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8:00-10:30 AM



**FEBRUARY 2016**

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

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**God is a God of Abundance Not a God of Scarcity**

*Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply your every need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

Paul is writing from jail where he is shackled between two Roman guards 24/7. He reminds the Philippians that the God they both serve is a God of abundance not a God of scarcity. Our church is going through a time of financial strain which you will hear about at the council meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> and I urge you all to attend. The financial ledger sheet is one set of facts; the truth of this verse is another that is just as real if not more so.

Paul begins with the phrase MY GOD... there is a personal and long term relationship between Paul and Jesus. Paul has not been a stranger to want or need but in every instance GOD HAS SUPPLIED or filled up or met his every need, and Paul is confident that God will do so for the Philippians who have just sent Paul a gift-not out of their abundance but out of their poverty. Its members were desperately poor, they were being persecuted for the cause of Christ, they were being attacked by false teachers and there was a feud between two prominent women in the congregation. In spite of all their turmoil and struggles they gave what they had pledged to Paul. Paul now assures them God will "furnish completely" all they need, not out of His glorious riches which would indicate a finite supply that would one day run out, but ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS RICHES — in proportion to His glorious riches which in Christ Jesus are infinite. God is not poor, nor has His ability to meet the needs of those who through faith put their trust in Him diminished. We will be called upon to trust God for our resources this next year and as we do we will find His supply abundant for our needs.

*Pastor Victor*

Pastor Victor

## 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:** Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

**Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who also need our prayers:** Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Dick and Elaine Westrum, Chuck Youngberg, Marlys Garness, Les and Marie Wells, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Bud Deno.



## Thank You

With grateful hearts, our family thanks our church family for your caring prayers and expressions of sympathy when mom accepted the Lord's invitation to join him in heaven. Special thanks to those who provided food and served the luncheon. The special music provided by Bob and Marlys was very comforting. Thank you to Pastor Victor for the kind and comforting words. Thank you!

Blessings and love,  
Peggy, Bud, Bob, Jessica, Adam, & Kyle.

## Thank You

Marie Wells and Les Wells would like to thank everybody for their prayers, cards, and flowers for the death of Les' sister Rose Mary. They were greatly appreciated.

Marie and Les Wells

## Lenten Devotional 2016

In 2006, some of our church members put together a “Lenten Devotional” to be available upon request by our congregation. I still use mine. So I would like to do a similar devotional for 2016 written by 40 of our members.

So I will need your help. Start thinking about a devotion you could write using the “Upper Room” as a guide for a daily devotion of your creation. I will type them up and have them ready for Lent. I will need the writing by FEBRUARY 1ST.

For more information call Shirley Burdick at 833-5182.

## Lenten Bible Study



During the Lenten season Faith Church will offer a Bible study centered on the book of Luke. It will be held in the Lakeview Room and be hosted by Roberta and Roger Walker. The study will begin on **February 8TH at 10:00 A.M.** and go for six weekly sessions. The book used will be Luke: Lessons from Jesus by Bill Hybels. Let the Walkers know ASAP if you plan to take part in this activity so books can be ordered. There will be treats!

## Relay for Life Garage Sale

If you have any items that you are putting away for Christmas or anything that you would like to donate, we would appreciate it. Examples of donations would be: furniture, clothing, jewelry, etc. If you do not have room for it, we can take it and store it now. All our proceeds go towards cancer research. Please contact Dave Baldini at 835-3697 or Vada Dahnert at 833-5477.



## Wedding Reception during Fellowship

Kelly Adams and Michael Boeddeker were married on February 2nd in Nassau, the Bahamas. Please come to fellowship on February 14th (Valentines Day) for cake and punch. Let's congratulate the newlyweds.



