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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 - 12:30 pm



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From the Pastor's Desk

As May began, I looked back on my journey over the past four months in 2024. It was a time filled with abundant love and grace that God gave to my family and me. May is especially meaningful for me and my family. Because my family is visiting Korea together for the first time in 5 years. I am very much looking forward to spending time with my parents in Korea.

The Lord speaks to us in this season. *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love"*(1 John 4:7-8, NIV).

I try to explain what love is, my mind becomes complicated. Love is something beyond logical explanations. As I became humbler, I realized that I was not worthy of love. But what's truly overwhelming is God's love. The Bible continues to say that God loves me, but why does the Lord love me? No matter how much I think about it, I cannot figure out why. Nevertheless, God's will is clear. God wants us to love one another. Despite our shortcomings and weaknesses, the Lord wants us to love one another. But we don't know how to love ourselves, much less how to love others. Sometimes I think I'm acting out of love, it often leaves me with deeper wounds. How do we express love? As God's Word dictates, all we can hope for is to love. We want to learn how to love. I hope we learn how to love ourselves first. This doesn't mean you should be selfish or self-centered. I pray that I will be a person who knows how to treat myself well. I hope you do too. We are all good people. Despite our imperfections and faults, we are good people. I hope we all encourage and love each other and realize the heart of the Lord. So, I hope you hear the good news that this kind of love is bearing fruit in your home, workplace, and church.

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:

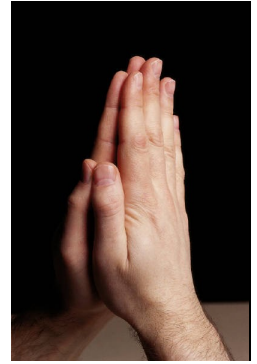
Colony Court: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

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



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's summer hours will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 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. Please note that Stacy will be out of the office June 10 through June 14.**

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
 Michelle Hyatt
 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.**

Potluck

On Sunday, June 9, we will be having a potluck following worship service to welcome Pastor Dong and his family into the church. We will also celebrate the graduation of his son, Daniel, during this time.

Two large cakes will be provided for the potluck. One to welcome Pastor Dong and his family, and one to honor the graduate, Daniel. Therefore, the Leadership Team is requesting that you bring dishes other than desserts to fill out the meal for the potluck.

June Communion

We will be having communion on June 9 after Pastor Dong returns from vacation.

Elizabeth Circle

How can a small group of women have such a good time on a Wednesday afternoon? Any of our members of Elizabeth Circle would be happy to tell you...Take a beautiful room with a view of the lake, a lovely big table--so prettily set with floral dishes, placemats and napkins; comfy chairs, and a hostess who serves generous slices of dessert, mixed nuts, and coffee. Just when you think that's all there is, no...throw in a generous amount of lively conversation, laughter, a lesson (today's Devotions centered around "How to Live Through a Bad Day" and on a serious note we heard Scripture passages beginning with the Bible account of a very bad day which ultimately led to Easter morning when our Savior Jesus showed the world that Death is not the final victor.) Our discussion was lively and interesting as we shared some of our experiences with 'bad days' as well as very good days.

The business end of meetings is usually brief but important. We have a Sunshine Fund which is kept going with a \$1.00 donation we each contribute at meetings. These dollars enable us to remember our Honorary members (2) occasionally with treats or flowers or small items to let them know they are not forgotten.

There are always opportunities for women to venture beyond Waseca to other churches in our Southern Prairie District or sites hosting Women of Faith gatherings.

Suffice it to say that we always do have a business meeting at Circle; we do have a definite purpose as United Methodist Women after all; it is our aim, simply put, to help make the world a better place as our sphere of influence dictates.

It would be a mistake to say that Circles are all about fun and games...and no, hostesses do not have to go all out with decor or with refreshments...the important element is to be together for a couple of hours for fellowship, sharing of prayer concerns, some learning and bonding as Christian sisters.

We cordially invite you--Faith Methodist women of any age--to come and visit a Circle meeting...just drop in and visit. Elizabeth Circle meets the third Wednesdays each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Room. We guarantee you will be welcomed and invited to come back again.

--Karen Ferch, Secretary

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, May 14th, in the Gathering Room.

Lanterns decorated the table and the group enjoyed Rhubarb desserts.

After a short meeting Roberta presented a program 'Lanterns' the purpose of a lamp is to give light.

God is light, and since He sent His Holy spirit to live inside believers, we are we. As his ambassadors on earth, we shine even when we don't know it. Jesus told His followers to "let your light shine before others," calling them to live an active faith, not a passive one.

Shining our lights does not have to be a grand gesture. In fact, sometimes it is that simple everyday things we do and the way we live that shows our light to those around us. It can be as straightforward as staying positive when other people have a negative attitude. Or perhaps, for someone who is struggling through a difficult time. When we do these things, we are reflecting Christ and glorifying God.

