

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mother's Day/Seventh Sunday of Easter/Communion
Sunday
May 12th, 2013~~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service.
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.

Before you leave today, please sign the red Friendship Registration book found at the end of your pew.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

INTROIT.....“Forever”...Faith Choir

*PASSING THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER.....(Unison)

We pray for Your Holy Spirit to break through, to renew, and to revive our churches, unleashing new life! We pray for our clergy to be empowered to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and promise. We pray that Your Spirit will transform us and boldly use us, without limits, delays or excuses, to reach and make new disciples for Jesus Christ and to transform this world. We ask that Your Spirit work through each of us to raise the dead to new life. In the precious and holy name of Jesus. Amen. ~ Bishop Bruce Ough Minnesota Annual Conference.

THE FIRST READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.....I KINGS 17:1-12

And then this happened: Elijah the Tishbite, from among the settlers of Gilead, confronted Ahab: “As surely as God lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand in obedient service, the next years are going to see a total drought - not a drop of dew or rain unless I say otherwise.”

God then told Elijah, “Get out of here, and fast. Head east and hide out at the Kerith Ravine on the other side of the Jordan River. You can drink fresh water from the brook; I’ve ordered the ravens to feed you.”

Elijah obeyed God’s orders. He went and camped in the Kerith canyon on the other side of the Jordan. And sure enough, ravens brought him his meals, both breakfast and supper, and he drank from the brook.

Eventually the brook dried up because of the drought. Then God spoke to him: “Get up and go to Zarephath in Sidon and live there. I’ve instructed a woman who lives there, a widow, to feed you.”

So he got up and went to Zarephath. As he came to the entrance of the village he met a woman, a widow, gathering firewood. He asked her, “Please, would you bring me a little water in a jug? I need a drink.” As she went to get it, he called out, “And while you’re at it, would you bring me something to eat?”

She said, “I swear, as surely as your God lives, I don’t have so much as a biscuit. I have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a bottle; you found me scratching together just enough firewood to make a last meal for my son and me. After we eat it, we’ll die.”

*HYMN OF PRAISE....“Crown Him with Many Crowns”UMH No. 327

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II.....UMH Pgs. 12-15

ANTHEM.....“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” ...Faith Choir

Children ages 2-5 are invited to attend Children’s Church

Children ages 6-9 are invited to attend Sunday School

THE SECOND READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.....I KINGS 17:12-24

Elijah said to her, “Don’t worry about a thing. Go ahead and do what you’ve said. But first make a small biscuit for me and bring it back here. Then go ahead and make a meal from what’s left for you and your son. This is the word of the God of Israel: ‘The jar of flour will not run out and the bottle of oil will not become empty before God sends rain on the land and ends this drought.’ ”

And she went right off and did it, did just as Elijah asked. And it turned out as He said - daily food for her and her family. The jar of meal didn't run out and the bottle of oil didn't become empty: God's promise fulfilled to the letter, exactly as Elijah had delivered it!

Later on the woman's son became sick. The sickness took a turn for the worse - and then he stopped breathing.

The woman said to Elijah, "Why did you ever show up here in the first place - a holy man barging in, exposing my sins, and killing my son?"

Elijah said, "Hand me your son."

He then took him from her bosom, carried him up to the loft where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he prayed, "O God, my God, why have you brought this terrible thing on this widow who has opened her home to me? Why have you killed her son?"

Three times he stretched himself out full-length on the boy, praying with all his might, "God, my God, put breath back into this boy's body!" God listened to Elijah's prayer and put breath back into his body - he was alive! Elijah picked the boy up, carried him downstairs from the loft, and gave him to his mother. "Here's your son," said Elijah, "alive!"

The woman said to Elijah, "I see it all now - you are a holy man. When you speak, God speaks—a true word!"

MESSAGE....."Hand Me Your Son"

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE....."And Can It Be that I Should Gain"...UMH No. 363

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse, Emily Miller

Latham Place: Liz Corchran, Millie Groh

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Jim Keller, Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson, The Goetz Family, The Fredrickson Family, Elaine Aune, The Ruedy Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS



All announcements during worship require a microphone to enable our hearing challenged members to fully participate. The ushers will gladly bring one to you.

