

*The Promise
of Easter*



The Mustard Seed

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This year is full of excitement at Faith. As you all know, it is our fiftieth anniversary as a congregation. A half-century in ministry is quite an accomplishment, certainly worth a celebration. I count it a privilege to have been here for a few years. As we approach our golden anniversary, we would do well to remember the story of this congregation.

We have quite a heritage at Faith. I have been told that our congregation was born out of a desire to meet the needs of families in Lisle. Families needed a place at home to worship and celebrate their love of God together. As the years and decades passed, Faith met every expectation of those who envisioned it. Here children were raised in faith. Here relationships became deep and lasting. Here lives were changed and God's Kingdom was built up. That is quite a heritage. It is something to celebrate, something for which we can thank God.

But there is more to our story than our heritage. We will also leave a legacy in the community. Our legacy is what we give to our children and to their children. It is the footprint we leave in the community. It is the difference we make in the lives of strangers. The question we face is how we will shape our legacy.

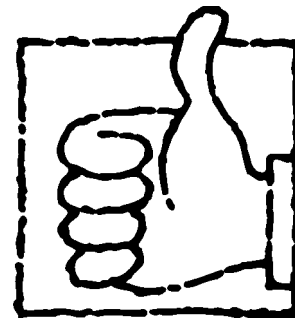
There are families in Lisle who need a place to feel at home, a place where they can worship the God they love. There are children who need to be brought up in the faith. There are people who need a community to support them. The goals of ministry have not changed. The story of our faith endures. What has changed is the way the ministry is carried out, the way the story is told.

We have a great heritage at Faith. We have shaped and been shaped by this community. So what will our legacy be? How will the one-hundredth anniversary of Faith be celebrated? How will we minister to the next generation? How will we invite them to share the story of faith?

In Christ,
Pastor Tedd

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures for the 2009 Pictorial Directory, our fourth, were taken Thursday, March 26th. Thirty families had pictures taken. Due to conflicts, several families are scheduling with Marc Getty to have pictures taken at two churches in Aurora; after church through Easter Sunday; or he can come to your home. Marc can be reached at 630.960.5969 or e-mail at marcgetty@marcgetty.net. If everything goes right, the directory will be ready by celebration time.



There is nothing harder than the softness of
indifference. —Juan Montalvo

WORDS OF WELCOME...

You are worthy!
You are welcomed with joy!
Please enter fully into our worship experience.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF FAITH

The UMW gathered in the Logos at 12:30 p.m. March 10th for the annual Day of Prayer & Self-Denial. Six ladies partook of the symbolic “denial of self” meal of bean soup and cornbread.

Marge Wiley led the playlet ‘Creating Communities through Technology’ encouraging us to help those who are not comfortable with all of today’s electronic equipment.

A very short business meeting was held. Marge announced that Carole Grecco would continue as treasurer.

Next meeting will be April 14th in the Logos with Helen Fultz as our hostess. We do have a ‘Pick up and Delivery’ service. Just call 630.963.1935 or 630.969.1639 so the ride can be scheduled.

We were pleased that Karen Dowler was able to spend some time with us.

FIFTY YEARS OF FAITH

As I write this on Tuesday, March 24th, with a full committee meeting scheduled for March 25, 7:30 p.m. we can tell you that we will be celebrating our big day starting with worship at 9:30 a.m. in Faith Church with Pastor Tedd leading the service. The coffee pot will be available at Faith between Worship and availability of the dining room. This will be followed with a catered dinner (cost not yet determined) in the gym of the Downers Grove United Methodist Church about 1:30 p.m. A very short program is planned with lots of visiting time. We also will have memorabilia-pictures, scrapbooks, etc. available both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Plans are beginning for a late “Catching Up with You and Yours” on Saturday for anyone who can schedule time with us then. A light supper with “Make Your Own Sandwich” with homemade salads and desserts is on the drawing board.

We have had positive responses from 29 families, including these out of town families:

Mary Farley, AR;
Larry and Zani Graff, MO;
Norma Martin, IN;
Sarah Martin, IN;
Mike Martin, IN;
Brenda Getty Martinez, CO;
Jan McCoy, IL;
Donna Smith, IA;
Dave and Mary Ann Wilson, KY;
Janice McCoy Yeager, IL; and
Dick and Sue Mayer, AR.

