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Faith United Methodist Church

"Faith by the lake ~ and beyond!"

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

How does Your Garden Grow?

Every day we are producing our own legacy. It is in our children, our service to others, and how we love our God and our neighbor.

Jesus says this in John 15: 4-5 "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can

bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Our place—our home is to be in Jesus. He is to be the one who has first place in our lives. We are to live in Him and He will live in us; and out of that day-by-day intimate relationship will come fruit that lasts forever.

Living in Jesus, writes Henri Nouwen, is to live "in the house of love". The place where we are we

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Faith UMC parish nurse leads community effort for caregivers and care receivers

As members of Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca have learned, parish nursing and health councils can do amazing things with God's help.

The church's parish nurse, Sherry Scholljegerdes, who is also a registered nurse, is leading a community-wide effort to provide for caregivers and care receivers.

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CHURCH:
Faith United Methodist Church

DISTRICT:
Southern Prairie

SUBMITTED BY:
Kim Maas

Storage Addition Deferred

“The Trustees took action to defer any building of the storage addition until a future unspecified date.”

At its meeting on May 28, the Trustees discussed the plans for the storage addition. After carefully considering the current priorities of Faith Church and, in particular, the potential for additional expenses to implement recommendations from the HCI Task Forces, the Trustees took action to defer any building of the storage addition until a future unspecified date. Replacement of the east side of the church roof will go on as planned this summer.



~Neil Fruechte

Faith Crafters and Stitchers



Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet Friday, July 12th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to bring their craft and sewing projects and join in a morning of work and fellowship. If you have questions, feel free to call **Sandy Voshell at 835-4122**. See you on the 12th.



Thanks to all the choir members for the Waseca Bucks. They were greatly appreciated. I will gladly use each one. Thanks for being so appreciative,

Marlys Garness

Thank you for the cards, the prayer shawls, and the prayers as I recovered from surgery.

Linda Wilson



Please Attend!

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will **not meet** in **July** or **August**.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, July 17th, at 9:30 a.m.** The location is yet to be determined.

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will **not meet** in **July** or **August**. The next meeting shall be **September 17th** at **Deloris Asmus' home** at **1:00 p.m.** **Dolores Dahnert** will provide the **program**.

Men's Club

Men's Club will meet on **Thursday, July 11th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Upper Room**.

HCI Update:

Your teams are **hard** at work:



Nursery, Signage, Vision, and Discipleship

Look for reports in upcoming newsletter articles.

Collectors' Showcase

"Best and Biggest showcase we've ever had."



Collector's showcase, which was held on May 26, was a big success. There were 29 individuals that participated in the showcase. Thank you to everyone who brought something. It was fun seeing such a variety of things that people collect,

and it was great visiting with everyone about their collection.

We also had 86 people at Fellowship. It was great that we had to set up another table to seat people.



It looked like it was the best and biggest showcase we've ever had! That is due to your participation, those that came to view the showcase or brought food for the potluck, which was very tasty.

Thanks again to everyone at Faith!

Roberta Walker

Update from the Nursery Committee



The Nursery Committee presented two Informational Meetings – one on Sunday, June 9, after the worship service and a second on Monday evening at 7:00. These were attended by a total of 23 congregational members. On June 16th, following the worship service, we distributed a letter to everyone regarding the two options for location of the nursery, listing the pros and cons of each location. If you didn't receive one and would like to read it, there are extra copies in the Narthex.

We met on June 17th to further discuss nursery location and divided up other tasks that need to be completed. The subcommittees will be working on recruiting and training volunteers, locating furnishings, wall decorations, preparing a policy and procedures manual, and discussing the signage for the nursery. We will present our recommendations to the Church Council on June 25th. Our task is to have the new nursery operational by Rally Sunday, September 8th.

Please contact Shirley Hansen with any questions at 507-645-5844 or e-mail: 1north23@gmail.com.

