

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
July 26th , 2015~9:30 A.M.

*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 **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Spirit Song" ...UMH No. 347

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....I John 1:5-7

Now this is the gospel message we have heard from Him and announce to you: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth. But if we walk in the light as He himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION:.....“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the LORD”...TFWS
No. 2131

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 14**

L: Fools say to themselves, “There is no God.” They sin and commit evil deeds;
none of them does what is right.

**All: The LORD looks down from heaven at the human race, to see if there
is anyone who is wise and seeks God.**

L: Everyone rejects God; they are all morally corrupt. None of them does what
is right, not even one!

**All: All those who behave wickedly do not understand— those who
devour my people as if they were eating bread, and do not call out to
the LORD.** They are absolutely terrified, for God defends the godly.

**All: You want to humiliate the oppressed, even though the LORD is their
shelter.**

L: I wish the deliverance of Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD
restores the well-being of his people, may Jacob rejoice, may Israel be
happy!

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

ANTHEM.....“We Have Gathered Here”...Faith Choir

KID’S TIME.....“Changing The Weather”

CHILDREN’S CHURCH All children are invited to attend our Children’s Church
at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE ON FRIENDSHIP.....Proverbs 12:26;
Proverbs 18:24; Proverbs 22:24-25; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs
17:17;Proverbs 27:5-6; Proverbs 27:17; Job 16:20-21; Job 29:4-6; John
15:12-15**

A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them
astray. A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who
sticks closer than a brother. Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do
not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get

yourself ensnared. He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; on behalf of a man he pleads with God as a man pleads for his friend. Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house, when the Almighty was still with me and my children were around me, when my path was drenched with cream and the rock poured out for me streams of olive oil.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Choosing Your BBF" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Make Me a Servant" ...TFWS No. 2176

*SENDING FORTH.....**James 2:22-23**

You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.

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:

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

Colony Court: Millie Groh , Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran, Deloris Asmus

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler[Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Dave and Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Floyd Lamont and family, Marilyn Possin, Marlin Olson (Patrice's dad), Adeline Buss, Ralph and Bert Dyer, Douglas Muesing,

Alvin and Shirley Groskreutz, David and Tammy Vendt, Reno and Timothy Steroing, Brenda Westrum, Berts Walker, Joe Tollefson, Riley **Roberts.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to discover the ultimate potential of your marriage? Register for the August 22-23 Marriage Encounter at www.marriages.org. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington.

Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Thank you so much for your assistance in promoting an excellent program that has been celebrating, enriching and saving marriages since 1972. We encourage couples to renew and restore their commitment to Christian marriage.

If you have any questions please call Mary Jackson at 651.454.3238.

Peter and I wish to extend our "thank you" to all members of our Faith United Church family who have helped us so much during my illness the past months. Blessings to you all for the prayers, cards, food, and for "lending a hand" when we needed it.

We are grateful for God's mercy for my recovery and support you have given.

God's blessing on you all! Sincerely,

Verna Fog

Barbara Friedl brought it to my attention that **drivers** are needed for **Meals on Wheels** in Waseca. At this time, they are asking for substitutes, but when the 'snowbirds' leave, they will need more drivers for the routes. If you would like to volunteer for this important service, please contact the Senior Center/Lutheran Services at 835-4160. Thank you! *Les Wells*

Faith United Methodist Church is pleased to have **Life Line Screening** on **8/7/2015**. 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

7/26/2015 (Sun.)	Pancake Mix Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Kid's Class 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at Parsonage
7/27/2015 (Mon.)	Pastor Victor Out of Office 7/27-7/31 Faith Messenger Mailed this week
7/28/2015 (Tues.)	3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
7/29/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH)
7/31/2015 (Fri.)	Office Closed
8/2/2015 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15-9:30 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Kid's Class 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
8/4/2015 (Tues.)	10:00-10:30 a.m. -Pastor Victor at Colony Court Memory Care 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
08/5/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 12:00-1:45 p.m. -Pastor Victor Out of Office
08/7/2015 (Fri.)	Office Closed 8:30-5:30 p.m. -Lifeline Screening 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
08/9/2015 (Sun.)	9:00-9:20 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Kid's Class 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall