



Faith in Action

"Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together"

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Message from Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee



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Members and Friends of Faith UMC –

It's my pleasure, as the chairperson of the Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, to announce that it is the intention of Bishop Bruce Ough to appoint Rev. Marianne Ozanne as pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, and acting on behalf of the congregation, the Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee has affirmed the Bishop's intention. Each church member's supportive prayers and acts of kindness during the transition period will be greatly appreciated by all of the involved persons.

We all knew Pastor Gail would be leaving this year and seeing her leave is difficult. We have relationships, we have feelings, we're comfortable with her. And then there's COVID-19, which adds uncertainty to our lives. Of course, we want to have an event to celebrate Pastor Gail's time leading us. Her last day of leading us in worship is June 7. We are watching the situation carefully and hopefully will have a celebration of her time with us after church that Sunday.

Rev. Marianne Ozanne will begin leading worship in our church on Sunday, June 28. We are excited to have the congregation meet her, to introduce congregants to her and to celebrate this new relationship. Again, the timing depends on things over which we have no control, however we will keep you informed.

Please join us in prayer for Rev. Ozanne, Pastor Gail and Faith United Methodist Church as we determine how to be both flexible and faithful in these uncertain times.

Pat Williams



Please refer to pages
4-5 for Pastor
Ozanne's full bio.



April Birthdays

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4/5 — Mark Bougie, Jr.	4/15 — Ross Kropp	4/25 — Madison Worden
4/7 — Patricia Giorgini	4/16 — Collette Peterson	4/26 — Kathryn Peterson
4/9 — Savannah Buse	4/18 — Kayla Rebischke	4/27 — Leona Opp
4/10 — Donald Seaquist	4/19 — Brandon Adams	4/29 — Noah DeNardo
4/10 — Nicholas Sielski	4/20 — Melinda Suchecki	4/30 — Christina Eberly
4/13 — Liz Chun	4/25 — Joan Ryan	4/30 — Ava Spatafore
4/14 — Evan Emery	4/25 — Clayton Short	

• If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/corrections. Happy Birthday, everyone! •

Thank you to and for during March...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Bonnie Dick, and Judy Pfenning
- **Liturgists:** Dana Scopatz, Charles Beardshear, Sharon Yekaldo, and Bob & Dana Scopatz
- **Serving refreshments:** Dan Miller, and Dawn & Gil Kinnunen
- **Communion Steward:** Rose Larsen
- **Thank you** to Judy Turk, JoAnne Loutsch, Gil Kinnunen, Dawn Kinnunen and Bonnie Dick for helping assemble the March newsletter
- **Thank you** to Lenten Supper providers: The Board of Trustees and Fred and Bonnie Dick

DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES

Crisis Text Line

When you text this helpline, you'll be connected to trained counselors for individual support.

Text CONNECT to 741741

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Connects individuals with counselors for emotional support and other services via web chat or phone call for free and confidential support.

1-800-273-8255

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

IMALIVE

Offers a free, confidential and secure online chat service focused on suicide intervention, prevention, awareness and education.

imalive.org

The Samaritans

Offers emotional support to anyone who calls feeling lonely, depressed, suicidal, or just looking for someone to talk to.

1-800-870-4673

samaritanshope.org

Minnesota Mental Health Clinics

Statewide service provider offering therapy and other support programs for mental health-related issues.

651-454-0114

mnmentalhealthclinics.com

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

SAMHSA

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline is a free, 24/7 treatment referral and

information service for people facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

1-800-662-4357

samhsa.gov

United Way 2-1-1 Minnesota

A free, 24/7 counseling hotline for people who need information to help them fight substance addiction.

1-800-543-7709

211unitedway.org

Alcoholics Anonymous Minnesota

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem.

aaminnesota.org

Delphi Health Group

This Minnesota substance abuse hotline is both

confidential and open 24/7. People in need are referred to suitable programs.

1-866-990-1564

delphihealthgroup.com

Al-Anon for Families of Alcoholics

A mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.

