

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13th, 2014~9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

We welcome children and their families to our worship service. For those who need the use of a nursery (for children ages birth through three yrs old), we have a well-staffed and safe space for your children. It is to the left as you enter the church.

*All attendees please sign our red Friendship Registration Pads.
If you are new to our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP.....“He Who Began a Good Work in You”...TFWS No. 2163

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Lord Jesus Christ, pour out your Spirit upon Your Church so that she may faithfully and constantly serve You and the world around her. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 119:1-8

ALL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for Children (Birth - 3 year olds)

L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

ALL: Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies, who seek God with their whole heart,

L: Who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways!

ALL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

L: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

ALL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts. Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

L: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

ALL: I will observe your statutes; O forsake me not utterly! Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought your precepts.

*HYMN OF INVITATION....."Thy Word Is a Lamp" ...UMH No. 601

SPECIAL MUSIC....."Old Time Religion" ... Faith Choir

KIDS WORSHIP (All children are invited to attend our Kids Worship at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....JOSHUA 1:1-9; JUDGES 6: 11-17; 6: 36-40; Acts 1:6-11

L: 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all these people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause these people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous,

being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

P: 11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.” 13 And Gideon said to him, “Please sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” 14 And the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” 15 And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” 16 And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.” 17 And he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me.”

L: 36 Then Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, 37 behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.” 38 And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. 39 Then Gideon said to God, “Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it

be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew.” 40 And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

P: 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?” This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE.....Empowered To Serve!...Rev. Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks"...TFWS No. 2036

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING SONG....."Here I Am, Lord"...UMH No. 593

SENDING FORTH

Our Father, we have listened to Your Word and loved it; we have found comfort and inspiration in song and Psalter; we have enjoyed the companionship of those who, with like minds and hearts, have praised and worshipped You. Now help us to understand that, as we leave this sacred House of God, we shall become Your Church in the street. ~Anonymous

EXIT MUSIC

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

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

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

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Laurel's Peak: Paul Krause

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler

Prayer Request from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Les Wells, Wally Ruedy, Jim Barber



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW Ruth Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m.** on **Wednesday, July 16th** at the home of Verna Fog.

Following today's worship service, we will have a sale of some of the items from the **KINDER ESTATE SALE**. The proceeds will help fund Sherry Scholljegerdes' mission trip to Haiti.

Faith United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. **Life Line Screening** will host their affordable, non-invasive health screenings on **7/17/2014**. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Faith @ The Fair with worship beginning at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, July 20th**, **at the Itron Tent**. Come and bring a friend. Bob and Kozy will provide our music.

Correction: The Choir will sing on August 17th. A sign up sheet for summer music is in the office.

There will be **no Quiet Time in the Sanctuary** in **July, August, or September**. Thank you.

Early Response Basic Training Course: This will be held on September 26th and 27th at the Belgrade Avenue United Methodist Church, 325 Sherman Street, North Mankato MN.

September 26th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuary training. This is required - if you are SS trained, a certificate from your church will exempt you from this part of the class.

September 27th from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ERT Basic Training Course
Early Response Teams(ERT) assist survivors of natural disasters. ERTs remove debris, clean out flood-damaged homes and help to prevent further property damage. The course provides the basis skills for you to become a member of the ERT. The cost is \$35 which includes materials, lunch and background check. Please register by Sept. 12at minnesotaumc.org and search for 'Event Registration'. For more information, contact Gary Klason at [320-214-6599](tel:320-214-6599)or glkason@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

7/13/2014 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
7/15/2014 (Tues.)	3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
7/16/2014 (Weds.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle at Verna Fog's home 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
7/17/2014 (Thurs.)	8:15 a.m. -5:30 p.m. -Lifeline Screening (FH) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Advisory Council for Caregiver Services (LV Room)
7/18/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Set up for Food @ Faith
7/19/2014 (Sat.)	Food @ Faith 7:00-10:00 a.m. -Food Truck & Set up 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution 12:00-1:00 p.m. -Food Program Clean-up
7/20/2014 (Sun.)	10:00 a.m.- Faith @ the Fair Worship at the Itron Tent