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Differences

By Henri J.M. Nouwen

When we give up our desires to be outstanding or different when we let go of our need to have our own special niches in life, when our main concern is to be the same and to live out this sameness in solidarity, we are then able to see each other's unique gifts. Gathered together in common vulnerability, we discover how much we have to give each other. The Christian community is the opposite of a highly uniform group of people whose behavior has been toned down to a common denominator and whose originality has been dulled.

On the contrary, the Christian community, gathered in common discipleship, is the place where individual gifts can be called forth and put into service for all. It belongs to the essence of this new togetherness that our unique talents are no longer objects of competition but elements of community, no longer qualities that divide but gifts that unite.

When we have discovered that our sense of self does not depend on our differences and that our self-esteem is based on a love much deeper than the praise that can be acquired by unusual performances, we can see our unique talents as gifts for others. Then, too, we will notice that the sharing of our gifts does not diminish our own value as persons but enhances it.

In community, the particular talents of the individual members become like the little stones that form a great mosaic. The fact that a little gold, blue, or red piece is part of a splendid mosaic makes it not less but more valuable because it contributes to an image much greater than itself. Thus, our dominant feeling toward each other can shift from jealousy to gratitude. With increasing clarity, we can see the beauty in each other and call it forth so that it may become a part of our total life together.

Both sameness and uniqueness can be affirmed in community. When we unmask the illusion that a person is the difference she or he makes, we can come together on the basis of our common human brokenness and our common need for healing. Then we also can come to the marvelous realization that hidden in the ground on which we walk together are the talents that we can offer to each other.

Community, as a new way of being together, leads to the discovery or rediscovery of each other's hidden talents and makes us realize our own unique contribution to the common life.

Nouwen reminds us that our individual gifts and graces are not for our own egos to be stroked but are to be blended with the other gifts of the community of Christ for the good of the Body of Christ. Celebrate your gifts but use them to serve others.

Pastor Victor

Special Points of Interest:

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

Administrative Assistant

Office Hours

Beginning Sept. 11

Mon. through Thurs.

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fri. 8:30 a.m. 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, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke, Peter and Verna Fog

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: the Hering Family, the Pommerenke Family, Darla Dahnert, Marilyn and Dan Possin, Shelley King.



Administrative Assistant Hours

September 5 through September 8, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant will be working the hours of 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Beginning September 11, Stacy's hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Faith Crafters & Stickers

Our September meeting for Faith Crafters and Stickers will be on **Thursday, September 14**, from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a project you would like to work on or ideas for Bazaar 2017. Coffee and snacks will be served. Please call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

Linda & Sherry are Teaching

Living well with Chronic Conditions is an evidence based program from Stanford University. It is for six weeks starting **Monday, October 9** from **10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Waseca Library. It is an engaging and information series. Hope you will take advantage of it. Sign up with Sherry S. (835-4304) or Linda L. (835-1917).

Trustee Meeting

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, September 21** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room.

Understanding Your Giving Statement

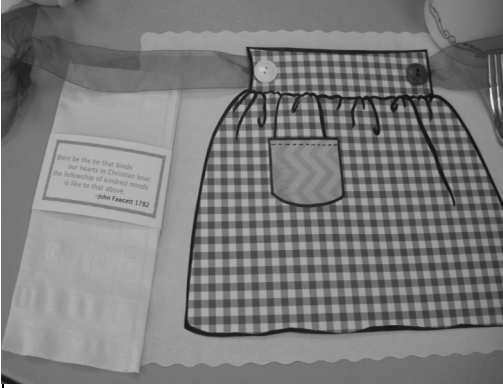
Your quarterly giving statement that is sent to you may cause you some confusion. The statement shows the statement period at the top of the sheet followed by 2 or 3 sections. The 1st section lists the months and your total giving for each month during the statement period. The 2nd section labeled "Amount You Have Paid" shows all the different funds and their totals you gave to during the statement period. The total of all these funds should equal the total given in the 1st section. For those of you who made a pledge there is a 3rd section labeled "Your Pledge". This section shows the (up to 3) accounts you made a pledge to and the total amounts "received" by the church. These accounts may also appear in the 2nd section and one would think that the total "received" should be the same as the total "paid" in the 2nd section. But this may not be the case. The 2nd section shows totals only for the statement period whereas the Pledge section includes not only money given during the statement period but also any money given between the end of the statement period and the date the statement was printed and mailed to you. If you were confused hopefully this explanation helps.

Thank You

To our dear Faith Church family we offer heartfelt thanks for all the kindness shown to us in recent months. As our son David suffered several strokes and the devastating after-effects, we walked that journey with him; so did you. Prayers, kindnesses, hugs, cards, gifts of food, and sympathizing hearts were and are what sustained all of us in our hopes for his recovery and ultimately our sadness that it was not to be. We are grateful beyond mere words for your love and comfort.

So many times we've wondered if he really knew how much we loved him. So many times we've recalled the beautiful tributes spoken at the Memorial Service and Pastor Victor's words of assurance...and we believed David could see and hear it all from his vantage point in heaven. But the nagging thought occurred to me again Sunday afternoon as I re-read the cards in the basket and looked for the dozenth time at the photos needing to be replaced in the albums...does he know? God answered my question in a burst of Grace...the words of the old hymn came to me, something like this: "Farther along, we'll know all about it. Farther along we'll understand why. Cheer up, my brothers, live in the sunshine, We'll understand it all, by and by." Now I know that Dave has reached his 'Farther along' place, and he absolutely does know all about it, including how much he is loved and how much we miss him. That gives us peace.

Karen & Vern and all the family of
David B. Ferch



UMW Guest Night 2017



Nurse's Notes: Breast Exams

Three Steps to Finding Breast Cancer Early

Step 1 Mammograms

Yearly mammograms are recommended starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health.



Step 2 Clinical Breast Exam

Clinical breast exams by your doctor or nurse should be part of a periodic health exam, about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and every year for women 40 and older.

Step 3 Breast Self Awareness

Women should know how their breasts normally feel and report any breast change promptly to their doctor or nurse. Breast self-exam is an option for women starting in their 20s.



Women at Increased Risk

Women at increased risk (e.g., family history, genetic tendency, past breast cancer) should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammograms earlier or having additional tests such as breast ultrasound and MRI.

Why Should I Do?

Mammograms find breast cancer one to three years before a lump can be felt in the breast. When found in its earliest stages the chance for successful treatment is greatest.

Clinical Breast Exams are important as the clinician is more experienced in recognizing changes in the breast tissue. Ask for a breast exam if not offered.

Lumps can be found by women as the mammogram is not perfect. Monthly self breast exams are important.

ATTENTION MEN -

Men can get breast cancer. Checking around and over nipples, periodically, is a good idea.

Facts:

- More than 8 out of 10 breast cancers occur in women who have no family history.
- 1/4 of breast cancer occurs in women under 50.
- Annual mammograms starting at 40 and continue for as long as you are in good health.

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN
Parish Nurse



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**UMW Unit Meeting
August 21, 2017**

Welcome/Open with Prayer- Sherry Scholljegerdes

Hostesses – Elizabeth Circle – Thank You for Cup Cakes and Ice Cream!! yummy

Program - “The Story of Stuff” Slide presentation on a Pollution Act! Very thought provoking. We do need to be better stewards and we need to be aware of our resources.

Business Meeting

Secretary Report -Shirley Burdick – Approved

Treasurer's Report – Sandy Voshell – Approved

**Correspondance- Thank you cards from Sandy Rieck Family,
Bruce Herring family, Buster Broughten family,
Gloria Pommerenke family**

Old Business

**Report on Youth Mission Trip sponsored by our UMW – 3 youth attended
Guest Night- report of 58 attended and fun had by all with program by
Jan Jerdee & Company, “A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE”
plus many wonderful desserts!!!!
Emma Norton celebrates 99 years birthday!**

New Business

**Nominations discussion took place with results to be announce at next Mtg
Bazaar will be November 4th
Discussion took place about purchasing kitchen items- Mary Jane Stauffer
will check on cost of needed items, such as silverware, coffee craft,
smaller pans, pans for buns, etc.
School Supplies – Linda Lohse**

Important Dates

**September 16 – Southern Prairie District Meeting at Redwood Falls....
“If You Want to Go Far, Go Together” Retired Pastor -Gwen Bohlk –Yenya
October 7 Annual Gathering Bishop Bruce Ough – Hutchinson Vinyard UMC**

**Living Well with Chronic Conditions starting Oct. 9
10:00 – 11:30 @ Waseca Public Library. Sign up with Sherry or Linda**

Shirley Burdick, UMW Secretary 2017

Bible Word Search:
TRUST IN THE LORD
(PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV)

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STRAIGHT

TRUST

UNDERSTANDING

WAYS

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet
Wednesday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m.
in the Lakeview Room. Guests and
visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday,**
September 12 from **10:30 a.m. to Noon**
at the home of Margaret Hasslen. All are
welcome to attend.