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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

Warning – another cat story! Our cat Willow does not like to be picked up. She does not like to be held. She does like to sleep at the foot of the bed and in the morning come up for some pets on her head.

A couple of weeks ago, I scooped Willow up as she tried to run out the door to the deck and I felt a large, egg sized lump on her side. Now, cats are notorious for not showing pain. I had no idea how long it had been there or if it was bothering her. I called the vet- this was on a Monday, and they could not work her in until Friday (did you know that vets are overwhelmed right now because everyone got a COVID pet?) So, I made the appointment. Later that day Kirk noticed that Willow was laying in the sun and that her side was wet and the lump was no longer there. She had a wound about the size of a quarter so I called the vet back and they said they would see her the next morning. She ended up with several stitches. I felt bad because if I would have noticed the lump earlier, I could have possibly prevented the lump from getting so large.

A lot of us are like cats (no offense). We don't like to show others when we are in pain, physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We don't want to burden people. We don't want to show signs of weakness. We want to keep up appearances. I have found that as I get older, the need to appear OK no matter what I'm going through has gotten stronger. Have you found that to be true? The truth is, I have many friends and family who will come to my aid. The problem is, they need to know I need help.

We are a congregation, that means we are family. I know all of you are willing to help any one of us when we need it, but are we willing to allow our church family to know when we need help ourselves?

I have had many conversations with people who feel badly about needing help with their daily routine of selfcare. I gently tell them that they are not a burden and in fact are providing a blessing to those who help them. So, I'm going to practice asking for help when I need it, and I hope you will too.

Here are some scriptures to remind us how we are to be each other's church family.

1 Corinthians 12:26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa

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: Ken Garness and family, 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.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Please note that Stacy will be out of the office October 20 to 22 and October 25.

Financial Update

At the meeting in August, the Church Council was informed that our 2021 operating fund is falling behind in members' giving. Even though we have been judicious in our operating costs, the shortfall is concerning. This is a reminder that the church expenses are ongoing and need to be met. Even though many of you have not been able to attend the church service on Sundays, we encourage you to send your gifts to the church office regularly. We make the church deposit each week from the Sunday offerings as well as the gifts that are sent to the office.

Thank you.

UMW Autumn Fest Sale

UMW is sponsoring an “Autumn Fest Sale” on Saturday, October 16 from 8:00am – 2:00pm. We need great stuff to sell to support our missions. We need hand crafted items, garden items, household items, jewelry, knick knacks, toys, seasonal items, rustic stuff, tools, books, games, furniture, sporting goods, and anything gently used. **No clothing or appliances, please.** Items can be dropped off at church on Sundays or Tuesdays 10: 00 – 12:00. Call for pick up.

We will also have cookie sale, bake sale, canned goods, and crafts on day of sale.

Thanks for your help.

Sunday Worship Viewing Schedule

Just a reminder, if you are unable to attend in person worship, our Sunday service airs on the local PEG channel on the following schedule:

Sunday 12:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Thursday 4:30 PM

Saturday 6:00 PM

If you are not able to find the PEG channel, you may contact your cable provider. Channel numbers vary depending on provider and modem used.

If you do not have access to the local PEG channel, Sunday services can be viewed via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website at www.wasecafaithumc.com.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle met Tuesday, September 14th. The program and devotion was “Memories” taken from the second letter of Peter. The apostle makes several references in this letter to the danger of forgetting and the great importance of having a good memory, when considering moral and spiritual things. Memory is a wonderful gift from God.

The October meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th at 10:30 in the Gathering Room. Please remember to bring your own beverage.

If you are interested in joining or would like to visit a circle meeting, watch the bulletin or newsletter for time and place.

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meaning

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

Children's Sunday School

When a child is baptized, the congregation makes a promise to that child and family. The following is part of the baptismal covenant found in our Book of Worship:

8 *The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

One of the ways we, as a congregation, live into this promise is to offer opportunity for children to learn of God's love. One of the most important ways we do this is through Sunday School. For the past several years, your pastor's wife had taken on the privilege of teaching Sunday School to our children. She did a wonderful job and was loved by the children. Obviously, that is no longer an option, and when Patrice and Victor moved on, COVID was also an issue.

It is now time for us to step up and offer Sunday School once again. The education committee would like to have at least four people willing to be blessed by teaching Sunday school. If we had four teachers, we could rotate and each teacher would teach one Sunday a month. We currently have two volunteers, we need two more. All materials will be provided.

Please pray about this and if you feel a "God Prod" call the office and say YES! The life of our church depends on it!

UMW Unit Meeting

Monday August 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Faith United Methodist Women met Monday, August 16, 2021 in Fellowship Hall with 14 women present.

President Karen Ferch opened the meeting with a prayer and some selected readings.

Minutes were read and accepted as printed.

Treasurer Sandy Voshell gave her report saying all bills have been paid except the "Love Gift". We have until the end of the year to pay our pledges. She also brought "Thank Offering Boxes" for those wishing to have one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roberta announced that she has heard many favorable comments about our cross and has observed people driving up to it to pray every day.

September 12 will be UMW Sunday with Karen and Pastor Carolyn installing the officers for the present year and awarding the Special Mission Recognition pins. Pastor Carolyn will finish the rest of the service.

NEW BUSINESS:

UMW Southern Prairie District Meeting will be September 18 at Belgrade Methodist Church in North Mankato. Let Sherry know if you are interested in attending. The program will be "Loving and Nurturing One Another".

Emma Norton is in urgent need of "Welcome Baskets" for new residents for the coming year. Our church will be assembling a basket which is in the narthex with a list of items needed to complete it. Please check it out and help if you can. Each basket's value is approximately \$100. Sherry Scholljegerdes made a motion if we are unable to complete the basket that our unit will contribute the remaining amount needed. Roberta Walker seconded. Voted and carried.

Bazaar meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday August 20 in the Lake View Room. We will discuss and plan the Garage sale, Cookie sale, Craft sale, and how to set everything up to the best advantage. Please come with all of your ideas.

Bazaar luncheon was discussed and it was agreed that we need to continue this tradition. Volunteers included: Kitchen- Marian Keller, Janet Welch; Pies - Vada Dahnert, Janette Larson; Bread - Mary Stauffer; Pie cutter - Karen Ferch; Dining Room - Sherry Scholljegerdes. Vada has some apple pie filling made that those who would like to use it may do so.

Sherry asked that we pray for our members who are in need.

Meeting closed at 10:55 a.m. Next meeting will be a potluck on Monday, November 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Welch, Secretary Pro-tem

SALE

Saturday Oct. 16, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Faith United Methodist Church



Gently-Used Treasures



Sweet Shop / Baked Goods / Cookies



Hand-Created Craft Items



Miscellaneous Bargains



Announcing...

AUTUMN FEST

COME & CELEBRATE THE SEASON!



Soup Luncheon

Saturday November 6, 11:00 – 1:00

Vegetable Beef Soup

Freshly-Baked Bread

Assorted Pies Coffee



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle October meeting to be determined.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 12 at 10:30 am** in the Gathering Room. Please remember to bring your own beverage.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible & Friends will meet every Monday in October.