

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 20, 2012 ~~ Ascension Sunday

Love Offering Collected Today

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

Our core values are: Faith, Fellowship, Worship and Outreach

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT "Shout to the Lord"... TFWS No. 2074

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING "Psalm 47" ... UMH No. 781

*HYMN OF PRAISE..."God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"...UMH No. 122

ANTHEM "Let Us Rejoice" ... Faith Choir

KIDS TIME

(Last day for Sunday School! No Children's Church today.)

*SCRIPTURE READING 1 SAMUEL 17: 1-11; 24-26; 31-50

Leader: ¹The Philistines assembled their armies for war. They assembled at Socoh, which is in Judah, and camped between Socoh and Azekah at Ephes Dammim. ²So Saul and the army of Israel assembled and camped in the Elah Valley. They formed a battle line to fight the Philistines. ³The Philistines were stationed on a hill on one side, and the Israelites were

stationed on a hill on the other side. There was a ravine between the two of them.

ALL: ⁴The Philistine army's champion came out of their camp. His name was Goliath from Gath. He was ten feet tall. ⁵He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore a bronze coat of armor scales weighing 125 pounds. ⁶On his legs he had bronze shin guards and on his back a bronze javelin. ⁷The shaft of his spear was like the beam used by weavers. The head of his spear was made of 15 pounds of iron. The man who carried his shield walked ahead of him.

Leader: ⁸Goliath stood and called to the Israelites, "Why do you form a battle line? Am I not a Philistine, and aren't you Saul's servants? Choose a man, and let him come down to fight me. ⁹If he can fight me and kill me, then we will be your slaves. But if I overpower him and kill him, then you will be our slaves and serve us." ¹⁰The Philistine added, "I challenge the Israelite battle line today. Send out a man so that we can fight each other." ¹¹When Saul and all the Israelites heard what this Philistine said, they were afraid.

ALL: ²⁴When all the men of Israel saw Goliath, they fled from him because they were terrified. ²⁵The men of Israel said, "Did you see that man coming from the Philistine lines? He keeps coming to challenge Israel. The king will make the man who kills this Philistine very rich. He will give his daughter to that man to marry and elevate the social status of his family."

Leader: ²⁶David asked the men who were standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and gets rid of Israel's disgrace? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should challenge the army of the living God?"

ALL: ³¹What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, who then sent for him. ³²David told Saul, “No one should be discouraged because of this. I will go and fight this Philistine.”

Leader: ³³Saul responded to David, “You can’t fight this Philistine. You’re just a boy, but he’s been a warrior since he was your age.”

ALL: ³⁴ David replied to Saul, “I am a shepherd for my father’s sheep. Whenever a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it, and rescued the sheep from its mouth. If it attacked me, I took hold of its mane, struck it, and killed it. ³⁶I have killed lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them because he has challenged the army of the living God.” ³⁷David added, “The LORD, who saved me from the lion and the bear, will save me from this Philistine.”

Leader: “Go,” Saul told David, “and may the LORD be with you.”

ALL: ³⁸Saul put his battle tunic on David; he put a bronze helmet on David’s head and dressed him in armor. ³⁹David fastened Saul’s sword over his clothes and tried to walk, but he had never practiced doing this. “I can’t walk in these things,” David told Saul. “I’ve never had any practice doing this.” So David took all those things off.

Leader: ⁴⁰ He took his stick with him, picked out five smooth stones from the riverbed, and put them in his shepherd’s bag. With a sling in his hand, he approached the Philistine. ⁴¹The Philistine, preceded by the man carrying his shield, was coming closer and closer to David. ⁴²When the Philistine got a good look at David, he despised him. After all, David was a young man with a healthy complexion and good looks.

ALL: ⁴³ The Philistine asked David, “Am I a dog that you come to attack me with sticks?” So the Philistine called on his gods to curse David.

44“Come on,” the Philistine told David, “and I’ll give your body to the birds.”

Leader: ⁴⁵David told the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the army of Israel, whom you have insulted. ⁴⁶Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. And this day I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals. The whole world will know that Israel has a God. ⁴⁷Then everyone gathered here will know that the LORD can save without sword or spear, because the LORD determines every battle’s outcome. He will hand all of you over to us.”

ALL: ⁴⁸When the Philistine moved closer in order to attack, David quickly ran toward the opposing battle line to attack the Philistine. ⁴⁹Then David reached into his bag, took out a stone, hurled it from his sling, and struck the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank into Goliath’s forehead, and he fell to the ground on his face.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

SONG OF PRAISE “Jesus Loves Me, This I know” ... UMH No. 191

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

MESSAGE Rev. Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

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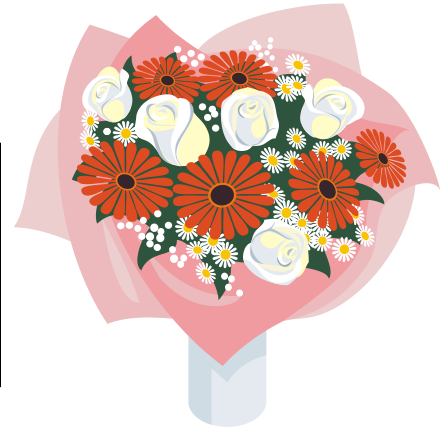
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE“We Are the Church” ... UMH No. 558

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**Altar Flowers today are
in Honor of Maynard &
Norma Buland’s 60th
Wedding Anniversary!**



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:**

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Jean Ferry & Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht,
Hazel Henkensiefken, Eleanor Jane Hutchison,
Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound:

Willie Mahler & Marlin Olson (Patrice’s Dad).



STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 13, 2012

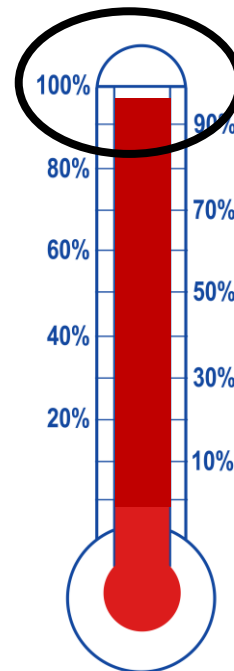
Attendance		Offering	
9:30 a.m. Sunday	106	Church Offering	\$ 2,727.00
Sunday School	<i>Unknown</i>	Sunday School	\$ 0.75
<i>Children</i>	?	Apportionment 2012	\$ 1.00
<i>Shepherds</i>	?	Special Sunday-Peace w/ Justice	\$ 50.00
<i>Teachers</i>	?	Special Sunday - Love Offering	\$ 380.00
		Building	\$ 475.00
		Capital Improvement	\$ 50.00
		UMCOR	\$ 25.00
		New Addition	\$ 100.00
		TOTAL	\$ 3,808.75



BUILDING FUND NEWS!

The current building fund (mortgage) started at \$170,000 in 2002. 98.6% of our goal has been reached, leaving only \$2,342 to complete this fund drive!

THANK YOU to those who have pledged and shared their time and talent building, finishing, and caring for this investment in our future!



Our Goal

\$170,000

**Thank
You!**

Total Collected
to date:
\$167,658

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE OFFERING – will be collected on **TODAY** to be presented at Conference. Envelopes are available in the Narthex or from the Ushers.

BULANDS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS! – Join Maynard & Norma Buland during Fellowship for cake and coffee to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary! All are invited.

FAITH UMC RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM –

- **We are hosting Supper at Pizza Ranch on May 21 and June 18.** Join us between 4:45 and 8 p.m. when a portion of the sales and all the tips will go towards our fundraising goal of \$1,000. We are also looking for volunteers to help work that evening.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION – On **Sunday, May 27, 2012**, our graduates: Megan Blom, Paul Norby, Jacob Sass and Dylan Fredrickson will be recognized during the worship service and reception following.

COMING UP... –

- Pastor Victor is looking for volunteers to help formulate our Congregational Ministry Plan; *essentially, a 5-year strategic plan*. Interested? Please call, e-mail or stop in to the church office and let us know! First meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 11. The group will meet twice a month through August and have a plan to present to the Church Council in September. Please consider joining us!
- In June, as part of the Congregational Ministry Plan, we are rolling out our Vital Congregations information. Watch your newsletter and Sunday Bulletins for more information about this process and what it means 😊. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Victor or Tina.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

5/20/2012 (Sun.)



LOVE OFFERING COLLECTED

9:30 a.m. Worship

10 – 11 a.m. - Sunday School

*** Last day of Sunday School for the year.*

*** No Children's Church until further notice.*

10:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

5 – 7 p.m. – Food, Fun & Fellowship (Parsonage)

5/21/2012 (Mon.)

6 – 7:30 p.m. – UMW Unit Meeting (FH & Kitchen)

6 p.m. – Hansel & Gretel Graduation (Narthex & Upstairs)

5/22/2012 (Tues.)

10 a.m. – Worship @ Lake Shore Inn

3 p.m. – NEWSLETTER & JUNE CALENDAR DEADLINE

4:15 p.m. – Coffee, Bible & Friends (Church Office)

5:15 p.m. – Church Council Meeting (UR)

6 p.m. – UMW Rahab Circle (Location TBA)

6:45 p.m. – Trustee's Meeting (UR or FH)

5/23/2012 (Wed.)

3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (Faith UMC)

5/24/2012 (Thurs.)

10 – 11 a.m. – Bible Study – Gospel of Mark (UR)

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Bible Study – Gospel of Mark (UR)

5/25/2012 (Fri.)

6:15 – 8 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Kilmer, W. end of FH)

5/26/2012 (Sat.)

2 – 5 p.m. – Megan Blom Graduation Open House (FH)

5/27/2012 (Sun.)

PENTECOST & PANCAKE SUNDAY *(for the food shelf!)*

9:30 a.m. Worship

*** No Children's Church until further notice.*

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship

5 – 7 p.m. – Food, Fun & Fellowship (Parsonage)

5/28/2012 (Mon.)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY.