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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 am - 1:00 pm



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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings,

When I was a kid on the farm, there was a message of sorts etched into the concrete cornerstone of the barn. I recall reading that message, or should I say, epitaph, and wondering what happened, what's the story. This is what was written in the concrete; "Here lies Red Rooster". It was short and sweet and was the grist for many hours of pondering by my brothers and I about who this Mr. Rooster was. Was he a drifter who met an untimely death? Maybe an outlaw? Well, I may never know, but with a name like Red Rooster, he certainly must have been a colorful character. One thing is for sure, he certainly was no chicken... or was he?

"And his name will be the hope of all the world". Matthew 12:21

Jesus is the hope of the world. When the tomb stone was rolled away, Jesus walked out very much alive, victorious over the grave. Effectively unbinding us from the grip of sin and death! His name is the most important and power-full name creation has ever known or will know. Believe in Jesus, pray in the name of Jesus and live resurrected lives through the power of his name!

May God be with you till we meet again,

Blessings, Pastor Jon

Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

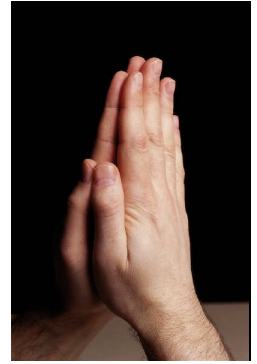
Colony Court: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Beverly Peppenger, Gloria Rollag, Linda Griffin, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, 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. Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Wednesday, March 6. and Wednesday, March 13.

Pastor Appointment Announcement

It is the intention of Bishop Lanette Plambeck to appoint the Reverend Dong Hun Shin as Pastor of the Waseca Faith United Methodist Church and acting on behalf of the congregation the Leadership Team has affirmed the Bishop's intention at a meeting held on Thursday, February 22nd 2024. Pastor Dong's appointment will be half-time to Faith United Methodist Church and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, March 3rd.

The leadership committee invites each church member's supportive prayers and acts of kindness during this time of transition as we celebrate Pastor Jon's ministry among us and anticipate Pastor Dong's arrival.

Pastor Dong's profile is included as an insert to the newsletter.

Easter Worship

We will have a Good Friday service on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have the following schedule:

7:00 am - Sunrise Service

8:00 am - Easter Breakfast

9:30 am - Easter Celebration Worship service

Spring Luncheon

Our Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 3. Please remember, this is an **all** church event. We will need a lot of volunteers. Please watch for the sign-up sheet to see how you can help. Remember...many hands make light work!

A Spring Luncheon Steering Committee planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4 at 10:00 am in the Lakeview Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank You

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped with my potluck Retirement Party. Thank you very much for all the cards and gifts and well wishes. Greatly Appreciated.

Bob

Volunteers Needed

We are still seeking volunteers to serve as liturgists, communion stewards and ushers.

If you feel called to serve in any of these capacities, please let Stacy know. Thank you!

Boundary Request

Greetings,

As you are aware, my time of serving Faith Church is quickly coming to a close. It has been an honor to have served you. Thank you for your love and support. I commend you on coming together as the church and committing to the Crossroads process. When your new Pastor has arrived and becomes settled, they will lead and guide you in the Crossroads process.

I also offer a gentle reminder that when your new Pastor arrives, Nicki and I will not be part of the church. We must set this boundary (as stated in the Book of discipline) so that we will not interfere with or undermine the new Pastor's ministry. Please do not think that we do not care for you anymore because we do not partake in your ministries, it is our love for you that we must maintain this boundary. Therefore, we ask that you refrain from contacting us regarding Faith Church, its ministries, and its members.

Be encouraged church, your love for Jesus is growing every day! I know this because your love for each other and your neighbors is shining brighter and brighter every Sunday morning! So, it is with confidence I say to you, because of your growing love and trust in Jesus, something wonderful is going to happen!

Stay in love with God, stay in love with each other.

