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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Mon. through Thurs.:  
8:45 am to 12:45 pm



**2020 A Year of Change, Transition and Uncertainty**

Our denomination is in a period of change, transition and uncertainty but God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Most of you have read the headlines in the Star Tribune and the Mankato Free Press about the **"Protocol of Reconciliation And Grace"**, copies of which will be available in the narthex. This is one among a number of proposals that will be coming to our General Conference in May of this year. I encourage you to read the document and Bishop Ough's response to the proposal to understand what is being discussed.

Here are some things you can do to make this time of transition go more smoothly:

1. Keep informed, but remember, nothing is set in stone until it passes the General Conference.
2. Remember that every proposal has detractors and no proposal will make everyone completely happy.
3. Trust there are people of faith on both sides of the issues and that they are motivated by good intentions even if you disagree with their position.
4. Pray for our leaders at General Conference, the Minnesota Annual Conference, and here at Faith UMC.
5. Respect others who may not want to talk about these issues as well as those who believe differently than you do.
6. Do not fear! Though we do not know the future, we know the one who holds the future.

As your Pastor I will keep you as informed as possible as we prayerfully move towards General Conference 2020 in May.

*Pastor Victor*

## Prayer Requests

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

**BridgeWater at Janesville:** Joe & Gloria Tollefson

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Colony Court:** Muriel Jenkins

**Foxdale:** Gordy Miller

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

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

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

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Michael Schumacher, Officer Arik Matson and his family, Leona Quast, Gordy Miller, those who battle chronic illness and pain.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, February 17, 2020.

## Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet on **Thursday, February 13** from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**. Please come with some new ideas for bazaar articles. We hope to have more this coming year. As usual, you are encouraged to work on bazaar projects or your own. All are welcome. See YOU there!!

## 2020 Estimate of Giving Pledge Forms

If you have not returned your 2020 pledge form, please do so as soon as possible. Last year we received 40 completed pledge forms out of 100+ giving units. Our goal is to up that amount to 50 completed and returned forms this year. Your return of the pledge form helps us to plan for the finances of Faith Church.

## Lenten Bible Study

Join Roberta and Roger Walker for a discussion of the book "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Her book explores the stories of three women (Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene) who played a vital role in the life and ministry of Jesus, as well as in the events of the first Holy Week of Easter. The study will be for eight consecutive Thursdays beginning on February 27 at 9:45 to 11:00 am in the Gathering Room/Youth Room. Please tell Roberta or Roger if you will be attending so books can be ordered.

## Meal and Movie Night (M & M Night)

The January movie was held Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Even with the winter weather outside, we had thirty-four people attend the movie, 'Hidden Figures'. It was a great movie, a true story about a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. A lot of us could relate to the events described in the movie and enlighten us as to what happened at NASA at that time.

The group enjoyed a meal of hotdishes, fresh fruit, buns and bars. We enjoy seeing the people attend these M&M Nights, it is great seeing everyone enjoying conversation around the tables at the meal and the great comments as they leave.

Thanks to everyone who helped out putting on this event. You are very beneficial in making these nights so successful.

## Hospitality Team

The next Hospitality team meeting will be **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am** in the Lakeview Room. We would like to invite members of the congregation to come to the meeting and help us come up with ideas on continuing to make Faith UMC a welcoming church.

We would like you to come and possibly share your ideas on what movies to show for M&M night, suggestions on fellowship events we can have each month or some project we could do.

We meet about 6 times a year and at this meeting we would like to develop a calendar for the year. Please think about joining us for a cup of coffee/tea and treats and help us brainstorm some good ideas.

## February Fellowship Event



The February Fellowship event will be '**My Valentine**'. It will be held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be our pre Valentine Day celebration. Everyone is invited to bring wedding pictures. Bring your own, a family member or a picture of you as a member of the wedding party. That could also be a '**Wear red day**'. Let's make this the **BIGGEST AND BEST** 'My Valentine' fellowship event!! We are counting on you people!!