1-800-344-2666

al-anon.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

Advocates are available 24/7 to talk confidentially with anyone in the United States who is experiencing domestic violence.

1-800-799-7233

thehotline.org

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **MariAnne Young** is now home following rehab

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Heights*

Ongoing Concerns: *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ♦ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.

Concerns Beyond our Doors:

- ♦ Those being persecuted for their faith
- ♦ Those separated from family
- ♦ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ♦ Those who are hungry
- ♦ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ♦ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ♦ Those who grieve
- ♦ Those who are uncertain about the future

We Extend our Sympathy to:

- ♦ Our sympathy to **Alexi DeNardo and her family** on the death of her cousin Caleb on March 15.

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

—St. Augustine

Mission Well Offering

The Mission Well welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and help support the offering of the month.



Mission Well donations during April are designated for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and UMCOR's work in Puerto Rico. (See page 5) The Mission Well is located in the church lobby.



"Just a thank you note to all of you who prayed for me during my rehab— I am now home still working on learning to walk again."

— MariAnne Young



The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office.

If unable to reach Susan or Pastor Gail in the church office, please contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770; if she is not available contact Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542. Please make sure the pastor knows so she can respond to pastoral care needs, and knows what is going out over the

telephone prayer chain so it can be sent to the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being either on the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to Pastor Gail.

Hospital Calls: If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

For your times of devotion: Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issue** of the devotional *The Upper Room* (daily readings in regular or large print). This booklet is found on the table by the parking lot door.

Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church
Bruce Ough, Bishop; Dan Johnson, Twin Cities District Superintendent
2020 Appointment to Faith United Methodist Church, West St. Paul Minnesota

Introducing – Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Family

I am married with two children. Jeff, my husband, is also United Methodist clergy. He enjoys running and fencing. Bryce, age 7, is finishing second grade. He enjoys reading, singing, science, and video games. Zoe, age 5, is finishing kindergarten. She enjoys dancing, riding bikes, and being a Daisy Girl Scout.

Education

Candler School of Theology – Atlanta, GA - MDiv
Fontbonne University – St. Louis, MO – BA



Appointment History

- Rosendale, Atwater, and Willmar (Associate) UMCS: 2015-present
- Sauk Centre UMC: 2010-2015

Continuing Education and Training

- Trained as a Geography of Grace retreat series leader through the Center for Courage and Renewal (2017)
- Participated in the 2018 CEF Curious Church conference
- Applied to Flourishing in Ministry retreat series scheduled to begin this Fall

Service and Community Involvement

- Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City Ministerial Association – Chair
- Assisted Living Ecumenical Bible Study – Co-Leader
- Atwater Chamber of Commerce – participant
- Atwater Area Food for Kidz packing event
- Annual Conference Sessions Action Team – Co-Chair
- Senior High Youth Camp at Northern Pines – Co-Dean

Call to Ministry

I discerned and named my call into ordained ministry while in college - after many individuals close to me had identified that it was a distinct possibility - during a regional exploration event. I went straight from college to seminary while also beginning the candidacy process. Following seminary, I transferred my conference membership from Missouri to Minnesota and began candidacy here.

Passion for Ministry

I most enjoy working with individuals around discipleship, particularly through adult Bible study and children's ministry. My passion is around helping people to tell their stories of faith, including the biblical story, the stories of our Wesleyan tradition, and personal experiences of faith and God because I believe in the power of story.

Vision of the Church

I believe that it is the role of the church to reach out to those of the world in need in order to spread the example of God's love to the world. It is important therefore to do ministry not only within a local congregation, but beyond the walls to the community and world around it. Out of this belief, I seek to encourage local congregations to get beyond their walls and share the love of God with the community they reside, as well as the broader world.

Gifts for the Ministry

I feel that I have gifts in organization and administration as well as in teaching and helping others to experience the stories of faith in new ways. I am a systemic thinker and so do well with creating organizational systems for a variety of needs.

Theological Perspective

I like to describe my theological stance as standing in what Adam Hamilton would call the radical center. I support the aspirational statement for the Minnesota Annual Conference fully and have signed the Minnesota Methodist statements, but it is important to me to allow room in any conversation for individuals who have not reached that position theologically.

