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Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Administrative Assistant Hours are currently varied and subject to change. Please call ahead if you need to visit the office.



**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Ones,

I am planning a Bible Study! For this study I am using the United Methodist adult bible study series.

The three units of Bible lessons in this quarter unify around the theme, Respond. The lessons move through various responses people of faith are called to make as they live out their faith in both good times and difficult ones.

**Unit 1: Intended for Good**

The Genesis story of Joseph and his brothers is one of the great stories from the Bible, with forgiveness and grace among its underlying themes. As the story stretches over several chapters of Genesis, the four weeks of this unit give us ample time to explore it and see how the meaning of its events changed as Joseph recognized God at work behind the scenes.

**Scriptures:** Genesis 37:5-28; Genesis 39:1-21; Genesis 41:1-16, 25-32; Genesis 45:1-15

**Spiritual Practice:** Forgiveness

**Unit 2: The People Next Door**

“Neighbor” is an important theme in both the Old and New Testaments, and so this four-lesson unit delves into it from several perspectives. The first lesson (Lesson 5 in this quarter) gathers various verses from Proverbs on that topic. The second lesson, using a passage from the book of Ruth, invites us to think about what it means to be a neighbor to immigrants. The third lesson looks in the book of Acts for how the early church leaders incorporated neighborliness into the church’s structure. And the fourth lesson takes us to Mark’s Gospel for an example of four individuals who were true neighbors to a man in need.

**Scriptures:** Proverbs 3:27-30; 6:1-5; 25:20-23; Ruth 2:4-16; Acts 6:1-7; Mark 2:1-12

**Spiritual Practice:** Scripture

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## 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

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Foxdale:** Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Liz Corchran, Leona Quast

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista

**New Richland Care Center:** Janice Kaupa

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Michael Schumacher, Janice Kaupa, Marlys & Ken Garness, Stacy True and her family,, Liz Corchran, 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.



## Graduation Sunday



*“For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” Jeremiah 29:11*

The congregation of Faith UMC will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors on **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** during worship. We will follow worship with a time of outdoor fellowship. Please join us as we celebrate Devin, Aaron, Troy and Samantha.

If you wish to mail a card to the graduates, they can be mailed as follows:

Devin Stankiewicz  
14900 345th Ave.  
Waseca, MN 56093

Aaron Root  
301 12th St. SE  
Waseca, MN 56093

Troy Mitzel  
14551 147th St.  
Waseca, MN 56093

Samantha True  
820 4th Ave. NE  
Waseca, MN 56093

## Financial Update

We are slowly moving toward normal for our Sunday services during this pandemic. While we have had services on Sundays, on May 16 we were able to participate without face masks! And in June, there are plans to have outdoor fellowship after the service, moving to indoor in July. Many Faith Church members have continued to send in their gifts even though they haven't been able to attend the service on Sundays. This has helped immensely to keep our finances in reasonable condition.

Summer is here now, and we need to try to avoid that "summer slump" in our regular giving. Once we fall behind in our regular giving, it is difficult to catch up. Our sincere "thank you" to all who have continued to support our church operations during these unusual times.

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The group enjoyed a power point on memories of Ruth circle. It was great remembering some of the individuals that are no longer with us and reminiscing about the past years of Ruth circle.

Soap was the topic for the devotion. It is important to use soap to get clean, because you look better, you smell better, and you stay healthier. Too much dirt can make you sick.

People can get dirty on the inside too. That's what God's Word calls sin-when we do things we shouldn't or don't do things we're supposed to do. We need some way be cleansed on the inside, and no bar of soap can do it. That's what Jesus does for us. When we give our lives to Him and let Him come to live inside of us. He cleans us inside so that we're clean as new.



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### Unit 3: The Five Stages of Job

As suffering in some form comes to most of us at some point (or points) in life, it is useful to consider how Job, who suffered greatly, responded to it, and to learn from his experience. The five lessons of this unit show us five diverse ways Job responded to his calamities: worship, resignation, protest, angry despair, and acceptance. While not suggesting that all of these are useful in every case, the lessons help us recognize what may be going on in our spirits when suffering overtakes us.

**Scriptures:** Job 1:8-20; Job 1:21-22, 2:7-10; Job 19:1-6, 13-19; Job 30:16-23; Job 40:1-5; 41:1-10; 42:1-6

### Spiritual Practice: Lament

So, this study is set up to take three months to complete, but, we can do one unit or all units, we will decide together, also, we can be very flexible with our schedule, after all it is spring/summer. I do hope you will join me. I would like to start this study on **Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**, meeting at **10:30am**. This will give enough time to order all needed materials. Please call the office if you would like to join and we will order a book for you!

Blessings, Pastor Carolyn

## UMW Meetings are Back!!

UMW Meetings Are Back!! June 21,2021 at 10:00

"Being a First Generation Somali Woman in Small Town America" our speaker is Amina Mungani. Her family lives in Waseca and she works at Waseca Area Caregiver Services. She is a lovely young woman and will provide us with insight into what it has been like for her and her family being of another faith and culture than ours.

Important issues will also be discussed such as: Fall Bazaar, budget, future circle and unit meetings. No special offerings this meeting.

Please bring your own snacks and drinks and plan to social distance unless the recommendations change.

Visitors Welcome! See you on the 21st!

