awesome year for our high school students. The B.I.G. group began the year by preparing for Student Life/Mission Camp back in March with a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon/fundraiser. The food was amazing and was prepared by Sharon Catron, along with help from a host of parents and students. All of the proceeds went toward reducing the cost of camp for those students who helped in the serving. In April, the B.I.G. group held a scavenger hunt in which the proceeds from it went toward camp as well. The best part is that the students had fun building relationships...while still earning money for something that would bring them eternal value.

In early June, our students and leaders, then proceeded to the Ozarks for Student Life/Mission Camp where we were able to help a man named, Gerald. He is in the process of building a camp for the children of prisoners in order to help guide them toward the road of knowing Christ. Our students got the opportunity to help build on to the main "house," as well as paint, build picnic tables, clean mattresses, clean cabins, weed eat, and a whole lot more. Encompassing all of that was the time the students spent in worship and Bible study. The setting was beautiful and it was a real life-changing growing experience for all who attended.

In late July, some of our students were able to help out at the Miracle Hills Children's Camp. This gave them the opportunity to put into practice what they had been taught all throughout the year.

In August, our students had a "kick-off" party for the fall semester at the West's home. Students of all ages came together, and formed a plan as to how we could meet more regularly. So we looked at our schedules and realized that

Wednesday evenings were the best time to meet. To start off with, they met at the Pastor's home the second Wednesday in September and decided that they wanted to find out what the Bible had to say about some of the "hot" topics our students face today. They wrote those topics on scraps of paper and threw them into a hat and the Pastor would pull one out each week and talk about what the Bible had to say about??? We called it "lessons from the hat." We hope to continue on this journey through the Spring semester as our group continues to grow closer together. We will be working toward attending Student Life/Mission Camp at Orange Beach, MS at the end of June of 2014. We are excited to see what God has in store for us this coming year!

During the first Saturday in November, the B.I.G. group, along with some of the parents, met at Miracle Hill's camp to play paintball. It was the perfect day for the perfect game. As darkness fell on our time of play, a bonfire was lit and the students roasted marshmallows and hot dogs. This is a tradition we hope to continue for years.

Interwoven among all of these activities is the fact that our students assemble at Living Community a minimum of four times a year to assist in getting the senior adults there to worship. Our students are so good that they are the only group of students that has been allowed to come back and help. We have a lot to be proud of here at Faith!

Continue to pray for our students, and their leaders, as we "move forward" into 2014. Pray that God will grow this group of individuals, not only in numbers, but more importantly in their spiritual walk!

Respectively Submitted  
Pastor Jim Oswald

## Women' Fellowship 2013

The purpose of Women's Fellowship is to increase, develop and coordinate the activities and participation of women of church as a means of witnessing for Jesus Christ. We meet quarterly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of March, June, September and December. All women who are members of Faith Church are members of Women's Fellowship and are welcome to attend our meetings.

Our fund raising event for the year is a bazaar and bake sale which is held in conjunction with the Brotherhood Ham and Bean Dinner in November. The money is used for various projects around the church and donations to charitable causes. Each year a directory is made of all members, their address and phone number which is given to all women in the church.

Each meeting consists of a business meeting, a program selected by the officers and refreshments. Hostesses provide the refreshments and table decorations at each meeting. The June meeting includes a Salad Supper where all the women bring a salad offering to share.

Programs for 2013 consisted of:

- **March** – Gail Sears on the “History of Buchanan County Academy”, which is a Juvenile Detention Center and school in St. Joseph.
- **June** – Ruth Rother on “Hidden in Plain View”, a fascinating story of how enslaved men and women used encoded quilts to navigate their escape on the Underground Railroad.
- **September** – Alicia Cianciolo on “NASA the Landing”, Alicia is part of the team designing NASA satellites and rovers that have explored Mars since 2001. She ensures that these spacecraft are successfully able to orbit the planet or safely land on the surface—famously difficult tasks that NASA has compared to “throwing a dart at a moving target.” Alicia spoke on her journey to becoming part of NASA (which she does from her home in Avenue City) and her work on the 2009 Science

Laboratory Mars Rover. Absolutely fascinating.