Let's "COLOR THE SKY"!

When was the last time you flew a kite?

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**, we will celebrate the birthday of the church. Various languages were spoken and understood, tongues of fire came down, and God's Holy Spirit blew through the town, energizing His people. For our part, we want to "color the sky" that morning as we hope for a "mighty wind" to carry our kites high into the sky. After the worship service, you are invited to help the children enjoy this activity.



Anna Riecke thanks everyone for their well-wishes for her **confirmation**.

Church Yard Clean-Up is **Wednesday, May 15th, Thursday, May 16th, and Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. -Noon** outside the church.

Mildred White has returned to Waseca. Her address is **1212 3rd St. NE, Apt. #105, Waseca**. Her phone number is **835-9978**.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 15th at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Upper Room**. Guests and visitors are always welcome!

May Newsletter Deadline is May 20th at noon.

Calendar Change: In May, the **Youth Group** will be held on fourth Wednesday of the month – **May 22nd, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.** at the **Parsonage**.

Calendar Change: There will **not** be a **potluck** on **Sunday, May 19th** for the **Pentecost Celebration of the Church**. Rather, there **will be** a **potluck** the following **Sunday, May 26th** at the **Collector and Hobby Showcase**.

Collector and Hobby Showcase is Sunday, May 26.

Tables will be provided. This is an opportunity to bring something large or small that you collect and display it in the fellowship hall. In the past, there have been hats, stuffed animals, music boxes, Kennedy and Lincoln items, match books, etc. Also, please bring a dish to pass for the potluck.



The next **Trustee's meeting** will be on **Tuesday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m.** This date has changed from May 21st so it will not conflict with the Church Council meeting.

Vacation Bible School this year will be from **Monday, June 10th to Friday, June 14th, 2013. Time: 8:00 – Noon. Ages: 3** (as of January, 2013 and potty trained) through Grade 6. **Place: Evangelical UMC.**



You Can Avoid A Stroke! Life Line Screening will be at **Faith United Methodist Church** performing a day of preventive health screenings on **6/17/2013**. Appointment spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling 1-888-653-6441.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

-
- 5/12/2013 (Sun.) **Mother's Day**
9:00 a.m. –Blood Pressure Check
9:30 a.m. –Worship Service with Holy Communion
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid's Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
-
- 5/14/2013 (Tues.) 1:30 p.m. –Lake Shore Communion
4:00-5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
-
- 5/15/2013 (Weds.) 9:00 a.m.-Noon –Church Yard Clean-Up
9:30-10:30 a.m. –UMW Ruth Circle
3:00 p.m. –Elizabeth Circle meets in Upper Room
3:15-4:15 p.m. –Lake Shore Video
7:00-8:00 p.m. –Choir Practice
-
- 5/16/2013 (Thurs.) 9:00 a.m.-Noon –Church Yard Clean-Up
10:00 a.m. –Jonah Bible Study in Upper Room
-
- 5/17/2013 (Fri.) 6:30-8:00 p.m. –Set up for Food at Faith
-
- 5/18/2013 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m.-Noon –Church Yard Clean-Up
7-10:00 a.m. –Food Truck and Set Up for **Food at Faith**
10-12:00 p.m. –Waseca Food Distribution
12:00-1:00 p.m. –Food Program Clean-up
-
- 5/19/2013 (Sun.) **Pentecost Celebration of the Church**
9:30a.m. –Worship Service with Reception to Receive
New members
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid's Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30 a.m. –Kite flying with the children, Fellowship after
1:15-3:30 p.m. –Piano Recital with Barb Klampe
-
- 5/20/2013 (Mon.) **12:00 p.m. –Newsletter Deadline**
4:00-5:00 p.m. –UMW Mary Circle
6:00-7:00 p.m. –UMW Unit Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m. –H&G Graduation
-
- 5/21/2012 (Tues.) 4-5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
5:15-6:15 p.m. –Church Council Meeting
-