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Administrative Assistant Office Hours

Mon. through Thurs.
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m. to Noon



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A Prayer of Submission by John Wesley

"To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, my **Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier**, I give up myself entirely.

May I no longer serve myself, but you, all the days of my life. I give you my **understanding**. May it be my only care to know you, your perfections, your works, and your will. Let all things else be as dross unto me, for the excellency of this knowledge, and let me silence all reasonings against whatsoever you teach me, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

I give you my will. May I have no will of my own. Whatsoever you will, may I will and that only. May I will your glory in all things, as you do, and make that my end in everything. May I ever say with the Psalmist, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you." May I delight to do your will, O God, and rejoice to accept it. Whatever threatens me, let me say, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." And whatever befalls me, let me give thanks, since it is your will concerning me.

I give you my affections. Dispose of them all. Be my love, my fear, my joy; and may nothing have any share in them, but with respect to you and for your sake. What you love, may I love; what you hate, may I hate; and that in such measures as you are pleased to prescribe for me.

I give you my body. May I glorify you with it, and preserve it holy, fit for you, O God, to dwell in. May I neither indulge it, nor use too much rigor toward it; but keep it as far as in me lies, healthy, vigorous, and active, and fit to do you all manner of service that you shall call for.

I give you all my worldly goods. May I prize them and use them only for you. May I faithfully restore to you, in the poor, all you have entrusted me with, above the necessities of life; and be content to part with them too, whenever you, my Lord, shall require them at my hands.

I give you my credit and reputation. May I never value it, but only in respect of you; nor endeavor to maintain it, but as it may do the service and advance your honor in the world. I give you myself and my all. Let me look upon myself to be nothing, and to have nothing, apart from you. Be the sole disposer and governor of myself and all; be my portion and my all.

O my God and my all, when hereafter I shall be tempted to break this solemn engagement, when I shall be pressed to conform to the world and to the company and customs that surround me, may my answer be: "I am not my own. I am not for myself, not for the world, but for my God. **I will give unto God the things that are God's. God, be merciful to me a sinner.**"

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Prayer Requests

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

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Emmetsburg Care Center: Peter Fog

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Don Paulson, Janice Kaupa, Carey Root, Leona Quast, Trisha, Michael, friend/co-worker battling cancer.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on the following dates in April and May:

April 2, 5 and 13. May 4 and 23.

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, April 12** from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring a project of your own to work on or ideas for Bazaar 2018! If you have not been to crafters and stitchers in the past, come check us out! Coffee and treats provided. Call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 with questions.

Replacement for the Church Organ

The church organ is not working properly. One recent Sunday it was not working at all. The organ is old and replacement parts are not available. The Trustees concluded that we need to replace this equipment. A good used organ could easily cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000. A new digital piano that can provide the sound of an organ is a fraction of that cost. In addition, finding someone who can play an organ to eventually replace Marlys would be very difficult. The Trustees concluded that the replacement needs to be a new digital piano and authorized a special committee to research this and provide a specific recommendation.

Jarod True, Trustee, volunteered to chair this committee and Clair Voshell, also a Trustee, volunteered to be on the committee. We are asking Barb and Marlys to also be on the committee. In addition we invite others from the congregation who might be interested. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact the church office by April 15.

Easter Plans

Plan to attend the Sunrise Service on Easter morning at 7:00 am. Stay for breakfast following the service at 7:45 am. If you would rather come to the regular 9:30 am service, come for breakfast anyway.

Easter Bonnets



According to Christian tradition, the fashion for new bonnets came thanks to Easter being known as a time for renewal. With the fasting of Lent over and people keen to mark the religious occasion, female churchgoers were eager to make and show off their new clothes, including hats.

So this started the tradition of wearing Easter bonnets.

But it wasn't until the 1870s that the custom of Easter bonnets really took off thanks to the New York City Easter Parade. This would see women dressed up to the nines parade along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to flaunt their new hats. The parade then grew in popularity and in the 1940s up to one million took part. This was also partly due to the popularity of the 1948 film *Easter Parade* starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland.

Someone stated that the tradition is to wear a felt hat to keep one warm in the winter, and straw hats are spring and summer hats.

So get out your spring or summer hats and wear one to church on April 1st for Easter.

We are striving for this to be the **Biggest and Best** Easter Bonnet show ever!!

Rock Party



We will be painting rocks on Monday, April 16th from 4:00 until 7:00pm. A meal will be served at 5:15. Everyone is welcome to attend. Encourage family members or friends. We want to have rocks for this spring. Come and join us. There is lots of laughter and fellowship at our rock parties.

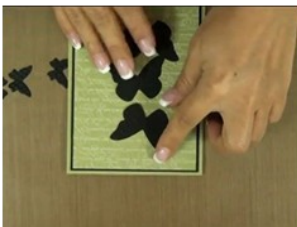
Fellowship Events



April - Umbrellas

The Hospitality Team is planning a Fellowship event each month for the year. On April 22nd we are going to display umbrellas. If you have an umbrella or two or three, please bring them to the church on the 22nd. We would like to see umbrellas of all kinds and all colors. So help us make this the **Biggest and Best** display of umbrellas.

May – Card Making



On May 13th we will ask people to bring samples of homemade greeting cards. We are sure there are a great variety of cards from something really simple to something more detailed. This will surely be the **Biggest and Best** display of cards that Faith has ever had.

A Prayer of Submission by John Wesley

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Three important names/works of God:

Creator... God is the author of our life and all life and the one who maintains our lives. He has made us in His image and designed us for His glory and loved us infinitely.

