

**Inside this issue:**

From the Pastor's Desk	1
Prayer Requests / Announcements	2 - 4
Letter from District Superintendent	5
Ruth Circle	6
Elizabeth Circle	6
Prayer for Our Church	7
Leadership Team	7

**Special Points of Interest:**

- May Monthly Meetings, Back Page
- May Birthdays and Anniversaries included with Calendar

**Pastor Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Administrative Assistant

**Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm



# Faith Messenger



**MAY**

*Faith United Methodist Church  
"Engage, Equip, and Empower!"*

**Volume 2025  
Issue 4**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Just like any relationship, good relationships in the church don't happen without effort. In a family, each person has responsibilities. The same is true in our spiritual family, the church. If we want to grow together in love and faith, we each have a role to play and a burden to carry.

Galatians 6:1-5 reminds us of this truth. The churches in Galatia were started by the Apostle Paul during his first missionary journey. But a few years later, when Paul visited again, his advice was simple yet powerful: "Carry each other's burdens." This means that we all have responsibilities as members of God's family. It's not just about joining a church and putting our names on a list. Becoming part of God's family is a gift—we receive it freely through faith in Jesus Christ. It's about serving, loving, and growing in faith—together.

We don't have to carry our burdens alone. When we share each other's burdens, lift each other up, and cover each other's weaknesses with love, we build a stronger and more joyful community. This is the kind of church that pleases the Lord. God's grace is bigger than any burden we carry. Let us carry our burdens together and grow as one family in Christ.

With Love and Blessings,

Pastor Dong Hun Shin

## 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:** Margaret Dahnert

**Lakeshore Inn:** Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Les Wells, Margaret Dahnert, Dennis Dahnert, Anna Born, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Sandy Voshell, Bob Larson, Stuart Kuyper, Darla Dahnert, Les Wells, the Ukraine, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

## May 18 Fellowship

Please join us at Fellowship on May 18 to listen to Barb Klampe's 4 piano students play their spring recital music.

## Faith Gardens

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with tending the flower gardens on our grounds. There are a few different gardens that need care. They include the garden around the flag pole, the peace garden, the island under the overhang by our main entrance, and the plants around the foundation of the church building. There will be sign up sheets available in the narthex to sign up to care for one of the gardens on a monthly rotation. It is our hope that one or two people could sign up to care for one or more gardens for a month at a time. If you have questions about what needs to be done in the gardens, Clair Voshell will be happy to answer any questions and show you what needs to be done. Please consider signing up so we can keep our grounds looking beautiful.

## May 17 Clean Up

On Saturday, May 17 at 8:00am we will have an outdoor clean up day of the church grounds. The flower beds need to be cleaned out and plants need to be trimmed back to make way for new growth. We will also clean up sticks and brush around the grounds and the parsonage, if needed. Please plan to come and help if you are able. Many hands make light work! If you are not able to come on May 17 but could come at another time before then to clean out one of the flower gardens, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Faith's Blessing Box Update

We would like to express a big thank you to the Owatonna Hy-Vee for a generous donation of 12 cases of pasta for our Blessing Box! Thanks also to Mike Morrissey for coordinating with Hy-Vee and delivering the pasta.

Due to this donation, we are not in need of any dry pasta at this time. However, we would welcome donations of canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.), canned meats (tuna, chicken), canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal and pancake mix.

We appreciate and are grateful for all food and cash donations for the blessing box. Your donations help us to keep this ministry going. Food donations can be placed in the donation box in the narthex or brought into the church office during office hours. Cash donations can be mailed or brought to the church with a notation that they are for the blessing box. Thank you for your donations!

**All Blessing Box items must be: shelf-stable (non-perishable), sealed and not past expiration date, able to withstand hot temperatures during the summer months, and able to withstand cold temperatures in the winter months (e.g. pouched meat instead of canned meat). Please no glass jars.**

### Spring Luncheon

A sincere gratitude to everyone who volunteered to make our recent Spring luncheon such a wonderful success! Your dedication and hard work were truly appreciated, and we couldn't have done it without you

Words cannot express how thankful we are for everyone; those who planned the event, the workers who made it happen, those who donated food items or money and the people who came for lunch.

