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SEPTEMBER

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

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A Time of Transition

Last month I officially informed you of my upcoming retirement in 2020. Here are a few details that will clarify what that transition will look like. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 14th. This will give the new pastor time to transition into the church and move into the parsonage, and Patrice and I ample time to move out of the parsonage by June 30th.

I have talked over my desire to retire with our District Superintendent, who is well aware of my intention. He will be actively working with the Faith UMC Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Bishop's Cabinet to find the best missional fit to appoint as lead pastor of Faith UMC effective July 1, 2020. In preparation for this pastoral transition, the SPRC will be updating our church profile. Any input you might have that could add to the consulting conversation to be held between the D.S. and the SPRC should be shared with the SPRC in the coming weeks.

Patrice and I and Eliot have appreciated the warmth, love, encouragement and support you have given our family over the last 8 years. We have had the privilege of being a part of a Church family that loves each other and seeks to serve their community. As your pastor I have appreciated your willingness to embrace change as we moved together into the future.

We still have much to do! I will work faithfully to help position our church for a healthy transition as we continue to move forward being faithful to God's call on our church to *Engage* our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ, *Equip* those who respond to be disciples of Jesus Christ and *Empower* them to be leaders who partner with God for the healing of the world. We will have time for goodbyes closer to June. In the meantime, let's keep our hearts and minds open to the leading of the Spirit in our lives and the life of our Church.

Pastor Victor

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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:

BridgeWater at Janesville: Joe & Gloria Tollefson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Muriel Jenkins

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: JoAnn Eggness, Clair & Sandy Voshell, JoAnn Larson, John

Slattery, Jacob, Ana Dahnert, Ruby Teague, Dwight, Those who are battling cancer.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office the following dates in September: 4 and 30. Beginning September 9, Stacy will be working Monday through Thursday from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm.

15 Years of Candy & Kids

Fifteen years ago someone had a great idea. Let's create a safe space for kids and families on Halloween and let's also collect non-perishable food items for the Food Shelf. People brought and decorated their cars, filled their trunks with candy and welcomed kids and their families. The event was called "Trunk or Treat".

Over the years the event changed. We added picture taking of kids and families. We stopped collecting food for the Food Shelf because of the number of kids and families going in and out of the parking lot and the need for more space. We had music and people danced. One year we gave out a small gift to families that came.

Over the years the number of kids coming grew to over 600. During this time, our congregation grew older, some moved away and the cars and trunks grew fewer and fewer. Last year we were down to eight trunks.

This year we have decided not to host "Trunk or Treat", a great event that we are going to say good —bye to in order to make room for the next great event God has in store for our church. Thanks so much to the families that opened their hearts and their trunks over the years to bring a smile to many a child's face and touched many lives.

The Hospitality Team

Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, September 19** at **6:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room.

Rock Painting Party

There were twenty-eight people at the Rock Party that was held on Monday, August 12th. We had nine individuals that had not been at a rock party before, many who had heard about our rock painting parties on face book. It is amazing how creative the people are at coming up with the different ideas on what to paint on a rock. We have had a number of people finding rocks and posting their find on our face book site (Waseca MN Faith rocks).

Our next Rock Painting Party will be **Monday, September 16th**. It will be from **4:00 until 7:00** with a light meal being served at 5:30. Come, paint, and bring a friend.

Bible Study

There will be a Bible study starting **Thursday**, **September 5**th. This will be the first of ten sessions. We will gather at 9:45 and begin at 10:00. The title of the Bible study is: 'What's so amazing about Grace'. The study will be hosted by Roger and Roberta Walker. They would like to know how many people are attending so they can order the books.

Camp Out

There will be a camp out at Faith UMC on **Friday, September 6**th starting about 6:00 pm. Looking forward to having the kids spend the night! We will have some games and maybe a water rocket (the kids like this). We will have smores around the campfire. The whole congregation is invited. You can bring a camper, a tent, or just bring a lawn chair to join us for a while around the campfire. If you know you're coming let us know or just stop by. If you have any questions about this, please talk to Roberta 'Berts' Walker.

