

FAITH MESSENGER

Faith United Methodist Church

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Healthy Church Initiative Update

CONSULTATION WEEKEND

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd

The Weekend of March the 1,2,3rd will be an opportunity for our church to more fully engage in the Healthy Church Initiative a process that we have been involved in since September of 2012.

We will have team of three consultants come and interview our staff and members of our congregation to get their input on the direction our church needs to go in the future. This team has reviewed our Self-Study documents which we sent to them in January. This is a seventy –four page packet that covers everything from our ten year giving trends to our interviews with community leaders, to how many parking spaces we have in the parking lot.

FRIDAY MARCH 1ST

7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

FOCUS GROUPS (these will be held for both churches at Faith UMC.) Each group with consist of 7-8 members of the congregation who will be asked to talk about the strengths of our church and the concerns they have for the future.

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

9 am -12 noon HCI TRAINING

(This will be a time for any member for either church to get an overview of the HCI process from the consulting team.) **ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED.** This meeting will be held at Evangelical UMC.

NOON- 1:30 p.m.

HCI LEADERSHIP TRAINING (This training is for the church councils of both churches.)

SUNDAY MARCH THE 3RD

WORSHIP ~ Consultants will attend worship at the two churches. Followed by a lunch with the HCI teams at Evangelical UMC.

FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS

MARCH 24TH

FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING

(After worship discussion of recommendations From The consultants with members of the congregation.)

April 7TH SECOND

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

(After worship discussion of recommendations From The consultants with members of the congregation.)

APRIL 15TH

CHURCH CONFERENCE WITH D.S.

(Where a vote on the five recommendations will take place.)



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HCI Consultation Weekend



FRIDAY
MARCH 1ST
 7:15 pm -8:45 pm
 Focus Groups
 Faith UMC

Saturday
March 2nd
 9 am-12 pm
 HCI Training
 Evangelical UMC

Saturday
March 2nd
 Noon-1:30
 HCI Leadership Training
 Lunch will be provided
 Evangelical UMC

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March, 20th in the kitchen. We will serve refreshments following the Lenten service. We will not be meeting in the afternoon or the Upper Room as we will be serving bars. Any questions please call Sandy Voshell at 507-835-4122. Thanks!

Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet at Lorraine Wick's home on March 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet March 20th, 9:30 a.m.

Lord! Please hear our prayer...



Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

- **Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna:** Elaine Flathers
- **Colony Court:** Rosalind Peterson
- **Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson, Gerri Peterson
- **Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse, & Mable Long
- **Latham Place:** Emily Miller
- **Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort
- **Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch
- *Those who are ill, injured or homebound:* Jim Keller, Willie Mahler and Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.

On the bulletin board you can find:
 To save on postage and paper, be sure to check out the bulletin board. Some items will only be posted there.

Announcements

CHURCH BUS

Our church is responsible for having a rider on the Sunday bus the month of April. You meet the bus at the fair grounds and ride along, helping people on and off the bus. Sometimes we walk to their door to escort them, others hop on and off. We assist where we are needed. It's a rewarding service, meeting people, 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).

WHAT: 2ND ANNUAL CHILI FEED

WHEN: MARCH 17

WHERE: AFTER SERVICES

Come, Enjoy different kinds of Chili
 Vote for your favorite one
 Money collect goes for Emma Norton Services



Don't forget paper products for ENS also!

Spring Sandwich Luncheon

The luncheon is Wednesday, April 3rd.
 Serving time will be 11:00-1:00

Menu:

- Pasta Salad,
- Sloppy Joes,
- Egg Salad Sandwiches,
- Chips, Pickles,
- Assorted Cakes,
- Coffee



Free-Will Donations Accepted.
 Public is Cordially Invited



One Great Hour of Sharing :
Sunday March 10th, 2013
Special Sunday Offering Envelope
Enclosed
***For more information see insert on back of calendar**

What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. One Great Hour of Sharing enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering. UMCOR responds to natural or human made disasters - those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

When is One Great Hour of Sharing celebrated?

