

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22nd, 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*PASSING OF THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"UMH No. 328 ...**(All joining)**
Leader: In love and joy and thanksgiving come to worship,
for God is love.

PEOPLE: GOD HAS MADE US. WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN.

Leader: We belong to our human families, but we belong as well to
the family of God.

**PEOPLE: WE JOIN WITH OTHERS AS THE CHURCH FAMILY IN
WORSHIP, IN PRAYER AND PRAISE. WE WOULD DRAW
NEAR TO ONE ANOTHER AS WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD.**

*OPENING HYMN....." O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"...(UMH) No. 57

OPENING PRAYER.....**(In Unison)**

**Almighty God, tutor our minds and spirits, that we may be still
and know that You are God. Cease our haste, and let there come to us
a deep peace, which is not a delusion. Cause our words and our
worship to be centered on You, that deep personal freedom may come**

**as we bind ourselves to a covenant of loving You and loving each other.
May the Spirit of Jesus Christ be a joyful presence to us that life will be
vibrant, joyful, and filled with meaning.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 4...UMH pg. 741

ANTHEM..... “We Have Gathered Here” ...Faith Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

*SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 15:11-32

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ...UMH No. 384

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....**(In Unison)**

MESSAGE..... “The Prodigal Father” ...Rev. Robert Hunter

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....**(In Unison)**

**O God, as we dedicate these gifts, help us to be fully aware of what is
happening in our world, that we may see our responsibilities and find
meaning by investing our lives in meeting human need, and in bringing
hope to every man woman and child. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN..... “This Is My Song ” ...UMH No. 437

SENDING FORTH

Leader: May the presence of God the Creator give you strength.

PEOPLE: May the presence of God the Redeemer give you peace.

Leader: May the presence of God the Sustainer give you comfort.

PEOPLE: My the presence of God the Sanctifier give you love. Amen.

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:



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

There will be a **fundraiser** to help support Sherry Scholljegerdes' and Katelyn Madigan's mission trip to Haiti on **Monday, October 21st** 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 through 6th grade**. Please **call Linda Lohse (835-1917)** if you are called to this ministry or have any questions. Wilda Smith will be teaching 3rd through 6th Sunday School for the fall session.

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).

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 as 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. Refreshments will be served following the program.

On **Saturday October 5th**, persons from Faith Church will serve a catered meal at homeless shelter at **Simpson UM Church in Minneapolis**. Around 110 persons will be served. Your support is needed to help pay for the meal as well as to provide bread, milk, bananas, and cookies.

A signup sheet for the latter items will be passed during worship this morning. Please make your checks out to FUMC and put Simpson Meal on the memo line. Thanks for all that you are able to do.

Pancake Breakfast for Ralph and Peggy Deno. They lost their home due to a fire on May 29th. 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 6th

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

Event: Advanced Lay Speaking training for new and renewing lay speakers. Register by September 24th: Email or call Audrey

Asp: amazingaudrey1@gmail.com or 507-752-7809

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

Place: Shalom Hill Farm

Cost: \$20.00

Topic: Planning a service and sermon preparation

October Church Bus Schedule:

October 6 Ron & Pat Terrell

October 13 Dave Baldini

October 20 Shirley Hansen

October 27 Barbara Friedl

Children's Activity:



I will follow Jesus when I am tempted to do wrong.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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
9/23/2013 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger mailed this week
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)
9/25/2013 (Weds.)	10:00-2:00 p.m. –Some Time Away (FH) 3:15-4:15 p.m. –Lake Shore Video 4:30-6:30 p.m. –Quiet Time in the Sanctuary 7:00-8:00 p.m. –Choir Practice
9/27/2013 (Fri.)	Office Closed
9/29/2013 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time) *Sunday School (grades 3-6) 10:30 a.m. –Fellowship Discipleship Series starts 6:30-8:00 p.m. –Confirmation Orientation
10/1/2013 (Tues.)	10:00-11:30 a.m. - Powerful Tools for Caregivers 4:00-5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
10/2/2013 (Weds.)	10:00-2:00 p.m. –Some Time Away (FH) 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 7:00 p.m. –UMW Guest Night
