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Monday,  
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# Faith Messenger

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

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

January, 2022—It's here. What are we going to do with it? A new year, a clean slate, a fresh start.

Some of us will make New Year's resolutions. I've never been very good at those, oh I can make them, but keeping them, that's a different story. There are defiantly some things I would like to do differently in this new year, and so I thought I would make my resolutions in a different way. I decided that I would start with January, and make a resolution to be more intentional with my daily devotions. If I can make it a month, maybe the new habit will stick. So I am going to make a SMART goal for my daily devotions. Here is what a SMART goal is.

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound

Specific:

A specific goal is a goal that has a bit of depth to it. It isn't saying I want to do better with my daily devotions, it's saying "I want to strengthen my relationship with God by reading from my bible or a devotional.

Measurable:

A measurable goal is one that is based on some sort of metric. Instead of saying "I want to read God's word. It's saying "I want to read from God's word for 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes at night"

Attainable:

A goal that is attainable is a goal that you can accomplish. What if instead of 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes at night I said 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours at night? That sounds great, but not very realistic.

Relevant:

Relevant goals are goals that really help you become the person that God created you to be. I could make a goal to read "a book" for 30 minutes morning and night, but that might not help me grow stronger in my relationship with God.

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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:** Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Foxdale:** Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** John Slattery, Andrea Johnson, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are most at risk and vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.



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Time-bound:

The best goals are also time bound. Adding this constraint is important so that you are able to keep yourself accountable. Setting goals is sort of like creating a to-do list. You have on your list what you want to do today, what you want to do tomorrow, etc. With goals you may have daily goals, monthly goals, yearly goals, etc. Be very specific with the dates you choose, and make sure that you would also be able to complete the goal without unreasonable stress.

*So, my first SMART goal for 2022 is this: I will read from the bible or a devotional for 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes at night each day of the week for the month of January. At the end of January, I will evaluate this goal. Did I accomplish the goal? Why or why not? Do I want to continue this goal, rewrite the goal, or scrap the goal? Whatever I decide about this goal, I will write a new SMART goal for the month of February and so on through 2022.*

I hope this helps you to set goals for the coming year that bring you a stronger relationship with God, better health, good financial practices, or what you need to work on to be the person God created you to be.

Happy New Year

Pastor Carolyn

## Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Hours may be adjusted at times and will be posted in the weekly bulletins on the "Week at a Glance" page.

## Mitten Tree

Each year we decorate a Mitten tree. As you can see from the picture, the tree was covered completely and looked so beautiful with all the colorful of mittens, caps and scarves.

They have been delivered to Hartley and the Intermediate Schools. There were also some small caps that were knitted and those were taken to the Maternity ward at the Owatonna Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who helped cover the tree.

Speaking of the Mitten tree; the tree is showing wear and tear and needs to be replaced. If anyone is getting rid of a tree that is still in good shape, please consider giving it to the church to replace the 'Mitten Tree'.



## Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet **Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room.

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas gathering. The ladies went to the Tasty House for lunch. Before lunch, there were a few readings, a Christmas gift exchange and there was a celebration for Margaret Hasslens's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Margaret received an official Twin's shirt with "Hasslen" and '100' printed on the back, along with other nice gifts. We had a great meal and left enough room for a piece of delicious birthday cake!

The following is a prayer that was read at the meeting and though it is after Christmas it still has a good message:

"Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Waseca Library. Please note the change of time.



Faith United Methodist Woman's Unit Meeting  
Monday, November 15, 2021 10:00 am

The Faith United Methodist women met on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Waseca Faith United Church fellowship room. The executive committee provided the treats. 11 members were present.

Linda Griffin read the secretary's minutes. Sandy Voshell gave the treasurer's report. Janet Welch made a motion to accept the proposed UMW budget for 2022. It was seconded and approved. Sandy Voshell talked about the Thank Offering. A basket was on the table to place the offering in. Shirley Hansen made a motion to discontinue having pledge cards given out at the church circles. We will raise all of the money as a unit. It was approved.

Karen Ferch read a thank you note from Kelly Boeddeker from the Waseca Area Care Services.

The Autumn Fest garage sale was very successful. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed money and items.

A motion was made by Linda Griffin to give \$100 for Shirley Hansen, Barb Friedl, and Sherry Scholljegerdes to attend the UMW Assembly on May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, Florida. It was seconded and approved.

Karen presented a program on Transgender people. She read an article from The Rochester Newspaper from 2014 about two ladies and a man and what they experienced in their lives. Love others unconditionally. Our awareness gets more and more raised all the time.

Our UMW honorees are Sherry Scholljegerdes and Mary Jane Stauffer. Vada Dahnert received a card of thanks for helping women of the church with illnesses.

Our UMW election of officers are: President Sherry Scholljegerdes, Treasurer Sandy Voshell, Linda Griffin Secretary, Janet Welch Communications, Nomination Committee: Mary Jane Stauffer. Lucille Youngberg, and Mardell Jacobson.

The Spring Luncheon will be all church event.

Our next UMW Unit Meeting will be on Monday, February 21, 2022.

Your secretary,  
Linda Griffin

## A Lesson about Listening

A farmer lost his watch in the barn. The watch had great sentimental value, so he searched for it to no avail.

He heard some kids playing outside, and explained to them about his watch, and asked if they would help him find it.

They all searched, but could not find the watch. The farmer thanked them for their help, and sent them off. As they were leaving, one little boy asked if he could try again. The farmer decided to give him another chance, and the boy returned to the barn.

About half an hour later, the boy walked out of the barn with the watch. The farmer was amazed, and asked how he could find it when so many had been looking and failed?

The boy replied, "I didn't do anything...I just sat in the silence and listened. Eventually, I heard the ticking of the watch, and followed the sound."

Sometimes, if you just sit quietly, we will hear the "ticking" of our Savior's promptings, leading us to the truth and helping us on our way.

## A Little Humor

### -Larry Goes To Get Prayer For His Hearing

Larry goes to the revival and listens to the preacher.

After a while the preacher asks anyone who needs to be prayed over to come forward to the front at the altar.

Larry gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks:

"Larry, what do you want me to pray about for you?"

Larry replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Larry's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Larry's head and prays and prays.

After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks Larry: "Larry, how is your hearing now?"

Larry says, "I don't know, Reverend, it's not until next Wednesday"

**Flight 2022 Instructions**

**Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.**

**We are prepared to take off into the New Year.**

**Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.**

**Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.**

**There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.**

**God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.**

**Destination - GREATNESS!**

**Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!**

**Stay Blessed!**

**And welcome in 2022.**



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**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will not meet in  
January

**Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday,**  
**January 11 at 1:00 pm** at the Waseca  
Library.

**Conversation, Bible & Friends**

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet  
all Mondays in January