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Pastor Office Hours:
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Administrative Assistant
 Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Habit refers to a behavior that is learned and repeated on a daily basis after being acquired. It is a learned pattern of behavior that becomes fixed through repetition.

In addition to physical actions, habits also include mental, psychological, spiritual tendencies. It is said that it takes a considerable amount of time for a behavior to become a habit. Just as the Israelites ate manna for 40 years and their lives changed, countless repetitions and efforts are needed to solidify habits.

Worship should not be performed habitually, but it should become a lifestyle and habit of worshiping God. Because we are usually more familiar with worldly life than with God.

Prayer should not be done habitually, but should be repeated enough for it to become habitual. This is because in most cases, we do not kneel and pray. Habitual, formal praise may seem meaningless. However, it is important to replace your habitual sighing with praise. Because our lips are always full of complaints and dissatisfaction.

We often use the word habituation in a formal sense and perceive it negatively, but in reality, good habits determine our character and future. Therefore, we must repeat spiritual training for a new tomorrow. If today's me is the result of yesterday's habits, tomorrow's me will be the result of today's habits. Therefore, in order to achieve a new tomorrow, today's task is to change today's habits. Once good habits are established, a beautiful future will unfold tomorrow. There is a saying like this: "Habits start as visitors, then become regular employees, and finally become owners." Do you want to change your life? Do you really want to be new? Do you dream of a better tomorrow than today?

Then try changing your habits today.

May the grace of our risen Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Blessings,
 Pastor Dong Hun Shin

Prayer Requests

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

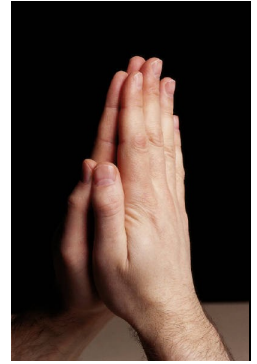
Colony Court: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

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, Gloria Rollag, Les Wells, the Torres family, 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.**

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.**

Sunday School

Sunday school will meet on May 12 and 19. Sunday school will not meet during the summer months.

Volunteers Needed!

We still have a need for volunteers to serve as liturgists, communion stewards and ushers. Please consider serving in one of these areas. We would like to add just a few volunteers to each area so that volunteers can have more time between their rotations. We can work with your schedule if there are some months that you are unable to serve.

For liturgist and usher, you would not be scheduled until after June 30. For communion steward, we have a schedule through November but are looking for volunteers for December and to be on the rotation for next year.

We can also always use more newsletter folders. Folding takes place during the last week of the month, usually Wednesday or Thursday.

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

If you have questions about what serving in any of these areas involves, please contact: Stacy True for liturgist and newsletter folding, Karen Ferch for communion steward, Roger Walker for usher.

Pastor Vacation

Pastor Dong will be on vacation with his family to South Korea May 18 through June 2. Please keep him and his family in your prayers for safe travels.

Due to Pastor's vacation, we will have communion on the second Sunday, June 9, rather than the first Sunday of June.

“Serving is Blessing...or is it?”

Our annual Springtime Sandwich Luncheon was a great event...lots of good food, a wonderful turnout of folks who came to enjoy lunch, a beautiful day to be out and about. I, for one, am extremely grateful to all who had even the slightest part of bringing this to fruition. Together we hosted and fed well over a hundred people (who, by the way, always say it's a pleasure to come to Faith by the lake). That's all in the plus-column. Thank you, thank you, for all YOU did.

Realistically, there is also a downside to all this. Somewhere in the Bible it says, 'The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.' As is the case in many churches these days we're dealing with fewer members as well as the blessings of advancing age...many of our longtime, faithful laborers are finding that although the spirit is willing, the body is saying 'No, no,' to long hours of working, standing, moving and carrying stuff, etc. Obviously, more laborers in this field will bring about the harvest of blessings to be found in Serving. It is a great privilege to Serve in God's House. Think about that. The Lord has called His followers—all of us—to serve in His Name. What greater honor could there be?

We are given the gift of experiencing Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Do we really know what a blessing that is? What an honor it is to prepare and serve this Holy meal in God's House? We've all hosted gatherings for friends and loved ones—given parties, celebrated life events...yes, there's work involved, but we do it out of love. Can you/will you please consider being a server in God's House? To add your name(s) to our Steward list please let Stacy know. We have printed guidelines to show just how to prepare the elements and will walk you through and help you in any way.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and being open to the Holy Spirit's leading.

--Karen Ferch

“The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.”

Charles E. Kettering, a noted scientist and inventor, believed that the easiest way to overcome defeat was simply to completely ignore the possibility of failure and keep forging ahead. He once gave an address to Denison University on this theme. He told how he had once given a tough project assignment to a young research worker in a laboratory at General Motors. He wanted to see how the man would react to a difficult problem, so he kept from him notes about the project that had been filed in the lab’s library. These notes, written by expert researchers, included various sets of statistics and formulas that proved the assignment the young man had been given was impossible.

The young research worker set his mind to the project and worked virtually night and day for weeks. He refused to give up or think the project impossible. One day he came confidently to Kettering to show him his work. He had succeeded in doing the impossible!

A little extra time, a little extra effort, a little extra care, a little extra attention sometimes makes all the difference between success and failure, and not only that, but the difference between good and great

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goes.t

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Taken from God’s Little Devotional Book

One Minute Devotion

God Wants to Spend Time with Me?

1 Samuel 15:22

We can get the idea that sacrificing for someone is more important than our relationship with that person. God wants our trust and obedience to come before anything else. He wants time with you.

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

Mothers of the Bible

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| GOMER | HAGAR | NAOMI | SARAH | TAMAR |
| ANNA | LEAH | LOIS | MARY | RUTH |

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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We have room.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 15** at 2:30 pm in the Lakeview Room.
Guests and visitors are welcome

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 14** at **1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on Monday, May 27.