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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours

Mon. through Thurs.  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Fri. 9:00 am to Noon



**The Character of a Methodist by John Wesley**

*Not as though I had already attained.*

1. **"What then is the mark? Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?" I answer: A Methodist is one who has "the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;" one who "loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul; which is constantly crying out, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my all! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever!"**
2. **He is therefore happy in God, yea, always happy, as having in him "a well of water springing up into everlasting life," and overflowing his soul with peace and joy.** "Perfect love" having now "cast out fear," he "rejoices evermore." He "rejoices in the Lord always," even "in God his Saviour;" and in the Father, "through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom he hath now received the atonement." "Having" found "redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of his sins," he cannot but rejoice, whenever he looks back on the horrible pit out of which he is delivered; when he sees "all his transgressions blotted out as a cloud, and his iniquities as a thick cloud." He cannot but rejoice, whenever he looks on the state wherein he now is; "being justified freely, and having peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
3. **And he who hath this hope, thus "full of immortality, in everything giveth thanks;" as knowing that this (whatsoever it is) "is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning him."** From him, therefore, he cheerfully receives all, saying, "Good is the will of the Lord;" and whether the Lord giveth or taketh away, equally "blessing the name of the Lord." For he hath "learned, in whatsoever state he is, therewith to be content."
4. **He is therefore "careful" (anxiously or uneasily) "for nothing;" as having "cast all his care on Him that careth for him," and "in all things" resting on him, after "making his request known to him with thanksgiving."**
5. **For indeed he "prays without ceasing." It is given him "always to pray, and not to faint."**

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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

**Bridgewater Memory Care:** Gloria Tollefson

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Nikki and Jon Schultz, Michael Schumacher, Ardella Draheim, JoAnn Egness, Shirley Hansen, Family of Karen Keiper, Victims of Flooding.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office the following dates in April: 2, 19 and 22.

## Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, April 11, 2019**, from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a project of your choice to work on. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

## Hospitality

The next Hospitality meeting will be Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am. This is a change from what was stated at the last meeting. There was a conflict with another gathering. We will be meeting in the Lakeview Room.

We would like to invite members of the congregation to join the team or come to a meeting to see what we do. You may have an idea or suggestion as to how we can continue to have Faith Church be a welcoming church.

## Financial Update

We are pleased with the response to the 2019 Stewardship Drive. This year we combined the apportionments and operating budget in an attempt to get closer to paying the full apportionments for Faith Church (\$21,144 for 2019). 39 members made a pledge for 2019...close to our goal of 40. Last year, just 21 pledges were received. These pledges really help us in the financial planning for Faith Church. Thank you to all who pledged for the 2019 plan.

A summary of the 2018 operating budget results along with the 2019 plan were presented during Fellowship on March 24. If you were unable to attend that presentation, please contact the church office for a copy of the handout.

## Lenten Soup Lunches

Lenten Soup Luncheons will be hosted on Wednesdays at Noon through April 10 at Faith United Methodist Church, 801 4th Ave. NE, Waseca, MN.

## Lent Services

### ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

**April 3** - Faith United Methodist

**April 10** - Waseca Wesleyan

**April 17** - Passover Seder at First Congregational (6 - 9 PM)

Must RSVP for the Seder 835-4548 (Cost \$15)

**April 19 (Good Friday)** - First Congregational (7 - 9 PM Tenebrae Candlelight Service)

### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM

Sunrise Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Easter Celebration Worship 9:30 AM (No Fellowship Following Service)

## Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Decoration Display

### *Kids Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14th*

36 eggs to be discovered after Church in the fellowship hall or outdoors if weather permits.

Bags for the eggs will be provided. Preschoolers first, then older kids can hunt.

What Fun we will have!!!!

For the Adults -- Bring a Favorite Easter Decoration to display. Eggs will not be hidden near displays.

## Easter Plants

Would you like to help add color to the sanctuary for Easter, April 21, 2019? If so, you may bring a flowering plant (tulip, lily, azalea, hydrangea, etc.) to the church on Palm Sunday or during the week before Easter on Monday through Thursday. Please leave the plant on the table or on the floor in the nursery and it will be moved to the Sanctuary on Saturday in time for the Sunday Sunrise Service.

## Lions Pancake Breakfast

The **LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held **Sunday, April 7th** at the American Legion Club from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds support Waseca Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, college scholarships and the Lions Eye Bank. (Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids.) Adults: \$7.00. Children age 12 and under: \$3.00. Toddlers: Free.

## The Character of a Methodist by John Wesley

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6. **And while he thus always exercises his love to God, by praying without ceasing, rejoicing evermore, and in everything giving thanks, this commandment is written in his heart, "That he who loveth God, love his brother also."**
7. **For he is "pure in heart." The love of God has purified his heart from all revengeful passions, from envy, malice, and wrath, from every unkind temper or malign affection.**
8. **For none can take from him what he desires; seeing he "loves not the world, nor" any of "the things of the world;"** being now "crucified to the world, and the world crucified to him;" being dead to all that is in the world, both to "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life." For "all his desire is unto God, and to the remembrance of his name."
9. **Agreeable to this his one desire, is the one design of his life, namely, "not to do his own will, but the will of Him that sent him."**
10. **And the tree is known by its fruits. For as he loves God, so he keeps his commandments; not only some, or most of them, but all, from the least to the greatest.**
11. **All the commandments of God he accordingly keeps, and that with all his might.**
12. **By consequence, whatsoever he doeth, it is all to the glory of God. In all his employments of every kind, he not only aims at this, (which is implied in having a single eye,) but actually attains it.**
13. **Nor do the customs of the world at all hinder his "running the race that is set before him." He knows that vice does not lose its nature, though it becomes ever so fashionable; and remembers, that "every man is to give an account of himself to God."**
14. **Lastly. As he has time, he "does good unto all men;" unto neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies.**
15. **These are the principles and practices of our sect; these are the marks of a true Methodist.** By these alone do those who are in derision so called, desire to be distinguished from other men. If any man say, "Why, these are only the common fundamental principles of Christianity!" thou hast said; so I mean; this is the very truth; I know they are no other; and I would to God both thou and all men knew, that I, and all who follow my judgment, do vehemently refuse to be distinguished from other men, by any but the common principles of Christianity, -- the plain, old Christianity that I teach, renouncing and detesting all other marks of distinction. And whosoever is what I preach, (let him be called what he will, for names change not the nature of things,) he is a Christian, not in name only, but in heart and in life. He is inwardly and outwardly conformed to the will of God, as revealed in the written word. He thinks, speaks, and lives, according to the method laid down in the revelation of Jesus Christ. His soul is renewed after the image of God, in righteousness and in all true holiness. And having the mind that was in Christ, he so walks as Christ also walked.
16. **By these marks, by these fruits of a living faith, do we labor to distinguish ourselves from the unbelieving world from all those whose minds or lives are not according to the Gospel of Christ.** ".....*From the Thomas Jackson edition of The Works of John Wesley, 1872.*

*This is our heritage let us be faithful to Jesus and the faith He has called us to pursue.*

**Pastor Victor**

## Black History Month

Due to a blizzard the last Sunday in February, our Black History Month day at Fellowship was postponed to the first Sunday in March. However, Pastor Victor and Barb chose some wonderful hymns through the month of February – many known and loved. In learning more of the great works so many 'African American Citizens' have done over the years, hopefully we will look on them as just being 'Citizens'.

## M & M Night

Meal and Movie Night was held on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The movie, 'Turn Around Jake' was watched by fifty five individuals. From the laughter that was heard, it appeared the people really enjoyed the movie. A number of people also stated they enjoyed the meal of scalloped potatoes and ham, vegetable tray, bread, lime jello (to celebrate St Patrick's Day) and bars.

**Mark your Calendar!** Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our next movie. The movie will be 'Secretariat' and we are planning on having walking tacos for the meal.

## Spring Luncheon

It's going to be a Great Day in the neighborhood on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> when the Faith United Methodist Church is having its Springtime Sandwich Luncheon. So come on over to 801 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. ('The Church by the Lake') and enjoy a delicious meal.

The Luncheon will be served from 11:00-1:00. The public is cordially Invited to attend. Free-Will donations will be accepted.

The menu consists of, Sloppy Joes, Egg Salad Sandwiches, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Pickles, Assorted Cakes and Coffee. Takeout orders are also available.

