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Administrative Assistant  
 Summer Office Hours  
 Mon. 8:30 to 9:30 am,  
 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.  
 Tues. through Fri.  
 9:00 am to Noon



**Seeking God**

*God! My God! It's you— I search for you! My whole being thirsts for you! My body desires you in a dry and tired land, no water anywhere. Yes, I've seen you in the sanctuary; I've seen your power and glory. My lips praise you because your faithful love is better than life itself! So I will bless you as long as I'm alive; I will lift up my hands in your name.....Psalm 63:1-4*

*With what should I approach the LORD and bow down before God on high? . . . He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:6a, 8*

Almighty and everlasting God, the sovereign Lord of all creatures in heaven and earth, we acknowledge that our beings, and all the comforts of them, depend upon thee, the Fountain of all good. We have nothing but what is owing entirely to thy free and bounteous love, O most blessed Creator, and to the riches of thy grace, O most blessed Redeemer. A Collection of Prayers for Families, Works 11:245

To love God with all of one's being was clearly an idea that captured the attention of John Wesley early and stayed with him to the end. He believed and practiced that loving God with all of the heart was the foundation for Christian living. Faithfulness to God was a lifelong quest for the Wesley brothers. They learned from study and experience that this journey of faithfulness begins in the heart. **This quest of seeking God's presence and direction may seem overwhelming until we remember that Jesus told us we would have all the help we need in discovering what we must know in order to live fully as his disciples.** He said, "The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you" (John 14:26). We are not left on our own to learn how to pray or how to discern God's will; our Companion, the Holy Spirit, is our teacher and guide as we learn how to live more fully in relationship with God. It is God who chooses to make our way known to us, and it is God who does the revealing, leading, and instructing.

**Three Things that will draw us closer to God:**

- **DO NO HARM**
- **DO GOOD**
- **STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD**

Job, Rueben P Job.. 40 Days with Wesley: A Daily Devotional Journey

## 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 Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

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

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Janice Kaupa, Barbara Friedl, Carey Root and her family, Leona Quast, the reunion of immigrant children and their parents, Marlys and Bob, Marlys and Ken Garness, family of Peter Fog.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on the following dates in July:

July 16 through 20.

During the week of July 23 through July 27, Stacy's hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

## Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, July 12** from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring a project of your own to work on or ideas for Bazaar 2018! If you have not been to crafters and stitchers in the past, come check us out! Coffee and treats provided. Call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 with questions.

## Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and calls these last few weeks. Ken also thanks you for the cookies. It has sustained him. Thanks to the choir and Barb for remembering me. Your kind thoughts and words are appreciated.

*Marlys Garness*

## Faith Rocks

**Rock Painting party** was held on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We did not have as large of a crowd but we had new 'painters'. A number of the painters took the finished rocks to hide. The rocks were available at church for members of the congregation to hide around town. Watch for the announcement of the next rock painting party!



## Fellowship Events

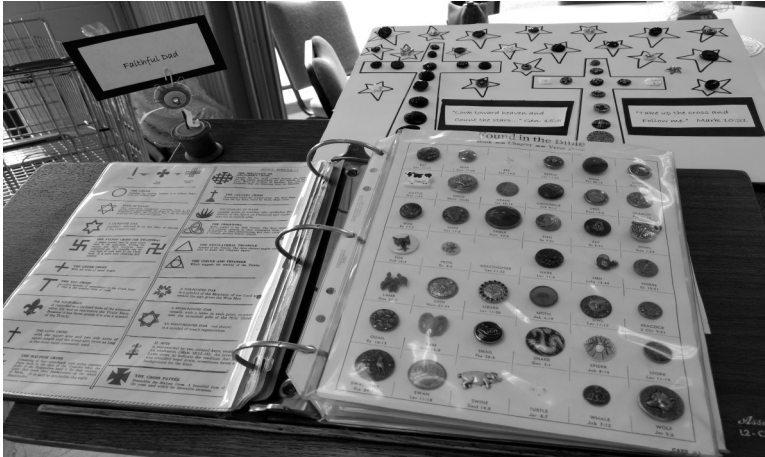


Photo of Button Display, June 17 Fellowship Event.

**Buttons Collection** - The button display was very interesting. Sherry Jones stated she had been collecting buttons for about 30 years and what she brought was a small portion. Her display at fellowship pertained mostly to men since it was displayed on Father's Day. It appeared that the congregation was pleasantly surprised at the variety of buttons.