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- ✦ 2. **Southern Prairie District Day Apart is Tuesday, June 15 in person at Oakwood UMW in New Ulm beginning at 10:00 am.**

Our Spiritual Leader will be Kim Harris, Deaconess. She will base the day on Acts 17: Anchored in Faith, Adrift in Fear, Ashore in Hope. The District Day Apart will help us deepen our connection to the work and community of UMW. Cost is \$12.00. Register by June 8 with Renee Ubl, 905 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073; email [rubl@comcast.net](mailto:rubl@comcast.net) or call 507-354-2233. (Info on page 7 of Spring Outreach.)

- ✦ 3. **Mission u 2021 will offer three studies this summer via Zoom.**

See information and register online at [www.mnconfumw.com](http://www.mnconfumw.com) under Mission u. Cost is \$25 per study, or \$60 for all three studies. You may take a course online by yourself or in a group, but everyone needs to be registered. Scholarships are available for registration/books.

- June 11 – 13 Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools. Study Leaders: Emily Jones (UMW Executive for Racial Justice) and Dr. Lorraine Mayfield-Brown from Seminole, FL.
- July 16-18 Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom. Study Leader: Amanda Meisenheimer
- August 6- 8 Finding Peace in an Anxious World. Study Leader: Marion Hansen, North Star Dist Pres.

- ✦ 4. **“Urgent Maternal Warning Signs” Posters are available for each UMW unit to distribute in their area. Let Sherry Scholljegerdes know how many posters you want, where you want them sent, or if you’ll pick them up at Day Apart. Reach Sherry at [sgscholl2@yahoo.com](mailto:sgscholl2@yahoo.com) or 507-835-4304.**

## Responding to Disasters: UMCOR Supplies Collection July 9-10, 2021

Minnesota United Methodists have a long-standing tradition of responding to natural disasters over the years. One way we respond is by bringing relief supplies to our Annual Conference gathering. While COVID has postponed that particular effort, the Mission Promotion Action Team decided to come to selected churches throughout the state instead. Efforts in June and November of 2020 yielded over 15,000 pounds of donated supplies! As you know, there is still a great need, so we are doing it again.

A truck will be arriving at seven socially-distanced parking lots **July 9 and 10**. It is helpful if supplies are boxed up with the donating church's name and address marked on it. Everything will be delivered to the [Midwest Mission Distribution Center](#), a UMCOR-related depot in Chatham, Illinois, unless the box is marked for "UMCOR: Sager Brown Depot."

### List of requested items

#### MMDC Tornado Kit materials:

- 2 pairs of work gloves
- 24 1 gallon size resealable bags
- 2 permanent markers
- 1 roll of duct tape—prefer colored
- 2 dust masks—no surgical
- 24 trash bags—heavy duty—33-45 gallon size
- 24 clear/white trash bags—20-33 gallon size

#### UMCOR Hygiene Kit materials:

- 1 hand towel (15x25-17x27 inches)—no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber
- 1 washcloth—no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber
- 1 comb—6 inches of teeth—no pocket combs or picks
- 1 toenail or fingernail clipper—no emery boards or metal nail files
- 1 bar of soap (3 oz. or larger)—no Ivory or Jergen's (do not remove packaging)
- 1 adult toothbrush (do not remove packaging)
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)
- 1 gallon size resealable bag

#### UMCOR Cleaning Kit materials:

- 1 five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 1 32-64 bottle liquid laundry detergent
- 1 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner—no spray cleaners
- 1 16-34 oz. dish soap
- 1 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- 1 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 re-usable cleaning wipes—no terry cloth, microfiber, or paper towels, (remove from packaging)
- 5 scouring pads—no stainless steel pads with soap in them (remove from packaging)
- 36-50 clothespins
- 1 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- 5 N95 dust masks (no surgical masks)
- 2 pairs kitchen gloves
- 1 pair work gloves

**Other [MMDC](#) supply requests include:**

deodorant 2-3 oz.  
notebooks—1 subject spiral (8"x10 ½")  
rulers  
unsharpened pencils  
12 box of colored pencils  
24 box of crayons  
student scissors  
cloth diapers  
wheelchairs  
walkers  
canes  
crutches  
orthopedic supplies

**Schedule:**

**Friday, July 9, 10-11 a.m.:** Hope UMC, 301 W Saint Marie St., Duluth

**Friday, July 9, 2-3 p.m.:** Akeley UMC, 17 1<sup>st</sup> St., Akeley

**Friday, July 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.:** Park UMC, 315 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Brainerd

**Friday, July 9, 7-8 p.m.:** First UMC of the St. Cloud Region, 1107 Pine Cone Rd. S, Sartell

**Saturday, July 10, 9-10 a.m.:** Coon Rapids UMC, 10506 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids

**Saturday, July 10, 11 a.m.-noon:** Eden Prairie UMC, 15050 Scenic Heights Rd., Eden Prairie

**Saturday, July 10, 3-4 p.m.:** Hope UMC, 12080 380<sup>th</sup> Ave., Blue Earth\*

Please bring kits and supplies during the one-hour time period only, as the truck will only be there during each time slot.

\*The exception is Hope UMC in Blue Earth, where deliveries can be made ahead of time upon prior arrangement with the church. Email [hopeumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:hopeumc@bevcomm.net) to make arrangements.

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**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet on  
**Wednesday, June 9 at 2:00 pm** at the  
church.

**Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, June 8  
at 10:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please  
bring your own coffee and treat. Hope to  
see you there!