A hard-working crew preparing for the March 20 Lenten Soup Lunch.



Faith United Methodist Church  
United Methodist Women Unit Meeting  
February 18, 2018

The United Methodist Women Unit Meeting met at The Faith United Methodist Church on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Elizabeth Circle served the refreshments. Ten ladies were present at the meeting.

Shirley Hansen chaired the UMW meeting. Linda Griffin read the Secretary's report. Sandy Voshell gave the Treasurer's report.

Sue McIntosh, The Program Director at Bethlehem Inn, spoke about this transitional living facility for homeless women and children providing housing for a safe place to stay for 90 to 120 days. There is 24 hour staffing and the doors are locked. It opened on January 2, 2019. Up to 16 women and children can stay there at one time. Bethlehem Inn is funded by donations and grants.

Sandy Voshell presented the Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program. Money was collected. Janet Welch, Edy Barber, and Karen Ferch presented a program on salt.

Old Business:

We discussed the 2019 Directory and The UMW Calendar.

New Business:

The Hartley Elementary School was given \$200 for their school needs. The Waseca Intermediate School was given \$300 for their school needs. Karen Ferch delivered the money to the schools. Thank you to Karen Ferch and Janet Welch who spoke with the administrators of each school.

Sherry Scholljegerdes passed out The Legacy Fund Trivia Game Quiz to the ladies.

March 17, 2019 is UMW Sunday. Judith Clark will be our guest speaker. She is currently the Southern Prairie Communications Director and is a retired pastor. The message will be Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women. Edy Barber and Janet Welch will be readers. Lucille Youngberg will be the scripture reader. Sherry Scholljegerdes will do the Kid's Time Message, A birthday cake will be purchased for fellowship time. Sandy Voshell, Lorraine Wick and Shirley Hansen will help serve fellowship. Kyle and Amanda Johnson and the church choir will sing. Pastor Victor will handle the Installation Service for current officers. Karen Ferch has volunteered to present the Special Recognition Pins.

March 20, 2019

Our church will be responsible for the Wednesday, March 20, 2019 noon Lenten Luncheon. Soup, bread, and bars will be served. We also have the fellowship time after the evening Lenten service. Elizabeth Circle will furnish bars and workers.

March 31, 2019

Sherry Scholljegerdes will give a presentation of her trip to the UMCOR Distribution Center ( Sager Brown) in Baldwin, Louisiana where she delivered 5 Flood Buckets we filled as a congregation afterchurch. Our church was credited for 5 Flood Buckets ( Total of \$425).

April 13, 2019

Spring Gathering in Slayton, MN.

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Spring Luncheon: This will be an all church event, not just UMW. We need to have other congregational members (men and women) helping out with this luncheon.

Shirley Hansen closed the meeting with a concluding prayer.

Your Secretary,  
Linda Griffin

## UMW Sunday

What a wonderful UMW Sunday we had on March 17<sup>th</sup>! Our guest speaker for the day was Pastor Judith Clark who emphasized how important the United Methodist Women are in continuing aid for Women and Children throughout the world. Sherry Scholljegerdes gave a wonderful Children's Message on 'Change in our World' and we were blessed to have Kyle and Amanda Johnson, as well as our choir, sharing their beautiful music!

Congratulations to Millie White and Karen Norby for receiving Special Recognition pins this year – well deserved!

To reiterate what was said during the service that day, which is the UMW Purpose: The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." We would love to welcome new members to our UMW general group (or we would love to have you come just to check us out) and our church circles – you will never regret joining us as we share God's love. Contact Shirley Hansen, Roberta Walker or Barbara Friedl if you would like to hear more about our group!



Shirley Hansen, Janet Welch, Judith Clark, Edy Barber, Lucille Youngberg and Barbara Friedl



Karen Norby and Millie White



Guest Speaker: Pastor Judith Clark



Sandy Voshell, Lorraine Wick, Shirley Hansen, Barbara Friedl, Roberta Walker, Janet Welch



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**Come Worship with Us**  
We have room.

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will not meet in April.

**Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 9th at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Room. Lorraine Wick will be the hostess, Andrea Johnson will provide us with a program, and Margaret Hasslen will provide the devotions. Don't forget to bring something to share that has something to do with Easter. All are welcome to attend.