

Faith United Church
Annual Report



**MOVING
FORWARD**

2014

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Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Blessing	Pastor Jim Oswald
Covered Dish Luncheon	Sponsored by Women's Fellowship
Annual Meeting to Follow the Luncheon	
Call to Order	Ronnie McCauley
Invocation	Linda Trapp
Welcome to New Members	Eilean McCaulley
Moments of Remembrance	Penny Johnson
Annual Report	
Clerk	Michelle Nolan
Treasurer	Dianne Pulley
Stewardship Report	Jill Brant
Old Business	
2015 Budget Approval	Ronnie McCaulley
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	<u>"We Are One in the Bond of Love"</u>

*We are one in the bond of love,
We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined in spirits with the spirit of God;
We are one 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 26, 2014

The fifty-second 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 12:30 pm.

INVOCATION: George Fischer lead congregation in invocation.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Mina McCall reported no new member that joined Faith Church in 2013.

MOMENT OF REMEBERANCE: Penny Johnson recognized Willis Gilmore as our only member of the congregation who passed away in 2013. A moment of silence in honor of his memory was followed by a scripture reading.

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT: Michelle Nolan, Clerk, presented the 2013 Clerk's Report. Membership at the beginning of 2013 started with 176 members. One member lost by death and eight members were lost by inactivity, with membership ending 2013 of 167 members.

TREASUERER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Dianne Pulley, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for 2013.

STEWARDSHIP: Jill Brant reported on Stewardship Committee's Drive this year, "Moving Forward". Pledges received to date represent 82.9% of 2014 budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Budget: Trudy Lewis presented 2014 Budget. Dianne Pulley made a motion to accept the 2014 Budget as presented. Roy Nolan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Building Project: Paul Bridenstine presented updated Building addition. Sharon Bannon made a motion to move forward on new Building project. Jean Vulgamott seconded. Jean Vulgamott rescinded her second. Sharon Bannon rescinded her motion. Sharron Bannon made a motion to move forward on Phase 1 of New Building project. Jean Vulgamott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Building Fundraising/Pledge Committee: Tom Johnson made a motion to re-establish New Building Fundraising/Pledge Committee. Dianne Pulley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Life Touch: Stacy Bollmeyer presented information on Pictorial Directory for the Church. Tom Johnson made a motion to move forward on directory and create a committee to assist with the Directory. Kara Tolbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Stewards: George Fischer made a motion that Board of Stewards can spend up to \$5,000.00 without coming to congregation. Dale Arn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Remarks: Reggie West wanted to thank the entire congregation for their continued support. He had a special thank you to Stacy Bollmeyer.

Pastor's Remarks: Pastor Jim spoke about 2014 "Moving Forward" 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 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Nolan, Clerk

Pastor's Report

I concluded last year's report with our theme verse for 2014 which was found in Job 17:9a and simply says, *"The righteous keep moving forward..."* As I wrote last year, "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. 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! And move forward we did!

First up, in January, our worship became led more by our band. The band meets once a week and is dedicated to trying to make our worship more contemporary with an eye still on the past. As a result of their effort, we are seeing more of an influx of younger families attending Faith. This was one of the things that I was asked to bring to Faith when I was hired and has been a goal of mine ever since! Also in January, some of our women attended a one day retreat that reproduced the Fall retreat that they were unable to attend in Atchison. It caught everyone up and gave everyone a chance to start the New Year on the same page of ministry. We also welcomed The Haskey's and the Sunderland's to our congregation as new members. What a great way to start off the year!

In February, we had a Valentine's party for our K.F.C. children. It followed the morning worship segment where we once again hosted "Breath of Christ" ministries. The children had a lot of fun, and we were once again in awe of the ministries portrayal of biblical characters. You got a feel for what the characters may have been thinking during their encounter with Jesus.

In March, our K.F.C. children got to go black-light bowling at Olympia lanes. The number of children who were attending the K.F.C. events was increasing with each meeting. Also in March, our B.I.G. group hosted a corned beef and cabbage luncheon in order to help raise money for Student Life/Mission Camp. The food, as always, was amazing and the fundraiser was a "Big" success. A "B.I.G." thank-you goes out to Sharon Catron and her crew for the excellent job!

In April we had one new event and one staple. The new event was the "Women of Joy" Conference that took place in Branson. We had thirteen women from our church attend. They returned to us renewed, refreshed, and walking closer with both God and each other. They have reserved more places for this year's 2015 conference in hopes that more

women will want to attend. There truly is something special about being in a large room with thousands of others worshipping God in both Word and song! The other event that took place in April was our annual Easter Egg hunt. Many children participated and the message of Easter was presented as well. This event gave our church family the opportunity to serve the families not only from our church, but also the community.

In May we said, "Congratulations," to our outgoing seniors Katherine Sharp, Rachael West, and Daniel Stroud. Like I mentioned last year, I had gotten to know these three pretty well over the last few years due to the mission trips, camps and other events. Like in the past, you hate to see them go, but you knew that wherever they chose to go and do from here that they would be "difference makers." Please continue to pray for them, as well as all of our college students who may be attending here or abroad.

In June we started the month off with Vacation Bible School. Our goal was to have at least fifty children attend each evening. Although we never had fifty in one night, we did have more than fifty-seven different children attend over the course of the week. It was awesome watching them sing, play, participate in crafts, eat and most importantly, learn about who Jesus was, and is! Our teachers did an outstanding job of guiding them along the way. Also, in June, our B.I.G. students got to attend Student Life/Mission Camp in Orange Beach, Alabama. Our mission work this year was a little different from years past. The previous two years when we attended camp, we participated in the "mission" aspect of the trip for three days. This year, we participated in the "mission" aspect for only one day. Our students got the opportunity to participate in a "deconstruct" for Habitat for Humanity. The house we tore apart was located on the bay and had a beautiful view of the ocean. We learned what "fire ants" were and how to stay hydrated in very humid conditions. Both the students, and adults, worked very hard and we accomplished a lot! While we were on the trip, one of our students, Taylor Bottorff, had given her life to Christ and wished to be baptized in the ocean...and so we did that one afternoon. As you have heard me say before, when I get to witness someone come to the LORD and then follow that commitment with baptism, I rejoice! If you would like to get a better feel for what goes on at Student Life camp, check out the video we have posted on our website. The group grew very close during this year's trip and that

closeness carried over into the next month when our students helped with Miracle Hills Children's camp.

For camp this year we were once again blessed with perfect weather. The days were warm enough for swimming and other activities... and the evenings were perfect for camp fires! Our theme for this year was "I Am." The children got to learn how in the Gospel of John, Jesus had different names for himself while making "I AM" statements. To get a feel for what goes on at camp, check out our website for the video. Children's camp has become a welcomed tradition that the workers are just as excited about 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.

