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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

On April 22 I attended a conference sponsored workshop on change management. Jon Schultz, Tara Lamont and Jarod True also attended. It was an excellent workshop and one take away I received concerns nostalgia. We all like to remember the good things of the past but our presenter made a notable distinction between 2 types of nostalgia:

Reflective Nostalgia:

Allows us to savor the memories but accepts that they are in the past.

Restorative Nostalgia:

Pushes back against the here and now, keeping us stuck trying to relive our glory days.

I find this to be very true. Reflective nostalgia allows us to remember and move on, which means changing some of the things that hold a fond place in our memory. Restorative nostalgia holds us captive to the past and makes moving forward impossible. My prayer for Faith in the next year is that you live into reflective nostalgia, and remember the great things that have happened here, but allow the church to move forward in new and exciting ways.

Our time together is soon coming to an end. I will miss all of you. I want you to know what to expect in the coming weeks. On June 1st, I am having total knee replacement surgery on my right knee. I know it's a weird time to have it, but I wanted to get one done before I have to find all new doctors. That means I will be out of the pulpit on June 4th and Jon Schultz will be preaching. If you need a pastor, still call me and I will make sure you get what you need. I plan to be back in the pulpit on June 11 and that will be my last Sunday. Bob Hunter will be preaching the last two Sundays in June and Jon's official first Sunday is July 2nd. As I am writing this, I don't have our exact date on moving. I am hoping for some time during the last week of June. The moving company wants to do a virtual walk through of our house to see how much stuff we have then they will schedule our move. One of the many great things about the Minnesota conference is that they take care of moving all clergy. In Arkansas, you get a stipend, but are on your own to coordinate your move. Having someone who loads and unloads is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, our house will not be set up when we move, so we are moving all our stuff to a storage unit and staying in the camper until our house is ready. Sounds like quite the adventure, doesn't it?

Life is full of adventures and we will all be going through one this summer as we work to get to a "new normal". As John Wesley said, "Best of all, God is with us."

Blessings

Pastor Carolyn

Special Points of Interest:

- June Monthly Meetings, Back Page
- June Birthdays and Anniversaries included with Calendar

Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

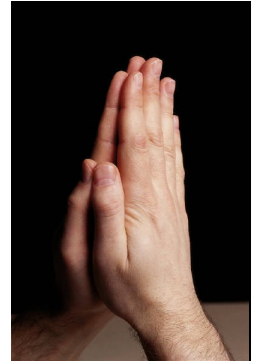
Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast,

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Peppenger, health care workers, first responders, and those who are most at risk and vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle 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. Stacy will be out of the office on **Monday, June 5 through Wednesday, June 7** and **Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16**.

Announcement of Appointment Change

4/26/2023

To the United Methodist congregation of Faith UMC, Waseca MN.

It is the intention of Bishop Lanette Plambeck to appoint Pastor Jon Schultz to Faith UMC at 1/2 time capacity effective July 1, 2023. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 2nd.

As you know United Methodists have an appointment process for our clergy. The Bishop and District Superintendents move through a prayerful and careful discernment process to match the pastor's gifts to the missional needs of a congregation in consultation with the projected pastor and the SPRC. On Wednesday, April 12, Pastor Jon Schultz was invited to an in-person introductory meeting with your SPRC, presided over by District Superintendent Fred Vanderwerf. After rich conversation, questions, and prayer, the appointment of Pastor Jon was unanimously affirmed.

I know you have already enjoyed the ministry of Pastor Jon and Nicki among you as great examples of servant leadership to your congregation. Continue to love and support them as believers among you, and support Pastor Jon as he steps up into the role of pastor, preacher, and leader. Please join me in praying for Pastor Jon and Nicki as they make this transition. Please do connect with your SPRC with any creative ways you can help.

Be blessed,

Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf

**Please see the enclosed brochure of Pastor Jon so you can better be acquainted with him.

Spring Luncheon

Words cannot express how thankful we are for everyone who had a part in the Luncheon. As always the food was tasty, the fellowship wonderful and those who helped out were great. As stated before, it takes a village and again the village showed up! Every little thing that someone does makes the luncheon a success. **THANK YOU!**

Let's Celebrate! You are invited...

Sunday, June 11 will be the final worship service with our Pastor Carolyn here at Faith. While we will greatly miss her spiritual leadership and friendship, we rejoice with her and her husband, Kirk, as they begin their retirement years. Following our worship service that morning there will be a **Potluck Brunch** in the Fellowship Hall. Egg bakes and coffee will be provided; everyone is encouraged to bring brunch items such as coffee-cakes, muffins, quickbreads, fruit, etc. to fill out the meal.

