ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 14, 2012 ~~ 1st Sunday of Extravagant Generosity

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

GATHERING MUSIC

VISION STATEMENT We are a Christ-Centered Church committed to reaching all people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging all who respond to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

<u>RALLY CRY</u>..... "Faith by the Lake - and Beyond!"

WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP from: The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.

ALL: Trust in the Lord and do good. May the Lord give strength to the people! O taste and see that the Lord is good! God is our refuge and strength.

*PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT "People Need the Lord" ... TFWS No. 2244

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good

things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Therefore I thought it necessary to urge these brothers to go to you in advance and to arrange ahead of time the generous contribution you had promised, so this may be ready as a generous gift and not as something you feel forced to do. My point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work. Just as it is written, "He has scattered widely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness remains forever." Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to sanctify her by cleansing her with the washing of the water by the word, so that he may present the church to himself as glorious—not having a stain or wrinkle, or any such blemish, but holy and blameless. In the same way

husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one has ever hated his own body but he feeds it and takes care of it, just as Christ also does the church, for we are members of his body. For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think, but to think with sober discernment, as God has distributed to each of you a measure of faith. For just as in one body we have many members, and not all the members serve the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members who belong to one another. And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual must use it in proportion to his faith. If it is service, he must serve; if it is teaching, he must teach; if it is exhortation, he must exhort; if it is contributing, he must do so with sincerity; if it is leadership, he must do so with diligence; if it is showing mercy, he must do so with cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "You are My All in All" ... Faith Choir KIDS TIME

- <u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> ... Children 4 through 9 years of age are invited to the Classroom for Children's Church during the rest of our Service.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... Youth in Grades 3 through 6 are invited to the Youth Room (downstairs) during the rest of our Service.

<u>HYMN OF PRAISE</u> "Thy Word Is a Lamp" ... UMH No. 601

<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u> for our Church, Our Community and Our World

<u>MESSAGE</u> "A	Giving Heart" Rev. Victor Waters
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING	
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	
DOXOLOGY	UMH No. 95
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Cry of My	Heart" TFWS No. 2165
SENDING FORTH	
POSTLUDE	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STEWARDSHIP DRIVE** Please keep reading the devotions provided in the Extravagant Generosity devotional. Remember to return your Heart Cards and Prayer Pledges ☺. We hope you are finding new ideas, along with new inspiration!
- <u>PASTOR APPRECIATION</u> Join us on Sunday, October 21 when we show our appreciation for Pastor Victor and his family! A basket will be available for cards.
- **LAWN CARE & SNOW REMOVAL** Please remember that we are asking for donations to help defray the cost of these services. So far, in 2012, we have spent about \$3,400 for these expenses, and have received less than \$500 support for them. Please consider making a special donation.
- THANKSGIVING TALENT/ART SHOW & DINNER INVITATION First Congregational Church invites all of us to a Thanksgiving Talent Show & Dinner on Sunday, November 18. Please sign up on the

sheet hanging across from the drinking fountain by Nov. 12 if you plan to attend. They are also asking for art and talent sharing[©] Read the note on the whiteboard and sign up!

LAKE SHORE FALL BAZAAR – Join the residents of Lake Shore Inn on **Saturday, October 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.** There will be crafts, a bake sale for Special Olympics, and a white elephant sale with proceeds going to the resident council. Pie and Ice Cream will be served; there will be a raffle, a treat table and free refreshments.



REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht,

Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Jim & Marian Keller, Willie Mahler, Bruce Stauffer, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

10/14/2012 (Sun.)	Stewardship Sunday Kick-Off!
Bring your	9 a.m. – Blood Pressure checks (UR)
Pink	9:30 a.m. – Worship ** Children's Church & Sunday School
"Heart Card" back	10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)
to Church today, or	1:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Mackey, W. end of FH)
anytime this week!	6:30 to 8 p.m. – Youth Group (Parsonage)
10/15/2012 (Mon.)	7 p.m. – Nominations Committee (UR)
10/16/2012 (Tues.)	2 p.m. UMW Mary Circle (UR)
Newsletter &	4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
November	6:30 p.m. – Education Team Meeting (UR)
Calendar Deadline	6:30 p.m. – SPRC (Office)
10/17/2012 (Wed.)	9:30 a.m. – UMW Ruth Circle (Eunice Gasner's home)
	3 p.m. – UMW Elizabeth Circle (TBA)
	3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video
	7 p.m. – Choir Practice
10/18/2012 (Thur.)	10 to 11 a.m. – Book of Mark Bible Study (UR)
	4:45 p.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
	7 to 8 p.m. – UMW GUEST NIGHT – The Flemming Fold
10/19/2012 (Fri.)	6:30 p.m. – Set up for Food @ Faith
10/20/2012 (Sat.)	FOOD @ FAITH (7 a.m. – Unload Truck, 9 a.m. – Ticket Sales
	Start, 10 a.m. – Distribution, 11:30 a.m. – Clean Up)
10/21/2012 (Sun.)	Stewardship Sunday – week 2
Bring your	9:30 a.m. – Worship
Yellow	** Children's Church meeting in Classroom (upstairs).
"Heart Card"	** Sunday School meeting in Youth Room (downstairs).
back to	10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)
Church today!	

What a beautiful autumn day the Lord has made!
Thank you for sharing it ⊙.