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Building on the Atonement– By Oswald Chambers

...present...your members as instruments of righteousness to God. —Romans 6:13

I cannot save and sanctify myself; I cannot make atonement for sin; I cannot redeem the world; I cannot right what is wrong, purify what is impure, or make holy what is unholy.

That is all the sovereign work of God. Do I have faith in what Jesus Christ has done? He has made the perfect atonement for sin. Am I in the habit of constantly realizing it?

The greatest need we have is not to do things, but to believe things. The redemption of Christ is not an experience, it is the great act of God which He has performed through Christ, and I have to build my faith on it. If I construct my faith on my own experience, I produce the most unscriptural kind of life— an isolated life, with my eyes focused solely on my own holiness. Beware of that human holiness that is not based on the atonement of the Lord. It has no value for anything except a life of isolation— it is useless to God and a nuisance to man.

Measure every kind of experience you have by our Lord Himself. We cannot do anything pleasing to God unless we deliberately build on the foundation of the atonement by the Cross of Christ.

The atonement of Jesus must be exhibited in practical, unassuming ways in my life. Every time I obey, the absolute deity of God is on my side, so that the grace of God and my natural obedience are in perfect agreement. Obedience means that I have completely placed my trust in the atonement, and my obedience is immediately met by the delight of the supernatural grace of God.

Beware of the human holiness that denies the reality of the natural life— it is a fraud. Continually bring yourself to the trial or test of the atonement and ask, "Where is the discernment of the atonement in this, and in that?"

Oswald Chambers (24 July 1874 – 15 November 1917) is one of my favorite authors he was an early twentieth-century Scottish Baptist and Holiness Movement evangelist and teacher, best known for the devotional ***My Utmost for His Highest***. Which I would recommend to all of you. Enjoy!

Pastor Victor

Special Points of Interest:

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

Administrative Assistant

Office Hours

Mon. through Thurs.

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Fri. 9:00 am to Noon

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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Stacy Conway, Bea Callahan, Rex Bold's Family, Kate Hunt, Victims of Hurricane Michael, Richard Harper's Family, JoAnn Egness, Jon & Nikki Schultz, Dan & Nancy Thomas



Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will not meet in November. We look forward to working with everyone at the UMW Mission Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd!

Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room.

Hanging of the Greens



It's time to decorate for Christmas. Please join us on **Sunday, November 25th** starting after Fellowship. We will be decorating various areas of our church to help spread the joy and the colors of the advent season throughout. 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!

M & M Night (Meal and Movie)

September 23rd there was a good attendance for the 'I Can Only Imagine' movie. We received a lot of good comments on the hot dishes that were served for the meal.

The next M&M Night will be Sunday, November 18th. The movie will be 'Sweetland'. Remember, the admission is free and we invite you to bring your family members and your friends to the meal that is served at 5:00 and the movie is shown about 6:00pm.

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Fellowship Events



Grade School Pictures: on Sunday, September 23, members of the congregation brought a grade school picture of themselves. It was fun seeing everyone trying to guess who was who. Some of those looking at the pictures said we may have to do something like this again sometime.



Paul Detlefsen's paintings: It appeared like very few if any of the people had heard the name of this artist. But once they saw the pictures they recognized most of them. It was heard by a number of the people that said their parents or grandparents had one of these pictures on the wall over their sofa. The collection is that of Roger Walker.



November 11th, Veterans Day - there will be a display honoring the veterans.

Pumpkin & Rock Painting Party

On Saturday, October 13th we had 20 individuals attend our Rock/Pumpkin painting party. Most people painted the pumpkins and it was great to see the variety of painted pumpkins.



Mission Team

On Saturday, September 29, five members of our congregation attended the Mission Summit at Oakwood Methodist Church in New Ulm. The presentation was given by Lyndy Zabel. The five who attended are fired up and ready to do Jesus' mission. At lunch we discussed our excitement and determined we (our congregation) needed to be more mission-minded. We had learned so much about missions and wanted to share it with everyone. We decided to meet immediately to start our mission work. On Sunday, September 30 we announced that a meeting would be held on the following Monday to discuss what we had learned. The five who attended the Mission Summit were excited to see six more people join our team on Monday. We discussed mission work, and things we could do. We decided we want to actually do some mission work, rather than giving money. Sometimes money is actually what is needed and the best thing that we can do.

The Mission Team decided to begin with preparing **Five Flood Buckets**. The buckets will be available every Sunday in November. There will be a list of items needed for the buckets. Let me stress that we need to follow the list so that all the items will fit into the bucket. The list will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please tear off an item, and purchase that item. Bring it to church and place it in the proper bucket. You will notice each bucket has a symbol, such as a Heart, Cross, Ark, Flowers, and Bible. Then each list has a small symbol in front of each item. Put in or near each bucket.

Mission Team

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- APPLE PIE
- BEANS
- BREAD
- CORN
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- GRAVY
- HAM
- MASHED POTATOES
- MILK
- PUMPKIN PIE
- ROLLS
- SQUASH
- STUFFING
- SWEET POTATOES
- TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY

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

801 Fourth Ave NE
Waseca, MN
Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018
5:00 pm
Free Admission!

SWEET land



Featuring the film
Sweet Land

In 1920, Inge, a German national, travels from Norway to rural Minnesota for her arranged marriage to Olaf, a Norwegian farmer; bureaucracy and prejudice cause major complications.

Overview of Proposals for Commission on a Way Forward

Overview of Proposals for General Conference

Points included in this document are provided as a summary of the recommendations to the special 2019 General Conference. For more information, please read the entire report from the Commission on a Way Forward.