**Family Bibles** - On Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> we are going to have a family bible display. Please get out your family bibles and bring them to church on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also have some special music from Bob Stephan.

**Faith Picnic** - There will be a potluck at Clear lake park on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We plan on having some special music. Mark this date on your calendar. There will be more information in the August newsletter.

## M & M Night

**M & M Night (Meal and Movie)** was held May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Shirley Hansen and all those who helped prepare and serve the meal. The movie was Racing Stripes. It was about Stripes, a zebra raised on a farm in Kentucky, who dreams of one day becoming a championship racehorse. It was a heartwarming and hysterical film.

## UMW (United Methodist Women) Brochure

UMW has a brochure that was made available to the Faith members. It is inserted with the hymnals on the back of the pews. It tells a little about UMW, its purpose, what UMW does and if interested, how to become a member. Please take one with you and learn a little about Faith UMW.

## Trustees Meeting

Trustees Meeting will be **Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room.

## 4th of July Potluck Picnic



Come and join us for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July church potluck picnic at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone please bring a dish to pass. Plates, cups, plastic eating utensils and a beverage will be provided.

After the picnic, stay and watch the fireworks. There will be lawn games provided. Come and enjoy some fellowship time with prizes to help pass the time.

Come and join the fun at our fourth annual "Pop for a Cure" sponsored by the Faith for a Cure Relay For Life team. There will be popcorn, pop and water available for sale during the fireworks and all proceeds will be going to the American Cancer Society.

## Faith at the Fair

The church service on **Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** will be held at the ITRON tent at the fair, beginning at **10:00 a.m. (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME)**. Come and enjoy great music and a fun get together with your friends. Please spread the word to others to attend.

## SAVE THE DATE: UMW Guest Night

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** will be the **UMW's Guest Night**. All men and women are invited and we encourage you to bring a friend or neighbor with you.

Our speaker will be Heidi Becker from Austin, MN. Heidi and her husband had a baby named Drew (the name means 'warrior'). He was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma in January, 2016 and passed away a year later. During the time of his hospitalization, Drew's family were given a collapsible wagon filled with great supplies such as a homemade quilt, Kleenex, books, DVD's, baby wipes, snacks and more.

Shortly after Drew's death, Heidi and her husband began 'Warrior Wagons'. Her presentation goes through their story of Drew and will touch on how they got/get through this dark time in their lives with thankfulness and grace. Heidi will then address their current project and give us information regarding the Warrior Wagons.

More information will be in the August bulletins and newsletter. Please put this date on your calendar so you don't miss it! (Dessert and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall following this presentation.)


## Annual Conference Report

The 2018 Minnesota Annual Conference was held from May 30-June 1 in St. Cloud with approximately 700 clergy & lay members. Conference began with a worship & communion service with Bishop Ough giving the sermon. Pastor Olu Bown, from Atlanta, Georgia, spoke in teaching sessions on the first 2 days. Time was also taken for presentation and table discussion on the report from the Commission On a Way Forward.

Legislation of note that passed:

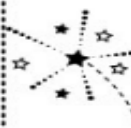


- resolutions on the prevention of gun violence and advocating for the rights of children living under Israeli occupation
- Formula for determining the minimum salary for full time clergy was changed so that in 2 years the base salary will be 62% of the Conference Average Compensation.
- The 2020 annual conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in a joint session with the Dakotas Conference.
- The conference budget was set at \$16,313,994 of which \$7,052,706 is apportioned
- 2 new Advance Specials were added: Wesley Foundation at Minnesota State University & new church start St. Michael in St. Michael, Mn
- Special Asking (non-apportioned) of \$1/member for Hamline University and \$2/member for the camping program.

The Minnesota Annual Conference will be hosting the 2020 General Conference. There will be four to five thousand delegates from around the world attending. There will be a need of about 1000 volunteers. Also there is a need for purple scarves to be knitted or crocheted (called the Lydia Project) for every member. If you are interested in volunteering or making scarves please contact the church office.



### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Word Search




STARS  
STRIPES  
FLAG  
BAND  
PARADE  
FOURTH  
RED  
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BLUE  
FIREWORK  
JULY  
SUMMER  
PICNIC  
UNITED  
STATES

Can you find all the words in the word search below?

