

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**All: O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth. Guide our worship this hour.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**.....“We Bring The Sacrifice of Praise” ...TFWS No. 2031

**OPENING PRAYER**

L: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life. Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 34**

L: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

L: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**All: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

**All: The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

L: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

L: What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**All: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

**All: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

L: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

**All: Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**ANTHEM.....“Amani Utupe” ...Faith Choir**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Matthew 7:7-12

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE.....“Sweet Hour of Prayer”...UMH No. 496

MESSAGE..... Asking God With An Open Heart, An Open Mind And Open Hands ...Rev. Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN.....“Healer of Our Every Ill”...TFWS No. 2213

SENDING FORTH

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6-7)*

EXIT MUSIC

## **FAMILY MATTERS**

We are a church that likes to see ourselves as a family. We send cards, visit with, pray for and come to the aid of each other when any one among us are struggling with an illness, pain, grief or financial loss. I have seen this happen a number of times over the last three years I have been your Pastor.

My concern is the long term care issues that many of the members of our congregation are dealing with chronic pain, chronic disease, battling Cancer and dealing with the loss of a spouse or a child. The initial out pouring of love and support is wonderful, but as time goes on our lives move on but their lives are still caught up in dealing with the pain and the struggles of an ongoing or chronic illness.

Let me encourage you to look over our prayer list and pay particular attention to those names that have been on there a number of weeks. Review the names of those who at Colony Court or the Memory Care Center or Lake Shore Inn. Look around and take note of who hasn't been in church for a while. Write those names down and send them a card, give them a call, pray for them or visit with them. These actions will encourage the person who is struggling with their illness and their families who support them. They will remind them that they are loved and not forgotten, but above all they will know they are not alone in their journey.

*Pastor Victor*

## 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

**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 Requests from Sunday Worship:** Rodger and Vada Dahnert,  
Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Betty Jane Ruedy, Jim Barber, Dan Possin,  
Kookie, Katherine, Alvin G., Les Wells, Lynne Swenson, Deloris Asmus



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UMW Unit Meeting:** The meeting will be on Monday, August 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**UMW Ruth Circle** will meet **Wednesday, August 20th** at **9:30 a.m.** at the home of Margaret Hasslen.

Next **Sunday, August 24th** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** at the **Christ Community Church** in Waseca (2200 4th St. NE), there is a **presentation by Dr. Pat**, director of News Service 2000. She will share her personal story of persecution that she had endured. There will be time for questions and answers. Thank you.

**Wanted:** I am in need of a **handheld power drill** for use at the church. I had to put the old one to rest. This would be a donation. Please contact Bob Stephan. Thank you.

There will be **no Quiet Time in the Sanctuary August or September.**



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Coming soon! On **Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. UMW Guest Night** speaker **Beth Crosby** will share a message entitled "Hearts and Hands for God". Beth is one of the on-air ministers at KJLY Christian Radio station in Blue Earth, MN. Everyone is invited to attend this fun evening. Dessert will be served.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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8/17/2014 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
8/18/2014 (Mon.)	<b>12:00 p.m. -Newsletter Deadline</b> Pastor Victor out of Office 8/18-8/19
8/19/2014 (Tues.)	3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible and Friends (LV Room)
8/20/2014 (Weds.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle at home of Margaret Hasslen 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
8/21/2014 (Thurs.)	6:30-7:30 p.m. -SPRC Meeting (Office)
8/22/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed
8/24/2014 (Sun.)	Pancake Mix Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
8/25/2014 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger mailed this week
8/26/2014 (Tues.)	1:00-6:00 p.m. -Administrative Assistant Office Hours 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room) 5:15-6:15 p.m. -Church Council Meeting (LV Room)