One Great Hour of Sharing is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. This is also the third Sunday before Easter.

Are One Great Hour of Sharing-funded ministries limited to the United States? To other countries?

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering makes ministries available in the United State and across the globe. The need for food, shelter, health and peace knows no continental boundaries.

What is UMCOR? What types of outreach are included in the OGHS offering?

UMCOR is humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. OGHS gifts underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That means every penny of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that project—not on home office administrative costs.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries—responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees—assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts mean we're right there with hardworking families, people affected by storms or war, disaster or disease. Self-sufficiency is the goal.

Through OGHS, we share the goodness of life with those who hurt:

- On the Gulf Coast of the United States, where Hurricane Katrina and other storms devastated families from Florida to Texas;
- In Sudan, where hardworking families persist despite war and displacement;
- In Sierra Leone, where we're fighting the spread of malaria; and
- In Georgia, Eastern Europe, where a cold winter tests endurance.

In 81 countries in all, you assure your church is in the lead to alleviate suffering through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Does any of our offering pay for administrative costs?

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports the administrative costs that underwrite the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This means that by giving faithfully to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, all contributions to UMCOR go to the specific project and not administrative costs.

What exactly will One Great Hour of Sharing offering go to?

One Great Hour of Sharing makes all of the other United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) programs possible. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering funds the cost of doing business for UMCOR. Any gifts that are over and above UMCOR's administrative costs go to where they are most needed. Often they support under-funded programs.

How much was given to One Great Hour of Sharing in the last 3 years?

In 2011 2,947,642 was remitted, in 2010, \$2,695,885 was remitted and in 2009, \$3,111,349 was remitted.

Submitted by: Char Frankenberry



Nurse's Notes: "Talking With Your Care Provider"

Talking with your care provider means sharing information about how you feel physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Think about what brought you to the clinic. The more information you can tell your care provider, the easier it will be for he or she to diagnose what the problem is.

Know Your symptoms:

- What are they?
- How long have you had them?
- Do they come and go or are they constant?
- Do they keep you up at night?
- What makes them better or worse?
- What have you tried at home?
- Can you carry on your daily activities?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 how bad is the pain?

Use your Time Wisely:

- **Be honest:** To not tell the truth about a problem never helps. If you should drink or use illegal drugs, you may not really think your symptoms are related to these issues. Such as alcohol use associated with depression. If you use left over pain killers before your visit, you won't react in the same way on a physical exam.
- Stick to the most important reasons for being at the clinic. Schedule another appointment to talk about other concerns.
- Get all your questions answered. Make a list before arriving.
- If you don't understand something, ask to have it explained.
- Be a partner with your care provider in caring for yourself. Be assertive about options and second opinions. Follow through with recommendations.

- If financial costs are a concern, say so. Other prescriptions or treatments may be available.
- Be generous and appreciative-taking care of people day in and day out is a hard job. Remember your care provider is human too.

Unlike a Medical Visit:

Jesus and you have a unique relationship. He knows your every need, thought, and ailment. "What a friend we have in Jesus." Just go to him and spill out your concerns. He's there to listen and comfort you always: today, tomorrow, and till the end of time.

~Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN, Your Parish Nurse



STEWARDSHIP:

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday to discuss the financial condition of the church. Looking to the future the church will be \$15,000 in debt for 2013. We estimate snow removal/lawn care to be approximately \$4,000 this year. The church needs about \$3,000 weekly to meet General Fund expenses. This doesn't include apportionments, capital improvement (Trustee Fund), memorials, etc.

