

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
September 6th, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Open Our Eyes, LORD"...TFWS No.2086 [2x]

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

All: 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.

L: If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth.

All: 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.

HYMN OF INVITATION....."Change My Heart, O God"...TFWS No. 2152

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Grant us, O LORD, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....*PSALM 25:1-18*

L: O LORD, I come before you in prayer.

All: My God, I trust in you. Please do not let me be humiliated; do not let my enemies triumphantly rejoice over me!

L: Certainly none who rely on you will be humiliated.

All: Those who deal in treachery will be thwarted and humiliated.

L: Make me understand your ways, O LORD! Teach me your paths! Guide me into your truth and teach me.

All: For you are the God who delivers me; on you I rely all day long.

L: Remember your compassionate and faithful deeds, O LORD, for you have always acted in this manner.

All: Do not hold against me the sins of my youth or my rebellious acts! Because you are faithful to me, extend to me your favor, O LORD!

L: The LORD is both kind and fair; that is why he teaches sinners the right way to live.

All: May he show the humble what is right! May he teach the humble his way! The LORD always proves faithful and reliable to those who follow the demands of his covenant.

L: For the sake of your reputation, O LORD, forgive my sin, because it is great. The LORD shows his faithful followers the way they should live. They experience his favor; their descendants inherit the land.

All: The LORD's loyal followers receive his guidance, and he reveals his covenantal demands to them.

L: I continually look to the LORD for help, for he will free my feet from the enemy's net. Turn toward me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and oppressed!

All: Deliver me from my distress; rescue me from my suffering!

L: See my pain and suffering! Forgive all my sins!

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Marching to Zion" ...UMH No.733

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ANTHEM....."Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me" ...Faith Choir

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.

THE EPISTLE READING.....JAMES 3:1-12

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, because you know that we will be judged more strictly. 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If someone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect individual, able to control the entire body as well. 3:3 And if we put bits into the mouths of horses to get them to obey us, then we guide their entire bodies. 3:4 Look at ships too: Though they are so large and driven by harsh winds, they are steered by a tiny rudder wherever the pilot's inclination directs. 3:5 So too the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it has great pretensions. Think how small a flame sets a huge forest ablaze. 3:6 And the tongue is a fire! The tongue represents the world of wrongdoing among the parts of our bodies. It pollutes the entire body and sets fire to the course of human existence—and is set on fire by hell.

3:7 For every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and sea creature is subdued and has been subdued by humankind. 3:8 But no human being can subdue the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people made in God's image. 3:10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. These things should not be so, my brothers and sisters. 3:11 A spring does not pour out fresh water and bitter water from the same opening, does it? 3:12 Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers and sisters, or a vine produce figs? Neither can a salt water spring produce fresh water.

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

HYMN OF PRAISE....."It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"...UMH No. 352

MESSAGE....."Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Doxology" ..UMH No. 70

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Let There Be Peace On Earth" ..UMH No. 431

*SENDING FORTH.....Colossians 3:15-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 Eggness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter Fog, Marilyn Possin, Marlin Olson (Patrice's Dad), Verna Fog, Berts Walker, The Westrum Family, The Voshell Family, Chuck Youngberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our Faith church family for the prayers, cards, and telephone calls we received following hip surgery and the passing of Clair's father. Your concern brought us much comfort. Clair and Sandy Voshell

Confirmation will begin on **Sunday, September 13th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room** for seventh and eighth grade students. It will held every first and third Sunday.

Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, September 27th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the **Parsonage** for seventh through twelfth grade students. It will be held every second and fourth Sunday.

BEING MORTAL

-FILM AND DISCUSSION

- Sunday, Sept. 20
- 10:45-12:15
- Pastor Victor and Sherry/facilitators
- Lakeview Room

Death is something we will all one day face so why is it so hard for doctors to talk to their patients about dying? Renowned surgeon and *New York* writer Arurl Gawande explored this question in his bestselling book, *Being Mortal*. Now Gawande teams with PBS's *Frontline* to bring personal journey and the stories of his patients and their families to life in this one-hour documentary. He challenges us all to reexamine how we think about death and dying. The ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life-all the way to the very end.

Contact Information: If you need to reach me when I am not in the office or at home, my cell phone number is 1-507-461-4455. Thank you, *Pastor Victor*.

Labor Day Week Administrative Assistant Hours: The office is closed on Labor Day. Administrative Assistant Hours for this week will be: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Thank you.

On Saturday afternoon, **September 26th**, a group of adults and youth will go from Faith Church to **Simpson United Methodist Church** in Minneapolis, to provide a supper meal for the men and women who sleep in the overnight shelter. Around 110 persons will be served. Again this year, the meal will be catered by HyVee and taken to Minneapolis. Your support is needed to help pay for the meal as well as provide bread, milk, bananas, and cookies. **A signup sheet for the latter items will be available during worship next Sunday.**

UMW Annual Meeting

First UMC in Worthington

408 11th St, Worthington MN 56187

Saturday, September 12th

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:00 a.m.

The contact person for pre-registration is Sally Ann Johnson at 507-376-6777.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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| 9/6/2015 (Sun.) | Birthday Sunday 9:15 am. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship |
| 9/7/2015 (Mon.) | Labor Day Office Closed |
| 9/8/2015 (Tues.) | 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours H&G Preschool First Day 1:00-2:00 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible, & Friends (*LV Room) |
| 9/9/2015 (Wed.) | 8:00 -10:30 a.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 1:00 p.m. -Communion at Colony Court |
| 9/10/2015 (Thur.) | 8:00 -10:30 a.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours 1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith Meeting |
| 9/11/2015 (Fri.) | 8:00 -10:30 a.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours 10:00 a.m. -Worship Service at Colony Court |
| 9/12/2015 (Sat.) | 5:00 p.m.-Jolly Rangers Polka Service |
| 9/13/2015 (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 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Confirmation Orientation (*LV Room) |

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall