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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



# Faith Messenger



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*Faith United Methodist Church  
"Engage, Equip, and Empower!"*

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## From the Pastor's Desk

When I think about our church, my heart is filled with joy. I remember the day my family and I first arrived here. I remember the kind words and the heartfelt actions that made us feel like we truly belonged. Just like the "Welcome" sign above the stairs leading down to the fellowship hall, your kindness and hospitality shine brightly. Your hospitality shared by you have been a blessing to us, like a guiding light. Your warm smiles and kind words made us feel truly welcome. Just like the beautiful view of the lake surrounding our church, your love and hospitality have brought peace and comfort to my heart.

As I reflect on how I can use my gifts to serve our community, one simple but powerful thought comes to mind: the gift of a warm welcome. Every Sunday, I make it a priority to greet each of you with a handshake and a smile, both before and after worship. After the service, I enjoy joining different tables in the fellowship hall, spending time in conversation with each of you. These moments are more than just routine—they are opportunities to connect, to listen, and to share the love of Christ.

I am reminded of my time as a chaplain in the South Korea Air Force, when a young soldier once told me, "I come to church because I feel welcomed by your warm greeting." That simple act made a difference in his life, just as it can for others. It is a reminder that we can share God's love through the smallest of gestures, and those gestures can have a lasting impact. Let us continue to be a welcoming community that shares God's love through simple gestures, like a handshake, a smile, and a kind word. Let us continue to be a church where everyone feels embraced, loved, and welcomed.

With sincere love and gratitude,

Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

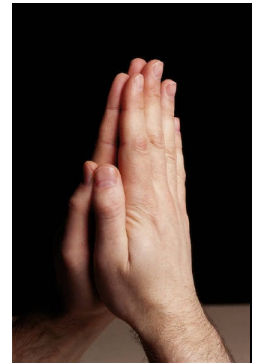
## Prayer Requests

**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 October 14 through 18. 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).

## Trunk or Treat

It has been decided that we will **not** host a trunk or treat event. We did not have enough people sign up to go forward with this event. That being said, if anyone is interested in participating in a trunk or treat event, we encourage you to reach out to area churches who are participating by either donating candy or providing a trunk at one of their events. You could also check with area nursing homes to see if they are hosting trick-or-treating and if they need volunteers or candy donations.

## Financial Update - Through September

We are just about three-fourths of the way through the year, and our finances look pretty good. We are optimistic that we will not have to have a special ask this fall. All of the bills are paid and up to date including our conference apportionments. Life is good!

## Youth Group

We are excited to announce our first youth group meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 30** from **7:00 to 8:30 pm**. We will plan to meet once per month, the last Wednesday evening of the month. Youth group will be led by Jarod and Stacy True. This is open to all youth ages 10 to 18. You may also invite a friend to come along if you wish. We plan to meet in the old Hansel & Gretel playroom, but will meet you in the narthex at 7:00. Hope to see you there!

## One Minute Devotion

### ***You Delight God! 2 Samuel 22:20***

Did you have someone in your life, maybe a grandparent, whose face would light up when they saw you? How good it makes you feel inside. That's how God sees you. He will rescue you when needed because he delights in you.

*100 Minutes with God; 1 Minute Daily Devotions of Timeless Inspiration by Susan Grant*

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, September 10, 2024 in the Gathering Room.

Linda was hostess. The table was very colorful, decorated with fall colors. The bakery items were tasty and we were treated with candy corn, nuts and grapes. It definitely was a fall gathering.

Roberta read the minutes from the last meeting and inquired if anyone would like to take over the secretary position.

Nancy reviewed the sunshine report and it was decided to donate to the Waseca Food Shelf.

Ruth Circle will be hostess at the UWIF (UMW) Unit meeting on October 21st. There will be election of officers and A World Thank Offering presentation.

It would be great if we could get lots of women of the church to attend the meeting.

To encourage the fellowship with the women, it was decided to do a fun activity, 'FALL FUN AT FAITH'; there will be more information soon.

Ruth Circle discussed the Fall Bazaar and decided it was an important event to have. It will be held on Saturday, November 2nd.

The next circle meeting will be October 8th at 1:00 in The Gathering Room. Lorraine and Vada will be hostess and Roberta will have the program.

Jean S.'s program was interesting and it brought on a lot of discussion. 'Learning'.

God's extraordinary promises and exciting stories of biblical heroes. As their knowledge deepens, they can begin to comprehend the consequences of sin, their need of repentance, and the joy found in trusting God. The first chapter of Proverbs, for instance is a great introduction to the benefits of wisdom (Proverbs 1:1-7. Nuggets of wisdom found here shine a light of understanding on real life situation.

Developing a love of learning- especially about spiritual truths- help us to grow stronger in our faith. And those who have walked in faith for decades can continue to pursue knowledge of God throughout their life. Proverbs 1:5 advises, "Let the wise listen and add to their learning." God will never stop teaching us if we're willing to open our heart and mind to his guidance and instruction.

When asked how to become a journalist, a man shared the story of his mother's dedication to his pursuit of education. While traveling on the subway each day, she collected newspapers left behind on the seats and gave them to him. While he especially enjoyed reading about sports, the papers also introduced him to knowledge about the world, which ultimately opened his mind to a vast range of interests.

Children are wired with natural curiosity and a love for learning, so introducing them to the Scriptures at an early age is of great value. They become intrigued by God's extraordinary promises and exciting stories of biblical heroes. As their knowledge deepens, they can begin to comprehend the consequences of sin, their need of repentance, and the joy in trusting God.

## United Women In Faith

The purpose United Women In Faith (formerly UMW) is to offer Christian friendship and fellowship, emphasizing spiritual growing, practice our faith, supporting each other and those in need around us, affirming the love of God for all humankind, participating in the local and global missions of our church, advocating for our children and children everywhere and joining with a sisterhood of Christian women worldwide to fulfill God's mission.

### **FALL BAZAAR**

United Women In Faith (formerly UMW) is sponsoring a Fall Bazaar **Saturday, November 2nd**.

There will be a Luncheon, bake sale with a variety of home baked items and the famous Cookie Sale. The sales will start at 10:00 and the luncheon will be from 11:00 until 1:00.

Please consider helping out and then come, do some shopping and sit down for a wonderful meal while visiting with friends.

Proceeds will help support the missions and ministries of United Women In Faith.

Watch for articles in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.

Again, we are looking forward to the **BIGGEST AND BEST BAZAAR!**

### **FALL UWIF UNIT MEETING**

The fall United Women In Faith (formerly UMW) unit meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 21st at 1:00**.

There will be a short meeting, election of officers and World Thank offering.

We are calling this; 'FALL FUN AT FAITH'. We want this to be a fun gathering.

All Faith women are invited to join us. Bring a friend. We are thinking of a fun game of bingo and a tasty treat.

Let us know if you can join us. You will hear more about this in the upcoming weeks.

## Traditional Christian Hymns Word Search

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A Mighty FORTRESS Is Our God  
All Hail the POWER of Jesus' Name

Amazing GRACE

Because He LIVES

BLESSED Assurance

Christ the Lord Is RISEN Today

Great Is Thy FAITHFULNESS

How GREAT Thou Art

HOLY, Holy, Holy

How Firm a FOUNDATION

It Is WELL with My Soul

JOYFUL, Joyful, We Adore Thee

What a FRIEND We Have in Jesus

When I SURVEY the Wondrous Cross

### Instructions:

Find and circle the words in ALL CAPS listed above. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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## 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.**

## 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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## Change Service Requested

**Come Worship with Us**  
We have room.

### MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

#### **Elizabeth Circle**

Elizabeth Circle will **not** meet in October.

#### **Ruth Circle**

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 8** at **1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. Lorraine and Vada will be hostess and Roberta will do the program.

#### **Conversation, Bible & Friends**

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on Monday, October 21.