- **December** – Mary Smith on “Santa Clause is coming to Church”, a presentation of and talk on her collection of Santa Clauses.

We would like to thank everyone who helped as an officer, committee member or hostess this past year. Without the contributions of everyone, our purpose could not be achieved. There are many opportunities to get involved and help with the work of the church.

We welcome all ladies of the church who would like to attend our meetings and get involved in Women's Fellowship. And guests are always welcome so bring a friend or family member (men are welcome as well).

Eilean McCauley, President 2012 – 2013 and  
Teresa Kidwell, President 2013 – 2014

## Women's Fellowship Financial Annual Report

Balance Brought Forward 12/1/2012	\$692.55
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Quarterly Meetings	\$26.00
Replace Change	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$126.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Commerce Bank	\$40.00
Eileen McCaule	\$55.42
Y.W.C.A.	\$250.00
Valley Food Kitchen	\$200.00
Church Women	\$5.00
Commerce Bank	\$268.13
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$818.55</b>
<b>BALANCE IN NODAWAY5/31/2013</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Special Projects Fund - Commerce Bank</b>	
Balance Brought Forward 12/1/2012	\$5,495.74
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Bazaar	\$748.66
Pop Machine	\$210.74
Quarterly Meeting	\$68.00
Interest	\$2.13
Dorcas	\$49.50
Garage Sale	\$1,436.00
Nodaway Bank	\$268.13
Joan Taylor	\$75.00
Funeral (Schuett)	\$250.00
Change (Bazaar)	\$128.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,236.16</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Nodaway Valley	\$100.00
Stamps	\$27.60
Church Women United	\$45.00
Carole McClellan	\$113.82
Change for Bazaar	\$128.00
Y.W.C.A.	\$100.00
Calvin Center	\$100.00
Red Cross	\$100.00
Ruth Rother	\$20.00
Cookman Printing	\$139.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$873.42</b>
<b>BALANCE IN CURRENT FUND COMMERCE BANK</b>	<b>\$7,858.48</b>
RoseMary Seuell, Treasurer	

## **Dorcas Circle 2013**

Dorcas Circle is part of the Women's Fellowship of Faith United Church and meets the second Thursday of each month 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to this fellowship!

Mission giving is collected for Church World Service's Tools of Hope/ Blankets, Pastor's Discretionary Fund and the Least Coin Offering.

The ladies check the sanctuary pew racks and replace pencils and envelopes and clean out any litter as needed. We try to see what needs to be done around the church building, and do those things we are able to do. We also offer help to Lydia Circle on some of their special projects such as the Annual Garage Sale and the Women's Fellowship Yearly Bazaar.

The Prayer Shawl ministry is active and ongoing. These are "blessed" and given to members who are experiencing illness or other difficulties, be they short or long term situations, and shut-ins.

This Fall, we made gift containers and delivered them to all the shut-ins of the church and took that opportunity to visit with them and let them know they are valued and loved by all the members of our Faith family.

Our December meeting is our annual holiday luncheon and party. This year we had our celebration and lunch at a local restaurant. We invited our husbands, our church secretary and the Pastor to be our

guests. We brought supplies for the new Nursery and Toddler Rooms at the Noyes Home for Children as our mission gift. Some of us received a short tour of these facilities when we delivered the gifts. The needs of this program are ongoing throughout the year and they appreciate any help the community offers.

Each meeting we bring our sack lunches and share in fellowship during our meal. Occasionally we share desserts, celebrate birthdays, or eat at a local restaurant. A short devotional by a member begins the business portion of our meeting, and a "study" is shared at the end of each meeting.

Occasionally the group will take a "field trip". This year we enjoyed a luncheon at the Gothic Tea Room together and enjoyed the lovely garden there. We also visited the St. Joseph Museum as a group and decided we need to make another trip to see all of the things offered at that site.

