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From the Pastor's Desk

As we step into the new month of February, let us take a moment to reflect on the wisdom of patience and how it applies not only to our relationships but also to our journey with God.

In the past, shoes were not made to distinguish between the right and left foot. As you wore them, they slowly adapted to the shape of your feet and became more comfortable. At first, they might have felt awkward or uncomfortable, but with time, they conformed to your needs. Similarly, relationships, whether with friends or others, often start off uneasy. Sometimes we feel like we want to give up, but just as we patiently break in a new pair of shoes, relationships require time to grow and develop. There is no perfect fit from the beginning, and the wisdom of life is to allow space for things to settle into their right place.

This is a lesson for all of us. The discomfort we sometimes feel in relationships is natural. Whether it's friendships, family bonds, or even our relationship with God, it takes time to adjust. Just as a new pair of shoes fits more comfortably with wear, so too will our relationships become more comfortable with time, understanding, and patience. In the Bible, we are reminded of the importance of patience and endurance in our relationships with each other and with God. James 5:7 says, "Be patient then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains."

The image of a farmer waiting patiently for the harvest is a reminder that good things take time. Whether it's cultivating a relationship, growing spiritually, or facing challenges, we must be patient and trust that God will bring about growth in His perfect timing. If we trust in God's wisdom and timing, we will see the fruits of our patience.

Let's walk this journey with patience, knowing that God is with us every step of the way. May God bless you with peace and patience as we enter into this new month together.

In Christ
Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

Special Points of Interest:

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

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

Prayer Requests

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

Benedictine Owatonna: Les Wells

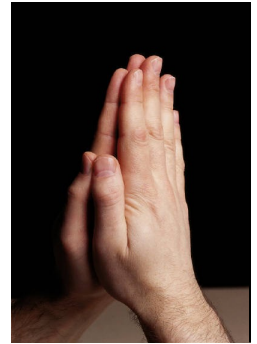
Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Foxdale: Sherry Scholljegerdes

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Les Wells, Margaret Dahnert, Anna Born, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Darla Dahnert, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Williamson, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, Roger Walker, the people of Minneapolis, the Ukraine, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically 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 Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, February 16.

Thank You

To Women of Faith,

Thank you for your generous donation to support ADD! We will honor your request to use your donation for our "Spring Gala". We are all looking forward to this huge celebration and the "joy" it brings to the party goers.

In gratitude,
The ADD Board

"Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts!
"The ADD Board"

Faith's Blessing Box Update

We continue to see use of the Blessing Box.

Now that we have consistently freezing temperatures, we are not be able to put canned goods in the box due to expansion of the liquids resulting in damage to the cans. For winter we would welcome donations of pouched meats, bagged or boxed soup mixes, bagged or boxed rice, bagged or boxed mashed potatoes, ramen noodles, cereal, oatmeal and pancake mix.

We appreciate and are grateful for all food and cash donations for the blessing box. Your donations help us to keep this ministry going. Food donations can be placed in the donation box in the narthex or brought into the church office during office hours. Cash donations can be mailed or brought to the church with a notation that they are for the blessing box. Thank you for your donations!

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). Please no glass jars. Also, please check expiration dates on food donations. We do not accept expired items.

Elizabeth Circle - Jan. 2026

Five members and one guest braved the wintry, cold weather on Weds. Jan. 21, to meet in the Gathering Room for the Elizabeth Circle Meeting. We enjoyed the warmth and comfort of that space...

One of our dear ladies was ill and could not attend, so we phoned her and sang a rousing version of 'Happy Wednesday to you...happy Wednesday tooooo youuuu...' I think she loved it—but then, she's always been a very gracious lady. If you think one of the primary purposes of Circle meetings is having fun, you are 100% correct.

Linda W. Played three hymns from a cd she favors...'Great is Thy Faithfulness', 'It is Well With My Soul', and 'Be Thou My Vision'. As we get further into a new year, these beautiful pieces are particularly inspiring and reassuring—Our Father's love and care never fail to keep us close to Him. He will always provide new beginnings.

No immediate business needed discussing, but conversation centered around what the future may hold for Faith Church, possible events to consider for funding local mission, etc. We hope to have another women's Saturday-morning coffee hour; date to be determined.

Elizabeth Circle will hold the next meeting on Weds. February 18, here in the Gathering Room at 2:30 pm, with Sandy serving coffee and treats, and Karen doing Devotions.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME to come and share this time with us...just drop in and enjoy an afternoon together!

-K. Ferch - Recording Sec.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, January 13th in The Gathering Room.

Roberta was hostess. The treats were coconut cream and chocolate pies topped with green frog gummies. The table was decorated with cute frogs but did not compare to Nancy's toad (frog) purse.

A lot of information was covered at the meeting. Plans are to set up a meeting with Elizabeth circle in March.

The mission activities were discussed and plan on having missions as our main topic at our next meeting.