Your willingness to lend a hand and work together made the luncheon a truly special event, encouraged a sense of community and fellowship. We are deeply grateful for your time, effort, and support.

It was a GREAT day, the weather was great, seeing a filled parking lot was great, the food was great, and most of all the people who attended the luncheon were great.

Every little thing that someone does makes the luncheon a success. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!**

### 50th Anniversary Party

Bud and Peggy Deno are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 31. There will be an anniversary party in the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 31 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome to stop in and celebrate with them. Congratulations Bud and Peggy!

## Severe Weather Policy

At the April Leadership Team meeting we discussed the need to implement a severe weather policy in case of severe weather during Sunday morning worship. It was decided that we will implement a policy where the pastor and a member of the leadership team will make a decision to hold worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall if it is determined there is a threat of severe weather. The purpose of this policy is to ensure everyone's safety. We want to make sure everyone is on the lower level if there is a threatening weather situation.

## UMCOR Donation

We are pleased to announce that in February we sent donation checks to UMCOR. The funds were distributed as follows:

\$1,692.96 to Advance #901670 - US Disaster Response and Recovery

\$1,692.96 to Advance #3021770 - Global Health

\$525.00 to Advance #901670 - Specifically for California Fire Response and Relief

## 2024 Apportionments Paid

Faith United Methodist Church received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of 100% payment of apportionments in 2024. Please see the letter from our District Superintendent on the next page.

Thank you for your generous giving contributions which allow us to pay our apportionments and other expenses!

## Pastor Vacation

Pastor Dong will be on vacation May 13 through 30 with his family in Korea. We will have Pastor Victor Waters with us on May 18 and 25 to fill in. Please pray for safe travels for Pastor Dong and his family.



**Minnesota  
Annual Conference**  
of the United Methodist Church

April 17, 2025

**Our Mission**  
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Vision**  
Grow in Love of God and Neighbor  
Reach New People  
Heal a Broken World

**Expression of Our Vision as Lived Out Values**  
Rooted in Jesus  
Grounded in Wesleyan Theology  
Inclusive of All Persons  
Engaged in the Work of Justice and Reconciliation

Dear Faith United Methodist Church,

*Gamsahabnida!* ("Thank you" in Korean)

You are receiving this thank you letter because your congregation has paid 2024 apportionment in full. Dr. David W. Scott writes in his article, "The Many Meanings of Connectionalism" saying, "Connectionalism is a fundamental part of what it means to be church for Methodists." I do know that it's not possible to hit 100% without deep understanding of connectionalism of the United Methodist Church. I do also know that it is an indication of faithfulness as people called United Methodist.

Having been in local ministries for 28 years, I have been appointed to pretty large congregations where money wasn't an issue at all, and I have been appointed to small congregations where everything was fine but money. Lack of or insufficient financial resources make a direct impact on the mission and ministry of a faith community. When monthly financial reports are in the red for months, it's hard to be hopeful for the future and passionate about the mission of the church. Uncertainty feeds anxiety and fear. Survival mode kicks in and we find every possible way to stay afloat. Where is apportionment in all this conversation?

This is why I say that paying apportionment in full is a sign of faithfulness. This is the reason why I express my deepest gratitude and thankfulness for your faithfulness and connectional support. It's a sign of faithful giving of two coins offered by a widow at the Jerusalem temple. It's an act of giving not from abundance but from faithfulness that a widow brought a handful of meal in a jar and little oil in a jug to the prophet Elijah even though she was planning to eat it as her last meal and die along with her son. I ran across this inspiring message written by an anonymous author. It speaks of a simple truth so loud, "generosity is the matter of heart." It goes like this:

"Fear not. If an ant comes to your barn door and asks for help, will you be poor if you give it a handful of wheat? You are like a little worm at the door of My house, where everything is provided. "I help you." Soul, is this not enough? Do you need more wisdom than what is in God the Father, more love than what is in Jesus, more strength than what is revealed by the Holy Spirit? Come with your empty bucket, and the fountain will surely fill it. Gather your wants, your emptiness, your sorrows, your needs, and come with them. Behold, the full stream of God is waiting to meet your needs."