Linda Trapp serves as the Chairman of Dorcas, with Penny Johnson serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Dorothy Smith is our Hospitality Officer and sends cards to members when they are ill, celebrating a birthday, shut-in, etc. Other members volunteer for other duties as needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Johnson, Secretary

## **Lydia Circle 2013**

The Lydia Circle is open to all women of the church. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the church or in members homes, except during the months of March, June, September and December. These are the months of the Women's Fellowship meetings on the first Tuesday.. All women of the church are members of these groups and are invited to participate. We are

responsible for the Bazaar and the Garage Sale. The money's earned from these events are placed in the Women's Fellowship treasury and used for special projects at the church and donations to community services through the year. We meet for fellowship, refreshments and various programs. There are no meetings during July or August.  
Karen McClellan, President

## Financial/Scholarship Committee 2013

This committee oversees the Hilda Rumpf Scholarship fund and the Iffert trust monies. They also prepare the budget for the church each year.

The Rumpf fund permits interest free loans for students, with priority given to those who would be teaching. Those entering the ministry would not have to pay back the loans according to the guidelines.

Faith Church was left a portion of the interest from the assets of the Herb and Peggy Iffert Estate. The guidelines of the trust dictate that at least half of the funds be used for Youth Education and Scholarship purposes plus other expenses concerning the youth. A portion of the income can be used for special projects. The scholarships are grants and do not have to be repaid.

The Hilda Rumpf fund balance as of October 31, 2013 is \$29,363.68 There were no loans made in 2013 as our goal is to let the Rumpf fund build up, so if we have a person entering the ministry we will have

funds to give them for their schooling, We have received payments on loans of \$950 in 2013. All but three loans are current.

Iffert grants of \$1,000 each were given this year for a total of \$9,000. That included the semesters of Fall 2012 and Spring 2013. The Iffert income for 2013 was \$36,073.96 which includes interest with the fund balance being \$29,470.98 as of October 31, 2013. We have elected to increase the scholarship grants to \$1,500 for the coming year. Other expenses for the Iffert fund were for Bible School, Youth Sunday School material/supplies and a youth mission trip.

We have reviewed the youth mission trip and other expenditures for the church. We have given our recommendations to the Board.

We prepared the goals budget for 2014 which was presented and approved at the 2013 Fall Congregational meeting.

In Christ,

Trudy Lewis and Regina VanLone co-chairs

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## Living Memorial Fund 2013

The Living Memorial Fund is a part of the history of Faith United Church for the purpose of recording memorials given to the church. The items and names are listed in the "Memorial Book" kept in the "Memorial Cabinet" in the Narthex. This encourages all gifts to be a part of the church as a whole honoring God instead of individuals.

Anytime a donor wishes to give toward a certain item it should be discussed with the Furnishing Committee as to the need and appropriateness of the gift or to get suggestions.

In 2012 the family of Willis and Violet Gillmore have requested that gifts in memory of their parents be used toward the purchase of new wooden shelves for our library. We thank them for this gift.

Money given to the Living Memorial Fund is used for appropriate items to

enhance the beauty and worshipful atmosphere of the church building. Gifts can also be used to purchase equipment or special programming materials. The Board of Stewards can vote on using these funds for improving the church in this way.

The fund is also an important financial "cushion" that may be borrowed from when necessary. These funds must be repaid as soon as possible.

The funds have been used to purchase new paraments, artwork, equipment, hymnals, choir robes, worship symbols, bell chimes, new playground equipment, etc.

All members and friends are invited and urged to use the Living Memorial Fund when you wish to give a memorial or to honor someone at an anniversary or other special time.

Penny Johnson

## **Church Library**

Use of the Faith United Church Library should improve in 2014. New wooden shelves have been ordered and will be arriving sometime in February. They will replace the old metal shelves in Fellowship Hall and an additional shelving unit will be added in the Narthex upstairs.

Please be patient as the books are removed from the shelves and sorted through and “thinned” out. Dorcas Circle members will be helping me with this task in February. When the new shelving is in place and has been “secured” to the walls for safety, we will be replacing books we feel will be helpful and/or enjoyable to our membership.