Fund	Received Jan	Need Jan	+/-
Budget	\$9,800	12,000	\$-2,200

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT
MEETING

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 18, 2013 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Carey Root, Kelly Adams, Ardella Draheim, Edy Barber, Betty Jane Ruedy, Janice Kaupa, Char Frankenberry, Emily Miller, Margaret Hasslen, Roberta Walker, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Karen Norby, Karen Ferch, Sandy Voshell, Linda Lohse, Julie Svoboda, Norma Buland, Lorraine Wick, Gloria Tollefson, Marilyn Possin, Delores Dahnert, Barb Friedl, and Janet Welch.

After a supper furnished by Elizabeth Circle, President Roberta Walker gave a short devotion taken from the program Prayer and Self-Denial. Offerings were accepted at that time for Prayer and Self-Denial. A one can contribute through their circles of give the money to Sandy Voshell.

Roberta also gave a short program on How to Use the response magazine. She encouraged members to read the very informative magazine. Edy Barber closed the program with a prayer from response magazine.

Char Frankenberry, in place of Shirley Hansen, gave the Secretary's report from the November 2012 meeting. It was accepted. Thank you notes were read from Anita Swift for the baby quilts and books that were given to the Migrant Head Start in Elysian; Roxanne Condon, executive director of Emma Norton Services, for the money that was sent to help replace beds at Emma Norton; the family of Jean Ferry; and Pastor Waters for the Christmas gift.

Sandy Voshell gave the year end Treasurer's report. There will be no report for January because there was no activity in January. Membership pledge cards were handed out to be returned to your circle or to Sandy. World Thank Offering boxes were also there for anyone who needed one.

Unfinished Business – Roberta thanked all of the ladies who helped with UMW Sunday. Special Mission Recognition was given to Bob Stephens. Special Mission cards were given to Jim Barber, Bob Hunter, Paul Lohse, and Claire Voshell for the many dishes that they have cleaned.

Roberta informed us about the meals that we furnished for Grace Garage. Bob Hunter will be in charge of it now.

New Business

Lenten Services. Mary Circle will be in charge of bars after the Feb. 27th evening service. Elizabeth circle will be in charge of bars after the March 20th evening service. Faith church is responsible for providing soup and bread for the noon Community Lenten Service on March 20th at Christian Assembly Church. Janet Welch will chair that committee.

Starting in March, on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 9:30 – 11:30 all are invited to the Fellowship Hall to work on any project that you would care to do. If you would like to learn something new, a teacher will be found for you. Scrapbooking, crafting, sewing, or if you just want to get out of the house, come and enjoy the fellowship!

Mission in March is on Sunday March 17th. The 2nd Annual Chili cook-off will happen. The voting money from the different chilies and the collected paper products will be donated to Emma Norton. A co-chair is needed.

Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday April 3rd Chair people are needed.

Sherry Scholljegerdes talked about the nursery at church. Lots of the toys are out dated and broken. There was a hand vote that passed that we would bring toys or money to the next meeting to help update the nursery. Roberta would like a committee to go through the nursery to see what can be salvaged and what needs to be done to bring the nursery up to date.

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There is a new sign in the church yard that is two sided. The trustees would like the United Methodist Women to pay for 4 signs – 2 each for the Spring Luncheon and Fall Bazaar – at a cost of \$100 a sign Motion made and carried that **UMW pay \$400 for signs for the Spring Luncheon and Fall Bazaar.** (Sandy, Barb)

Collector's Showcase – Someone has mentioned again that we bring back the collector's showcase with a pot luck following a service. Roberta will look at the church calendar to see when it would be possible.

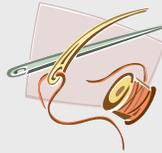
Sherry Scholljegerdes has talked with Ben O'Brien, the principal at Hartley School to see if there was anything the school needed that we could help with. He suggested that money was needed for the snack program. Motion was made and carried that **UMW donate \$100 to Hartley Elementary School for their snack program.** (Sherry, Lorraine) If anyone would like to add to that amount, please give donations to Sandy by March 1st.