"Moving Forward," we jumped on an opportunity to hire Alex King as our "Student Life Director." Alex has helped with camp the last two years and has been a big part of its success. Also, Alex had been an active participant in our B.I.G. group and it only made sense to hire someone from within our church. He already had a knowledge of some of the activities we were involved in with our students (K-12) and besides that...the students love being around him! Alex has been a great hire and if you have not gotten the chance to meet him, what are you waiting for? Do it!

From that hiring we then moved into September with Alex's first planned event, a K.F.C. cookout/horseback riding/back to school extravaganza. Maybe I went a little too far with that phrasing. But anyway, the event was well attended and it gave Alex a chance to meet the parents and get reacquainted with the children. It was also a time when children could begin to invite their friends. It was a wonderful time and led to many other events over the fall season for both children and students.

In October, we once again invited the community to attend our 2nd Annual Harvest Party. We had wonderful weather and the event was a big hit. We had quite a few people attend who were not "members" of our church...which was the whole point in the first place. I am so grateful for all those who were willing to serve in some capacity during that event whether they were cooking hot dogs, manning a game, giving hay rides on their trailers, or simply mingling with those they didn't know hoping to build relationships. We must always be about our "Father's" business no matter what the situation and I think this event was a perfect way for people to come and feel at ease in a non-threatening "Christian" environment.

Our year ended with two of my most favorite events, new members joining and Christmas Eve service. At the conclusion of our service on December 21st, we had Carole Wood; Amy Hammond and her son, Carson; Jason and Heidi DeSchepper along with their children (Brodie, Deacon, Truman, Sawyer, Elliot and Finn); Donna Brooks; Patricia Pittman along with Mary Francis and George; and Gage Benight become members of Faith! It was awesome seeing all of them fill the front of the sanctuary. The addition of this group, along with the two couples who joined in the spring, have indeed made this a fruitful year. On Christmas Eve, we had a beautiful, well attended, candlelit service. We all came together to celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus, with music, Scripture and a brief message. It was a wonderful night, and as always, is my favorite service of the year! When everyone is standing at the end of the service holding their candlelight high as a symbol of Christ's light, and the light that we will carry with us when we leave that evening, it brings tears to my eyes. Thank you church!

To close, I would like to look back at one project that did not pan out as we had hoped at the time, but know within my heart that God has another plan! You see, in October, we had a vote that affected the life of our church. For the better part of 2014, we had a group of "dedicated" members who served on our building committee. Through their hard work, they were able to come up with plans, and a proposal, for adding an addition on to our church. Unfortunately, the bids that came back so that we could go through with this project, were higher than expected and we have had to ask the committee to go back and try and find a more cost effective way of "moving forward." My prayer is that 2015 will be the year when this project comes to fruition and we will indeed "thrive." Jeremiah 29: 11 says, *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."* God has great plans for Faith Church. He has a vision for how we will be able to serve His Kingdom in 2015, and beyond. To experience His plans for good we must do two simple things. First, we must listen intently to what God has to say and second, we must bind our hearts to His heart so that we can have instilled within each of us the desire to achieve His will for us! If we do these two things, our church can claim God's promise of a future and a hope! We will indeed "Thrive!"

Be God's In All Things!

Pastor Jim

President's Annual Report 2014

As I was reflecting on 2014 while starting this report, it occurred to me that it's 2015! Where did the year go? I have to start off by saying how proud I am of our congregation, and how truly humbled I am to serve as your President. I've said it before, and I'll say again, that 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 are 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 has, and continues to be.

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 would also like to thank the New Building Committee and all the people who spent, and who are still spending, a tremendous amount of time working through the complex and time consuming new building project. Although we didn't achieve what we sought out to do the first time at bat, we learned a lot and are applying that learning so that we can achieve what God truly wants for us. 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 could not continue to grow and prosper.

Financially, it was a still a good year even with the operational fund ending the year with a small deficit. Drawing towards the end of the year, around October time frame, it was looking like we were going to end the year with a large deficit. However, following November's financial report that changed. Giving in November was significantly higher than projected. This is just one example of how we have individually and collectively come together, supported each other, and contributed to do the work of God. I want to thank you for your financial gifts which without, we would not be able to serve God in the many ways that we do.

The Committee reports within this Annual Report will highlight some of the accomplishments that have been achieved during 2014. It has indeed been a rich, full and busy year in the life of Faith United Church.

Whether it's serving on a committee, attending a Bible study, volunteering to be a Sunday school teacher, or singing in the choir, there are ample opportunities to get involved. You will get more satisfaction and Faith United Church will become even stronger.

Let us continue to minister to those less fortunate than ourselves, love one another following Jesus' command, and sincerely seek to grow in faith and Christian love. Thank you for being such a loving body of Christ and faithful servants of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Reggie West
President

Report of the Cabinet

The year of 2014 has come to a close. As we look back we can see what a busy year it has been and now look forward of 2015 and what it will bring to Faith Church. The Vice President is the chairman of the Cabinet which is the programing body of the Church. The group works hard to schedule and coordinate all the works and activities of the Church. This is not an easy task to do and keep the calendar in order. There is a lot of time and talent involved in doing this and much thanks to the Members of the Cabinet. I would like to give a special thanks to those: Carole McClellan, Lay Life and Works; Eilean McCauley, Church and Ministry; Kara Tolbert, Christian Education; Reggie West, Board of Stewards and President; Stacy Bollmeyer, Cabinet Secretary; Alex King, Youth Director; and Jim Oswald, Pastor. I would also like to Thank all the Members of Faith Church for their time, talents, hard work, and commitments to keep us a loving and caring Church. As we move on to 2015 I ask all of you to keep up your hard work and dedication and continue to use your time and talents that the Lord has blessed you with to help our church to continue to grow. Remember, **DO NOT ASK WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHURCH.**