Leadership Style

I lead through helping to develop a vision for what the future can be and then creating systems to bring that vision into reality. This often takes the form of empowering the leaders to think about their purpose and mission and challenging them to think bigger and broader than they have in the past.

Aspirations for Ministry and for Serving the Local Church

I believe that understanding who we are involves being able to hear and tell our own story. In the context of a local church, that means that I take the time to learn a church's specific story to help a congregation hear their own story and begin to tell that story into the future. It is my hope, that by hearing and telling their own story, congregation members learn and practice sharing their faith with each other, and being to share the movement of God in their lives with the people they know in other areas of their life. This process helps us all to embody our story and share our faith with the world.

Spiritual Disciplines and Study

I am a part of a covenant group with 4 other young United Methodist clergy from across the United States. We meet through video conference monthly for support and accountability using the Center for Courage and Renewal's touchstones for creating safe space. I look to times of quiet contemplation when possible as my primary experience of the means of grace outside of church work. I have found retreats to be my best way to connect with God and practice the means of grace. When at home, I color as a way to connect with God.

COMING EVENTS

May 31 – Pentecost

May 31 – Time of Service & Potluck

Auction Update!

Our annual auction fundraiser (originally scheduled for April 18) has been postponed due to COVID-19. We still plan to have an auction this year, so if you wish to donate items (new or nearly new), just let Lynn Bonkowske 651-470-4704 or Judy Turk 651-343-8027 know. Prayers that the virus goes away soon. Thank you!

Communion Stewards

We are in need of some people to help set up communion and serve it. It involves getting grape juice and bread, filling the cups, setting up the table and then helping serve. All ages are welcome to help. If you are interested, contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770 or Sharon.yekaldo@state.mn.us.

Prayer Chain Updating

We are in the process of updating the prayer chains. If you would like to be added to either the phone prayer chain or the email prayer chain, please contact the church office, 651-457-5686 or faithumc@usfamily.net or talk to Sharon Yekaldo or Pastor Gail.

★ Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!* Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message. So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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UMCOR

This month's Mission Well money goes for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for Puerto Rico. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. You can put your money in the money pot in the lobby.

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the USA. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.



April 2020 Calendar and Lectionary

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► **NOTE** — All regular church events for April will be done remotely with the exception of **Mobile Meals** on Thursday, April 16 at 11:20 a.m.



April 5 — Palm/Passion Sunday

Sermon title: "And it Begins"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:25-40

April 12 — EASTER SUNDAY

Sermon title: "When Resurrection Happens"

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; Colossian 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

April 19 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sermon title: "What Happens after a Week"

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 26 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sermon title: "Walking down the Road"

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



Watch Bishop Ough's video:
"Easter Cannot be Cancelled" .

<https://vimeo.com/400406860>



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Sunday Worship Schedule

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

During April when we will not be worshipping as a gathered community, please join with us via the materials you receive by mail or email, or by visiting our website at www.faithumcmn.com



► Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Gail is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at 612-703-1296 if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

Facebook Page

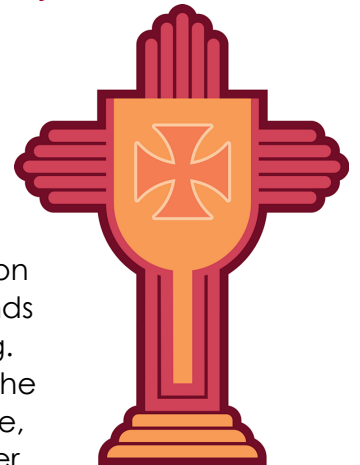
Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at:
<http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>



Christian Symbol

CHALICE & CROSS —

The chalice with a cross rising from it symbolizes Christ's obedient suffering, even unto death. The cross is called a "passion cross," with pointed ends that represent suffering. We remember that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus begged his Father that the "cup" of suffering be taken from him. But ultimately, he prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39, NIV).



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