Our Library is for any member of our congregation to use. Just select your book, sign and date the card, and leave it in the container marked for that purpose. There are fiction and non-fiction books for all ages. When you return the book, please do not try to re-shelve it. The library volunteers will do that. You can return books to the marked shelf in the Narthex at the present time

We welcome more members to this committee. Contact me if you wish to work to make our library more useable. The donated “Chicken Soup for the Soul” books, on the Narthex shelves, may be borrowed and enjoyed on the “Honor System” Just be sure to return them when you are through, so others may enjoy them. Some discussion is being had to make the library completely on the “Honor System”. Your opinions are always welcome. Please acquaint yourself with what is available and use our library regularly. Two audio sets of the Bible are available for checkout upstairs on the shelves across from Pastor Jim’s office. Some of these are still missing or being used. If you know where these missing tapes are, we would appreciate you helping by letting us know. If you have them, just return them to the Narthex shelves and they will be put in the proper places. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Penny Johnson

## **The Rev. C. Ross McClellan Memorial Building Fund**

The building fund has been in existence for a few years and named in the memory of our Pastor Emeritus, the late Ross McClellan. The committee in charge of this project is working to get an elevator and handicap bathrooms added.

As of October 31, 2013, giving and interest brought the fund to \$310,270.65.

We need to have enough money to complete this project so we don't have to borrow.

Please continue to add to this fund as you can so we might complete this project.

In Christ,

Trudy Lewis

## **The Building Committee**

The Building Committee has met over the last few months and has gotten a cost estimate on the expansion and elevator project. We are looking forward to the next step in realizing this addition to our church and our future.

Corey Vulgamott

## Stewardship Committee 2013

The 2013 Stewardship theme was "Being Jesus." What better theme to challenge ourselves? What better person for each individual or church body to model or emulate? Each individual formulates the church body, so we need to strive to be like Jesus. Each person in the church should work, love, pray, forgive, and have the compassion of Jesus. We have God's Word to tell us exactly what we need to do. If we are more like Jesus, people will notice. For some people, the closest thing to Jesus is you!! I pray that when you are at work, play, school, recreation, and at home, that people see a glimpse of Jesus in your actions. In our church, I can see people giving from their heart. I can see Jesus alive and at work. People are working at the food kitchen, they are visiting the people that are home bound, hosting Vacation Bible School, coming to Bible Study, hosting camps, providing fellowship activities, providing a Harvest Party, having fellowship at the B.I.G groups, and gathering to praise and worship our God. I can definitely see Jesus alive and at work. I pray we continually push ourselves to grow stronger individually and as a church body. I pray we grow our faith and our walk with Christ.

*The Bible verse that applied to our stewardship theme is 1 John 4: 17 b "...because in this world we are like Jesus." (NIV)*

As we strive to be like Jesus, we must remember God owns everything. We are just the money managers. Know that your heart is where you put God's money. We have to question where all our time, energy, and passion are invested. When we strive to be more like Christ, we remember that heaven is our home, *NOT* earth. Are we are serving by using our gifts and talents in some capacity in Christ's name? God desires from us, to raise our standard of giving, *NOT* living. Everything we have comes from God. God wants us to pass on our gifts, talents, and money. Push yourself to be more like Christ.

*1 John 2:6 "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did." (NIV)*

I pray this year you challenged yourselves to "be more like Jesus." Our goals budget for 2014 was \$163,290.00. Our pledges as of this date December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 total \$126,764.00 that is 78 % of our budget. May we glorify God with these blessings! We are really excited about our theme for 2014 "**Moving Forward.**" I pray all of you challenge yourselves to push outside of your comfort zones. In the year of 2014, you will hear sermons and a lot more about growing, changing, and "**Moving Forward.**" We are called to grow, serve, and glorify Christ.

In Christ,

Jill Brant, The Stewardship Committee

## Brotherhood Report

Brotherhood has continued to meet regularly during the year and done several jobs to help maintain the property plus doing our annual Ham and Bean Dinner and we have been encouraged by the fellowship we have as members and guests share in the informal meal. We have also had our summer and winter outings, open to all members, most recently using the facilities of "Rib Crib" and the "Old Hoof and Horn".

We are open to all the men of the church and their friends if they care to bring them along. Join us on the third Tues of the month for fellowship and often a cup of coffee and "Munchkins".

