

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 15th, 2013~9:30 a.m.**

We welcome you to today's service.  
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.*

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship is the celebration of life.

**PEOPLE: WORSHIP IS AN EXPRESSION OF THAT WHICH GIVES LIFE.**

Leader: Worship is praise and thanksgiving to the God who gives life and makes our celebration possible.

**PEOPLE: THEN LET OUR WORDS, OUR SONGS, SEND FORTH AND SHOW OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE.**

\*OPENING HYMN....."Come, We That Love the Lord"...(UMH) No. 732

OPENING PRAYER.....(All Joining)

**Almighty God, day by day, you declare your love in growing things and mysterious space. Yet we, your children, become callous to the evidences of your caring. We pause to ask for a sensitive mind and heart of love that our speaking will be sincere, our motives pure, and our endeavors honorable. Remove from us all indifference to suffering, all malice that maligns others, and all immaturity that**

**causes us only to think of ourselves. We ask this in the name of your loving Son. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 2...UMH pg. 739

ANTHEM..... “You are My All in All”...Faith Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

\*SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 15:1-10

L: This is the word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN .....”All People That on Earth Do Dwell” ...UMH No. 75

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....**(In Unison)**

MESSAGE.....“God and Laughter”...Rev. Robert Hunter

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....**(All joining)**

**We thank you, O God, that you do not build your kingdom without us. Help us to find the deepest meaning of our lives in worship and service. In this act of offering, help us give some part of ourselves to you. Herein, release our love, our possibilities and our capacity for joy. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN.....“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord ”...UMH No. 438<sub>6</sub>

SENDING FORTH

Leader: Dismiss us now, O Lord, with your blessing  
and accompany us always with your grace

**PEOPLE: that we may live in peace, love and holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

EXIT MUSIC

## 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 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

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who particularly need our prayers:** Jim Keller, Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Relay for Life team** is working at the **Pizza Ranch** on **Monday, September 16** from **5pm to 8pm**. Please come out to the Pizza Ranch for supper and enjoy letting us wait on you.

**UMW Ruth Circle** will meet **Wednesday, September 18** at **9:30 a.m.** at the home of Verna Fog.

**UMW Elizabeth Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, September 18** at **3:00 p.m.** in the Lake View Room.

There will be a **fundraiser** to help support Sherry Scholljegerdes' and Katelyn Madigan's mission trip to Haiti on **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** from **5-8 p.m.** at **Waseca Pizza Ranch**. If you would like to help serve please contact Sherry.

**Wanted:** Men and women to assist our children in their journey of learning about Jesus. It requires little time and provides lots of rewards. It isn't hard and has such a powerful impact on our children. Please consider being a **Sunday school team-teacher!** Grade levels **3rd grade thru 6th grade**. Please call **Linda Lohse (835-1917)** if you are called to this ministry or have any questions. Wilda Smith will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School for the fall session.

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**Church Bus:** Our church is responsible providing a rider on the **Sunday bus during the month of October.** You meet the bus at the fairgrounds, ride along the route and help people on and off the bus. Sometimes we walk to their door to escort them while others hop on and off by themselves. Basically, we assist where we are needed. It's a rewarding service, meeting people and visiting as we ride along. Please **volunteer to ride the Sunday Bus.** Call Kim at the church office (835-3167) or contact Barbara Friedl (cell 832-969-6109).



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**Event: Advanced Lay Speaking training for new and renewing lay speakers**

**Date & Time:** September 28, 2013, 9AM to 5PM

**Place:** Shalom Hill Farm

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Topic:** Planning a service and sermon preparation

**Register by September 24th**

**Email or call Audrey Asp:** amazingaudrey1@gmail.com or 507-752-7809

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**UMW Guest Night – October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Our Guest Speaker will be Catherine Ritch Guess. She is an author, composer, comedian, entertainer, inspirational/motivational speaker, teacher, musician and missionary! She was selected by one of the International FACES of the UMC.

A radio personality who once interviewed her said of Guess, “Catherine’s lightning quick wit and musical talent are astonishing enough, but combined with her never ending source of positive energy, the woman is a ball of fire that’s sure to inspire.”

All are welcome, please bring a friend and refreshments will be served following the program.

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**Pancake Breakfast for Ralph and Peggy Deno.** They lost their home due to a fire on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Compliance codes require that their septic system be updated in order to get the building permit for their replacement home. This fundraiser is to help cover the costs of this that will not be covered by insurance. Please plan to attend!

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Serving from 7:30am – 12 noon**

**Waseca American Legion**

**Menu:** Pancakes, Sausages, Juice, Coffee, Milk

**\$6.00** Adults      **\$2** Ages 6-12

5 and under are **free**      **\$20** per family maximum.

**Tickets can be purchased** from a **Deno committee member** or from the **church office.**

**Deno Committee members:** Edy Barber, Barbara Friedl, Janice Kaupa, Janet Welch, Janet Larson, Lorraine Wick, Bob Hunter

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**Children's Activity:**



The Parable of the Lost Sheep  
Luke 15:1-7

Sermons4Kids.com

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 9/15/2013 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. –Worship Service with Rev. Bob Hunter  
\*Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time)  
\*Sunday School (grades 3-6)  
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship/PowerPoint on Food @ Faith
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- 9/16/2013 (Mon.) **Noon: Newsletter Deadline**  
5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. –Relay for Life at Pizza Ranch
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- 9/17/2013 (Tues.) 1:00-2:00 p.m. –UMW Mary Circle (Deloris Asmus’ home)  
3:00 p.m. –UMW Elizabeth Circle (LV Room)  
4:00-5:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
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- 9/18/2013 (Weds.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. –UMW Ruth Circle (Verna Fog’s home)  
10:00-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away  
3:00 p.m. – UMW Elizabeth Circle (LV Room)  
3:15-4:15 p.m. –Lake Shore Video  
4:30-6:30 p.m. –Quiet Time in the Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. –Choir Practice (LV Room)
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- 9/20/2013 (Fri.) **Office Closed**  
6:30-8:00 p.m. –Set up for Food @ Faith
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- 9/21/2013 (Sat.) **Food @ Faith**  
7:00–10:00 a.m. –Food Truck & Set Up  
10:00–12:00 p.m. –Waseca Food Distribution  
12:00-1:00 p.m. –Food Program Clean-up
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- 9/22/2013 (Sun.) **Pancake Mix Sunday**  
9:30 -10:30 a.m. –Contemporary Worship Service with  
Rev. Bob Hunter  
\*Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time)  
\*Sunday School (grades 3-6)  
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
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- 9/23/2013 (Mon.) Faith Messenger mailed this week
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- 9/24/2013 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)  
5:15-6:30 p.m. –Church Council Meeting (LV Room)  
6:45-8:15 p.m. –Trustees Meeting (LV Room)
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