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| | Shirley Hansen | Wally Ruedy | Julie Sass |
| Committee Members: | Linda Lohse | Shirley Burdick | Julie Svoboda |
| | Vada Dahnert | Rodger Dahnert | Karen Ferch |
| | Jolene Kilmer | George Hagge | |

Group Respite Program

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By engaging the Ministerium, both Protestant and Catholic, and coming together with a servant perspective and shared knowledge of people in need, the church is working with other churches, state agencies, and local organizations to develop a "Group Respite Program" in Waseca.

Starting in mid-September, the program will offer:



Some Time Away: A program for care receivers—older adults with mild to moderate dementia that provides social interaction; including crafts, games, music, and exercises, one to two days a week at Faith UMC.

In-Home Respite: Volunteers provide two to three hours of home-based companionship and a break for the caregiver.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (a Minnesota Agency on Aging program): A six-week program that teaches caregivers to take care of themselves.

Some Time Away will cost \$30 for the program and \$5 for lunch. In-Home Respite is free or will accept a donation.

Organizations involved in the initiative work in the areas of aging, public and mental health, and transportation, and local pastors and the local mayor are volunteering their time to the effort. VINE Faith in Action, a Mankato-based interfaith volunteer care-giving organization that serves older adults, people with disabilities, and those encountering difficult life situations, is also heavily involved in the effort and is its current funder. The program hopes to be self-sustaining within two years.

Article Corrections by Sherry

This is the article published in "Northern Bytes"- MN Conference Newsletter.

Don't I look younger!

These are the corrections for the article:

1. Some Time Away-This also includes older adults who are socially isolated.
2. In Home Respite is \$8/hr.
3. Both programs accept vouchers and there is a sliding scale according to income.
- 4 Powerful Tools for Caregivers starts October 1st at the library.

We have several volunteers from our church-Thank you! We need folks who would like to come to the program. Think about relatives, friends, neighbors to invite! There is transportation available if needed.

Thanks for your help.

Peace,

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN
Your Parish Nurse





Go Out and Bear Fruit

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are assured that we are loved by God. This is a place where we operate out of the gifts that God has given us and a place

where can boldly obey, even when we are not sure where the path of obedience will lead us. We know that wherever we go, Jesus goes with us, before us, and behind us.

The rains have let up and we are now able to get to our gardens and plant our tomatoes, peas, green peppers, onions, summer squash and other delights.

We pull the weeds. We till the soil and plant the seeds. We water, we weed, we fertilize and wait. It is an act of faith to plant anything and then wait for it to bear fruit.

The weather could be too hot or too wet, too cool or too dry. Bugs could infest the new plants. Birds can come along and gobble up the seed.

So why bother? Go to Hy-Vee and pick up all the veggies you want and let someone else do the work. Anyone who knows the satisfaction of watching their garden grow and tasting the fruit of their labor know it's just not the same as what is home grown.

Then why are we content to let others be spiritual fruit bearers while we look on. The pastor can do that! Isn't that what he's paid to do?

Jesus wants us to leave spiritual fruit to others. He has appointed each of us to go and bear fruit.

Fruit bearing comes in many different forms, and it is not a matter of how hard we work, but how

faithful we are to sow the seed Jesus gives us.

Patrice and I learned recently that 13 years ago, we packed a backpack full of school supplies and

gave it to a mom in our old neighborhood of Dayton's Bluff. Her son graduated from high school and is heading off to college this fall. That little backpack was a seed that multiplied in his life.

In May, I received an e-mail from a student I disciplined 40 years ago in Boulder, Colorado. He wrote to thank me for the time I had spent with him, and to let me know he was now pastor of a church in Jacksonville, Fla.

Paul says in Galatians 6: 7-8 *"Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others, ignoring God!; harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life."*

So how's your spiritual garden growing? Are you raising a crop of weeds or a crop of real life, a crop of eternal life that goes on forever.