George Fischer

## O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Loving Souls)

A group for 55 & older singles who meet most months for fellowship and food at a local restaurant for lunch. One of the hardest things for a single to do is prepare and eat a meal alone, so we hope this makes the sharing interesting and less lonely for all.

## Furnishings Committee

This Committee is a member of the Board of Stewards, appointed by the President for a term of one year but not limited to one term. If the need arises, they will select five others to help them, subject to approval of the Board. Members: Carole McClellan, Eilean McCauley, Joed Hill, Sharon Rumpf, Loretta Prussman, and Mina McCall – Chairman

The committee coordinates furnishing plans and the physical properties of the church building at the request of the Board. This does not include the building structure or repair and maintenance, but includes most items.

1. We have cleaned out Charlie Brown's Closet at least three times this year.
2. The Costume Closet was cleaned out.
3. Women's Fellowship Closet cleaned out.
4. Narthex cleaned.
5. Furnace Room cleaned.
6. We clean out dated food from the

refrigerator's and the kitchen cabinets.

7. We cleaned out the containers under the sink and put lids on all the ones we could find.
8. We have cleaned out under the back basement steps.
9. We cleaned the closets in the back of the Sacristy.
10. We made some new spring and fall flower arrangements for the church.
11. We are currently checking prices and quality of bookcases for the church.

We work about every month except the summer months. Sometimes we work every week if we are on a big project. Above are a few of the ones that I was able to track.

I want to thank all the committee members for their work and time they each put in this year. We did tackle some big jobs. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you.

Mina McCall, Chairman

## Historian Report 2013

**January:** Pastor Jim reminded us that to start the New Year we should ask God to give us the strength to experience forgiveness with those who have hurt us or whom we have hurt. As we began the year 2013, we could remember to let whatever we do or say be representative of Christ. Administrative Assistant, Stacy Bollmeyer, continued to publish colorful and informative monthly newsletters.

### FAITH CHURCH REPORTER

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A new feature, *Spotlight on Faith*, introduced a new Faith Church family each month, and helped us to know more about each other (including little-known tidbits of information). Ms. Linda Trapp retired as Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Susan Wheeler volunteered to serve in this position.

**February:** Lay Life Commission held a showing of *Windrunner*, with popcorn, drinks, & nursery provided. Faith Church participated in

SOUPER Bowl Sunday by bringing money and 309 food items to be donated to InterServ's Calvin Center Food Pantry. K.F.C. met after Church for a Bowling Trip. We celebrated the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 13. Dorcas Circle learned knitting techniques.



**March:** Mason Trap accepted the position of Sunday School Teacher of the high school youth.

Breath of Life Ministries of Leawood, KS visited us during the March 10 worship service. Nick and Lucy De La Valle blessed us with an inspiring presentation of *Blind Bartimaeus*. On March 17 the BIG Youth Group sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.



Money went to support their Mission Trip. Sharon Catron and her crew prepared the meal. Thanks to all! Charter Members, Donald and Mary Root, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on March 20. An Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 30.



We finished the Lenten Season by celebrating worship services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday on March 31. Many in our congregation enjoyed viewing the Epic TV Mini-Series *THE BIBLE*, which was broadcast on the History Channel for 5 consecutive Sundays culminating on Easter.

**April:** Austin Nolan and Grant Neumann received the honor of being nominated to the 2013 Cotillion for Achievement. On April 21, the K.F.C. group went to play miniature golf after church only to find that they had not yet opened for the season. So they settled for eating

ice cream instead.

**May:** The Annual Garage Sale was held on May 3 & 4 in the Fellowship Hall, coordinated by the Women's Fellowship.



Mildred Queen celebrated her 90th birthday on May 20. Mothers were honored on May 12 with a breakfast. Ada Tourbier wrote an article for the News Press about winter beauty in St. Joseph.

Carole McClellan was honored with the Valiant Woman Award for service to God and Community during the Church Women's United Friendship Day.



**June:** The B.I.G. Student Life Mission Trip was June 3-8. The 2013 VBS theme was *Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth* and it was held June 9 - 13. Attendees enjoyed supper (octopus and seaweed)



along with games, crafts, songs, and

lots of fun.