A basket will be available to hold any cards, well-wishes, etc., you bring for Carolyn. Please mark **Sunday, June 11** on your calendar as a time to enjoy food and fellowship while celebrating Pastor Carolyn's tenure here with your Faith Church family!

— Faith UM Leadership Team

Celebration of Life

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Keith Smith on Saturday, June 24 at 11:00 am. A luncheon will follow the service.

Help Wanted

Our newsletter folding group could use some more helping hands to assist in folding and preparing the newsletters for mailing. We have experienced folders who can show you what needs to be done. It's easy and also a time of fellowship! Newsletters are typically folded the last Wednesday or Thursday of the month. If you would like to be added to the email list of folders, please let Stacy know. An email is sent out mid month to coordinate the day that works for most of the group. The next folding day will be during the week of June 26. Our group would love to have you, and remember, many hands make light work!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle met on Tuesday, May 9th.

Nancy served angel food cake and strawberries, with Roberta stating that we often think about angels protecting us. Nancy also had large Hershey bar with a beautiful cover and message for Mother's day.

There were glass insulators on display. The main point of the program on 'Insulators' was that they were made to protect us. They were first made to protect homes from lighting. Later they were used to protect people when using electricity.

The last glass insulators were made by Kerr in the early 1970s. Yup, the same guys that made the fruit jars.

The bible verses read told about God protecting us and keeping us safe. Just because we are under God's care, it doesn't stop the storms from happening around us. But it does provide incredible strength and comfort in every battle we face in this life. But the storms never have full reign, for right in the midst He reminds us: You are held secure by a Mighty God. You may feel some wind; you may hear the loud thunder and see darkness or rain all around. But His covering of protection and love surrounds you.

None of us ever knows what the weather of life may bring. Choose to enfold yourself in the truth of God's love and goodness by affirming in your mind, through pertinent Scriptures, just how precious you are to God. For the more we wrap the truth of God's Word around our minds and our actions, the more power it has to insulate us against those things in the world that seek to freeze us with worry, panic, depression, and the like.

You are valuable to God, and He protects what is valuable to Him. That doesn't mean we won't face challenges or suffer loss, but when we do, we can trust God is with us, and with His comfort, strength, and peace, we can keep pedaling forward.

Life is better with insulation.

The ultimate way that God protects His people is through Jesus dying on the cross in our place. Jesus protected us from death and eternal separation from God by paying the price for our sin. Now that's amazing protection!!

The business meeting mostly covered coming up with ideas for our mission/outreach and planning the Tea Party.

The next meeting date was changed to Thursday, June 15th at 1:00. There will be a guest who will talk about Turkey.

Food for Thought

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best grown corn. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

So is with our lives...Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

Author Unknown

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.

One Board Structure

In March 2023, our administrative board took the final action to change the structure of our leadership from legacy committees to a one board structure. Information about this was provided to the congregation in a previous newsletter. What this has done, is dissolve the SPRC committee, the Trustee committee and the Finance committee and given responsibility for those committees to one leadership team. Per Book of Discipline, we still have a separate nominating committee. Also we still have a ministry committee, a worship committee, a education committee and a funeral committee. Included in this newsletter are the committees and who is currently serving.

Leadership Board Faith UMC Waseca

Pastor

Duane Griffin – Lay leader / lay member to annual conference

Class of 2023

1 David Baldini – Chair

2 Jarod True – SPRC specialist

3 Neil Fruechte – Finance specialist

Class of 2024

1 Mark Lamont

2 Mike Morrissey

3 Duane Griffin

Class of 2025

1 Michelle Hyatt

2 Clair Voshell - Trustee Co-Chair

3 Karen Ferch

Nominating Committee

Duane Griffin – lay leader / Pastor is chair

Class of 2023

Berts Walker

Janet Welch

Duane Griffin

Class of 2024

Stacy True

Neil Fruechte

Dave Baldini

Class of 2025

Mary Jane Stauffer
Sherry Scholljegerdes
Vada Dahnert

Education Committee

Pastor - Chair
Lauri Morrissey
Stacy True
Linda Griffin

Funeral Committee

December – February - Karen Ferch and Janette Larson
March – May - Janet Welch
June – August - Mary Jane Stauffer
Sept – November - Sandy Voshell

Mission Committee

Jon Shultz – Chair
Bob Hunter
Karen Norby
Sherry Scholljegerdes

Membership Care Committee

Janet Welch
Janette Larson
Sandy Voshell
Nancy Tollefson

Worship Committee

Pastor – chair
Jarod True
Barb Klampe
Karen Ferch



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, June 21 at 2:30** in the Lakeview Room. Hostess: Sandy Voshell. Devotions: Sherry Scholljegerdes. We Welcome guests and visitors!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Thursday, June 15 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. Please note the change of date. The program will be "Turkey".

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet all Mondays in June .