I'm not sure but think this will be the BIGGEST AND BEST camp out we have had at Faith.

Collectors Showcase

'Collectors Showcase' will be our September Fellowship event. If you collect something, make something, took a trip or have something you would like to share with the congregation please bring it to church on **Sunday, September 15th**. Even if you brought something to past collectors showcase and would like to show them again, that would be great. There are different people that attend Faith church and some of the rest of us would just like to see them again.

There will be a signup sheet for those who have something to show so we know how many tables to set up. You can bring just a few things or as much as you want. We want to encourage individuals of all ages. I'm sure even the kids have things they would like to display.

Meal and Movie Night (M & M Night)

The movie selected for M&M Night to be held on Sunday, September 15th will be 'The Rookie'. The movie is based on the true story of Jim Morris, who had a brief, but famous Major League Baseball career in 1999-2000. The film stars Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Hay Hernandes, and Brian Cox. The meal will be served at 5:00 followed by the movie.

Southern Prairie District UMW Fall Gathering

Southern Prairie District UMW Fall Gathering Saturday, September 14, 2019 Fairmont UMC

Speaker: Cindy Saufferer - United for Change: Not "Just" a Legacy!

Join us for an inspirational day in Fairmont. It will be fun too. Berts is bringing her hats and we'll have local unit photos taken. Cindy is a great speaker and there will be lots of signing. Please let Shirley know that you are going before September 5th. Carpooling at the church and registration paid by our unit. See you there.

"Rebirth" Monarch Butterfly Wall Hanging



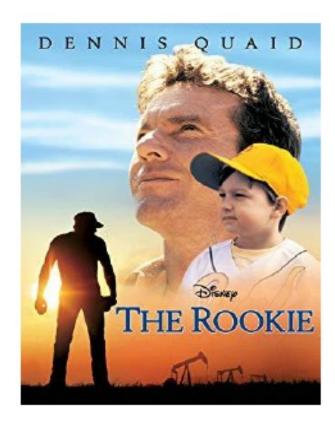
Why the monarch? It symbolizes change. From egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. The chrysalis is an amazing transformation. In the chrysalis the caterpillar liquefies, just goo, and over a period of a few weeks it becomes a beautiful butterfly. Isn't that incredible? We too can pick up our broken pieces and with God's help become the person God intended us to be.

Quilt given by Sherry Scholljegerdes

M & M Night! YES! Meal and Movie night returns to Faith United Methodist Church!

801 Fourth Ave NE Waseca, MN Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 5:00 pm

Featuring the film
The Rookie



This heartwarming film is based on the true story of Jim Morris, who had a brief, but famous Major League Baseball career in 1999-2000. He was one of the oldest 'rookies' in professional baseball. The film stars Dennis Quaid.

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Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . . Crown Him with Many Crowns.

Weatherman's Hymn . . . There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.

Contractor's Hymn . . . The Church's One Foundation.

Tailor's Hymn . . . Holy, Holy, Holy.

Golfer's Hymn . . . There's a Green Hill Far Away.

Politician's Hymn . . . Standing on the Promises!

Optometrist's Hymn. . . Open My Eyes That I Might See.

IRS Agent's Hymn . . . 1 Surrender All.

Gossip's Hymn . . . Pass lt On.

Electrician's Hymn . . . Send The Light..

Shopper's Hymn . . . Sweet Bye and Bye.

Realtor's Hymn . . . I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.

Massage Therapist's Hymn. He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . . God Will Take Care of You

75 mph . . . Nearer My God To Thee

85 mph . . . This World Is Not My Home

95 mph . . . Lord, I'm Coming Home

100 mph . . . Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Books in the New Testament

Acts

Colossians

Corinthians

Ephesians

Galatians

Hebrews

James

John

Jude

Luke

Mark

Matthew

Peter

Philemon

Philippians

Revelation

Romans

Thessalonians

Timothy

Titus

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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will be meeting Wednesday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Room. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle will be meeting **Tuesday**, **September 10th at 10:30 a.m.** at Lorraine Wick's home. Nancy Tollefson will provide the devotions. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet on Thursday, September 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.