Bazaar Planning Meeting set for Monday Feb 25 at 4:15 p.m. Roberta would like to discuss ideas for the bazaar. She can grow beets but she doesn't know how to make beet pickles – someone else can make the beet pickles but they don't have a garden. This is an example of how we can work together to make a better bazaar. Bring more ideas with you and we can see what can be done.

Guest night is scheduled for October 2. Our guest is Catherine Ritch Guess. She is an author, a musician, a singer, and a storyteller.

Roberta adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Char Frankenberry



Faith Crafters and Stitches

All women are invited to bring their craft or sewing projects to church on Friday, March 8th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship hall. This will be a morning of work and fellowship. Sherry Scholljegerdes has volunteered to give knitting lessons to anyone who would like to learn.

If you have questions feel free to call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122. Hope to see you on March 8th!

Update: Twenty-five pillow case dresses and nine quilts will be flying out with the medical Mission team on March 2nd to Limbe, Haiti. Thanks to Sandy, our leader and the dedication on Sunday, February 17th by Pastor Victor.



Stitchers for Missions pictured:

Linda, Sherry, Sandy, Lorraine

Not Pictured:

Mary, Jane, Shirley H, and Beth





Make cleaning buckets:

Bishop Bruce Ough is challenging Minnesota UMs to prepare a record number of cleaning buckets by annual conference session (May 29-31). The sheer numbers of relief supply kits that the UM Committee on Relief delivers annually is evidence of a caring, connected UMC that is determined to deliver relief at the crucial hour of need. In 2012, the UMCOR Relief-Supply Network shipped more than \$6 million worth of goods and materials to people in need worldwide.

Cleaning Bucket Kit:

Cleaning Bucket

Value: \$ 55.00

5 gallon bucket with resalable lid

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.

Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.

Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

liquid laundry detergent

two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only

liquid household cleaner

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water

no spray cleaners

dish soap

16-28 oz bottle any brand

1 can air freshener

aerosol or pump

1 insect repellent spray

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

1 scrub brush

no toilet-bowl brushes

plastic or wooden handle

no kitchen or dish brushes

18 cleaning wipes

handi wipes or reusable wipes

no terry cleaning towels

remove from packaging

7 sponges

remove from wrapper

no cellulose sponges due to mold issue

5 scouring pads

remove from wrapper

no Brillo, SOS pads or any kind that will rust

50 clothespins

remove from packaging

clothes line

two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.

cotton or plastic.

24 roll heavy duty trash bags

remove from the box

30-45 gallon size

5 dust masks

2 pair disposable waterproof gloves

rubber or latex

remove from packaging

1 pair work gloves

cotton or leather

leather palms necessary

(See Assembly Directions on next page)

Assembling Directions for Cleaning Buckets:

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid

items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket.

Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- UPS, FED EX and the US Postal Service will not ship buckets containing bleach. In such case, you may leave the bleach out of the bucket.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there is indication some items have been omitted.

Packing Kits**Box Weight**

- Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

Shipping Kits

1. Complete 2 packing lists-one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
2. Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
3. **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need. For Cleaning Buckets: \$1.50.

Jesus Seeds Update:

Let me remind you that there is a bowl of Jesus seeds by the bulletin board in the hallway. These are for all of us to take as a reminder that Jesus is with us always and to give (or sow) to others that we think need that reminder, too. The seeds are different than the other symbols of Jesus that we may carry, because they are meant to be given away!

The good news is that approximately 200 Jesus seeds have been taken! The Farmer Rog in me wants to tell you how to sow the seeds. But the Christian Rog knows that Jesus' 'Parable of the Sower' will hold true and many of the seeds will be sown in unfertile soil and not bear fruit. But some of the seeds will find the fertile soil of someone who desperately needs to be reminded of Jesus' presence. It's just like fishing. Many casts are needed to catch the fish!

So now it's up to you to sow the Jesus seeds. There are many in our congregation, and each of us is connected in our daily lives with someone who could benefit by knowing of Jesus' presence. Let's take Jesus from 'Faith by The Lake, and Beyond'!!

