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"Engage, Equip, and Empower!"*

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

I was having lunch one recent Sunday after worship and fellowship when I received a call from one of our local nursing homes. A nurse explained to me that they had a resident who was actively dying. She said that the family had told her that this resident, didn't attend church but was a Methodist. The nurse asked if I would come and pray with the resident. Of course, I said yes. When I got to the resident's room, they were sleeping peacefully. They looked very comfortable and content. Their breathing was soft, slow and steady. I sat with the resident, took their hand and prayed. I prayed that Jesus would guide them safely from this life to the next. I prayed a thanksgiving over their life, and I prayed for their family. Then I sat quietly with them for a while and left my card for the family in case they needed me.

In my twenty plus years of ministry, being with the dying and their families have been the most holy and blessed times. In these moments, I have felt like I was a conduit of God's love and the grace and peace of Jesus. I know many of you have had this experience as well. It can be an uncomfortable time, wondering what to say, what to do, but the most important thing is to simply be present. Saying nothing and just being there. Sometimes, when in the home of someone who is dying, and their family is gathered round, I find a corner, out of the way to simply be present. Maybe they will want me to pray, maybe not, I am there to provide the support they need and simply remind them they are loved by God and God will walk with them through their grief.

Times such as these remind me of the seasons of life we all go through. They are so much like the seasons of the year we experience. Now, in the season of fall, we experience many changes, the temperatures are falling as are the leaves, but not before showing us their majestic colors. Every season has its highlights, things we look forward to and the same is true of our seasons of life. We may not want to think about it, but there comes a time when we all will walk through "the valley of the shadow of death" but remember, "Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me" we are not alone in this season, and what waits for us is more beautiful than we can imagine. And so we ask, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

And so, as I sit with one of God's beautiful children, as watch as they slowly make the transition into glory, I give thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I know who I am, and whose I am, and can walk confidently into the future, knowing my Lord is by my side.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

Special Points of Interest:

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

Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

9:00 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: Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, government officials, 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 9:00 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 October 19 through October 21.

Thank You

The family of John Slattery would like to offer their deep appreciation for all the prayers, support and love shown to John and to Jean as he traveled his life path to Jesus. I am blessed to have all of you as my church family. Thank you in Jesus' name.

Thank You

Thank you to all members who sent cards and presents to help me celebrate my 101st birthday. It meant so much to me. I miss you all.

Also, thank you to the Membership Care committee for sending me cards each month. I really appreciate it.

Nina Youngberg

Financial Update

We are into the third quarter of 2022. Looking at the finances of Faith Church, we will get by this year by using some of the savings that we have to meet the ongoing operating expenses including our apportionments. But next year we need to do better for our giving. Later this fall, we will ask for your pledges for 2023.

Halloween Party

We are going to have a Halloween Party for our children and youth and any friends they want to invite on Saturday, October 29th. We plan to have a meal, pumpkin decorating, games and more! If you would like to volunteer to help or donate some funds for the party, it would be appreciated! Stay tuned for more information.

Ruth Circle

The August and September circle meetings programs were power point presentations on Roberta's trip to Turkey. The first presentation was on a ten day road trip visiting Mosques, The Seven Churches in Revelation, Virgin Mary's home and abandoned caves.

The second presentation was more about life in Turkey and things Roberta experienced in Ankara, the capital of Turkey.

The next meeting will be October 11th. More information will appear in the church bulletin.

Did You Miss It?

The potluck after church on September 11 was a great success. It included fresh sweet corn on the cob along with the many dishes and desserts that families brought. The corn was young and sweet and when the lunch was over, the corn was all gone! Thanks to everyone who helped make the potluck successful. If you weren't able to be part of it this month, be sure you don't miss the next one. No date has been set for the next one, but you can be sure there will be another potluck!

Sunday School

Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Linda Griffin and Stacy True will continue to take turns each month leading Sunday School.

There is a children's activity table available in the back of the sanctuary on Sundays when Sunday school is not in session. The table will contain quiet activities that children may enjoy during the worship service.