God Bless you all,
Ronnie McCauley, Vice President

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

FAITH UNITED CHURCH									
Statements of Cash receipts and Disbursements									
Cash Basis									
12 Months Ended December 31, 2014									
	1-Current	2-Memorial	3-Missions	4-McClellan	5-Warrington	6-Contingency	7-Iffert	8-Rumpf	Total
Cash Receipts									
Offerings	134,922.32	145.00	360.30	34,824.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170,251.77
Loose Offerings	2,797.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,797.46
Interest Income	.48	33.33	7.89	840.98	69.70	39.62	0.00	111.09	1,103.09
Trust Income	.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	19,289.24	0.00	109,694.73	0.00	128,983.97
Misc. Income	3,057.39	0.00	831.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.00	685.00	5,159.18
Total Cash Receipts	140,777.65	178.33	1,199.98	35,665.13	19,358.94	39.62	110,279.73	796.09	308,295.47
Cash Disbursements									
Leadership & Services									
Pastor's Salary	22,470.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,470.00
Pastor's Housing Allowance	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Pastor's Health Insurance	7,260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,260.00
Pastor's Annuity	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	1,920.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,920.00
Payroll Taxes	1,559.78	0.00	153.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,712.93
Youth Minister	0.00	0.00	2,002.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,002.00
Guest Speakers	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Christian Education	180.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.16
Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000.00	0.00	0.00	10,204.28	0.00	10,204.28
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,219.67	0.00	2,219.67
Sunday School Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	246.27	0.00	246.27
Children's Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.40	0.00	88.40
FUN night	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	445.15	0.00	445.15
Special Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,785.68	0.00	13,785.68
Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,500.00	0.00	26,500.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,426.94	0.00	3,426.94
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,441.46	0.00	9,441.46
Lay Life & Work Commission	262.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	262.29
Music Committee	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Pianist/Organist	8,574.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,574.96
Music Supplies	392.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	392.00
Total Leadership & Service	75,344.19	0.00	2,155.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,357.85	0.00	143,857.19

FAITH UNITED CHURCH

Statements of Cash receipts and Disbursements

Cash Basis

12 Months Ended December 31, 2014

	1-Current	2-Memorial	3-Missions	4-McClellan	5-Warrington	6-Contingency	7-Iffert	8-Rumpf	Total
Operating Expense									
Church & Ministry Commission	559.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	559.09
Custodian Wages	2,825.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,825.10
Secretary Wages	9,175.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,175.13
Nursery Attendant Wages	1,555.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,555.51
Payroll Taxes	1,846.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,846.17
Office Expense	128.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.00
Office Supplies	3,657.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,657.61
Postage	653.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	653.70
Equipment Repair	854.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	854.80
Building Expense	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	172.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,338.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,510.99
Building Supplies	3,582.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,545.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,127.70
Pest Control	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Electric	9,695.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,695.14
Gas	3,861.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,861.31
Water	359.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	359.47
Trash	204.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.00
Sewer	35.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.31
Telephone	1,283.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,283.46
Grounds Maintenance	7,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,850.00
Snow Removal	1,858.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,858.03
Property Insurance	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Vehicle Gas	910.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	910.47
Vehicle Repair	394.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	394.37
Flowers	341.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	341.43
Due and Subscriptions	249.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.00
Miscellaneous Expense	2,018.12	4,026.89	0.00	47,574.70	0.00	0.00	2,068.88	90.00	55,778.59
Accounting	5,215.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,215.00
Total Operating Expenses	67,334.26	4,026.89	0.00	47,574.70	16,884.65	0.00	2,068.88	90.00	137,979.38
Missions									
Food Kitchen	0.00	0.00	2,174.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,174.15
Discretionary	0.00	0.00	1,147.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,147.83
HOPE	0.00	0.00	310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
InterServ	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Second Harvest Back Pack	0.00	0.00	182.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	182.60
Total Missions	0.00	0.00	3,964.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,964.58
Total Cash Disbursements	142,678.45	4,026.89	6,119.73	47,574.70	16,884.65	0.00	68,426.73	90.00	285,801.15
Transfers	955.73	(955.73)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Change in Net Assets	(945.07)	(4,804.29)	(4,919.75)	(11,909.57)	2,474.29	39.62	41,853.00	706.09	22,494.32
Beginning Net Assets	945.07	104,305.28	22,288.06	320,919.70	20,361.87	17,276.18	28,335.85	29,564.04	543,996.05
Ending Net Assets	0.00	99,500.99	17,368.31	309,010.13	22,836.16	17,315.80	70,188.85	30,270.13	566,490.37

Nominating Committee Report-2015

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

Board of Stewards

Mina McCall	2015
Travis Rumpf	2015
Teresa Kidwell	2015
Dale Arn	2016
Brent Hill	2016
Sharon Bannon	2016
Corey Vulgamott	2017
Kara Tolbert	2017
Debbie Demuth	2017

Church & Ministry

Beverly Miller	2015
Carolyn Sagaser	2015
Sally Berten	2015
Stacy Bollmeyer	2016
Joed Hill	2016
Missy West	2016
Ruth Sharp	2017
Denny Cobb	2017
Steve Haskey	2017

Chairman: Joed Hill

Committee: George Fishcer, Stacy Bollmeyer,
Karen McClellan, Dale Arn, Tom Taylor

Lay Life

Scotty Sharp	2015 (Unexpired term of Merry Sharp)
George Fischer	2015
Joan Taylor	2015 (Unexpired term of Jennifer Butcher)
Tom Taylor	2016
Carol McClellan	2016
Nancy Sharp	2016
Donita Sunderland	2017
Roy Nolan	2017
Steve Pulley	2017

Christian Education

Sharon Rumpf	2015 (Unexpired term of Ashley West)
Jody King	2015
Traci Trapp	2015
Jill Brant	2016
Linda Trapp	2016
Richard Sharp	2016
Jill Cobb	2017
Debi Haskey	2017
Jean Vulgamott	2017

Report of the Church Clerk – December 31, 2014

MEMBERSHIP ON RECORD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014..... **167**

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

By Confirmation.....0

By Affirmation11

TOTAL RECEIVED..... **+ 11**

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

MEMBERS LOST:

