

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
September 20th, 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."I Will Enter His Gates" ...TFWS No.2270

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.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Thy Word Is a Lamp" ...UMH No. 601

RESPONSIVE READING.....PSALM 112

L: Praise the LORD!

All: How blessed is the one who obeys the LORD, who takes great delight in keeping his commands.

L: His descendants will be powerful on the earth; the godly will be blessed. His house contains wealth and riches; his integrity endures.

All: In the darkness a light shines for the godly, for each one who is merciful, compassionate, and just.

L: It goes well for the one who generously lends money, and conducts his business honestly. For he will never be upended; others will always remember one who is just.

All: He does not fear bad news. He is confident; he trusts in the LORD. His resolve is firm; he will not succumb to fear before he looks in triumph on his enemies.

L: He generously gives to the needy; his integrity endures. He will be vindicated and honored.

All: When the wicked see this, they will worry; they will grind their teeth in frustration and melt away; the desire of the wicked will perish.

ANTHEM....."Just A Closer Walk" ...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."Is God Invisible?"

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.

READINGS FROM I SAMUEL 17.....

The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them. Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy

and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield.

Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken. For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.

David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"

But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"

"Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

"Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never

worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested to Saul. "I'm not used to them." So David took them off again. He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine. Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods. "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled. David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!"

As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. Then David ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.

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....."Are You Able" ...UMH No. 530

MESSAGE..... "Giants and Thorns" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Cry of My Heart " ...TFWS No. 2165

*SENDING FORTH

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may establish your heart unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. I Thessalonians 3:11-13

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 Deloris
Asmus

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

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

Please give special prayers for Linda Hood. She is the Dahnert's niece. She is going through her second time with a new chemo treatment. She has 10 treatments to go through and needs prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 is available.**

BEING MORTAL

-FILM AND DISCUSSION

- **Today**
- 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 Atul 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.

On **Sunday, September 27** we are planning a **farewell celebration** during **Fellowship Coffee**, for some of our long-time members who are moving on to new locations and new experiences in life. Al & Ferol Pursell are moving to Texas and Mary Lou Sahlstrom is moving to Wisconsin. We would like to honor them for their friendship and all they have done for us. We will have baskets downstairs for cards and well wishes that you would like to bring. Thank you,
Janet Welch, Membership Care

We just want to remind all the members that our Relay for Life Garage sale is going to continue. We will have it in May. If you have anything you would like to donate and do not have room for it, we can take it and store it now. All our proceeds go towards cancer research.



HEY, KIDS!! THIS IS FOR YOU -

Today there is a **Blessing of the Backpacks**. You will receive prayers, blessings and well wishes from the pastor and the congregation as you begin your new school year.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016:

Ary Blom, Jorja Bluhm, Kaitlyn Hyatt, Troy Mitzel, Aaron Root, Devin Stankiewicz, And Samantha True

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

9/20/2015 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service, Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 10:45-11:45 a.m. -Being Mortal DVD Discussion (*LV Room) 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Confirmation (*LV Room)
9/21/2015 (Mon.)	8:00-10:30 a.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours 10:00 a.m. -Newsletter Deadline 6:00-7:00 p.m. -Neighborhood Service Center Meeting
9/22/2015 (Tues.)	Administrative Assistant Out of Office 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible, & Friends (*LV Room)
9/23/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
9/24/2015 (Thur.)	7:00-8:00 p.m. -Trustees Meeting
9/25/2015 (Fri.)	10:00-10:30 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
9/26/2015 (Sat.)	5:00-9:00 p.m. -Simpson Meal
9/27/2015 (Sun.)	Pancake Mix Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship-Potluck for Pursells and Mary Lou Sahlstrom 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group @ the Parsonage
9/28/2015 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger Mailed this Week
9/29/2015 (Tues.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Pastor Victor at Colony Court Memory Care 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible, & Friends (*LV Room) 5:15-6:30 p.m. -Church Council Meeting

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall