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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

To Be Determined



**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Ones,

It's September! How did that happen? Is it just me or does time go by faster and faster the older you get?

I am looking forward to our getting acquainted meetings. Kirk will be at most of them with me so you will be able to get to know him as well. Some of you have asked if we will be seeing him on Sundays. Unfortunately, that will not happen as Kirk is also a pastor and serves the United Methodist congregations at Sargent and Brownsdale.

In September, I generally start to think about what is going to be happening in the new year. I want us to keep moving forward despite our COVID19 restrictions. Here is a short devotion on moving forward using scripture from the prophet Isaiah.

*Do not remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert..." - Isaiah 43:18-19*

God does not want us to be backward looking, going through life looking in the rear vision mirror. But we so often can't help ourselves. We remember the hurts of the past and the mistakes we made.

It's time now to look ahead and focus on what's before us. God wants to do a new thing in our lives. He wants us to rise up to our full potential in Him. He has called us to do mighty things. He will even make a way when we feel lost, and refresh us when we're burning in the heat.

We have got to keep on moving forward. It's only in moving forward that we can ever accomplish what God has called us to. We can't stay where we're at, nor can we go backwards. The only direction we can go is forward. Yes, it can be hard—but it's the only way if we want to move on in God and grow.

*Don't be afraid to keep moving on,  
For what was before, now has gone—  
God wants to accomplish so much more,  
But we need to move forward in the Lord.*

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Friends, I look forward to "moving forward" with you and with God's help. My prayer is that we discern God's call, and that we believe that the best is yet to be!

Blessings,  
Pastor Carolyn

## Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Colony Court:** Muriel Jenkins

**Foxdale:** Joe & Gloria Tollefson

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Michael Schumacher, Barbara Friedl, Ken & Marlys Garness, Ruby & Kevin Teague, Molly Zak, Shirley Hansen, 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

Please watch the bulletin for updates to Stacy's hours. Hours will change after Labor Day and will depend on the school schedule. At the time of the printing of the newsletter, the school schedule had not been finalized.

## Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be one person to a table. Please wear a mask.

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on Monday, September 7 (Labor Day).

## Trustee Meeting

Trustees will meet **Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask.

## Garage Sale at Faith

Due to the coronavirus the United Methodist Women (UMW) will not be hosting the Fall Bazaar. The money raised from the bazaar in the past has funded UMW, which covered our missions for the year. UMW is looking at ways to raise funds for the budget.

One of the ways will be a garage sale sponsored by UMW. It will be held **Saturday, September 12** from **9:00 to 1:00** in the church parking lot.

We are asking the congregation to donate items for the sale and to please drop them off at the church fellowship hall Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the sale.



**Reduce your risk of falls by**  
**Improving**  
**balance, muscle strength, flexibility and mobility through**  
**coordinated movements in a slow, circular, flowing motion.**  
**Relax and have fun with Tai Chi!**

WACS is offering On-Site and Zoom classes for those who would like to take them in the comfort of their own home.

Unfamiliar with Zoom? Join us **Thursday, September 10** at 8-9 AM, 1-2 PM, or 4-5 PM to learn how to use it.

On-site classes follow State of MN Executive Order Safety Guidelines.

**Date:** Starts Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 1-2 PM or 4-5 PM

**Location:** Every Monday & Thursday, for 12 weeks. On-site classes are held at Waseca Area Caregiver facility, 113 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW Waseca, MN

**Attire:** Wear comfortable, cotton exercise clothing; dress light

**Cost:** \$ 35 for all 12 weeks, paid before or at the 1<sup>st</sup> class. Checks payable to: Waseca Area Caregiver Services

**Teacher:** Kelly Boeddeker

**Prerequisites:** No experience necessary! These exercises can be done in an armless chair or with support of a chair.

**TO Register:** please call 507-201-7033 or email at [wasecacs@outlook.com](mailto:wasecacs@outlook.com)

## Devotionals to Combat Fear in the Time of Covid-19

Dear Ones, as we continue to live in a time of COVID-19, we might need our faith shored up. Here are two devotionals to help us combat our feelings of fear and help us hold tight to our faith in Jesus Christ.

### **We are a people of faith, not a people of fear!**

The scripture reads “Yea though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death” not “Yea though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of no toilet paper.”

Our faith is being tested. Passing or failing, your response will mark a significant milestone in your walk of faith. But even more importantly, how you deal with this test is your Christian witness!

In times like these, people will notice someone who responds differently than the crowd. True faith is the thing that empowers us to respond differently. This is not to say we will not have anxious feelings or experience moments of doubt, but ultimately our response should be grounded in God’s promises.