Redeemer... We broke our relationship with God when we turned our back on God when we chose to **Edge God Out** of our lives by our sinful acts. God did not leave us without hope but sent Jesus to die in our place and redeem us from sin.

Sanctifier... Not only does God redeem us but send his indwelling Holy Spirit to enable us to do His will and learn to love others as God loves us.

These functions of God are the basis for Submission to God. Submission means we bow our hearts before God and conform our actions to His will.

Five things we are to submit to God

1. **I give you my understanding...** that is our reason/our minds that we are to use to discern the nature of God and how we are to follow Him.
2. **I give you my will...** our decisions are to be made in light of God's commands and the guiding of the Holy Spirit.
3. **I give you my affections...** our emotions, our desires.
4. **I give you all my worldly goods...** all that I have been give I give back to God. My time, my talents, my treasure and all I have.
5. **I give you my credit and reputation...** that is my good name, the opinion of others, rejection due to my decision to follow you. And when I do good you will get all the praise.

All that we have and all that we are is to be given to God in response to God's unconditional love and grace poured out on us through Jesus Christ.

I will give unto God the things that are God's. "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Wesley, like each of us, cannot possibly hope to keep such promises to God without the Power of the Holy Spirit enabling and empowering us.

So do not see such a prayer as lovely but hopelessly unattainable because you are not "a spiritual giant". Jesus is not looking for perfect people to follow Him, but broken people who believe and trust in Him to make them over into His perfect image through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, in surrendering, we become like that child that that lifts up his or her expectant hands towards their Dad knowing He will lift them up and carry them when they grow tired and weary.

Pastor Victor

Nurse's Notes - Is Coffee Good for You or Not?

I read this article in Consumer Reports On Health, April 2018 issue and thought you would like the 5 coffee myths and truths:

1. Coffee is bad for your heart.

False. A 2017 multiple study review "found that healthy people who had a moderate amount of joe - 3 to 5 cups a day - had a 15% decreased risk of cardiovascular disease compared with those who drank no coffee."

2. Coffee boosts the brain.

True. "numerous studies have found that caffeine can increase alertness and concentration, and may even boost cognitive performance."

3. Coffee helps you lose weight.

False. "Some studies suggest that coffee drinking may reduce your appetite, none have proven to help you shed pounds." In fact, drinking coffee could contribute to weight gain. By adding sugar/cream to coffee which has zero calories, the calories can accumulate quickly.

4. Espresso has more caffeine than regular coffee.

True. "The average ounce of espresso has 63 mg of caffeine, about 2 1/2 - 5 times what's in an ounce of regular coffee". But don't we drink more than an ounce of regular coffee at a time?

5. Decaf isn't good for you.

False. Decaf may have health benefits similar to regular coffee. "A large study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine in 2017 showed that people who had just one to three cups of coffee a day - regular or decaf - had a 12 to 18 percent lower risk of dying from any cause during the 16-year study period."

Wishing you a Happy Easter

Sherry Scholljegerdes

Your Parish Nurse

Southern Prairie Spring Gathering

Southern Prairie Spring Gathering

April 21, 2018

1st UMC, New Ulm, MN

"Speak Out - Stand Out - Step Out"

Please contact Sandy Voshell by **Tuesday, April 10**. Our local unit pays the registration fee. We will be carpooling.

United Methodist Church Women Unit Meeting, February 26, 2018

The Waseca Faith United Methodist Church Women's Unit meeting was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 2:00 pm. President Shirley Hansen gave the welcome.

Linda Lohse read the Devotions: Breakfast With God – Making Connections. Linda Griffin gave the Secretaries' report. Sandy Voshell presented the Treasurer's report.

Sandy Voshell read a Prayer and Self Denial Program. The envelopes were placed in a basket for Prayer and Self Denial.

The World Thank boxes were handed out to the ladies. They will be collected in November, 2018.

Correspondence: The Waseca United Methodist Church congregation received Thank Yous from the Pommerenke family, the Dick Westrum family and the Jim Keller family for serving funeral meals. There was a Thank you From Emma Norton for the 20 filled Cosmetic Bags an \$80 value. There was a Thank you from the schools for the money for several different programs.

Old Business:

UMW Sunday went very well. We received many positive remarks regarding our speaker Cindy Saufferer. A motion was made by Shirley Burdick to send a UMW Gift of Recognition – gift of Mission for Cindy Saufferer. Janet Welsh seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

Marie Wells and Les Wells left a donation of \$170 for the Waseca Schools.

New Business:

Mission U was talked about by Shirley Hansen. Sherry Scholljegerdes spoke about the Legacy Fund. Roberta Walker made a motion for Waseca UMW to give \$150 for 1 year to support the Legacy Fund. Sherry S. seconded it. It was voted on and approved. Also, Each UMW member is to give \$ 18.67 for each of the 2 years. Peggy Deno made a motion to have a guest night this late Summer/fall, 2018. Sandy Voshell seconded it. The voting was unanimous.

Dates to Remember:

February 28, 2018 Ruth Circle will serve bars/coffee after the evening Lenten Service here.

March 2, 2018 World Day of Prayer at St. John's, 2 pm

March 14, 2018 Elizabeth Circle will serve bars/coffee after evening Lenten service here.

March 21, 2018 Faith UMC will serve the Soup Luncheon at The Congregational Church at Noon.

April 4, 2018 Our Spring Luncheon from 11 am – 1 pm.

April 21, 2018 Spring Gathering at First United Methodist Church in New Ulm.

May, 2018 We will make potholders at church for the Solar Ovens in The Dominican Republic.

We had Bingo and Snacks were provided by members of the Executive Board. 20 ladies were present.

Linda Griffin, Secretary



Easter Story

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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room. Sandy Voshell will host. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.