As you sow, I invite all of you who are willing, to share your experiences of sowing the Jesus seeds, either in writing, or at the church service. Or you can tell Pastor Victor or me and we will tell your story for you. One Jesus seed that I gave away was to a Marine that needed directions to the Congregational Church. Instead of telling him, I said 'follow me'. We didn't know each other, but when we got there, I told him I wanted him to carry the Jesus seed in his pocket and thanked him for his service. You really don't need to say much, when you sow. A seed with Jesus' name on it is explanation enough.

If you have been moved in discipleship by sharing the Jesus seeds, I invite you to contribute to the cost of keeping the bowl full. Each seed costs \$0.75. You can donate to the project by listing Jesus Seeds on your giving envelope. Let's keep this project going and pray that many fertile souls are touched by it!

Yours in Christ,
Roger Walker



March Birthdays



March 2nd	LaVonne Bartz
March 3rd	Dan Klampe
March 5th	Bernadine Mackey
March 14th	Brady Schauer
March 15th	Katelyn Zimmerman
March 16th	Mary Lou Sahlstrom, James Watts
March 21st	Victor Waters
March 22nd	Gary Scholljegerdes
March 24th	Clayton Tanner
March 25th	Riley Jones, Don Lohse
March 26th	Bruce Anderson
March 29th	Scott Kilmer
March 30th	Eunice Gasner

March Anniversaries



March 11th, 1978	Robert and Bernadine Mackey
March 27th, 1981	Doug and Lela Jones
March 31st, 1962	Bob and Janette Larson

Serving the Lord with and Open Heart & Joy!

HELPERS	March 3rd, 2013 9:30 a.m.	March 10th, 2013 9:30 a.m.	March 17th, 2013 9:30 a.m.	March 24th, 2013 9:30 a.m.	March 31st, 2013 9:30 a.m. (Easter)
Accompanist	Marlys Garness	Marlys Garness	Marlys Garness	Marlys Garness	Marlys Garness
Valets	(open)	(open)	(open)	(open)	(open)
Greeters	Giroia and Joe Tollefson	Janet Welsh and Edy Barber	Elaine and Dick Westrum	Julie and Tim Blom	Roger and Roberta Walker
Head Usher	Wally Ruedy	Wally Ruedy	Dave Baldini	Dave Baldini	Char Frankenberry
Ushers	Dan Possin, Tom Kuyper, and George Hagge	Dan Possin, Tom Kuyper, and George Hagge	Dick Westrum, Bob Hunter, Kip Westrum	Dick Westrum, Bob Hunter, Kip Westrum	Karen Norby, Sarah Riecke, Michael Norby
Acolyte	Nathan Kilmer	Nathan Kilmer	Brady Schauer	Brady Schauer	Anna Riecke
Liturgist	Char Frankenberry	Edy Barber	Paul Lohse	Bob Hunter	Betty Ruedy
Nursery	Parent's supervise.	Parent's supervise.	Parent's supervise.	Parent's supervise.	Parent's supervise.
S. S. Teacher (Older Kids)	Linda Lohse	Linda Lohse	Linda Lohse	Linda Lohse	None Today.
Children's Church	Patrice Waters	Patrice Waters	Patrice Waters	Patrice Waters	None Today.
S. S. Helper(s)	(open)	(open)	today.	(open)	None Today.
Fellowship	Lynne Swenson and Ardella Draheim	Fellowship Friends	2 nd Annual Chili Cook Off-UMW	Bob Hunter, Wally and Betty Ruedy	Clair and Sandy Voshell
Lake Shore Video	December 5, 2012	December 12, 2012	December 19, 2012	December 26, 2012	N/A
Communion Stewards	Janet Welch	Janet Welch	Janet Welch	Janet Welch	None
Bulletin Board	Karen Norby and Peggy Deno				
Sunday Bus					
Altar Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Music	Faith Choir	Faith Choir	Faith Choir	Faith Choir	Faith Choir



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