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Administrative Assistant  
Office Hours:  
Mon. through Thurs.:  
8:45 am to 12:45 pm



**Christmas Hope**

The Christmas story is full of hope from those who were willing to hope in the face of insurmountable odds.

John and Elizabeth were too old to have children, life had passed them by... but God said you will have a son and his name will be John.

Mary was told she would have a son without intercourse with a man... His name will be Son of the Most High.

Joseph ... was told to marry Mary who was pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

The Shepherds were surrounded by angels and told to give the Good News of God to the world.

Jesus born in a manger was both God and Man and came to save us from our sin.

They all faced circumstances that seemed .... Hopeless, but in fact they were a reality that was being constructed but not yet visible. Hebrews defines our faith in this way: *1:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

Hope commits us to actions that connect with God's promises. And what more shall I say?

Hebrews 1: 33- 40 describes those who by faith acted and did mighty things:

*I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.*

*Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned ; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated--the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.*

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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:

**BridgeWater at Janesville:** Joe & Gloria Tollefson

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**New Richland Care Center:** Ardella Draheim

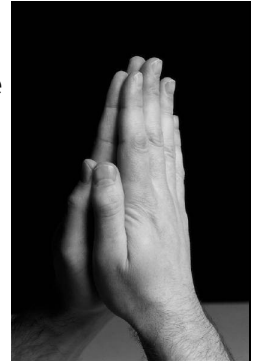
**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Muriel Jenkins

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum, Gordy Miller

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Michael Schumacher, the Spain Family, Roy and MaryLynda Goodson, all who are battling cancer or other chronic diseases, those in law enforcement.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on the following dates in January: 14.

## A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

We made a decision to take a step of faith and include our full 2019 apportionment in our 2019 budget. In December, we sent in the final payment to the Annual Conference for our 2019 Apportionments, and for the first time in over 10 years, our apportionments were paid in full. A sincere thanks for your faithfulness and generosity that has made this possible.

We also met our budget for 2019. While 2019 has been a good year financially we are now in the process of preparing the 2020 budget plan. In January we will be asking for each of you to consider partnering with God to meet the financial needs of Faith church for 2020. We will submit the 2020 budget to for Council approval following our January Stewardship drive.

We give thanks to our great God and our faithful church family for meeting this vital goal.

*Thank  
you*

## Frosty Fun - January 19 Fellowship Event



Please bring your Frosty Snowman and his friends. Snow globes, statues, pillows, etc. And better yet, share your January activities with us during fellowship on January 19. Snowboards, skates, ice fishing equipment, snow shoes, etc. Ride to church on your snowmobile. What fun!

## Meal and Movie Night (M & M Night)

**Meal and Movie Night (M&M Night)** The first movie in 2020 will be 'Hidden Figures'. It will be held on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Hotdishes in the past have gone over so well that we would like to serve those again. We would like to ask members of the congregation if they would like to help with providing the hotdishes and the bars. If you are interested in doing so, please let Roberta know.

## UMW Sunday - January 12

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual UMW Sunday. This year we are combining the theme of "Rise Up" from Day of Prayer, which is focusing on the women and children of Zimbabwe and our regular service.

A special treat, the "Just Friends" men's vocal group will sing for about 20 minutes. Please plan to come. You won't be disappointed.

## Taking Down of Christmas Decorations

We will be taking down the Christmas greens and other decorations at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11. Many hands make light work, so please come and lend YOUR HANDS! All are welcome and can come for a short time or a long time!

## Trustee Meeting

Trustees will meet **Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room.

## Christmas Hope

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Biblical hope is always belief and action—Elizabeth and John, Mary and Joseph said yes to God, the shepherds told their story and Jesus set aside His right to be God, and died for our sins.

Hope acts on the conviction that God will complete the work that he has begun even when the circumstances put obstacles in our way.