May you and I be more and more fruitful as we seek to honor God and bless those around us.

Pastor Victor

"It is not a matter of how hard we work, but how faithful we are to sow the seed Jesus gives us."

2013 Minnesota Annual Conference Session Summary

Bishop Ough says we have three imperatives: to reach new people, cultivate spiritual vitality, and to heal a broken world. This means we must “embrace and align our work so we can turn outward and engage the world with a burning desire to offer Christ and have a transforming impact.”

He added that in order to be transformed, bold leaders pray.

On May 30, guest speaker Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey presented five breakthrough practices of the missional church. Nilson Kibbey encouraged church leaders to serve in ways that no one has before; to love their community or neighborhood (which we can start to do by asking, “Do we know what they need?”); to practice radical hospitality, to commit to a new life prayer initiative, and to commit to building in themselves a lifestyle of a leader.

- Members approved a resolution to allow for the election of General Conference 2016 delegates in 2014.
- Members approved a resolution encouraging Bishop Ough to consider setting the dates for session later in the month of June to allow for increased accessibility by students and others, and for sessions to subsidize childcare for children up to age ten.
- Session members also passed a 2014 annual conference budget totaling just over \$6.2 million, \$11,000 above the 2013 budget and \$3,000 below the “ceiling” (the maximum allowed by

conference rules). The 2014 budget is at the same level as the 2003 budget.

- Continuing their impassioned response to Imagine No Malaria, Minnesotans have now collected more than \$2 million of their \$2.5 million in pledges, surpassing their original \$1.8 million goal.
- Additionally, \$78,679 was collected for the annual Love Offering for Missions, which raises funds for international, national, and local projects.
- Two people were commissioned for the work of an elder; two people were ordained into full membership—one deacon and one elder. Twenty-seven clergy members retired.
- Membership stands at 67,789, down 2,228 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 32,229, down 1,461. Church-school attendance (Sunday morning statistics only) stands at 8,461, up 119.

Social Issues

- Additionally, members approved legislation that calls for a study guide on marriage, highlighting the various positions United Methodists hold on same-sex unions.
- Members affirmed a resolution to “be in prayer, discernment, and action” regarding same-sex unions, as well as gun control and matters of community safety.
- In legislative session, members voted to divest in stock of General Electric, which provides goods and services to Israel.

OUR TRIP TO THE MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

We are looking back on this past week, what we all did on our mission trip, and what we accomplished. Mission trips are mostly about helping others, but that is not all that we did. We met new people, played games, and had a great time.

Anna, Clayton and I (Sarah) enjoyed the week down in Chatham, IL. at the Mission Distribution Center. This was Anna's first time going. For Clayton and I, this was our second time. The first time that we went, we tented in 100 degree temperatures. This time was a lot better. We all stayed in the dorm, but the dorm was not just a place to sleep.

Our work day started at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 4:00 p.m. It wasn't a long day, but what we accomplished was amazing. Everything we worked on will help people all over the world. Some of the jobs that we worked on included: washing and drying sponges (they come with a chemical that will cause the sponge to mold and, therefore, make the supplies in the cleaning buckets unusable), washing out cleaning buckets, counting soap, pencils, toothbrushes, toothpaste, crayons, pencil sharpeners, and notebooks; making kits and organizing sent-in donations. There was so much more that we did, but all that matters is that we knew that we were doing something worthwhile.

Other than working, we met new people from Catlin, IL that stayed in the dorm with us. At first we thought that there would only be adults, but we were wrong. There were also two youth

there. We talked a lot and became really good friends. We also played cards with the adults and even enjoyed a sand volleyball game

with them. I found one adult really amazing. Her name is Jan. She goes to Liberia for mission work and, on Monday night she did a presentation for us. Instead of a power point or slide show, she told her story with water colors that she had made of the people and scenery that were so realistic. All in all, we had a fantastic time.

