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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

I would like to share my experience at the 2024 UMC Korean Conference, held October 7-10 at the LA Korean United Methodist Church, with the moving theme, "Surrender to Grace." It was truly a blessing to attend this gathering of over 300 people, including 211 pastors and 60 laypeople. The atmosphere was filled with prayer, reflection and a spirit of unity. We had beautiful moments of worship and deep fellowship about our faith.

One of the highlights was the way we shared our thoughts and encouraged each other. It has been inspiring to connect with fellow believers and feel the strength of our community during these difficult times. We have learned many valuable lessons that will help us grow together as a church. I felt a deep sense of belonging and connection with everyone there. Thank you for shaking us up, making us laugh, and even bringing us to tears, but also gently putting us in our place. This conference also provided a time of self-reflection to consider what we need to let go of in the face of God's grace and how we can be rebuilt in God's love. I was so grateful to be able to participate in such a precious time. I would also like to thank everyone who worked hard and dedicated themselves to this conference. Their service and dedication was truly beautiful and inspiring. I want to share this precious experience with you through our worship, preaching, and fellowship.

Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

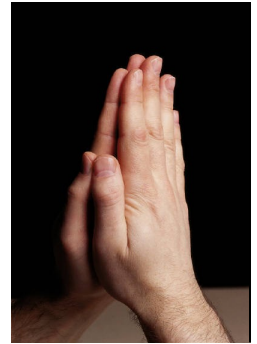
Prayer Requests

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, Margaret Dahnert

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Les Wells, Margaret Dahnert, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, the Ukraine, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours will typically be 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. **Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, November 4. Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins.**

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

Faith's Blessing Box

Just a reminder that we are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Faith's Blessing Box (please no glass jars). There is a donation box in the Narthex or you may bring your donations into the church office during office hours. Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase items for the blessing box; just make a notation that your donation is for the blessing box. We would like to build up a supply of items so we can keep replenishing the box as needed.

All Blessing Box items must be: shelf-stable (non-perishable), sealed and not past expiration date, able to withstand hot temperatures during the summer months, and able to withstand cold temperatures in the winter months (e.g. pouched meat instead of canned meat).

Youth Group

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Youth Group will meet the third Wednesday in November, the 20th, from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Youth group is open to all youth ages 10 to 18.

Pastor Appreciation

On Sunday, November 10, we will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day for Pastor Dong. We ask you to bring your cards and well wishes at that time, with a basket downstairs for them. If you forget to bring them, there will be notes available you can write. Thank you. Membership Care Team

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
- 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.**

Ruth Circle

The October meeting of Ruth circle was held October 8th. Thanks to Lorraine everyone enjoyed a great pumpkin dessert and the beautiful fall decorations.

Ruth circle hosted the Women United in Faith (formerly UMW) unit meeting (FALL FUN AT FAITH) October 21st. It appeared that the women enjoyed the FALL atmosphere, had FUN visiting and playing BINGO and eating the pumpkin dessert.

Faith women are busy planning the fall bazaar which will be Saturday, November 2nd. If church members can help out as workers, donating funds to help with the costs of the supplies, bringing items for the bake sale or other items to sell please let us know.

The next circle meeting will be November 12th at 1:30 at Colony Court to celebrate Margaret's birthday. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME AND LOCATION CHANGE.**

The program was 'An Apple for the Teacher' (Not sure where I found this but it worked well for a short presentation.)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6 (KJV)

That verse in John 14:6, says that Jesus is *the way*. If we are Christians, we already know that because that is how we came to Salvation. Jesus is the only way. But after accepting Salvation, how much have we really put into the effort to know Jesus better?

Jesus is our *Great Teacher*, so let's get to know Him better. Let's hang on every word. Let's take notes. Let's focus on what the Lord has to say. Let's get to know Jesus more and more, and bring those apples of appreciation for all He does for us.

And if we are going to get to know Jesus, just like our earthly teachers, we are going to have to learn what He expects from us. We will find our direction in that beautiful textbook, God's Word. There is so much that Jesus says in His Word of the behavior which He expects of us as Christians.