By Death.....5

By Transfer.....0

By Inactivity..... 2

By Request.....0

TOTAL LOST..... **- 5**

TOTAL MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014..... **173**

MEMBERS RECEIVED: 11

Steve Haskey

Debi Haskey

Stan Sunderland

Donita Sunderland

Jason DeSchepper-transfer

Heidi DeSchepper-transfer

Patricia Pittman

Amy Hammond

Carol Wood

Donna Brooks

Gage Benight

DROPPED BY INACTIVITY: 0

DEATHS: 5

Edwin Brumback

Tony Demuth

Ila Freeman

Carolyn Holt

Alma Stephens

BAPTISMS: 1

Taylor Bottorff

CONFIRMANDS: 0

WEDDINGS: 0

MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Bollmeyer

Active Members

ON DECEMBER 31, 2014

Abersold, Grace
Arn, Dale
Arn, Janis
Bannon, Sharon
Beemer, Kara
Benight, Gage
Berten, Jacob
Berten, Kourtney
Berten, Sally
Berten, Scott
Bollmeyer, Eddie
Bollmeyer, Stacy
Book, Mary June
Brant, Bart
Brant, Jill
Brant, Stetson
Bridenstine, Paul
Brooks, Donna
Brumback, Marjorie
Bryson, Amy
Bryson, Larry
Bryson, Paula
Bryson, Steven
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
DeSchepper, Heidi
DeSchepper, Jason
Dye, George
Dye, Madonna (Donna)
Fischer, Dr. George
Franey, Michelle
Freeman, James
Gibson, Kayley
Goforth, Susan (Alden)
Gottswiller, Ermal
Haenni, Brayden
Hammond, Amy
Haskey, Debbi
Haskey, Steve
Hill, Brent
Hill, Courtney
Hill, Joed
Hill, Jordan
Hoecker, Jacob
Hoecker, Johnathan
Hoecker, Shawn
Hoecker, Tammy
Johnson, Penny
Johnson, Tom
Kidwell, Brian
Kidwell, Teresa
King, Aaron
King, Alex
King, Drew
King, Jody
Kline, Sherri
Lambing, Devera
Langemach, Brenda
Langemach, Darline
Langemach, Gary
Langemach, Ryan
Leichti, Anna
Lewis, Trudy
Lightle, Ashley
Lightle, Scott
McCall, Daniel L.
McCall, Leonard
McCall, Mina
McCauley, Eilean
McCauley, Ronnie
McClellan, Carole
McClellan, Karen
Milbourne, Uva May
Miller, Beverly
Mollett, Chris
Montgomery, Gwen
Morgan, Duane
Morgan, Faye
Nolan, Austin
Nolan, Kaylin
Nolan, Michelle
Nolan, Roy
Oswald, Jenna
Oswald, Jill
Oswald, Jim
Oswald, Julie
Pittman, Patricia
Portell, Carolyn
Portell, Kevin
Prussman, Loretta
Prussman, Michael
Pulley, Dianne
Pulley, Steve
Queen, Mildred
Ritter, Jackie
Rockwood, Nancy
Root, Donald
Root, Mary
Rumpf, Keith
Rumpf, Sharon
Rumpf, Travis
Sagaser, Carl Gregory
Sagaser, Carolyn
Schaaf, Debbie
Schoenlaub, Elizabeth
Schubert, Joan
Schuett, LuVerne
Seuell, Cynthia
Seuell, Rosemary
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
Stroud, Daniel
Stroud, David
Sunderland, Donita
Sunderland, Stan
Sweat, Samuel
Taylor, Joan
Taylor, Tom
Tolbert, Karamaneh
Tourbier, Ada
Tourbier, Alene
Trapp, Linda
Trapp, Mason
Trapp, Michael
Trapp, Traci
VanLone, Regina
Vulgamott, Cameron
Vulgamott, Colton
Vulgamott, Corey
Vulgamott, Jean Gayle
Vulgamott, Kyle
Wells, Margaret
West, Ashley,
West, Missy
West, Rachael
West, Reggie
Wheeler, Benny
Wheeler, Susan
Wickam, Anthony
Wickam, Melanie
Wickam, Miranda
Wilson, Dorothea
Wilson, Sandra
Wood, Carol
Wood, Darren
Wood, Donna
Wood, James
Wood, Katherine

**TOTAL MEMBERS 173
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

In Memory 2014

Anthony R. "Tony" Demuth (1951 – 2014)

Anthony R. "Tony" Demuth, 62, St. Joseph, Missouri died Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 20, 1951 to Paul Franklin and Cleone Josephine (Reiter) Demuth in Independence, Iowa.

Mr. Demuth served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

He married Debbie Ziegler on May 20, 2000. She survives of the home.

He retired as a Carpenter with Local #110 for Brooner Construction Company. He also was a certified home inspector and operated his own business, Demuth Inspection Services.

He was a member of Faith United Church where he served in various leadership roles.

Tony enjoyed fishing, hunting, working with horses and building outdoor furniture for family and friends. Most of all he loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, David Demuth.

Survivors: Wife, Debbie Demuth; five children, Kimberly (Paul) Knowles, Matthew (Julie) Demuth, Stephanie (Clint) Tullos, Kali (Steven) Newcomer and Colin Hardin-Demuth; two step-children, Tommy Simpson and Jenni (Jeff) Butcher; eleven grandchildren; three brothers, James (Meriel) Demuth, Fritz (Marge) Demuth and Ronald (Sylvia) Demuth; and seven sisters, Barbara Sharp, Marilyn (Lynn) Schulte, Ruth Demuth, Teresa (Michael) Myers, Rose (Edward) Irlbeck, Susan Tarasi and Patricia (Randy) Glassell; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ila M. Freeman

Ila M. Freeman, 75, St. Joseph, Missouri died Friday, March 7, 2014 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

She was born October 26, 1938 to Herbert F. and Lorene (Staggs) Rumpf.

Ila married James Frederick Freeman on April 2, 1961. He survives of the home.

Mrs. Freeman was a graduate of Faucet High School and worked in accounting at UMB Bank for



18 years. She was also a member of Faith United Church. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors: husband, Jim; son, Mark J. Freeman, St. Joseph, Missouri; daughter, Jodi M. Crabtree (Scott), Platte City, Missouri; sister, Carolyn Holt, Agency, Missouri; brother, Keith Rumpf (Sharon), Agency, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Casey Sumner, Ashton, Drew and David Freeman, and Alyssa, Lindsey, and Caleb Crabtree; three great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Gavin and Saily; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her loving family.

Alma L. Stephens (1922 – 2014)

Alma L. Stephens, 92, of St. Joseph, passed away Friday, April 4, 2014 at Carriage Square Healthcare Center.

Alma was born on February 16, 1922 in Hemple, Missouri to Lucian and Beulah (Lewis) Frans.

She graduated from Gower High School and she worked for several fabric stores, retiring from Jo Ann Fabrics. Alma was a member of Faith United Church, Dorcas Women's Fellowship Group, the O.W.L.S. Group, Koinonia Sunday School Class. She also was a member of the Oats Transportation Board and the Pony Express Association for the Blind.

Alma married Melvin E Stephens on April 25, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother, Kenneth Frans, sister, Virginia Morris and son-in-law, Rob Murphy.

Surviving family includes daughters, Linda (Roger) Antle, of Trenton, MO; and Deborah Sherard, of St. Joseph; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, sister, Datha Roberts, of Savannah; sister-in-law, Mary Stephens, of Hemple, MO and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.



Carolyn (Rumpf) Holt (1940 – 2014)

Carolyn (Rumpf) Holt, 74, Agency, Missouri died Monday, June 16, 2014 at a local healthcare facility.