William Stringfellow lived in chronic pain but never lost his faith or the ability to hope in God:

*“Hope is reliance upon grace in the face of death: the issue is that of receiving life as a gift, not as a reward and not as a punishment; hope is living constantly, patiently, expectantly, resiliently, joyously in the efficacy of the word of God.” It is, of course, far easier to languish in despair than to live in hope, for when we live in despair we don’t have to do anything or risk anything. We can live lazily and shiftless with an untarnished reputation for practicality, current with the way things appear. It is fashionable to espouse the latest cynicism. If we live in hope, we go against the stream. William Stringfellow*

ARE YOU LIVING IN HOPE? WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF HOPE FOR YOU? JESUS BROUGHT US HOPE AT CHRISTMAS AND INVITES US TO LIVE HOPE FILLED LIVES ROOTED IN HIM. WILL YOU CHOOSE HOPE FOR 2020?

*“Christ was made man that we might be made God.” — Athanasius of Alexandria, On the Incarnation*

A Christmas Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi and the peace of the Christ Child. May Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever Amen.

May Goodness and Mercy follow you every day in 2020

*Pastor Victor*

## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

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 REDEEMER SHEPHERD  
 ZKU WONDERFUL HEAD  
 MORNING STAR JUDGE  
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 Counselor  
 Day Star  
 Deliverer

Door  
 Emmanuel  
 Everlasting  
 Faithful and True  
 First and Last  
 Forerunner  
 Foundation  
 Governor  
 Head  
 High Priest  
 Holy and Just One  
 Hom of Salvation  
 I AM  
 Jesus  
 Judge  
 King  
 King of Kings  
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
 Life  
 Light  
 Lion of Judah  
 Lord  
 Lord of Lords  
 Master  
 Mediator  
 Messiah  
 Mighty God  
 Morning Star  
 Nazarene  
 Only Begotten Son  
 Passover  
 Priest  
 Prince of Peace  
 Prophet  
 Redeemer

Resurrection  
 Rock  
 Savior  
 Servant  
 Shepherd  
 Son of David  
 Son of God  
 Son of Man  
 Vine  
 Way  
 Wonderful  
 Word

Faith UMW Unit Meeting  
November 18, 2019

The Faith United Methodist Church UMW unit meeting met on Monday, November 18, 2019 at noon in the Fellowship room. Elizabeth church circle hosted the event. We had a potluck meal. Sherry Scholljegerdes gave the grace. Twelve ladies were present at the meeting.

Karen Ferch presented the program "The World Thank Offering" and gave the devotions. The World Thank Offering boxes were placed in the basket.

Sandy Voshell gave the Treasurer's report. Linda Griffin read the Secretary's report.

Several ladies attended the District Gathering in Fairmont, Mn and the Annual Conference Gathering in Saint Paul, Mn. We are a gold star unit this year. "I Want My Mommy Campaign" postcards will be sent in around February 15, 2020.

The Fall Bazaar was held on November 2, 2019 at the Faith United Methodist Church. We made a nice profit from the bazaar. There was a meeting about the Fall Bazaar on November 25, 2019 to discuss what needed to be changed for next year.

There was a motion made by Roberta Walker to change our UMW Unit meeting time to ten o'clock am. Mary Jane Stauffer seconded it and it was approved by the members.

These are the slate of of UMW officers that were elected for the 2020 year:  
Co-leaders: Karen Ferch and Sherry Scholljegerdes  
Secretary: Linda Griffin  
Treasurer: Sandy Voshell  
Nomination: Lorraine Wick, Edy Barber, and Lucille Youngberg  
Communications: Janet Welch.

Roberta Walker presented the 2020 UMW calendar schedule. UMW Sunday is installation of officers and Special Missions Recognition.

The Tea Party will be in May 2020 – date to be announced later. It will be a fundraiser. We will need the ladies to help with it.

Mission U Too will be held at the Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca, MN on July 25, 2020.

Thank you to everyone who placed mittens and hats on the mitten tree. Linda Griffin will take them to the Neighborhood Center for the school children.

Sherry Scholljegerdes adjourned the meeting.

Your secretary,  
Linda Griffin

**M & M Night!**  
**YES! Meal and Movie night returns to**  
**Faith United Methodist Church!**

801 Fourth Ave NE  
Waseca, MN  
Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020  
5:00 pm

Featuring the film  
**Hidden Figures**



**Hidden Figures** tells the incredible story of Katherine Jonson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson – brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations.



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We have room.

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Room. Guests and visitors are welcome.

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth circle will **not** be meeting in January.