

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 9, 2012 ~~ the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

Our core values are: Faith, Fellowship, Worship and Outreach

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT "Open Our Eyes" ... TFWS No. 2086

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER *From: The Book of Worship, 1965, Alt.*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

ALL: The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

ALL: Give thanks to him, bless his name!

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 121 ... UMH Psalter Pg. 844

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Lamb of God" ... TFWS No. 2113

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Nicene Creed" ... UMH No. 880

KID'S TIMEThe Blessing of Backpacks and Those Who Wear Them

ANTHEM "Change My Heart, O God" ... Faith Choir

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ... *Children 4 through 9 years of age are invited to the Classroom for Children's Church during the rest of our Service.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ... *Youth in Grades 3 through 6 are invited to the Youth Room (downstairs) during the rest of our Service.*

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Selected readings on the character of a servant.**

(Matthew 11:28-30 & 9:35-36; Luke 17:7-10)

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and my load is not hard to carry."

Then Jesus went throughout all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were bewildered and helpless

"Would any one of you say to your slave who comes in from the field after plowing or shepherding sheep, 'Come at once and sit down for a meal'? Won't the master instead say to him, 'Get my dinner ready, and make yourself ready to serve me while I eat and drink. Then you may eat and drink'? He won't thank the slave because he did what he was told, will he?

So you too, when you have done everything you were commanded to do, should say, 'We are slaves undeserving of special praise; we have only done what was our duty.' "

Leader: This the Word of God for the people of God

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE AND PARDON UMH No. 891

HYMN OF PRAISE “Seek Ye First” ... UMH No. 405

PASTORAL PRAYER for our Church, Our Community and Our World

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison) UMH No. 895

MESSAGE “The Character of a Servant” ... Rev. Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *From: The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.*

Leader: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE “Spirit of the Living God”... UMH No. 393

SENDING FORTH *From: Saram Liturgy, England, 13th Century, Alt.*

God be in your head, and in your understanding.

God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.

God be in your heart, and in your thinking.

God be at your end, and at your departing.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET THE BISHOP! – Bishop Ough (pronounced “Oh”) will be the center of attention at a “Meet & Greet” on **Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at Belgrade UMC in North Mankato.** All are welcome, invited and encouraged to attend!

TONY DE BLOIS IN CONCERT! – Evangelical UMC (309 – 6th Street NE, Waseca, MN) at **7 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012.** This is a free concert, but donations to help cover travel expenses will be accepted.

MARK BIBLE STUDY RESUMES – Join Pastor Victor as he resumes this Bible Study. All are welcome to come at any point. The Study will be held in the Upper Room on Thursdays choose from 10 to 11 a.m. or from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS – Help us reach our goal of 5 flood buckets (\$275 value) and 25 school kits (also \$275 value)! Midwest Mission Distribution Center is always there to provide help when needed – let’s help them help others!

OFFICE HOURS – Tina will NOT be in the Office Monday, Sept. 10. Office Hours next week are: Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls while I was awaiting test results and at the time of surgery. I really appreciated it and prayers are certainly wonderful. God has been good to me and I am so grateful for a good final diagnosis. *~~Always, Lynne Swenson*

Many thanks to my church family for their cards and concerns at the time of my accident. A special thanks to Pastor Victor for his visits and prayers. *~~ In God’s Love, Wilda Smith*

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

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Jean Ferry & Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht,
Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Care Center, Mankato: Jim Keller

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch



Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Peter & Verna Fog, Willie Mahler, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Lynne Swenson, Elaine Westrum, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.

Please remember the family and friends of Marilynn Lau and Rev. Jim Purdham (formerly at Evangelical UMC, Waseca) during their time of loss.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

9/9/2012 (Sun.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

– Special Meeting
in the Sanctuary
immediately
following worship.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & THOSE WEARING THEM!

9 to 9:15 a.m. – Blood Pressure Checks (UR)

9:30 a.m. – Worship

**** Children's Church. Sunday School starts TODAY!**

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Youth Group (Parsonage)

9/10/2012 (Mon.) NO Office Hours today. (Tina has the day off.)
7 p.m. – Welcome Team Meeting (UR)

9/11/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
1:30 p.m. – Communion @ Lake Shore Inn
4 p.m. – Bible & Friends RESUMES (UR)



9/12/2012 (Wed.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video
4:30 to 6 p.m. – Confirmation STARTS (Faith UMC)
7 p.m. – Choir Practice

9/13/2012 (Thurs.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
10 to 11 a.m. – Mark Bible Study RESUMES (UR)
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Mark Bible Study RESUMES (UR)

9/14/2012 (Fri.) 9:30 a.m. – Stitcher's for Mission (FH)
6:30 p.m. – Set-up for Food @ Faith (FH)

9/15/2012 (Sat.) FOOD @ FAITH -- 7 a.m. – Unload Truck;
10 a.m. – Distribution Begins; 11:30 a.m. – Clean-up

9/16/2012 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. – Worship
*** Children's Church & Sunday School*
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
*** All are welcome to stay for treats and coffee!*

9/17/2012 (Mon.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)

9/18/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
2 p.m. – Mary Circle (TBA)
3 p.m. Newsletter and October Calendar Deadline
4 p.m. – Bible & Friends (UR)
6:30 p.m. – SPRC (UR)