Anna will be the hostess and the program will be 'LOVE'.

The program for the January meeting was:

F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God)

The devotion was:

When we fully rely on God; we can and will experience His peace. This little phrase reminds us that even amid storms around us, God is in control, and he walks us through the storms of life. He is our anchor and stronghold. God's peace isn't just found in positive thinking, in the absence of conflict, or good feelings. Real peace comes from knowing that God is in control. It comes from truly knowing and having a relationship with Him.

F.R.O.G. FULLY RELY ON GOD

There are times we may have felt scared or worried, like being in the dark or facing a difficult task. There may be things that happen to us and we don't know what to do, but God does. Just as a frog needs strong legs to hop, we need God's strength to hop over our worries.

To illustrate 'Fully Relying On God', the Bible story was told about Daniel (Daniel 3) which illustrates him fully relying on God.

Daniel was a faithful young Jewish noble captured from Jerusalem and taken to Babylon during King Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

God gave Daniel wisdom to understand and explain difficult dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar, making Daniel a high official.

He was exceptional in his work, and the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Other officials grew jealous and tricked King Darius into making a law: no one could pray to anyone but the king for 30 days, or they'd face the lions.

Daniel learned of the new law but did not change his routine. Three times a day, he would go to his upstairs room, open the windows toward Jerusalem, and pray to his God, just as he had always done. The officials caught him in the act of praying.

When the zealous men reported him to the king, King Darius sadly had to throw Daniel into a den of hungry lions.

That night, God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths leaving Daniel unharmed, showcasing God's protection for the faithful.

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At dawn, the king rushed to the den and called out to Daniel. Daniel called back, saying, "My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight".

The king, amazed, rescued Daniel & decreed that everyone in the kingdom must fear & honor Daniel's God, who had saved him.

The Lesson from this story:

Daniel continued to pray to God even when it was against the law and he knew he might be thrown into the lion's den. Daniel chose to *Fully Rely On God* instead of relying on the king's rules or his own fear. When Daniel was in the dark pit with the dangerous lions, God protected him. This shows us that when we rely on God, no situation is too big for His power.

What does fully relying on God look like? You only need to look at Daniel. Imagine you and other young men in your city being captured and taken away from family, language and culture to a new city. You are made to learn a new language and literature that is counter to your faith, and you're even stripped of your name. What would you have done?

Daniel was strong, courageous and faithful. He decided to maintain his faith and follow the Lord's teachings no matter what. He was willing to put everything on the line, including his own life. Rather than defile himself with the palace food, he asked permission to follow the diet of his own culture. God showed him favor for being steadfast in his faith and his request was granted.

When the king declared everyone must worship an idol he had created or face death, Daniel and his friends refused. They knew they were putting their very lives on the line, but they trusted God and God alone. They trusted He would deliver them, either into His hands or by some miracle, save them. God showed them favor when they were tossed into the lion den and He saved them.

Daniel fully relied on God. He was a F.R.O.G. His story tells us that when you are fully dependent on God's grace, no situation can or will limit God's mercy, goodness and power. When we stop trusting in our own abilities and trust in His; when we remove barriers and obstacles in our lives that keep Him out; and when we let Him mold and shape everything, He delivers, He saves, He heals, He redeems, He restores.

When you see the letters F.R.O.G., or for that matter when you see a frog, that can be a reminder to Fully Rely On God.

Become a person who proudly proclaims "I am F.R.O.G. Don't mess with me!" Let the Lord Almighty be your strength.

Having something to remind us of God's presence with us may be just the boost we need on a challenging day. Do you have something that reminds you to F.R.O.G? Fully rely on God? What is it? A bible verse you know by heart? A message or bible verse written on something you can see? A cross you wear, carry or see? None of these things have magical powers to make everything better; they are visible reminders of where to place our trust: God.

Psalm 59:9-10: "You, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely".

Prayer

Lord, we fully rely on Your Word in our lives; it is living and active. We trust in You to guide us. We trust in You with all our heart.

We will acknowledge You and we are confident You will make our paths straight. AMEN!



Love Thy Neighbor

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Word list:

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| BUILD | HUMBLE |
| CARE | KIND |
| COMPASSIONATE | LOVE |
| ENCOURAGE | MIND |
| FORGIVE | NEIGHBOR |
| GOD | PRAY |
| HEART | SHARE |
| HELP | TREAT |



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

Leadership Team

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor
Dave Baldini, Chair
Clair Voshell, Trustees
Jarod True, Finances, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC
Stacy True, Recording Secretary
Neil Fruechte
Karen Ferch
Mary Jane Stauffer
Mike Morrissey
Linda Griffin
Janet Welch

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.**



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Come Worship with Us
We have room.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 18 at 2:30pm** in the Gathering Room. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 10 at 1:30** in the Gathering Room. Guests and visitors are welcome