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**Pastor Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Administrative Assistant  
Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm



# Faith Messenger



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*Faith United Methodist Church*  
*"Engage, Equip, and Empower!"*

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Waseca Faith United Methodist Church members,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My name is Pastor Dong Shin, and I am both honored and humbled to stand before you as your new pastor. The journey to Waseca has been one filled with excitement, and I am grateful for the warm embrace I have received from this faith-filled community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Dave, Neil, Mike, Stacy, and Jarod for their invaluable help in making the transition to Waseca smooth for my family and me. Your kindness and support have made us feel truly at home.

One of the blessings is the parsonage. With its welcoming atmosphere and the good carpet under our feet, we feel not only comfortable but also surrounded by the love of church members. Your generosity and care are evident in every corner of this place.

As we settle into this community, we can't help but be pleased by the beautiful church by the lake. The lake reflects the beauty of our shared faith, reminding us of the boundless grace that flows from our Creator. I am eager to witness the ways in which we can continue to share the love of Christ with our neighbors and make a positive impact in this picturesque setting.

Our sanctuary, too, is a testament to the dedication and love of this congregation. It is a sacred space where we gather to worship, pray, and grow together in faith. The warmth of your welcome is mirrored in the beauty of this sanctuary, creating a space where we can encounter God and one another in meaningful ways.

I have had the pleasure of engaging in heartfelt conversations with several church members, and I am inspired by the faith and commitment that I have witnessed. Your stories and experiences are the threads that weave the rich tapestry of our church members, and I am excited to join you in this journey of faith.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome extended to my family and me. Your hospitality has made our transition to Waseca Faith United Methodist Church a joyful experience, and we look forward to beginning this journey of faith and fellowship with you.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all as we navigate this new chapter together.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Dong Hun Shin

## Prayer Requests

**Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:**

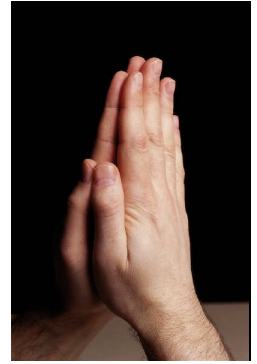
**Colony Court:** Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Linda Griffin, Janette Larson and family, Les Wells, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. **Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins.** Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, April 1.

## Leadership Team

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor  
 Dave Baldini, Chair  
 Clair Voshell, Trustees  
 Neil Fruechte, Finances  
 Duane Griffin, Lay Leader  
 Jarod True, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC  
 Stacy True, Recording Secretary  
 Karen Ferch  
 Mark LaMont  
 Michelle Hyatt  
 Mike Morrissey

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members.

**\*\*Copies of approved Leadership Team minutes can be found on the shelf by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

**\*\*Copies of church financial statements can be reviewed by church members in the office upon request.**

## UWF Events

April 15 at 10:00 UWF Exec. Board meeting in Gathering Room.

UWF will meet on April 22 at 2:00pm (note time change). Surprise Speaker! Elizabeth's circle serves. We will be collecting donations for "Prayer and Self-Denial" This year it goes to "Climate Justice". Come One and All!!

## Volunteers Needed

We still have a need for volunteers to serve as liturgists, communion stewards and ushers. Please keep in mind that the more volunteers we have, the longer time between each rotation.

We can also always use more newsletter folders. Folding takes place during the last week of the month, usually Wednesday or Thursday afternoon.

If you feel called to serve in any of these capacities, please let Stacy know. Thank you!

## Re-keying the Church

The Leadership Team has decided it is time to increase our level of security. We have gotten several estimates to have the church rekeyed with new locks and keys that are numbered and cannot be duplicated. The reason for this is we have a lot of keys out there and do not know who has them. We do know that some people have moved, left the church, and/or do not attend church any longer, but they still have keys that were not turned in. The security of our congregation, employees and children are the biggest concern for us.

We will be having a meeting soon to write up a criteria for whom shall need these keys. We will keep you informed as we proceed with this process. Thank you.

The Leadership Team

**Bible Word Search:  
TRUST IN THE LORD  
(PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV)**

U W V K I X M O Q S P P S C W  
 C N A T P P B R T Q J R R L R  
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ACKNOWLEDGE

LORD

TRUST

HEART

PATHS

UNDERSTANDING

LEAN

STRAIGHT

WAYS

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

**Instructions:**

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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*“One thing you can learn by watching the clock is that it passes time by keeping its hands busy.”*

A man was once drawn by the idea that living in “quiet contemplation away from human society” was the sure path to happiness. He wandered into the desert to become a hermit. He found a cave near a spring where he could obtain water and grow a few plants for food. Feeling self-sufficient, he spent many idle hours in solitude. Eventually, the hours of the day dragged by. Feeling more wretched than holy, he cried, “Father God, let me die. I am weary of this life.” Exhausted, he fell asleep and dreamed that an angel stood before him, saying, “Cut down the palm tree that grows near the spring and turn its fibers into a rope.”

The hermit awoke and with great effort and many hours of toil, he felled the palm and made a coil of rope from it. Again the angel appeared to him, saying, “I can tell you are no longer weary of life. To back into the world with your rope and find employment with it. Let it remind you toil is sweet.”

Work not only benefits the mind and wallet, but the body and soul. Work keeps all parts of the human machine in order.

*He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.*

Proverbs 18:9

*Taken from God's Little Devotional Book*

## One Minute Devotion

### We Make Choices Daily

Joshua 24:15

Daily we have a slew of choices to make. What to wear, eat, say, do, and think. God tells us through Joshua that we must choose daily who we will serve; God or ourselves. To not choose is to choose; make an intentional choice today.

*Taken from 100 Minutes with God, 1 Minute Daily Devotions of Timeless Inspiration.*



# *Springtime Sandwich Luncheon*

**WEDS. APRIL 3 11:00 – 1:00**

**Faith United Methodist Church  
801 4th Ave. NE Waseca**



*Sloppy Joes Egg Salad Sandwiches  
Macaroni Salad Chips Pickles  
Assorted Cakes Coffee*

**Free-will Donations Accepted  
Take-out Orders Available**



### **A Prayer for our Church**

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

### **Faith UMC Mission Statement**

Faith United Methodist Church Serves God through  
Worship, Faith, Friendship, Outreach

### **Soap Closet**

Faith UMC is participating with Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) as a drop off site for their "Soap Closet". It is a program to help those in need with hygiene supplies in our county. The drop off box is located in the narthex. Items they are looking for include the following:

- New men's, women's and children's underwear and socks
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Body Wash or bar soap
- Q Tips
- Hand soap/hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Baby wipes/diapers/powder/soap
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Deodorant

Please consider donating items to help with this cause.



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**Change Service Requested**

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

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

Elizabeth Circle will **not** meet in April.

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

**Conversation, Bible & Friends**

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on Monday, April 1, or Monday, April 22.