

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 7th, 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 **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**.....“He Has Made Me Glad” ...TFWS No. 2270

**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.**

**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION**.....“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ...TFWS No. 2129

**RESPONSIVE READING**.....Psalm 145

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**All: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

L: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

**All: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!**

L: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]**

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**All: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

L: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMEBRS**

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

L: Members of the household of God, I commend *these persons* to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase *their* faith, Confirm *their* hope, and perfect *them* in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant, faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM.....“Song of Fellowship”...Faith Choir

SONG OF INVITATION.....“Change My Heart, O God”...TFWS No. 2152

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

**Pgs. 12-15**

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (All children 4yrs.- 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teachers.)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Ephesians 2:8–10; 5:15–21; Galatians 5:16–18

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the LORD is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the LORD

with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

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

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

MESSAGE.....What Comes After the Jesus Prayer?...Rev. Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING....."Just a Little Talk with Jesus"...Men's Quartet

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\* SONG OF CELEBRATION....."Here I Am"...UMH No. 593

SENDING FORTH.....Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the LORD, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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 is 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/or the loss of a spouse or a child. The initial outpouring 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 live 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. It 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, Jim Barber, Dan Possin, Katherine, Alvin G., Les Wells, Deloris Asmus, Faye Malecha, Kookie, Ken Garness, Peggy Deno, Roger Walker

Please lift up in prayer the people who live under the fear of Ebola, the families of those who have died, and the health professionals who are caring for people who have this disease. We also urge you and your congregation to extend your generosity to support **UMCOR's International Disaster Relief Advance #982450**, which is being used for the Ebola emergency response plan.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Notice:** If you have **changed your phone number** in the last year, please contact the office with your current number so we may update our records. Thank you!

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Thank you to Eunice Gasner for donating a power drill to the church.  
*Bob Stephan.*

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Please consider financially supporting Sherry's trip to Haiti. Please make checks payable to Faith UMC.

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

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**UMW Mary Circle** is meeting on **Tuesday, September 16, at 2:00**, in the **Lakeview Room**. Hostess is Barb Friedl.



**UMW Elizabeth Circle** will meet **Wednesday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room**. Hostess is Karen Ferch.

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**Wanted:** If there are any interested adults who love being with babies or young children (to age 4), we would like you to consider being a **Church Nursery Attendant** on Sunday mornings during the worship service. We have recently lost a couple of our volunteers who have other church commitments as the fall season approaches. If we are able to get another two or three people, rotation of Sundays would require a person to serve in the Church Nursery only once every two months or so. For more information, please call Shirley Hansen at 507-645-5844. Our goal is to make the nursery a place where the very young feel comfortable so their parents can get the most they can out of their worship experience.

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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.



**Powerful Tools for Caregivers Program** starts **September 9th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at **Waseca Library**. Contact Sherry for more information at 835-4304.

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**I. GETTING IN**

**II. GET FILLED**

**A. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**B. THE SPIRIT OF GOD ENABLES US TO UNDERSTAND AND RECEIVE THE ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US.**

**C. TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES WE BY FAITH NEED TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.**

**III. GET ON WITH IT**

**A. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

**B. BEARING FRUIT IN THE WORLD**

**C. GOOD WORKS**

**D. SALT**

**E. LIGHT**



## Children's Activity:

"If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him--work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend."  
Matthew 18:15 (NIV)



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

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9/7/2014 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship with Holy Communion 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
9/9/2014 (Tues.)	1:30-2:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion 6:00-7:30 p.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at Waseca Library 7:00-9:00 p.m. -UMW Guest Night with Beth Crosby
9/10/2014 (Weds.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Ministerium (LV Room) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group @ the Parsonage 7:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
9/11/2014 (Thurs.)	1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers (FH) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith Meeting (FH)
9/12/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed
9/13/2014 (Sat.)	8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -HCI Meeting (LV Room)
9/14/2014 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
9/15/2014 (Mon.)	12:00 p.m. -Newsletter Deadline
9/16/2014 (Tues.)	1:00-2:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room) 6:00-7:30 p.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at Waseca Library

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