Real Faith is believing God’s promises are more real than anything we can see or feel in this world...and that includes the Coronavirus and empty shelves in the toilet paper aisle.

2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we live by faith and not by sight.”

### **RESPONDING TO CORONAVIRUS DEVOTIONAL: FAITH OVER FEAR**

By [Destiny Gonzalez](#) | March 13th, 2020

*On the day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”* [Mark 4:35-41](#)

This story holds a profound lesson challenging our response to fear.

It is important to recognize that the fear in this story was *valid*. This is not a story about irrational anxiety. Notice the language in the text describing “a great windstorm,” “the waves beat[ing] the boat” and “that the boat was already being swamped.” This was real. The disciples were lifelong fishermen who knew the sea and could recognize genuine danger, and they were convinced they’d die.

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This makes the contrast with Jesus all the more remarkable. Look at how Jesus acted: “He was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.” Mark paints a picture of serenity, but one surrounded by chaos. I wonder how the disciples viewed Jesus at this moment. He was one of the few in the boat who was not a trained fisherman. Perhaps they viewed his nonchalant attitude as a symptom of ignorance rather than an enduring sign of faith. They faced real danger, one they expertly understood, while their teacher seemed oblivious and out of touch.

It was at that moment Jesus awoke. I like to picture Him slowly sitting up, maybe stretching for a moment and then stepping out to command the waves to “be still!” Instantly, the wind died and seas calmed. At His word. The very word that spoke the sea into existence.

His question is one we must all answer, “Why are you afraid?”

Take a moment and ask yourself.

Fear can be a symptom of a lack of faith. It is human to imagine a worst-case scenario occurring in the future—whether a pandemic, economic collapse or something else entirely. But, do we remember that God will be with us in that future? Do we see only waves or is our attention fixed on Jesus who still rests in the boat? Fear is a form of thinking in which when we imagine a future in which God will not be present. Even in a “worst-case scenario,” Jesus has a funny habit of showing up and transforming into something else entirely.

This does not negate the reality of human suffering and grief. Jesus repeatedly demonstrates His compassion for those suffering. Furthermore, we should not feel condemned for the fear we feel. It’s natural to worry and, no matter how strong your faith, you’ll probably still deal with it to some extent. But this does challenge us to lift our perspective so we are not *defined* by fear. No matter what occurs in this life, Jesus—the very Word of God—is still with us. He still has authority over the storm, and He has conquered death itself. We may go through trials, but we live in hope.

It is all-too-easy and all-too-human to let fear grow bigger than God. Like the disciples, we follow Jesus during everyday life, but what happens when a storm appears out of nowhere and threatens to swamp us? How do we view Jesus? As a man who doesn’t understand the danger of the situation? Or as a God who reigns over all the earth? Our perspective changes everything.

## UMW Meeting Minutes

Faith United Methodist Church UMW Unit Meeting  
Monday August 17, 2020

The UMW Unit meeting was held on Monday August 17, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Waseca Faith United Methodist Church fellowship room. Karen Ferch called the meeting to order. 11 ladies were present. Sherry Scholljegerdes gave the opening prayer. We listened to Karen Ferch read the United Methodist Women Purpose. Then everyone picked up their coffee, water, and muffins from the counter.

Sherry Scholljegerdes presented the program "Learning To Be A Light" with several songs. Linda Griffin read the secretary's report. Sandy Voshell gave the treasurer's report and a note from the district treasurer saying our UMW is a 5 star unit.

### NEW BUSINESS:

UMW Nominating Committee ( Lorraine W., Edy B., Lucille Y.) Charge: to recruit and formulate list of UMW Officers for 2021.

Arrive at 2021 Budget for UMW, to be voted on at November 2020 meeting.

Bazaar issue – COVID-19 Pandemic, cannot hold our annual bazaar. To discuss ideas for possible money earning avenues, inviting our people to contribute monies they would spend on ingredients for baked goods, cookies, lunch items, crafts, etc. We discussed having a church parking lot garage sale on September 12, 2020.

Misc. items: Special Mission Recognition for the New Year.

Southern Prairie Zoom meeting on September 19, 2020. Deb Anderson is the host.

Next Unit Meeting Date: Executive Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall on November 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

UMW Unit meeting will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss: Election of 2021 Officers.  
Approve 2021 Calendar  
World Thank Offering.

Karen Ferch closed the meeting with a prayer.

Your secretary,  
Linda Griffin

# Autumn Word Search



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**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle September meeting to be determined.

**Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle September meeting to be determined.