## UMW Executive Board Meeting

The UMW Executive Board Meeting is on **Monday, February 8th at 11:00 a.m.** in the **Lakeview Room.**



## UMW Meeting-February 15 at 2:00 PM

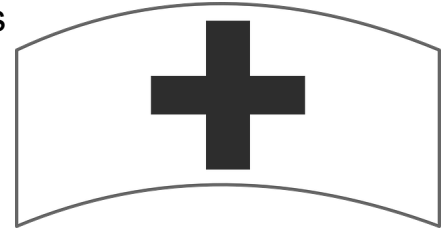
Please join us for our general meeting on **Monday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m.** Visitors are always welcome. Mary Circle will be serving a dessert and beverages. Our program will be our pledge service and Prayer and Self Denial. Sherry will lead a discussion titled "For Woman Only" about women in Haiti. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

## Faith Crafters and Stitchers

Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet **Thursday, February 11** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the **Fellowship Hall**. You may bring a personal project to work on or ideas for Bazaar 2016 projects. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship. Snacks will be provided. Call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have questions.

## Nurse's Notes

This year's mission trip to Haiti was much like the previous three with the exception of the weather. January is in the dry season, so there was only one night of rain. The temps were in the 80's and the humidity was low. It was so much easier to work and not become exhausted from the heat and humidity.



I continued to do cervical cancer screenings and treatment. The doctors were busy with surgeries. It always amazes me to see how people's conditions have advanced to such an extent without prior intervention. The dentist was busy every day, mostly with extractions. One of the anesthetists' husband came along as a handyman. He worked in the dining hall, which was supposed to be done a year and a half ago. Nothing goes fast in Haiti!

The kids loved their new sheets. They were quickly put on the beds. We had 11 sets of twin sheets, 11 crib sheets, and 11 little quilts. Guess what, that was exactly what we needed, so each child could have their own.

Thank you to all of you who donated money, sheets, and prayers for this successful trip. God is good!

I will be going again either in November 2016 or January 2017. It will be my last trip. Beth Stankiewicz, my granddaughter is going too. It will be a good experience for her. She is hoping to do some fundraisers to pay for her airline ticket. Look for announcements and thanks in advance for your participation.

Thank you again and may God bless you all.

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN, Parish Nurse

PS: I haven't talked to Roger Walker about a photo PowerPoint presentation yet. It will be in March if possible.

## Memo from the "Janitor's Closet"

Our Heating/Cooling System is controlled with three separate furnaces in the basement.

### **HEATING:**

The in-floor heat system heats the Narthex, hallways, and the H/G office. It is controlled by the water heater in the Janitor's closet in the basement.

The heat for classrooms, Lakeview Room, and Kim's office is controlled by the thermostat in the H/G playroom. This thermostat is programmed for heat from 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday only.

Pastor Victor has his own heat thermostat for his office, in his office.

The sanctuary has its own thermostat that is programmed for Sundays only.

The thermostat in the basement controls basement heat and is programmed for Wednesdays only.

### **COOLING:**

The thermostat in Kim's office is for AC ONLY.

There is no AC for H/G classrooms or the Lakeview Room.

The AC in the sanctuary is programmed for Sundays only.

The AC in the basement is also programmed for Sundays only.

**Remember that either heat or cooling takes close to three hours to climb to the required temperature.**

I hope this answers any questions about our system. The unit mounted on the wall in the Narthex is for AC only. It has its own compressor on the roof. This unit is only needed on extremely hot, humid days.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLAN AHEAD...**

Please fill out the maintenance form outside the office door on the wall or leave a note in my box for any heating/cooling needs. Thank you, *Bob Stephan*.

# Lenten Lunches

Enjoy a warm bowl of soup, fellowship with friends and a devotional from an area pastor,  
—just for the cost of a donation

**Wednesdays at 12:00 noon**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup> - March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Grace Lutheran Church**  
**300 E Elm Avenue, Waseca**





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### MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle's February meeting **will be determined at a later date.**

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will meet **Tuesday, Feb. 16** at **1:00 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room.** Edy Barber will host.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Wednesday, February 17th**, from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** The location is to be determined.