

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 14th, 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

***CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER.....**“SANCTUARY”...TFWS No. 2164

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

L: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 41

L: Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

All: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

L: As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

All: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?"

All: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

L: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

All: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

L: But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

All: By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

L: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

All: Amen and Amen.

ANTHEM....."Come, Now Is The Time to Worship" ...Faith Choir

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Jeremiah 29: 4-7

4 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

*SONG OF PRAISE..... "Jesus, Name Above All Names" ...TFWS No. 2071

MESSAGE.....Seeking The Welfare of Waseca...Pastor Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN.....“Freely, Freely”...UMH No. 389

SENDING FORTH.....ROMANS 12:15-18

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peacefully with all.

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, 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

I would like to thank our Church family for all of your prayers and cards during my tests. I am still on the watch for the nodules in my lung. So once again thank you. Les and Marie Wells

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

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

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

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.

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Wednesday, Sept. 18** at **9:30 a.m.** at **Out to Lunch**.

Wanted: Adults who love being with babies or young children (to age 4), please consider being a Church Nursery Attendant on Sunday mornings during worship. 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.

On Saturday afternoon, **September 27th**, 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 on Sunday, September 14th.

Please make your checks payable to Faith United Methodist Church and put Simpson meal on the memo line.

This is one of the very concrete ways our church members reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Thanks for all that you are able to do.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Lake Shore Inn 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -Caregiver Advisory Meeting (LV Room) 2:00-3:00 p.m.. -UMW Mary Circle (LV Room) 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room) 6:00-7:30 p.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at Waseca Library
9/17/2014 (Weds.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle at Out to Lunch 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH) 3:00 p.m. -UMW Elizabeth Circle (LV Room) 3:00-4:00 p.m. -UMW Ruth Circle (LV Room) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 7:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
09/18/2014 (Thur.)	5:00-7:00 p.m. -Relay for Life Meeting (FH)
09/19/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Set up for Food @ Faith
09/20/2014 (Sat.)	Food @ Faith 7:00-10:00 a.m. -Food Truck and Set Up 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution 12:00 -1:00 p.m. -Food Program Clean-up
09/21/2014 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