Fourteen families are trying to make the weekend work for them, included from out of town are Joel Prather, WI and Agnes Sweeney, IL.

We expect to get the letter with schedules of all activities and a reservation response in the mail immediately after Easter.

IF you have not responded to our first letter, please do so immediately to help us with our planning.

Velma Getty, Chair

Transportation Needed

Agnes Sweeney, widow of a former pastor, has indicated she would like to attend our 50th Anniversary celebration, however, she would need ride. She is active at 93 years but she no longer drives. (Her car was totaled when a tree fell on it during a storm three years ago - she says that may have been God’s way to tell her it was time to stop driving.) She lives in a nursing home in Carol Stream.

If you can provide transportation for her on May 31st, please call the church office at 969-6404 or Velma at 969-0639 - or by email to faithumc50@yahoo.com

**ACTIVITIES FOR “YOUNG AT HEART”
SENIORS**

We have been invited to participate in the activities of the “Young at Heart” group at the Downers Grove UM Church. This is a group for senior adults which gets together the second Wednesday of each month for an activity. A list of activities scheduled for the remainder of 2009 is posted on the bulletin board. Some are held at the church while others involve a field trip to a program and/or lunch. The group coordinator is Marilou Welch who was secretary to Rev. Arthur Hagberg when Faith Church was organized.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Marilou at 630.968.4136.

THANK YOU

Many of our Trustees do many menial labor jobs for our church normally done by a competent custodian. Our church is grateful for their contributions.

The Church Council especially wishes to thank **Charles Fultz** and **Glenn Wiley** for the many, many hours they have put in lately in repairing the lower level and crawl space of the Logos. This space was seriously flooded last September as a result of backed up sewers requiring removal of all carpeting, floor tile, drywall, etc. Repairs have been made with Charles and Glenn leading the work crew. New tile is being installed at the lower level.

Charles & Glenn - our church appreciates your gift of your time and talent. Thanks again.



Spring clean up day
May 1st



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| April 1 | Joan Stevenson |
| April 2 | Paul Clark |
| April 8 | Pam Amato |
| April 10 | Mavis Miller |
| April 12 | Barbara Mackey |
| April 13 | Margaret Enslow |
| April 13 | David Blaeske |
| April 16 | Al Getty |
| April 16 | Joe Novak |
| April 23 | Elaine Mackey |
| April 26 | Bryan Stuart |
| April 26 | Brandon Herrera |

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| Dennis & Debbie Russell | April 2, 1977 |
| Ray & Mavis Miller | April 4, 1946 |
| Jose & Beth Vega | April 17, 1993 |

Pastor Tedd is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for appointments. Call him on the church cell phone (630.881.0885) or talk to him on a Sunday.

Christian bumper stickers to ponder:

God loves everyone,
but probably prefers “fruits of the spirit”
over “religious nuts!”

We don’t change the message,
the message changes us.

Be ye fishers of men.
You catch them -
He’ll clean them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES

- ✓Checking on fire code requirements for a stair-lift at the church.
- ✓Tim Schindlbeck installed a second handrail at the Logos and secured the present rail.
- ✓The roof at the Logos is in the process of being replaced.
- ✓New kitchen cabinets have been ordered for the parsonage and the front door needs work done. The overhead garage door and soffit replacement will be done in warmer weather.
- ✓The 'Schedule of Donations and Policy for Use of Lisle Faith UMC by Non-attending, Non-contributing Persons' was changed to reflect fee increases for use of the church, custodial services, and organist.
- ✓Lower level of the parsonage flooded with the last rain and the sewer will need to be rodded out..

CHURCH COUNCIL

- ⇒Approved the Audio-visual subcommittee request to redesignate \$22,000 from the Building Fund to Capital Improvement Fund, to cover cost of the A/V system provided by Plus 1 AV Company.
- ⇒Jim Rendel complimented Rae Kipper for doing a good job with the Lay Academy.
- ⇒A volunteer is needed to replace Velma Getty on the Child Care team.
- ⇒Rev. Jonathan Dean of DG1st UMC has joined with others in the organization known as DuPage United to investigate the recent turmoil among members of the College of DuPage board.
- ⇒Stacie Steele is willing to co-chair the committee to plan activities for Vacation Bible School, but needs help. The theme is "Mountain Camping"

MINISTRY COUNCIL

✂One Great Hour of Sharing was observed with a special offering March 22nd.