She was born May 11, 1940 to Herbert and Lorene (Staggs) Rumpf in St. Joseph, Missouri. Carolyn married Jack Holt on April 23, 1961. He survives of the home.



She was a member of Faith United Church and served on the board of the Agency Community Center. She was always active in her grandchildren's activities and enjoyed baking cookies with them. She also loved dogs dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Ila Freeman.

Additional Survivors: son, Rick Holt (Teri), Agency, Missouri; daughter, Jill Brant (Bart), Agency, Missouri; two grandchildren, Stetson and Rawlins Brant; brother, Keith Rumpf (Sharon); brother-in-law, Jim Freeman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edwin Brumback (1928 – 2014)

Edwin "Ed" Brumback, 86, of St. Joseph, died Friday, October 31, 2014 at a local health care facility.

Ed was born on January 17, 1928 in St. Joseph, Missouri to Frank and Theresa (Muehlebach) Brumback. He married the love of his life, Marjorie Anne Shuske, on September 14, 1950 in St. Joseph. He was a cadet colonel in ROTC at Lafayette High School where he graduated. He served in the United States Army as a Sgt First Class in WWII and the Korean War.

Ed was a member of the Faith United Church and past Commander of VFW Post #1668.

He was a member of Local #2 Sheet Metal Workers working for Seaman & Schuske, Geiske, and retired from Standard Sheet Metal.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and half-brother Clarence Black.

In addition to his wife of 64 years, Ed is survived by his daughter, Rebecca (Robert) Robison, two sons, Paul (Melba) Brumback, Eric (Kristi) Brumback; two grandchildren, Brandon Brumback and Lauren Brumback.

He always entertained family and friends with his stories and unique sense of humor.

New Members 2014

On January 26, 2014 Faith United welcomed four new members to our congregation. Steve and Debi Haskey joined our church, but Steve also added his musical talents to our Sunday worship by joining the band and playing the drums. Stan and Donita Sunderland also chose to devote their worship with us after attending services for quite some time.



Steve & Debi Haskey, Stan & Donita Sunderland

The end of the year brought even more new members to our Faith family as we accepted seven new members. Pictured left to right: the DeSchepper family (Jason & Heidi, Truman & Deacon, Sawyer, Elliot, Brodie and Finn), Carol Wood, Donna Brooks, Amy Hammond (son Carson), Patricia Pittman (daughter Mary Francis and son George) and Gage Benight.



Church & Ministry Commission 2014

The Church and Ministry Commission are responsible for anything to do with the worship service plus many other duties. There are numerous committees assigned to this commission also. Some of these are: altar, ushers, worship assistants, greeters, the acolytes, hanging of the greens, puppets, the Music Committee and Visitation Committee. We also arrange for special programs such as New Generation Singers and Breath of Christ as well as arranging for the Easter Lilies and Poinsettias. We have a representative on the Music Committee, Nominating Committee and Risk Management Committee. We are happy to report that we received several new members this year. Sponsors for these new members are assigned by this commission. Various other duties also keep this commission very busy.

The members of this committee have been faithful in attending meetings and helping to ensure that God's work gets done. By working together we have accomplished much. I wish to thank the members of this Commission as well as those who served on our committees for all their hard work this year.

Eilean McCauley, Chairman

Lay Life Commission 2014

This commission is responsible for the family life events of the church, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Harvest party, the Hanging of the Greens, the Christmas party. The fellowship activities of the Brotherhood, the Women's Fellowship of which the circles are a part: Dorcas and Lydia, also are part of this commission. These groups have various mission projects they emphasize, such as Habitat for Humanity, Women's Abuse Shelter of the YWCA. Other collections have been taken for the Jump program and the Pregnancy Resource Center.

We also have other mission projects throughout the year. Church World Service donations include blankets, wells, heifer project; we encourage participation in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box at Christmas time and year round collections of food for the Calvin Center and the Valley Food Kitchen meals.

Some of the activities and programs are planned with cooperation of other commissions as well.

Our goal is not only outreach, but spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. My thanks to all the commission members who have served faithfully during the past year.

Carole A. McClellan, Chairperson 2014

Christian Education Commission

First, I must thank the amazing members of the Christian Education Committee. Each and every member worked hard to make the educational workings of our church successful this year.

Kids For Christ – KFC – Grades 1-6

The KFC group started the year with monthly meetings. They participated in a variety of fun activities along with activities for our shut-ins. For the Easter Egg Hunt, we filled the Fellowship hall with kids and their families. Everyone had a great time hunting for eggs, doing a craft, and enjoying Easter themed treats. For VBS, we had a great time learning about "Weird Animals". Traci Trapp was the director of VBS and did a great job recruiting leaders and organizing a very successful VBS. We averaged 40 kids per night. For Miracle Hills, we had 37 campers!! The most we have had since we started Miracle Hills! Missy West did an amazing job organizing the camp again this year. Everyone had a blast learning about Jesus!

Believe In God – BIG – Grades 7-12

The BIG group started the year continuing their Lessons from the Hat studies on Wednesday nights. They held a fundraiser in March, which was a corn beef dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The group held another fundraiser in June, which was a car wash. The BIG group traveled to Orange Beach, Florida this year. The trip focused more on building the group's spiritual walk rather than doing missions. However, they did have the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity briefly while on their trip.

In August, our church was blessed with an AMAZING Youth Director! Alex King was hired to work with the youth of our church. He came to use with an extensive proposal for what he wants to accomplish with our youth. Alex hit the ground running and has already planned and carried out many fun activities with our youth.

In April, the women of our church attended the Women of Joy conference in Branson, Missouri. The women thoroughly enjoyed their time together worshipping and growing spiritually. We reserved 15 spots for the 2015 conference.

We attempted to assemble a group of men to attend the Stand Up conference in Kansas City, but we found out that the men were not interested.

Throughout the year, we provided breakfast before Sunday School to give everyone an opportunity for fellowship. The breakfasts were well attended and very delicious! Thank you Richard Sharp for wearing the chef's hat!!

Respectfully submitted, Karamaneh Tolbert

Sunday School Report 2014

In this past year, we have seen a few changes in Sunday School! Susan Wheeler served as Superintendent through March and then I stepped into her VERY large shoes in April. We have also seen some changes in teachers, each one, former and current, have been a blessing to our kids! Sunday School has also enjoyed growing numbers as the year went by, our record high for Sunday School attendance in the year of 2014 is 65 people! It has been wonderful to see our kiddos bring their friends so that they can share the learning of Jesus with them!!