We did a lot of work that would, in the end, help millions around the world. We had a great time and met new people. It was a fun experience, and we have set a date in 2015 to return in June.

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United Methodist Church Women Meeting May 20, 2013

Members Present: Edy Barber, Janice Kaupa, Margaret Hasslen, Roberta Walker, Karen Norby, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Karen Ferch, Sandy Voshell, Linda Lohse, Lorraine Wick, Kelly Adams, Gloria Tollefson, Char Frankenberg, Mary Stauffer, Marlys Garness, Dolores Dahnert, Shirley Hansen, Ferol Pursell, Barb Friedl, Theresa Riecke

Following a delicious light dinner served by the Mary Circle, Mary Stauffer opened the business meeting.

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UMW Unit Meeting Continued...

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The secretary's report had been printed in the newsletter, and it was approved as written.

Sandy Voshell reviewed the January through April financial statements with us and stated that the 2014 budget has been reduced, in part, due to pledging more to the district than our incoming funds. There was a discussion on those line items that were reduced or eliminated. Theresa Riecke asked why the youth mission trip funding was cut when the kitchen supplies stayed the same. Sherry S. made a motion, seconded by Theresa, that the kitchen supplies fund be cut to \$250.00 and \$250.00 be given to the youth fund. After discussion, this motion was denied and someone will investigate first the amount of funds the youth have in their account to see if this motion should be reworded. Theresa made a motion to approve the pledge for Southern Prairie District and Emma Norton Services. Barb seconded, the motion carried.

Unfinished Business: The spring luncheon was well attended.

Sherry S. was part of a group of women from UMW that presented Hartley Elementary School with the \$237.00 that had been donated from our church for their snacks.

Roberta kept us up to date on the Fall Bazaar planning meetings. She said things are going well and many ideas have been shared. She hopes to make this the 'biggest and best' bazaar to date! The following have volunteered to be chairpersons in certain areas – Shirley B. will chair the silent auction, Linda and Sandy will be in charge of making the soup, Mary volunteered to bake the bread, and Roberta said she will co-chair the crafts area. Shirley B. said she would also be in charge of grab bags, if people would be interested in them, and the pricing of the bags was discussed, but no decision was made.

Roberta then mentioned that other than the large outdoor sign publicizing our fall bazaar, we need to raise approximately \$127.00 for smaller signs to put around town and suggested having a Cake Auction on June 23rd after church. She's asked Doug Jones to auction the cakes. Volunteer cake bakers are needed. (Note: The auction was successful, raising over \$350.00.)

Barb gave a report on the Southern Prairie Spring Gathering. Their speaker was from Belgrade and is an occupational therapist. She had gone on a UMC supported trip to Ghana and another African country. Two hundred wheelchairs were donated to their countries and they were very thankful.

Char Frankenberry gave a report from the Spiritual Growth Retreat, which she attended. Their guest speaker's topic was 'Learning How to Pray'.

New Business: Roberta informed us that there will be a Collectors/Hobby Showcase and Potluck on Sunday, May 26th following the worship service. Anyone who has a collection or hobby they would like to share is encouraged to bring them to the fellowship hall that morning. (Note: It was very successful with many displays.)

Saturday, June 22, is the Day Apart for Spiritual Growth in Lambertton (about two hours away). If any women are interested in attending, contact Mary Stauffer.

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UMW Unit Meeting Continued...

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Mary stated that the 2013 Mission U will be held the week of July 16 – 19 at St. Johns University. The cost for the Saturday session is \$89.00, which includes a session for everyone on Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly and two other sessions to choose from – one on Poverty and the other Roma in Europe. Please contact Mary, if you are interested, and she will give you a registration form, which is due on or before June 24th.

September 14th is the date for the next Minnesota District Gathering in Mankato. October 2nd will be our Guest Night with Catherine Ritch Guess as our speaker – she’s the author of adult and children’s books.