✂Rev. Jonathan Dean from Downers 1st UMC will lead our Maundy Thursday service, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

✂Good Friday service will be a tenebrae play, April 10, 7:30. The choir will be singing at both Holy Week services.

Easter Sunday begins with

✂a sunrise service at 7 a.m.,

✂Breakfast at 8 a.m.

✂Celebration Worship at 9:30.

✂Followed by Easter egg hunt at 11:15 a.m.

✂Pastor Tedd wants summer worship to feature a new idea of how evangelism can work for us: to give evangelism a different look with the goal that the church as a whole will be able to articulate how evangelism makes sense.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jan Bordwine on the death of her mother on March 10th in southern Illinois.
Our prayers have been with you.

The choir has sung appropriate anthems all through Lent, and will have special music for all of Holy Week and Easter!



FROM

JIM RENDEL, Lay Leader

We were so sorry to hear of both Roger Brassfield and Tanya Brooks passing, but know it is Heaven's great gain! We grieve and express our sympathy to their families. Roger and Tanya will remain as models, mentors and heroes who fought the good fight and finished well as good and faithful servants for us of Faith and others whose lives they touched.

Their passing into eternal life is what Lent and Easter are all about...are we preparing ourselves in daily worship, devotion, and praise to God as evidenced by Bible reading, prayer, meditation, fasting and/or abstinence, and the Wesleyan acts of compassion, mercy and justice? Are we even reading our lectionary Bible verses and Discipline book - a wonderful act of submission to a relationship with God on a relatively easy daily basis to open up to his calling and will for us.

I am not trying to shame us or send us on a guilt trip but rather to challenge us as God does, in demanding that we be obedient to him in all ways, for always. I know personally it has been a struggle for us even to do the readings on an every day basis, even in a semi-busy retirement. Yet the joy, satisfaction, discussion, challenges, and rewards have been heaven-sent - nurturing and enlightening. We must continually invite the Holy Spirit's presence to empower us with the truth of his word and way to do his mission and ministry in and out of church all the time.

Let's finish Lent and the rest of our God-given lives well and be guided to that awesome reward of *Easter morning resurrection*.

Thanks to much for generously supporting our Military Ministry, NIU Memorial scholarships, local food pantries and special offerings above and beyond your pledges and regular giving.

There are so many other special opportunities (especially in these difficult economic times) to support the Lord's eternal work on earth. Remember to keep your focus there - in Christ-centered activities.

April 7 - Election Day. Be sure to vote.

April 14 - Festival of God's creation (Earth Day is **every** day as God charges us with good stewardship of his creation).

April 26 - Native American Ministry Sunday with special offering. We hope to have a special program. Stay tuned!



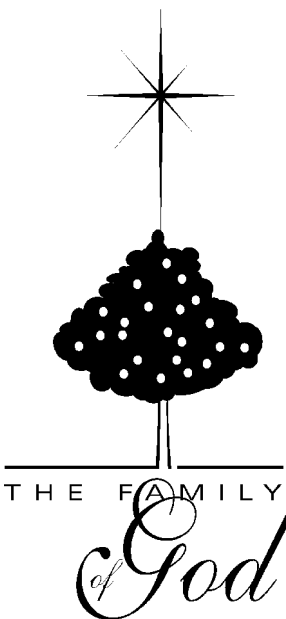
Epitaph

Here lies the body of Solomon Peas
Under the sod and under the trees.
Peas is not here, 'tis only the pod,
Peas has shelled out and gone to God.

An Ancient Prayer

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down, when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech Thee, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comrade-ship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Thy honor and glory.

—Saint Augustine



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<p>Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors</p> <p>The People of the United Methodist Church</p>			1	2	3	4
			<p>Finance Mtg 7 p.m. Adm. Council 7:30 - Logos</p>			<p>CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>PALM/PASSION SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 Church School</p>	<p>Trustees Meet 7:30</p> <p>7:30 AA, L</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>		<p>Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jonathan Dean from DG1st UMC</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9 a.m. Prepare sanctuary for worship & Easter breakfast</p> <p>CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>EASTER</p> <p>7 a.m. Sunrise Service 8 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Celebration Worship 11:15 Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>7:30 AA, L</p>	<p>UMWomen of Faith 12:30 Logos</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>	<p>Ministry Council 7:30 p.m.</p>			<p>CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30</p>
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