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**Administrative Assistant**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:**

**9:00 am - 12:30 pm**



**From the Pastor's Desk**

*"Friends love all the time, and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble." — Proverbs 17:1*

Dear Ones,

My brother Craig brought his grandson Rylan to visit during the first part of January. They live in Brandon Mississippi. Craig is four years younger than I am, which makes him 60, Rylan is 13. While they were here, we took a three-day trip to Sioux Falls where Craig and I spent a good deal of our school years. We took a whole afternoon to drive by all the houses Craig and I lived in growing up. We went past all the schools we attended and even the small neighborhood grocery store we would walk to for a snickers candy bar and vanilla cream soda. We visited the cemetery where our Mother, Father and brother Allan are buried. We told all kinds of stories about our childhood and youth. Some happy, some not so much. I have a feeling that Craig and I had a better time going down memory lane than Rylan did, but he did take delight in teasing us. He loved pointing out how Craig and I are basically the same person. We look alike, use the same phrases, our laugh is the same, he even made the observation, while at the pool, that our feet look exactly the same.

I often thank God for making us to live in families. Not everyone's biological family is a happy place, but most of us either bond with our birth family, or seek out others who form a family with us. As Proverbs tells us, our friends love us through everything and our kinsfolk are with us in trouble.

Our congregation is for us, a family of friends. The Psalmist tells us *"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"* Like most families, we don't agree on everything. We grumble and complain. But what I have witnessed is that, in the end, we pull together to get things done.

As we look forward, to our future together, I pray that we continue to live together in unity. I pray that together, we can see a new future, one that overcomes the obstacles put in our way by COVID and by apathy. I fear we have gone on too long waiting for "normal" to return. In March, I would like us to meet (with masks and social distancing) to reminisce about the past, and to plan for our future.

Our God sees a vision for us. God planted a United Methodist Church on the shore of Clear lake in Waseca Minnesota for a reason, and I believe that God is not done with us.

During the month of February, I ask that you pray God will continue to work through us and that God will reveal God's purpose for us. That 2022 will be a year of growth, both spiritually and physically for us.

Blessings

Pastor Carolyn

## 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, Janice Kaupa, Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Foxdale:** Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** John Slattery, Andrea Johnson, Leona Quast, Addeline Buss, 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.



## Thank You

One hundred thank yous to my church family for the cards and gifts sent to me for my 100th birthday and also singing the Happy Birthday song to me at the service on December 19. I am looking forward to exciting days in 2022.

With love and joy from,

*Margaret Hasslen*

## Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Hours may be adjusted at times and will be posted in the weekly bulletins on the "Week at a Glance" page.

Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, February 21 and Monday, February 28.

## Financial Update

We made it through the year with all the bills paid including 100% of our apportionments without needing a Special Ask. We did this by running down our checking account balance. We won't have that cushion to work with in 2022. Thanks to everyone who regularly made their gifts to Faith Church during the year.

We don't anticipate any out of the ordinary expenses in 2022. A new budget will be presented to the Council for approval in February.

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Waseca Library. Everyone appeared to enjoy the fellowship.

The Program was on Fashion/clothing. We shared some information on clothes that women may have worn in Jesus time and some information about how the clothes we wear today may impact how we feel about ourselves, or how others feel about us.

Our prayer pretty much summarized our program.

Prayer: God, if just putting on clothes can make such a difference, how much more of a difference would we notice if we asked You to clothe us each day. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humanity, gentleness, patience, and love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Lord, thank You for instructing us on the important things of life. May we not be so concerned about our fashion sense, but more conscious of the character we wear each day. Amen.

Ruth circle's next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Waseca Library. The schedule for the next five months will be the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 at the Waseca Library.

For the February meeting, the ladies are asked to bring something to do with Valentine's Day; valentines you have received, a poem, a memory or something to do with Valentines Day.

## Sunday School Returns!

We are pleased to announce the return of Sunday School! Linda Griffin and Stacy True have volunteered to lead Sunday School. Sunday School will begin in February and will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The first session will be held on Sunday, February 13.

# Jesus Loves Me

Anna B. Warner

William B. Bradbury

1. Je-sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so;  
2. Je-sus loves me! He who died, Heav-en's gate to o-pen wide;  
3. Je-sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol-ly Thine;  
4. Je-sus loves me! He will stay, Close be-side me all the way;

Lit-tle ones to Him be-long, They are weak, but He is strong.  
He will wash a-way my sin, Let His lit-tle child come in.  
Thou has bled and died for me, I will hence-forth live for Thee.  
He's pre-pared a home for me, And some-day His face I'll see.

Yes, Je-sus loves me, Yes, Je-sus loves me,

Yes, Je-sus loves me, The Bi-ble tells me so.

# Jesus Loves Me

1860

*That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17–19*

**A**nna and Susan Warner lived in a lovely townhouse in New York City where their father, Henry Whiting Warner, was a successful lawyer. But the “Panic of 1837” wrecked the family’s finances, forcing them to move into a ramshackle Revolutionary War-era home on Constitution Island on the Hudson, right across from the Military Academy at West Point.

Needing to contribute to the family income, Anna and Susan began writing poems and stories for publication. Anna wrote “Robinson Crusoe’s Farmyard,” and Susan wrote, “The Wide, Wide World.” The girls thus launched parallel literary careers which resulted in 106 publications, eighteen of them co-authored.

One of their most successful joint projects was a novel titled *Say and Seal* in which a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School teacher, John Linden, comforts him by taking him in his arms, rocking him, and making up a little song: “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so . . . .”

The novel became a best-seller, second only to *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*; and when hymnwriter William Bradbury read the words of John Linden’s little song (written by Anna), he composed a childlike musical score to go along with them. “Jesus Loves Me,” soon became the best-known children’s hymn on earth.

Despite their success, the Warner sisters never seemed able to recover from the staggering financial reverses of 1836. Years later a friend wrote, “One day when sitting with Miss Anna in the old living room she took from one of the cases a shell so delicate that it looked like lace work and holding it in her hand, with eyes dimmed with tears, she said, ‘There was a time when I was very perplexed, bills were unpaid, necessities must be had, and someone sent me this exquisite thing. As I held it I realized that if God could make this beautiful home for a little creature. He would take care of me.’”

For forty years, Susan and Anna conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Point, and both were buried with full military honors. They are the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point. To this day, their home on Constitution Island is maintained by West Point as a museum to their memory.



# Valentine's Day

February 14th

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CANDY  
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CHERUB  
CHOCOLATE

CUPID  
DARLING  
DEAREST  
FLOWERS  
GIFTS  
GIRLFRIEND  
HEARTS  
HUG  
I LOVE YOU  
KISS

LOVE  
PINK  
POEM  
RED  
ROMANCE  
ROSES  
SWEETHEART  
VALENTINE



**\*\* Please stay home if you are sick. God will forgive you!**

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](http://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

**A Little Humor**

My wife and I invited several people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our eight-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," she replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife encouraged. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"





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**Change Service Requested**

## Come Worship with Us We have room.

### MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

#### **Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, February 16** in the Lakeview Room at **2:30 pm**. If you have a favorite Valentine, please bring it to share. Guests and visitors welcome.

#### **Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, February 8** at **1:00 pm** at the Waseca Library.

#### **Conversation, Bible & Friends**

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet Mondays in February from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Lakeview Room.