Here is a breakdown of our Sunday School classes as of December 2014:

Pre-School	Karen McClellan	Carson Hammon, Kolbe Trapp and Taylor Ledford (36 visitors in December)
Kindergarten	Joed Hill	Elliot DeSchepper
1 st /2 nd Grade	Kaylin Nolan	Kaitlyn Ledford, Maycie Kline and Sawyer DeSchepper
3 rd /4 th Grade	Susan Wheeler	Abby Tolbert, Deacon DeSchepper, Emmah Kline, Mary Francis Pittman, Tanner Ledford and Truman DeSchepper (3 visitors in December)
5 th /6 th Grade	Michelle Nolan	Brodie DeSchepper, Rawlins Brant and Sarah Sands (7 visitors in December)
7 th /8 th Grade	Jean Vulgamott	George Pittman and Maci Trapp (1 visitor in December)
Youth (9 th -12 th)	Mason Trapp	Ali Williams, Courtney Hill, Jordan Hill, Stetson Brant and Taylor Bottorff
Young Adults	Jill Brant	We average about 15 people each Sunday (2 visitors in December)
Koinonia	Penny Johnson	We average about 6 people each Sunday

In September of 2014 a new class was added to give the 1st and 2nd grades their very own class. Previously we had the Kindergarten/1st grade (taught by Joed Hill) and the 2nd/3rd/4th grade (taught by Julie Oswald). We have also enjoyed the service and dedication from the following teacher substitutes: Sharon Rumpf, Debbie Haskey, Linda Trapp, Richard Sharp and Alex King. Thank you for your willingness to help teach our children about Jesus, sometimes at a moment's notice.

Our Sunday School is currently using the FaithWeaver curriculum from Group Publishing. This curriculum is unique in that it has each class studying the same verse each Sunday so that families can talk about what they learned outside of church.

During 2014, the Sunday School classes collected a total of \$1,014.46. The Koinonia added \$91.05 to our Interserv Missions.

Respectfully,

Traci Trapp, Sunday School Superintendent

Stewardship Committee 2014

The 2014 Stewardship theme was “Moving Forward”. We continue to move forward with music, the church website, and the Children’s programs. We have been greatly blessed with the addition of Alex King as our youth minister. We want to build our Faith United family by adding more families from our surrounding community. We strive to connect to people. Faith United desires to be known as a “family friendly” church. We constantly review our curriculum, worship, missions, and Sunday school to be relevant to our church members and the people in our community.

We move forward by visiting our church family that can no longer attend worship at Faith United. They are valued and our church family. We visit them in the hospital and in their homes. We help serve the hungry in St. Joseph at the Valley Food Kitchen. We continue to evangelize and reach others through Vacation Bible School, Harvest parties, church camp, and mission trips for our youth. The Brotherhood group provides a ham and bean dinner yearly where many people come and attend from the community. The women have wonderful hand made items for the bazaar.

The Bible verse that applied to our 2014 theme was Job 17: 9 (NLT)

“The righteous keep moving forward and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger.”

As Christians we can’t be stagnant in our faith. We must challenge ourselves to “move forward”. God calls us to move beyond our walk to spread the love of Christ.

The other Bible verse that represented this year was Philippians 3: 12-14 (ESV).

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own. But on the thing I do forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Our goals budget for 2015 (including Missions) was \$172,799 (before Missions) was \$157,090 Faith United Church’s pledges as of this date December 6, 2014 total \$115,655. That is 73.1 % of our budget.

Faith United glorify God with these blessings. We are energized with our theme for 2015. “We Were Made to Thrive. “ I pray all of you challenge yourselves to thrive in God’s Word and with the gifts He has blessed you with. In 2015 you will hear that God doesn’t want us to be ordinary but to “thrive”.

Through God anything is possible!!!!

In His Mighty Love, Jill Brant

Women’s Fellowship 2014

The purpose of Women’s Fellowship is to increase, develop and coordinate the activities and participation of women of the church as a means of witnessing for Jesus Christ. We meet quarterly on the 1st 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 out 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. \$808 was raised this year. The money is used for various projects around the church and donations to charitable causes. This year donations were made to Church Women United, the YWCA and the church Building Fund.

Each year a directory is made of all members, their address and phone number, which is given to all women in the church. The book also contains our committees, programs for the year and budget.

Each of our meetings 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 2014 consisted of:

- **March** – Robin Carolus presented a medical missionary report.
- **June** – Carla Hamon presented a delightful program on “Amazing Aprons.”
- **September** – “St. Joseph Jeopardy” presented by Judy Wiedmaier
- **December** – Instead of a program, we played Bingo with approximately 30 prizes awarded, the final for a black out being a \$20 Wal-Mart gift card which was won by Joan Taylor.

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).

Teresa Kidwell, President 2014 – 2015

Women's Fellowship Financial Report 2014

December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014

Current Fund - Commerce Bank		
Balance brought forward 12/1/13		\$7,858.48
Receipts		
Quarterly Meetings	\$102.01	
Interest	2.10	
Pop Machine	114.40	
Bazaar	858.00	
Re-deposit Charge	100.00	
Bereavement	200.00	
Garage Sale	1,064.05	
Dorcas	9.00	
Total Receipts		\$2,585.92
Disbursements		
Speakers	\$90.00	
YWCA	250.00	
Bereavement	177.60	
Reception	57.75	
Sears (refrigerator)	599.99	
Church Women United	45.00	
Stamps	39.20	
Building Fund	2,000	
Commerce Bank (change)	100.00	
Cookman Printing	142.65	
Total Disbursements		\$3,502.19
Balance in Current Fund – Commerce Bank		\$6,942.21

Rose Mary Seuell,
Women's Fellowship Treasurer

Dorcas Circle 2014

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

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

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 year we made Christmas sacks 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.

During the December meeting our annual holiday luncheon and party was held at a local restaurant. We invited our husbands, our church secretary, our Youth Director and the Pastor to be our guests. As a Mission Gift we brought supplies for the JUMP program at the YWCA (a mentoring program for teen mothers of children from birth to three-years-old).

Each meeting we bring our sack lunches and share 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 again enjoyed a luncheon at the Gothic Tea Room and visited the St. Joseph Pony Express Museum.

This year we grieved together as we lost one of our most faithful members, Alma Stephens. She is deeply missed by all here at Faith Church.

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

Library Report 2014

The new wooden shelves arrived and make a beautiful addition to our Library.

The Dorcas Circle members were a huge help in moving all the books from the old shelving and thinning out "dated" material that was donated to a used Christian bookstore in North Kansas City.

All members of Faith United may check out books for pleasure reading or study or use in programs, etc.. 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.

Should we make the library completely an "Honor System" thus doing away with cards and sign out? Your opinions are needed.