## “Creating Peace”



"Creating Peace" is the last to be finished of the three quilts for the sanctuary. The first was "Resurrection" the dragonfly, second was "Rebirth" the butterfly and now "Creating Peace". Each named for different parts of our spiritual journey.

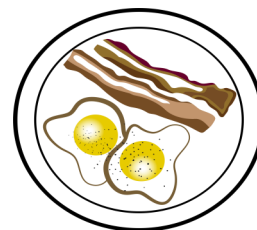
Peace is something we can do every day in our own lives. The promotion of peace is what we are called to do. Let the wall hanging be a reminder to us to be peacemakers.

Sherry Scholljegerdes  
Quilt maker and designer

## WACS Fundraiser

There will be an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" to support Waseca Area Caregiver Services on **Sunday, February 9** from **8:00 am to Noon** at the Waseca VFW. Ages 14 and up \$10; ages 6 to 13 \$7.00; ages 1 to 5 Free. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction.

If you would like to bake something to donate for the bake sale, you may bring your items to the church fellowship hall on Saturday, February 8 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.



## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Ash Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Faith UMC

### Wednesday Evening Services

#### The Names of God

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Wesleyan
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Faith UMC
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm	Wesleyan
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Seder Meal 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Faith UMC
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Tenebrae Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational

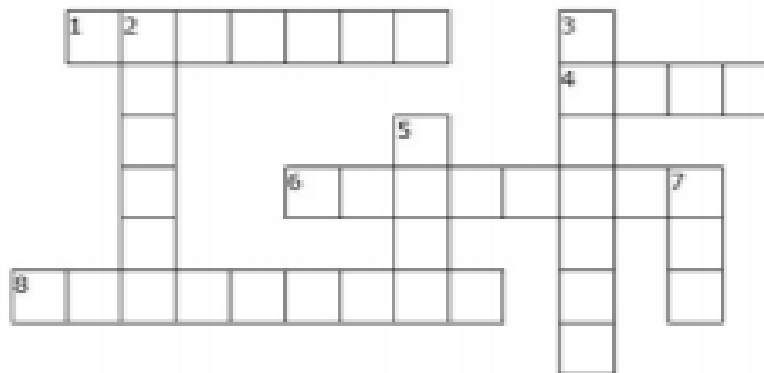
# Jesus Loves Us All

## Crossword

### Jesus Loves Us All

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

Based on John 13:31-35



#### ACROSS

- 1. An order or a rule given with authority
- 4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- 6. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- 8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

#### DOWN

- 2. People aside from oneself
- 3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
- 5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.
- 7. The opposite of old

GLORIFY	COMMAND	TIME	OTHERS
NEW	DISCIPLES	CHILDREN	LOVE

# Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K Y D S N G E G I P B E E E H  
 U P A E M L G A A V E A B O N  
 W R T V Q F P R R J A T P W E  
 U E I E Z J R B R Z R E O P Z  
 U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S  
 N E B L B Q P P G F M H C J K  
 N S Q E K E R S A V P P R P X  
 E J E B C O P T N C M L C X Q  
 R N S C V O N E T N X J J T C  
 D P D O I E M D E R E F F U S  
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 R E I T R D J O N F L C G V K  
 D R A K F E Z E A G X M K O F  
 Z P Y Z D A S R R R L S R A W  
 Q T K X B W R E V E N Y Y C N

Is **PATIENT**

Does Not Take Into Account A Wrong **SUFFERED**

Is **KIND**

Does Not Rejoice In **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

**REJOICES** With The Truth

Does Not **BRAG**

**BEARS** All Things

Is Not **ARROGANT**

**BELIEVES** All Things

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

**HOPES** All Things

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

**ENDURES** All Things

Is Not **PROVOKED**





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**Change Service Requested**

**Come Worship with Us**  
We have room.

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

Elizabeth Circle will not meet in February.

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 11 at 10:30 am**. The location is to be announced.