Pray: Giving to the Needy (Matthew 6)

6 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Love: (Matthew 22:35-40)

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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Ruth Circle

Spread the Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Jesus said so many things for us to think about and ponder. He is the ultimate Teacher. These three things (Pray, Love and Spread the Gospel) are just some of the lessons He taught us, but if we could just do these three things, just think how much we could accomplish for the cause of Christ.

As disciples and the students of Jesus, we must get to know Him better. It’s how we learn to live the Christian life to its fullest.

So, how well do you know Jesus?

United Women in Faith Donations

United Women in Faith donations were delivered to Waseca Public Schools and Waseca Area Care-giver Services. For WIS the money is being used for after school bus tokens. For Hartley the money is being used for the food cart for six children in need; there are 14 children still unable to receive snacks at this time. For WACS the money is being used for the Some Time Away program supplies.



Left to right: Sherry Scholljegerdes, Ben O'Brien (Hartley Principal), Linda Griffin



Left to right: Sherry Scholljegerdes, Kelly Boeddeker, Pam Rudolph



Left to right: John Huttemier (WIS Principal), Linda Griffin, Sherry Scholljegerdes

Conversation at the Crossroads

Below you will find the responses we received to the two question survey we distributed in September. Our next step in the Conversation at the Crossroads process will be to do "Asset Mapping" where we will meet as a congregation in small groups to list our strengths and gifts and how we can use those strengths and gifts to do something for our community. We plan to do this on a Sunday during fellowship after the first of the year. We will ask Pastor Cindy Gregorson to come to help lead this.

Survey question 1 – When you think about our church, what brings us joy?

Responses

1. My family – people.
2. The people (fellowship)
3. Our church building always feels like a 2nd home – but our church family is what we cherish ... so that's JOY – when we're working together to serve people, for example at a funeral lunch, that is the epitome of joy.
4. Many things, people (friends), by the lake, peaceful time.
5. Friendly members, everyone talks to you.
6. See each other – worship together.
7. How to be growing in Holy Spirit – directions on how to make it happen.
8. The congregation in the church is very helpful and friendly.
9. The people – working at supporting each other – spending time together while helping others.
10. I think of church every day.
11. Music, whether it be the choir or special music or the congregation singing. Passing the peace or just saying good morning to each other.
12. To see how much the church family cares for one another. In times of need or family crises they are there with donations of money, food, special ask or fundraisers. Also follow-up from the congregation after to see if there is anything else they could do to help out.
13. Hearing the word of God – Sunday – Bible Studies.
14. Bringing new members into our church – especially younger families. Brining old members back.
15. We feel joy when we worship together on Sunday morning, join in fellowship after the service to visit and support all who join in and their families.
16. My church family, how they give support in Christ to all no matter what. Our pastor's sermons bring joy.
17. The friendship and caring people helping others.

Survey question 2 – If we could do one thing for our community with our gifts, what would it be?**Responses**

1. Something involving Bible study, coffee and food of some kind, and lots of good conversation – and top it off with prayers.
2. Hope we could join more small churches!!
3. Help seniors in need.
4. Support caregivers.
6. Have a party for young married couples. Offer church free for weddings – advertise it.
7. Invite others to church on Sunday.
8. Help one of the organizations here that are helping people.
9. We have a mitten tree but how about adding a coat tree? We could all buy one coat of all sizes. How about doing more like “Toys for Tots” and stuff for young adults.
10. To be creative with programs, needs of others to help the need of the community other times than Christmas. We could have a collection of old clothes, coats and promote these to the community that they are available. The food box is a good example that there should have a picture in the paper with a story to get the information out into the community. Maybe there needs to be a PR group to promote the church
11. Support the food shelf.
12. Help families in need of food and other necessities.
13. To be a good shining example in Christ to all. Support our community functions and our school students.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 20 at 2:30 pm** in the Gathering Room. Our hostess will be Sandy Voshell.

Sherry Scholljegerdes will provide the program. Guests and visitors are welcome to come!.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 12 at 1:30 pm** at Colony Court. **Please note the time and location change.**

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on Monday, November 4.