Through our lives, God teaches us to follow His word and abide with Him. However, He also asks us to be a light to others, which means sharing our faith with others around us. It is important to understand that this applies not just with Christian people to whom we are close, but also with people who don't believe. Such sharing can be empowering to us as well.

In the same way, Jesus message to treat one another with kindness and equality applies to everyone, regardless of background or past actions. When being a light to others, we are acting as disciples of Christ and giving people a sense of hope. We are giving them a chance to commit fully to God.

In 1904, a train was coming up from Westchester, wanting to cross the bridge. In those days, there would be a lantern swinger who stood at the bridge to let the train know if it could pass. When he heard the call of the train's whistle he would swing his lantern if the bridge was up. If the lantern was not swung, the conductor would understand that the bridge was down and safe for passage.

Early one Friday morning at about 3 a.m., a train crashed into the water. It was a serious accident, a great tragedy, and of course everyone wanted to know who was responsible. Suspicion naturally fell on the lantern swinger. After all, he was the one responsible for swinging his lantern if the bridge was up and could not be crossed. He, however, protested his innocence with such vigor that the case, which had in the meantime been brought to court, could not be decided.

After six months of hung juries, his lawyer in a dramatic break from courtroom practice at the time decided to call the lantern swinger to the stand.

"What is your name?" the bailiff asked.

"Mr. Lantern Swinger," he responded with alacrity.

"Where were you early on the Friday morning in question?"

"At my post," he responded calmly.

"Did you see the oncoming train?"

"Yes I did."

"Were you inebriated?"

"No sir, I never drink."

"Then tell the court what happened when you saw the oncoming train. Did you or didn't you swing your lantern?" A hush fell over the courtroom . . . Only the sound of baited breath and reporters' pencils were faintly heard.

And strangely, strangely, the lantern swinger, who had been fully poised, began to stutter . . .

"Yyy . . . ye . . . yes. I d-d-d-did swing the lantern," he finally blurted out.

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Although the jury did not know what to make of his stutter, they believed him. He was acquitted. However, as the last person filed out of the courtroom, and the defense attorney was left alone with his client, he exploded.

"I've been defending you for six months!! I've worked day and night! I've barely seen my wife and kids. You told me you were innocent. Why the stutter of a guilty man?"

The lantern swinger looked sadly at his attorney. "You asked me the wrong question," he said. "You asked if I swung my lantern. You forgot to ask if the lantern was lit."

The primary purpose is to allow other things around you to be seen more clearly. A lamp without a light is of little use. We're called to illuminate the world, so others will see Jesus more clearly. The lamp represents our confession of faith, to be light to a dark world.

After all is said and done however there is only one essential question: IS YOUR LANTERN LIT?

Your intimate, heart on fire relationship with God is the greatest gift you can offer the world.

FATHERS OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD

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Isaac

David

Noah

Jacob

Solomon

Abraham

Moses

Joseph

Waseca United Women In Faith B Annual Meeting

April 22, 2024

The UW in Faith Waseca Unit meeting met on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Waseca, Mn Faith United Methodist Church Fellowship room. Sherry Scholljegerdes gave the welcome. 11 members were present. The coffee and the dessert was served by the Elizabeth Church Circle.

Linda Griffin read the secretary's report.

Sandy Voshell gave the Treasurer's Report. Correspondence: Families of Edy Barber a card and money from the funeral, A card and money from Margaret Hasslen's funeral service and meal, and a Thank you card from Martha Torres family. Also a Thank you card from Kelly Boeddeker from Waseca Area Care Givers for our church people's help at VFW meal and bake sale.

Sherry S. gave the devotion from the Response Magazine about supporting many mission projects through the Methodist Church Women.

Sandy Voshell sent a check of \$103.00 collection for Restoring Waters Transitional Housing Building for Emma Norton Ministries.

Our Spring Luncheon was well received by the community and the church. We made \$1411 gross which goes to the Methodist Church in Waseca for the budget next year. Thank you for all the people who helped with Spring Luncheon.

Donations (local) in budget Middle School \$300 Busing Tutoring program Tokens. Hartley School \$300 for snack cart program, and \$100 for Area care Givers for their general fund. Karen Ferch made a motion to donate to the schools and Waseca Care Givers. Linda Griffin seconded the motion. It was approved.

Sandy Voshell did the prayer and self denial litany and offering. Money was collected.

The Mother's day gift was discussed and we will buy candy.

Day Apart: June 11, 2024 Blooming Grove 9 am to 3pm.

Mission U: July 26- July 28, 2024 Koronos "Welcome Home" Virtual July 30 August 1, 6 &8.

SP Fall Gathering Sept. 21, 2024 Trimont UMC

Conference Annual Gathering OCT. 5, 2024 Centennial UMC Roseville, Mn

Next Executive Meeting: July 15, 2024

Next Bi-Annual Meeting October 21, 2024 Ruth Circle serves.

Karen Ferch said the closing prayer.

Your Secretary,

Linda Griffin

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

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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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, June 19** at 2:30 pm in the Lakeview Room.
Guests and visitors are welcome

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 11** at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Room.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet every Monday in June.