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. If you borrow these, just make sure you return them to that location as soon as you are through so others can use them.

If you have suggestions to improve our Library, please speak to me any time. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Penny Johnson

Furnishings Committee 2014

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 of Committee: Carole McClellan, Eilean McCauley, Joed Hill, Sharon Rumpf, Loretta Prussman, Denny Cobb, and Mina McCall, Chairman

This had been a very busy year for this committee.

1. The new bookcases came in and we helped Penny Johnson put the books on them.
2. We were asked to have the basement painted and we chose paint and had the work done by Greg Wright in the spring.
3. We ordered new blinds for the basement and the Narthex that matched the ones in the sanctuary. One evening Paul Bridenstine, Corey Vulgamott, George Fischer, Steve Pulley, and Leonard McCall met at the church and installed the new blinds.
4. We have been asked to find new flooring for the Sunday School Room and the hall way. We are in the process of getting the bids and hopefully they can be installed in January.

We also had Charlie Browns closet to clean out and things to put back after Christmas was over. We had the Easter Eggs to get out for the Easter Egg Hunt and put away. We always seem to have something we need to do. We have had so many big projects this year that we haven't had as much time for the smaller projects.

We have met with the flooring people and have some decisions to make yet. The Board has to approve what we have decided on. We hope we will be able to start the project in January.

I want to thank everyone on the committee for all their time and work. I want to say thank you to Sharon Rumpf who had been on the committee a long time and is going to step down as she has so many things going on. You each have your own talents and you all bring something special to the committee. A special thank you to Paul Bridenstine who is always able to give me advice or the name of someone to call. He was going to be on the committee but his time would not allow him to serve. We do appreciate his opinion. You are all great workers and I value all you bring to this committee. Thank you all!

Mina McCall, Chairman

Brotherhood 2014

Our small group has continued to meet regularly, doing odd repair tasks trying to assist in maintaining our property. Some more notable projects were getting the shades up in the Narthex, in the Sunday school rooms, and Fellowship Hall. We have been a contributor to "St Joe Habitat" since they started their program of giving. In 2014, 4 houses were built with a total of 59 houses since the inception. We thank those who have come to support our annual "Ham and Bean Dinner" each fall. The proceeds for 2014 went to the "Building Fund". We also continue our summer and winter outings to include all members and spouses, notably at the Rib Crib and Old Hoof and Horn respectively.

We welcome all men of the church to come join us and bring friends the third Tuesday of each month. There is usually coffee and "Munchkins!"

George Fischer

Living Memorial Fund

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 of needs known by the Committee.

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

Rev. C. Ross McClellan Memorial Building Fund

A “memorial building fund” has been in existence for a few years and named to honor the memory of our Pastor Emeritus, the late Rev. C. Ross McClellan. This fund has been combined with the older Building Fund and is now titled the Rev. C. Ross McClellan Memorial Building Fund. We, as a congregation, have recently committed to a new building addition program. This dream will need all the work and commitment every member can give. We ask the Lord to continue to bless us in our work for Him.

Some families have requested that memorials for their loved ones be made to this fund in lieu of the Living Memorial Fund.

When donating a gift in memory or honor of someone, please note on the gift which fund you want credited. – Thank you! Penny Johnson
The Visitation Committee

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If you are interested in being a part of this mission, please contact me or the church office or just come to one of our meetings the first Tuesday morning of any month.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Johnson

Finance and Scholarship Report

The duties of this committee are to oversee the finances of the church and review applications for scholarships from the Iffert fund. We have ten applications for the Spring semester of 2015. Scholarships in the amount of \$26,500 were given this year. We have 10 applications for the Spring semester of 2015.

We prepared the 2015 goals budget that was approved at the 2014 fall meeting. Miracle hills camp was a huge success this year with 37 children attending.

The youth mission trip to Orange Beach, Alabama was attended by 17 students plus several sponsors. They helped tear down some buildings for

Habitat for Humanity. They were also privileged to attend a Chris Tomlin concert and hear several inspirational speakers.

We have two scholarship funds, the Iffert fund was given to us by the Herb and Peggy Iffert estate to be used for the youth and special projects. The grants are not loans and do not have to be paid back. They are given on the basis of grades and membership in Faith United Church. The Rumpf scholarship fund is an interest free loan, which gives preference to students pursuing ministry or teaching careers.

In Christ’s Service,

Respectfully submitted, Trudy Lewis, Chairman

Hilda Rumpf Scholarship Report

The amount paid back to the Rumpf scholarship this year is \$665, which leaves a balance due of \$3,060 from three students. We have not given any loans from fund as we are still trying to build up the funds in case we have a student going into the ministry. The balance in the fund is \$30,250.

Trudy Lewis

New Building Fundraising Committee

New Building Fundraising Committee has been very busy since July. In August, we did burrito sales that made \$805.00. Brotherhood donated proceeds for Ham and Bean Supper in the amount of \$405.92. Nut Sales in November generated another \$191.44. As of December, we have raised \$1, 447.36. The committee is busy working on several projects for Spring and Summer that will involve the community. Committee members are George Fischer, Dianne Pulley, Carolyn Sagaser, Carol McCellan, Jean Vulgamott, and Michelle Nolan, Chair.

Michelle Nolan

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Historian Report 2014

Our theme for 2014 at Faith Church was “*Moving Forward.*” As a church, we continued to explore ways to make our church more relevant in today’s world! One small step was to make the move to a little more contemporary, upbeat music. Steve Haskey, one of our new members, has been a welcomed addition to our morning worship as our drummer along with Mark Torres on bass guitar, and Jennifer Cobb as vocalist, joining Pastor Jim, Julie Oswald and Ann Slaybaugh. The congregation learned many new worship and praise songs this past year as we moved forward together.



Steve Haskey joined the band and our congregation in 2014

During the year, the “Spotlight on Faith” column in the newsletter continued to introduce us to Faith Church families. Those highlighted so far include the following families: West, Catron, Johnson, Fischer, Trapp, Hill, Nolan, Vulgamott, Kidwell, Sharp (Scotty), Sharp (Richard), Lewis, Shores, Bollmeyer, Langemach, Sagaser, Tourbier, McCall, Tolbert, Cole, Sunderland, Haskey, Williams, and DeSchepper. **We encourage you** to keep the column going by contacting Stacy at the church office to volunteer to write an article, or Stacy will ask the questions and write about your family for you.