Sherry then told us about the new Respite Care Program she’s helping to initiate, which will begin early September, 2013 in our church fellowship hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this program, knows of someone who could use the service, or would just like more information on this program, please contact Sherry.

Mary adjourned the business meeting.

Linda and Sherry then gave a program based on our new nursery. Linda gave a devotional reading of Bible verses referring to how God feels about children and our responsibilities towards children. These different verses were on our tables. Sherry told us of the toys purchased to date for our new and improved nursery and told us that some of the old toys were sold during the Relay for Life’s auction. Marlys Garness then played a number of children’s Sunday school songs on the piano – we were to

guess the titles and then joined in singing these songs. Some of them were ‘Deep and Wide’, ‘Jesus Loves Me’, ‘Jesus Loves the Little Children’, ‘He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands’. This activity was enjoyed by all.

Our **Next UMW meeting** will be held **on August 19th** to be hosted by the Ruth Circle.

Respectfully submitted by
Shirley Hansen, Secretary

Inspirational Quote of the Month:

“Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there’s no tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love again.”

— Max Lucado, “Every Day Deserves a Chance: Wake Up to the Gift of 24 Hours”

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 214

Rev. 14:11 - Rev. 15:3

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CROWN	FAITHFUL
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GOLD	HEAVEN
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JESUS	PATIENT
LABOR	PLAGUES
LORD	SAINTS
MARK	SMOKE
OBEY	STADIA
SPIRIT	SWUNG
SICKLE	TEMPLE
REAP	TORMENT
WRATH	WORSHIP
MARVELOUS	
VICTORIOUS	
RECEIVES	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Habitat Volunteer Classifieds

Building Supervisor

Do you have building skills? Are you familiar with building Codes and OSHA Standards? Willing to work with and coordinate volunteers and schedules? We hope to build this fall.

Board Members

Are you a lawyer, contractor, industrial arts teacher, landscaper, female? We have a lot of great backgrounds on our board of directors but, we could sure use people like you.

Fund raising and Event Planning Committee

Are you organized? Do you like people who are enthusiastic about ending poverty housing? On our fund raising committee, you can make a big impact. Each home costs about \$100,000 to build.

We need help recommending, developing, and implementing creative fund-raising and publicity ideas.

Building Committee

Do you like to build things and be a bigger part in community growth?

Would you like to work/lead teams of volunteers?

Our building committee is in need of leaders like you to help build our next house and those that follow.

"Once Volunteering was for Dreamers"

Once, volunteering was for dreamers...

We were-and some still are pioneers in compassionate enterprise. It was the way we got good things done before there were big budgets or bureaucracies.

Once, volunteering was a legacy...

It was an inheritance from family, friends, or faith, an unself-conscious way of living out basic values.

Volunteering was just the way we were, a private matter of public consequence.

Once, volunteering was a power...

We didn't react to trends, we caused them.

We didn't supplement staff, we CREATED them.

Politicians didn't use us; we used them.

And made dreams happen.

Once volunteering was for dreamers...

May it soon be so again.

-Ivan Scheier

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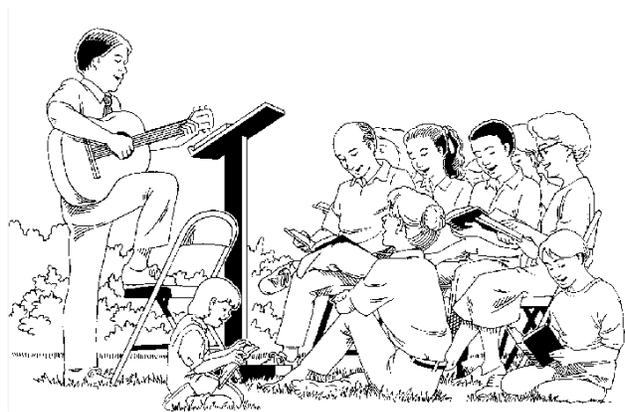
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