United Women in Faith Mission Giving

Mission giving is a primary focus of United Methodist Women, now known as United Women in Faith. Concerns range from many global efforts to local needs; with this in mind - and in our hearts—we are aware of the opportunity to contribute to Waseca Public Schools. Answering this continuing call to service, our August meeting of Faith UWF/UMW included the decision to donate checks in the amount of \$300 to both Hartley Elementary for their students' morning snack cart, and also to Waseca Intermediate School for their Angel Fund (which helps to bridge the gap for students who occasionally lack adequate funds for meals) and for the Smart Bus which helps students needing rides home following after-school enrichment programs. Our Faith Unit President, Sherry Scholljegerdes, and Secretary, Linda Griffin, visited both schools and presented the monetary gifts to the respective principals. It is always a blessing to accept their sincere gratitude for helping Waseca kids.

Autumn Fest

The United Women in Faith held the Autumn Fest on Saturday, September 10th.

There were lots of cookies for the Cookie Sale and sure want to thank those who made the cookies.

The Bake Sale had a variety of what looked like some tasty baked goods for sale. Thanks to those who helped out by baking some great treats.

There were a lot of items for the garage sale. Thanks to all those closets, cupboards and sheds. There were a few things left over and a half price sale was held on the following Saturday.

Everyone worked hard to make this our BIGGEST AND BEST Autumn Fest. It may not have topped off last year's sale, but, boy did we come close! Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this a successful Autumn Fest.

Enough was made to support the United Women in Faith missions for next year.

Waseca United Women In Faith Quarterly Meeting
August 15, 2022

The Waseca United Women in Faith met on Monday, August 15, 2022 in the Waseca Faith United Methodist Church fellowship room at 10:00 am. Nine members and 1 guest were present. Sherry Scholljegerdes opened the meeting with everyone singing The Johnny Appleseed Song. Elizabeth Circle provided the snacks and coffee and water.

Elaine Spain gave an informative presentation on her trip to the Holy Land. She showed many pictures on her computer to us about many areas of The Holy Land.

Business Meeting:

Linda Griffin did the devotions. She also read the Secretary's Report.
Sandy Voshell presented the Treasurer's Report.

Sandy Voshell read three Thank yous. One note was a thank you from Janette and Bob Larson. One note and a donation was from Elaine Westrum's family. Sherry Jones sent a thank you note for the three ladies who died from our church and a donation.

Sandy Voshell made a motion to give \$300 to the Hartley Elementary School for the snack cart and to the Waseca Intermediate School for The Angel Fund. Mary Jane Stauffer seconded the motion. The vote was approved by everyone.

New Business:

The Ruth Church circle will meet on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 in the Waseca UMC fellowship room at 1:00 pm. Roberta Walker will give a presentation on her trip to Turkey. Linda Griffin will give the devotion.

Autumn Fest garage sale, cookie sale, bake sale will be on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need workers. Also, remember to bring your garage sale items now. Anyone can bake goodies for the bake sale.

September 17, 2022 SP Gathering Blue Earth from 8:30am – 3:00 PM.

October 1, 2022 United Women in Faith Conference Gathering at Waseca, Mn Faith United Methodist Church from 8:30Am – 3:00 pm.

October 6, 2022 Upper Room planning meeting at Waseca Faith UMC for November Bazaar at 10:00 am. November 5, 2022 Bazaar (soup luncheon and pie). Pastor Carolyn closed the meeting with a prayer.

Your Secretary,
Linda Griffin

Please Stay Home if You are Sick

To keep all of us safe, please stay home from church if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

When you do come to church or visit the church building, please remember to wear a mask at all times.

If you are unable to attend worship, you may view the service online via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website, wasecafaithumc.com. The service is also aired on the local PEG television, channel #8 at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM

Thursday 4:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Saturday 6:00 PM

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. Someone from MVAC will pick up the items monthly.

Autumn Word Search



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

WIF Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 19 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room. Our hostess will be Andrea Johnson and Mary Stauffer will lead devotions. Guests and Visitors are welcome!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 pm.**

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet every Monday in October **except** Monday, October 31 (Halloween).