During January and February there were a number of winter activities including a Cozy Mountain Cabin Women’s Retreat. It was an all-day activity on a Saturday in the Fellowship Hall



Cozy Mountain Women’s Retreat Repeat: Darline Langemach, Dorothy Smith, Teresa Kidwell, Sharon Campbell, Mina McCall, and Donita Sunderland.

studying Naomi and Ruth. The Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck was held. The BIG Youth Group attended a Winter Jam Christian

Concert, and the KFC Group participated in a Valentine Cookie Making Event. There was also a breakfast prepared one Sunday morning prior to Sunday School.



Richard Sharp displaying his culinary expertise during Sunday breakfast.

In March we celebrated the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on the 5th of the month. On the 9th of March we were blessed with a performance by Breath of Christ Ministries during our worship service.



Emma & Maycie Kline with Nick Della Valle

Nick and Lucy Della Valle have a wonderful talent for Biblical storytelling and theater and they presented for us the story of Zacchaeus.

The KFC group enjoyed and outing at the bowling alley; and the BIG Youth group sponsored a St. Patrick’s Day dinner as a money-making project for their June mission trip.



Matthew Sharp, Merry Sharp, Courtney Hill, Stetson Brant, Wilk Catron, Taylor Bottorff, Kara Beemer, Jenna Oswald.

We also had members sign up to have their portraits taken at the church by a company to publish an updated pictorial church directory.

In early April, 14 women attended the Women of Joy retreat in Branson, MO and gave a presentation the following Sunday during the worship service.



Women of Joy participants: Linda Trapp, Dianne Pulley, Joed Hill, Traci Trapp, Ann Slaybaugh, Teresa Kidwell.

Easter was celebrated with an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, and snacks for the children and an Easter morning breakfast for everyone.



Eli Berten, Kolbe Trapp, Abi & Kara Tolbert

In May the Women's Fellowship held their Annual Garage Sale which was a big success. There was a Congregational Meeting on May 25th when the membership voted unanimously to commit to continuing with the building addition, allowing the architects to make final plans and blueprints. The Building Committee and the Fundraising Committee began to meet weekly during this process.

June was a busy month at Faith Church including a Graduation Reception, VBS, New Generation Singers, and a Youth Mission Trip. Traci Trapp directed our VBS with the theme *Weird*



Animals, creating a Zoo in our fellowship hall. The BIG Youth traveled to Orange Beach, AL to attend a Student Life Conference with the theme, *Who Do you Think I Am?* They also did volunteer work for



Habitat for Humanity. Our new Faith Church Photo Directories arrived and were distributed.

July began our Summer Luncheon Program with the Lay Life and Work Commission sponsoring the first one after church on July 13. Miracle Hills

Children's Camp was held in Bethany on July 31 – Aug. 2nd



During August the Church and Ministry Commission sponsored a summer luncheon. The Fundraising Committee held one of their famous Burrito Sales and profited over \$1,000 for the building fund. Michelle Nolan hosted a new program, *Faith in Fitness*, meeting in the fellowship hall twice a week to exercise.



Faith in Fitness:
Wheeler, Mich

A group attended a satellite site in Kansas City for the Willowcreek Global



Willow Creek Summit Attendees:
Debi Haskey, Steve Haskey, Mina McCall, Jim Oswald, and Joed Hill

Leadership Summit Conference.

In September Stacy had hip surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and was out of the church office for six weeks. Sharon Bannon graciously held down the fort during her absence. The Board of Stewards sponsored their popular Baked Potato Bar and the Church World Service Blanket Sunday was celebrated. Alex King was hired as our new Youth Director/Coordinator to work with KFC and BIG Youth groups. The KFC fall kickoff was held on the 21st on the church grounds. Activities included hot dogs, S'mores, volleyball, and horseback riding.



Alex King

In October a pledge campaign was begun to determine if there was enough funding to proceed with the new building addition. The result was that the campaign fell short financially and the congregation voted to not continue with the project at this time. The Annual Congregational Meeting was held to nominate a slate of officers and approve a projected budget for 2015. Other activities included participating in the Crop Walk at Hyde Park, KFC pumpkin painting, BIG Youth laser tag outing, and the Fall Harvest Party bonfire, games, bounce house, and hayride.



November activities included the very popular Ham, Bean, and Soup Supper and Bazaar, collection of the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, BIG



paintball event, and KFC trip to Monkey Cove. We ended the month with the Hanging of the Greens celebration on November 29.

December brought Christmas celebrations including the White Elephant All-Church Pot luck, Brotherhood dinner at Hoof and Horn, KFC Parents



Night Out, BIG event on the Plaza, and beautiful music from the Hand Bell Choir.

In 2014 we lost precious members who went to their heavenly home: Tony Demuth, Pastor Sid Clark (former interim Pastor), Ila Freeman, Alma Stephens, Edwin Brumback, Morris “Rocky” Rockwood (husband of member Nancy Rockwood), and Carolyn Holt.

There were a number of special celebrations during 2014. Donald Root celebrated his 90th birthday and he and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mildred Queen was honored with an article in the News Press about her artwork and Christmas paintings. Ronnie McCauley, Nancy Rockwood, and Karen McClellan retired during the year.

Pastor Jim celebrated his 50th birthday with a reception after church and completed his 5th year as our Pastor.

We celebrated with our graduates from high school – Rachel West, Katharine Sharp, and Daniel Stroud. From 8th grade – Jordan Hill and Courtney Butcher.

And we rejoiced in the birth of Kenleigh Lucille Nolan, daughter of Kaylin Nolan, granddaughter of Roy and Michelle Nolan, and great-granddaughter of Larry and Phyllis Cole.

Faith church welcomed the following new members during the year: Donita and Stan Sunderland, Steve and Debi Haskey, Carol Wood, Jason and Heidi DeSchepper, Patricia Pittman, Gage Benight, Donna Brooks, and Amy Hammond.



The Bible Study group continued to meet, studying the books of Philippians and James.



Penny Johnson, Glenn Spitzer, Joed Hill, Maci Trapp, Tom Johnson, Linda Trapp, Jill Brant, Traci Trapp, Dianne Pulley, Nancy Sharp, Mina McCall, Richard Sharp, Darline Langemach, Steve Pulley, Trudy

Food Kitchen volunteers served at the Valley Food Kitchen once a month. Dorcas Circle, Lydia Circle, OWLS, and Brotherhood met monthly for fellowship and projects.



Food Kitchen Volunteers

Changes and improvements around the church included new library bookshelves in the fellowship hall, new light fixtures in the basement and new blinds on the windows. The church bell was repaired, tile floors refinished, driveway and parking lots resurfaced and striped. The walls received a new coat of paint upstairs and down, a new Terabyte Cloud computer storage system was installed along with a new sound board for the sanctuary, and a new security system. We also welcomed newly applied graphics to our church van so that everyone knows that Faith Church is alive and well in the community!

