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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

I love fireworks. I love to set them off or watch them set off by someone else. I have loved this since I was little. I remember one year, my mother wouldn't take us to buy fireworks until my dad got home from work and he was late getting home. I cried because I was afraid the fireworks stand would close before we got there and my dad got a speeding ticket because he didn't want me to be disappointed.

When Kirk and I were first married and living on the farm, the landmark to turn off highway 34 onto our road was a small fireworks stand. The stand is no longer there, but our road is still referred to by old timers as firecracker road.

We were at the farm with family this 4th of July, and the fireworks were outstanding! We all contributed, but one of my nieces out did us all. She contacted us the week before to find out if there were any kind of fireworks that she couldn't bring. There were no bans in Lake County so we told her she could bring whatever she wanted. she brought some that were simply spectacular. Her husband proclaimed "My wife knows her explosives"

Of course, I loved the fireworks, but even more, I loved being with family. It has been two years since we lost Kirk's sister Sandy, so it was a joy to see her sons with their families, raising kids and doing well. To see Kirk's mom who is 92 this year, with her son and daughter Pam, her grandkids and great grandkids. To watch my Arkansas grandkids play with their South Dakota cousins and make memories.

Fireworks and Family; they kind of go together. Fireworks are more fun when set off with others, and family can be a whole lot like fireworks. Sometimes, family is perfectly beautiful, the fuse is long enough, things go exactly right and there is a beautiful display of love that flows like a fountain. However, there are times when fireworks don't go off as planned. The fuse is lit, but nothing happens. You don't know if you should approach or run. This also happens with family – you reach out, but don't hear anything. You don't know if you should try again and risk a blow up, or wait it out. Sometimes fireworks that are suppose to shoot straight up fall over after they are lit and you have no idea what is going to happen. This occurs with family as well. You set the stage, have everything planned just right, but an upset happens and you have no idea what the response might be. Sometimes, something small like a sparkler ends up burning your hand. We have all had this happen with family. Something that starts as "no big deal" ends up with half the family mad at the other half.

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Special Points of Interest:

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

Administrative Assistant September Office Hours:

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9:00 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:

Colony Court: Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, John Slattery, Gloria Rollag, the family of Jerry Jellum, Kara Ecoff, 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

Stacy's hours through August will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Days or hours are subject to change. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Stacy will be out of the office August 24, 25 and August 29. Beginning the week of September 15, Stacy's hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thank You!

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, cards and support during my recent health crisis. I felt every prayer and experienced God's peace throughout the entire process. God is good; all the time!

Edy Barber

Communion Helpers

Thankful we can again share in Holy Communion in our services, we are now looking for those who are willing to take a turn preparing and serving communion. Contact Edy Barber if you are willing to serve or have questions at 320-330-2107 or jimedbarber@gmail.com. You will be blessed!!

Corn Feed



On Sunday, September 11 we will have a corn feed and potluck after the worship service. Corn and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there!

Trustees

Trustees will meet Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Room.

Choir News

Our choir season will begin with a potluck supper on September 7 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Practice will follow. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join us.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle will not meet on the regular scheduled day. The August circle meeting will be Tuesday, August 23 at 1:00.

The September meeting will be the regular scheduled time, Tuesday, September 13th at 1:00.

Roberta will do the program for both meetings on her trip to Turkey. The first presentation will be mostly on Mosques and The Seven Churches in Revelations that she visited. The September program will be more on fun information about Turkey. For those attending the meetings, please let Roberta know.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers who could serve as back-ups to run the camera for recording the Sunday services. If we do not have enough volunteers, we may have Sundays on which the service cannot be recorded for our You Tube channel or the local television station. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office and we will make sure you receive instructions on running the camera before you are called to fill in.

Sunday School

Beginning in September, Sunday school will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Linda Griffin and Stacy True will continue to take turns each month teaching Sunday School.

There is a children's activity table available in the back of the sanctuary on Sundays when Sunday school is not in session. The table will contain quiet activities that children may enjoy during the worship service.

From the Pastor's Desk

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To ensure your family is like “good” fireworks, I am sharing this prayer with you.

Gracious God, thank You for renewing our hearts and minds. Thank You for sending Your Spirit to us so that we may express Your love to our families. We're also grateful to You for giving us our loved ones. There are times in our families when we fight and bicker with each other. There are times when we let anger, strife, and bitterness rule over our hearts, and because of this, we end up hurting our families. We ask for You to forgive us, loving God, for these sins against our own families. Change our hearts and make them truly loving. Humble us, Lord, so that we may seek forgiveness without pride. We ask You to heal the wounds in their hearts as well. Touch their hearts that they may accept our pleas for forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Blessings!

Pastor Carolyn

Thursday Morning Bible Study

It's time to get back to Thursday Morning Bible Study. We have been on summer hiatus, but it's time to start meeting again on Thursday mornings at 10:30. September 1 will be our first Thursday back!

We will begin with a study about the book of Revelation written by Bruce M. Metzger and updated by David A DeSilva This study includes a student book as well as a class video. The books are here and can be picked up in the office. (\$12.00) Please bring some sort of notebook with you to class as well. A simple spiral notebook will be fine.

To prepare for the first session on September 1, please read pages 9-26.

If you have not joined us on Thursday mornings, this would be a great time to start. Here is a summery of this study from the book.

A trustworthy guide to understanding the Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike us as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How can we discern God's message in this peculiar part of the Bible? *Breaking the Code Revised Edition* provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important biblical book. Noted biblical scholar Bruce M. Metzger presents the fruits of solid scholarship in a non-academic style. This revised edition includes updates based on current biblical research, as well as additional teaching from author and respected New Testament scholar David A. DeSilva.

I do hope you will join us as we continue to study God's word.

Blessings!! Pastor Carolyn

Autumn Festival

The United Women in Faith has the Autumn Fest scheduled for Saturday, September 10th.

Our customers always look forward to THE 'Cookie Sale'. They like the tasty items at the 'Bake Sale' too. And then there is the 'Garage Sale'. We have to really make an effort to top our BIGGEST AND BEST Autumn Fest that we had last year. But know we can do it!

So get your cook books out and plan on the items you can make for the bake sale. It's amazing the variety of items we have each year at the sale.

We're hoping you are looking for those unwanted items, for the garage sale, that you have in your cupboards and in your garage or sheds. Big or little items, they all add up.

What we take in at the Festival supports our United Women in Faith missions.

September 10th will be here real soon so plan what you can make, and gather your items for the garage sale.

Help us make this the BIGGEST AND BEST Autumn Festival!!



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 4, we will have a blessing of the backpacks during worship as we prepare to go back to school.. All children and teens are invited to bring their backpacks on that day.



Please Stay Home if You are Sick

To keep all of us safe, please stay home from church if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

When you do come to church or visit the church building, please remember to wear a mask at all times.

If you are unable to attend worship, you may view the service online via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website, wasecafaithumc.com. The service is also aired on the local PEG television, channel #8 at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM

Thursday 4:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Saturday 6:00 PM

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. Someone from MVAC will pick up the items monthly.

Fall Word Search

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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

WIF Elizabeth Circle will meet on
Wednesday, September 21 at 2:30 pm in
the Lakeview Room. Guests and Visitors are
welcome..

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday,**
September 13 at 1:00 pm.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet
every Monday in September, **except**
Monday, September 5, Labor Day.