The Lay Life Commission presented the movie *Courageous* in the Fellowship Hall on June 15. The New Generation Singers gave a Sermon in Song performance during our worship service on June 23.

**July:** The Gideons conducted the worship service on July 7. Lay Life Commission sponsored the July summer luncheon on the 21st. Faith Church hosted a Children's Camp at Miracle Hills in Bethany, MO for 1st - 6th graders from July 25-27.



Faith Church has a new web site - <http://www.faithstjoe.com> which is maintained by webmaster Stacy Bollmeyer. You can listen to sermons, read past newsletters, look at the calendar, and much more. Check it out. We also have a new email address:

faithchurchstjoe@gmail.com and a new church logo:



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**August:** A number of Faith Members traveled to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in North Kansas City to attend the Chicago telecast of the Global Leadership Summit Aug. 8-9. On Sunday, August 18, at the home of Tony and Debbie Demuth, Pastor Jim baptized Traci and Maci Trapp and Daniel Slaybaugh.



The following Sunday, Rawlins Brant, Luke Swenson, and Larry Cole were baptized in a pond near the Brants' home.



The Church and Ministry Commission sponsored the summer luncheon after church on August 25.

**September:** The Board of Stewards sponsored their Annual Baked Potato Bar after worship on September 8.



Rally Day was held with recognitions during the worship service. The K.F.C. group was finally able to have a Miniature Golf outing. Bible Study and Choir Practice resumed meeting on Wednesday evenings. Also, the B.I.G. Youth Group began meeting in homes each Wednesday for fellowship and "Bible Lessons from the Hat" answering questions that the youth had asked.

**October:** Faith Church Members participated in The Crop Hunger Walk that was held at Hyde Park on October 6. A Fall Women's Retreat was held on October 25 & 26 at Cedar Ridge Catering and Banquet Hall in Atchison, KS. The Theme was "Cozy Mountain Lodge" and the group studied the Book of Ruth. We also made gifts to be donated to the "Mom's Time" group at the YWCA. We enjoyed an overnight stay at the Neumann's Farm Home near Atchison. It was a wonderful event of sharing.



The Lay Life and Christian Education Commissions sponsored a wonderful Harvest Festival on the Church grounds and in the Fellowship Hall. Activities included games, hay ride, golf lessons, bon fire, Christian Music, s'mores, wienie roast, cotton candy and lots of fellowship and fun.



**November:** The Brotherhood Ham & Bean Dinner and the Women's Fellowship Annual Bazaar were held on Friday, November 8.



Church members participated in making Christmas Shoe Boxes which were dedicated during the worship service.

**December:** The Hanging of the Greens was celebrated in church on December 1 to begin the Advent Season. Mildred Queen was recognized in a News Press article for the many years she has painted a new Christmas Card for all of us to sign, so that we can donate the postage money to the Valley Food Kitchen. During December there were Christmas celebrations including the White Elephant Pot Luck party, Lydia Circle at the McCauley Home,



Dorcas Circle at the San Jose Steak House,



and Brotherhood dinner at the Hoof and Horn. A candlelight service on Christmas Eve was well-attended and we celebrated with Communion, Christmas Carols, and a Christmas message.

As we reflect on 2013, we lost long-time member, Willis Gilmore, who passed away on February 26. There was no Confirmation Class and no new members who joined Faith Church during the year. We continue to support our Mission projects including: InterServ Calvin Center, Back Pack Buddies, Valley Food Kitchen, Living Community, Church World Service Blanket Program, YWCA Domestic Violence Center and Mom's Time Group, Habitat for Humanity Hearts and Hammers Club, and the Red Cross. I hope that we will all remember our members who are shut-ins: Ermal Gottswiller, Rocky Rockwood, Elizabeth Schoenlab, Jackie Ritter, Ada & Alene Tourbier, Faye & Duane Morgan, Gwen Montgomery, June Book, LuVerne Schuett, Mildred Queen, Donald and Mary Root, and Ila Freeman.



Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Langemach Bannon, Historian