Pastor Jon

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Monday, February 12, in the Gathering Room. Anna served a wonderful dessert that was enjoyed by all.

The program was about love and friendship.

[1 John 4:19](#) - We love because he first loved us.

Old valentines and postcards were shared with the group. We then shared information about our families and our love for one another as friends. We ended the program with a prayer.

Dearest Heavenly Father,

We want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to us. Thank you for blessing us every day with this love and the power and strength that we get from you every single day. Without your love for us we can't be....we can't function....we can't even breathe...because we NEED your love to sustain us. It's like food and medicine for our soul Lord.

Please continue to let us feel your comforting love in our lives and Lord we give ourselves over to you to perfect in us this gift of love...that we may be able to express it and share it with others. Lord...we have not always been good at this...forgive us. Lord...some people are harder to love than others...but we want to be like your Son Jesus...so please continue the work you are doing in our hearts so our heart will be like yours. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

A short meeting was held after the program.

United Women In Faith news:

UMW Sunday will be Sunday, February 25th.

Unit meeting will be April 22 at 1:00.

Ruth Circle will be scheduled to act as hostess for the October 22nd Unit meeting.

Emma Norton is a nonprofit organization that provides housing and support services to women, individuals, and families achieving victory over homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency. They have requested donations for a building they are constructing.

Faith UMC news:

A Spring Luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 3rd. A planning meeting was scheduled for March 4th.

Ruth circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. The guest speaker will be someone from Bethlehem Inn.

Support Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center & Food Shelf

March Food Share Food Fund Campaign

In 2023, the Waseca Area Food Shelf was able to supply 7669 individuals facing food insecurity with 137,265 pounds of food. In 2024, based on numbers across the state (and our own Food Shelf) the need to provide even more families with food continues to increase. Minnesota Food Share FoodFund Campaign takes place throughout the month of March. This campaign will help our Food Shelf meet this need by providing additional funding. But we need YOUR help as well!

This is how the March Campaign works: The more donations of food and dollars we receive and report to the Food Share Campaign for the month of March, the higher allocation of funds we receive! Please help the Waseca Area Food Shelf make this campaign a memorable one! If you have any questions on this campaign, or would like a list of the most needed food items to donate, please Email director@wasecaservicecenter.org or foodshelf@wasecaservicecenter.org. The phone number is 507-833-4119. Thank you for your continued support!

Breakfast at the VFW on Palm Sunday (03/24)

All you can eat Benefit Breakfast for Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center at the Waseca VFW on Sunday, March 24th from 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Adults \$12, children 6-13: \$7.00, Children 5 and under: Free. A food donation area will be set up as well. We are excited that these proceeds will be counted toward the March FoodShare FoodFund Campaign totals! Hope to see you there!

One Minute Devotion

Follow the Leader

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

A wise teacher once told me, if you are ever on the fence about whether to give your life to God; follow His guidance and rules and see if it doesn't improve your life. Not sure? Try it; you have nothing to lose.

Taken from 100 Minutes with God, 1 Minute Daily Devotions of Timeless Inspiration.

Leadership Team

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor
Dave Baldini, Chair
Clair Voshell, Trustees
Neil Fruechte, Finances
Duane Griffin, Lay Leader
Jarod True, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC
Stacy True, Recording Secretary
Karen Ferch
Mark LaMont
Michelle Hyatt
Mike Morrissey

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members.

****Copies of approved Leadership Team minutes can be found on the shelf by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

****Copies of church financial statements can be reviewed by church members in the office upon request.**

A Prayer for our Church

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Faith UMC Mission Statement

Faith United Methodist Church Serves God through
Worship, Faith, Friendship, Outreach

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.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 20 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room. Hostess: Sherry Scholljegerdes; Devotions: Wilda Smith. Guests and visitors are welcome!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 12 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. The guest speaker will be someone from Bethlehem Inn.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet each Monday in March from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Lakeview Room.