	One Church Plan	Connectional Conference Plan	Traditional Plan
	<p>Summary: This plan, preferred by a majority of the Council of Bishops, would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline that prohibits same-gender weddings in UMC properties and ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." It would add language to protect churches and pastors who choose not to allow same-gender marriages.</p>	<p>Summary: This plan would replace the current jurisdictional conferences with three connectional conferences based on affinity: Progressive, Traditional and Unity. All three would use a general Book of Discipline (Articles of Religion, General Rules, Confessions of Faith) with the ability to adapt other portions to their context for ministry.</p>	<p>Summary: This plan, developed more fully toward the end of the Commission on a Way Forward process, broadens the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual"; puts penalties in place for disobedience to the Discipline; and requires bishops, pastors and annual conferences to certify adherence to the Discipline.</p>
Local Churches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Most likely would make no changes in practice at the local level. <input type="checkbox"/> May rewrite wedding policies to explicitly allow or forbid same-gender weddings. <input type="checkbox"/> Will covenant with bishop on whether congregation will accept LGBTQ pastor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can choose affiliation. <input type="checkbox"/> Still will set wedding policies with churches in the "unity" connectional conferences able to set parameters for building use and/or wedding policies in either direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No vote unless the church disagrees with annual conference's decision to stay or leave the UMC. <input type="checkbox"/> Churches can leave if they disagree with annual conference's decision to adhere to Discipline.
Clergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can exercise individual conscience. <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop & cabinet would take theological convictions into account for appointments. <input type="checkbox"/> Ends potential for church trials. <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ candidates can be ordained and appointed to local churches that approve and can request transfer of candidacy if conference Board of Ordained Ministry or clergy session chooses not to ordain LGBTQ persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Will choose a connectional conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Transfers subject to approval by Board of Ordained Ministry. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordination would be recognized across all three connectional conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> Security of appointment determined by connectional conferences, with emphasis on protecting women and minorities. <input type="checkbox"/> Deacons and full-time local licensed pastors may see fewer opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Must maintain Discipline or leave for "autonomous, affiliated or concordat church." <input type="checkbox"/> Just resolutions from complaints must include commitment not to repeat offense. <input type="checkbox"/> First offense results in one-year unpaid suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Second offenses result in surrendering credentials.
Annual Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No vote is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Boards of Ordained Ministry and/or clergy session can discern whether to ordain LGBTQ persons. <input type="checkbox"/> General Conference can craft a way for churches to exit with grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jurisdictional and central conferences will vote to join a connectional conference on simple majority vote. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences who want to join a different connectional conference than their jurisdiction chooses may do so on a simple majority vote. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences could revote every years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Must certify that it will uphold the Discipline. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences that won't certify are urged to form "autonomous, affiliated or concordat" church, and churches that leave can't use United Methodist name or logo past 2020.

Overview of Proposals for Commission on a Way Forward

Overview continued from other side	One Church Plan	Connectional Conference Plan	Traditional Plan
Council of Bishops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Council continues as one body providing spiritual leadership. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments will reflect convictions of bishops and annual conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> Bishops will be protected if their consciences will not allow him or her to ordain LGBTQ persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by U.S.-based conn. conf. at comparable levels, with shared funding, as needed, for bishops outside the U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight and accountability falls to bishops of each connectional conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Each bishop, active and retired, chooses a connectional conference <input type="checkbox"/> All episcopal elections would take place by 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Active and retired bishops must certify they will adhere to Discipline. <input type="checkbox"/> Bishops who will not certify adherence no longer receive compensation of expenses as of 2021 and will be encouraged to leave for "autonomous, affiliated or concordat" church.
General Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to operate as they do now. <input type="checkbox"/> If funding declines, boards and agencies would need to consider a strategic restructuring. Sustainability issues, however, are separate from the Commission on a Way Forward's task. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jointly funded boards include Wespeth, GCFA, UMCOR, Archives, parts of GBGM and the Publishing House. <input type="checkbox"/> Task force would evaluate each general agency and propose new model for UMC by 2025. <input type="checkbox"/> Program agencies would only serve conn. conf. that desire participation. <input type="checkbox"/> Justice ministries structures would be determined by connectional conference, with expected emphasis on sexism and racism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All general boards and agencies continue. <input type="checkbox"/> Each agency can contract with churches that leave the UMC.
Related Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Likely no changes. <input type="checkbox"/> Commission conversations with members of these organizations indicate this plan makes it more likely for most institutions to maintain their affiliation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Properties owned by annual and jurisdictional conferences follow them to their new connectional conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Institutions can choose to relate to one or more Cs, as their bylaws allow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No changes unless they choose to do so within the bounds of their own bylaws.
Finance & Pensions	<p>Two petitions are recommended for any of the three plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Any church that leaves would have to pay their proportionate liability of unfunded pensions for their annual conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy would be removed from benefit and annuity risk pools and have accrued benefits transferred to an individual investment account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Same two petitions as One Church Plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal fees to navigate legacy connections. <input type="checkbox"/> Wespeth stays intact and extends to connectional conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> Medical and pension liabilities remain the obligation of the annual conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Wespeth will reassign pension liabilities for churches that opt to go to another connectional conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences manage budgets to care for boundary reconfiguration costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Same two petitions as the One Church Plan.
Episcopal Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and benefits would be paid by each episcopal area in the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Other expenses would be shared via apportionments. <input type="checkbox"/> No changes to central conference funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and benefits would be paid by each U.S.-based connectional conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> No changes to central conference funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No changes to central conference funding.

For resources on this subject, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/forwardinunity or umc.org/gc2019



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will not meet in November. We can plan to attend the UMW Unit Meeting on Monday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth will meet **Tuesday, November 13** from **10:30 a.m. to Noon**. The location is to be determined. All are welcome to attend.