What more can you ask? Go, soul. Here is your strength. The everlasting God is your help.

"Fear not. I am with you always. Wander not. I am your God, always helping you."

Thank you for your faith. Thank you for your support for mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Your Servant in Christ,

Woojae Im  
District Superintendent, Prairie Winds District

Lanette Plambeck, **Resident Bishop** • Woojae Im, **Conference Superintendent of the Prairie Winds District**  
122 W Franklin Ave. Suite 400 • Minneapolis, MN 55404 • P: 612-230-6117 • [PrarieWinds@minnesotaumc.org](mailto:PrarieWinds@minnesotaumc.org)  
[woojae.im@minnesotaumc.org](mailto:woojae.im@minnesotaumc.org)

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle's April meeting was held at Colony Court so we could visit with Margaret D. Always laughter and fun times and it's great visiting over a cup of coffee and treats. We did not have a scheduled program but spent our time enjoying the fellowship with friends.

Our next meeting will be May 13th at the Gathering Room at 1:00. We may be late but our program will be SPRING CLEANING.

If you have this time open, do stop in and join us.

## Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle members—and one guest, Roberta, met in the Minnesota Room at LakeShore Rehab Center on Wednesday afternoon, April 16. I believe this may have been a first for our group; but the staff made us feel very welcome and we thank them for their hospitality. Sandy and Peggy were co-hosts, so to speak, as LakeShore is their home and they are doing well. Mary Jane furnished delicious homemade cookies—and a special treat: PEEPS! (Can't have Easter without them.) Coffee, goodies, and wonderful conversation were enjoyed by all.

During the meeting we talked about the 'Hello to Spring' Saturday coffee party held at Faith Church fellowship hall in March. The women who attended were generous in their praise and there is no doubt that we will be hosting another in the not-too-distant future.

Karen read from two books—short writings about friendship; we all remembered special friends, past and present. We've all lived long enough to have had many dear friends over the years; they have had great influence in our lives as we've all matured. In many cases, our faith in God has been shaped and enriched by the friendships we've been given. We are most grateful for our Christian sisters who are no longer with us here in this life, and while we miss them dearly, we hold their memories in our hearts.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Weds. May 21, at 2:30 in the afternoon. If convenient for staff at Lakeshore, we will gather again in their Minnesota Room. Linda Wilson will lead with a lesson and Karen Ferch will provide refreshments.

-Karen Ferch

### **A Prayer for our Church**

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

### **Faith UMC Mission Statement**

Faith United Methodist Church Serves God through  
Worship, Faith, Friendship, Outreach

### **Leadership Team**

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

- Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor
- Dave Baldini, Chair
- Clair Voshell, Trustees
- Jarod True, Finances, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC
- Stacy True, Recording Secretary
- Neil Fruechte
- Mary Jane Stauffer
- Karen Ferch
- Mike Morrissey
- Linda Griffin
- Les Wells
- Janet Welch

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members.

**\*\*Copies of approved Leadership Team minutes can be found on the shelf by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

**\*\*Copies of church financial statements can be reviewed by church members in the office upon request.**



Faith United Methodist Church

*"Engage, Equip, and Empower"*

**801 Fourth Ave. NE  
Waseca, MN 56093**

Phone: 507-835-3167

Fax: 507-835-5400

E-mail: [faithwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:faithwaseca@gmail.com)

[www.faithwasecaumc.com](http://www.faithwasecaumc.com)

Non-profit Org  
Postage Paid  
Permit 30  
Waseca, MN  
56093

**Change Service Requested**

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

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 21** at **2:30** in the Gathering Room.

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, May 13** at **1:00** in the Gathering Room.