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*The heart is the happiest  
when it beats for others.*

ONE of the people most admired by Charles Swindoll is Dawson Trotman, who died after rescuing two drowning girls.

Says Swindoll:

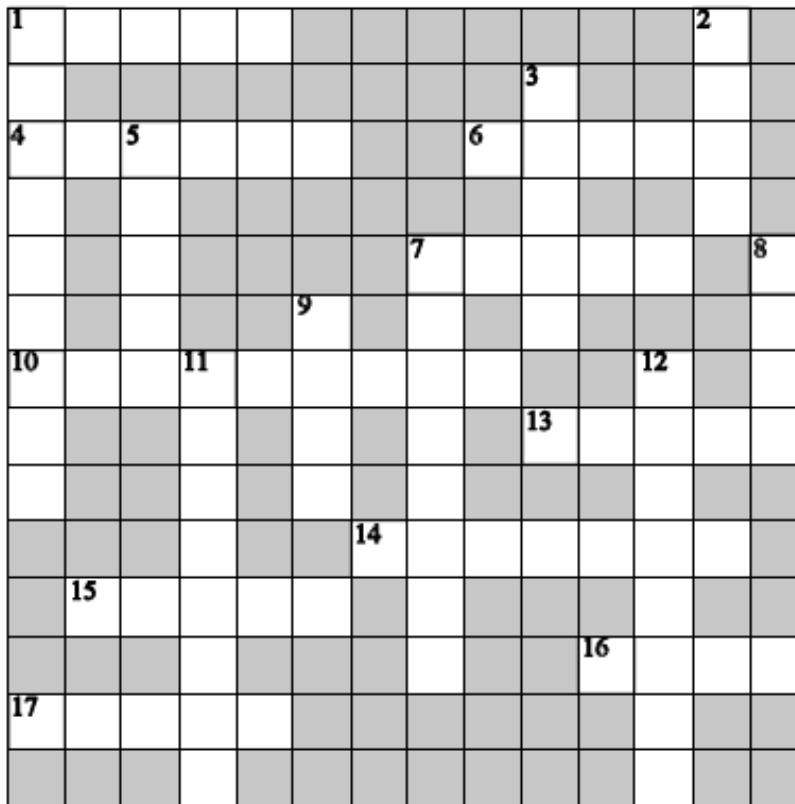
When Dawson Trotman passed away he probably left a legacy of discipleship on this earth that will never be matched except perhaps in the life of Jesus Christ Himself. I've become a real student of Dawson Trotman and believe wholeheartedly in the methods of discipleship that he taught and emulated throughout his days....He died of all things in the midst of an area that he was expert in—he drowned. He was an expert swimmer. The last few moments he had in the water he lifted one girl out. He went down and got the other girl and lifted her out, and then submerged and was not found again until the dragnet found him a few hours later.... *Time* ran an article on Trotman's life, and they put a caption beneath his name. It read, "Always Holding Somebody Up." In one sentence, that was Trotman's life investment in people ... holding them up. Discipleship is not having others follow you, as much as it is lifting others up to see the Lord.

*Greater love hath no man that this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15:13

From "God's Little Devotional Book"

## Jonah and the Big Fish



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### ACROSS

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| <p>1. God made a plant to provide this for Jonah</p> <p>4. Other than the people of Nineveh, what God mentioned he spared</p> <p>6. Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish in this city</p> <p>7. What God showed the people of Nineveh</p> <p>10. Where the mariners threw Jonah</p> | <p>13. What God prepared to provide shade for Jonah. NKJ version</p> <p>14. A storm</p> <p>15. The prophet sent by God to preach to the city of Nineveh</p> <p>16. God prepared a big one to swallow Jonah</p> <p>17. Jonah's emotion after God spared the city of Nineveh</p> |
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### DOWN

1. Clothes for repentance
2. What Jonah did in the belly of the great fish
3. What God prepared to provide shade for Jonah. KJV
5. The number of days and nights Jonah was in the fish's belly
7. Sailors
8. To go without food
9. What God prepared to destroy the plant that provided shade
11. What the people of Nineveh did after Jonah preached to them
12. The city Jonah was trying to flee to

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**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will not meet in July.

**Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, July 10**, from **10:30 a.m. to Noon** at the home of Linda Griffin. All are welcome to attend.