
The Mustard Seed

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*Pastor's
Message
for Lent*



There are some moments that we will never forget. One such moment happened for me at a Good Friday service when I was in middle school. We had gone through the readings and the hymns. I had paid about half-attention as usual. But as the lights were turned out, I found my focus became more

and more upon what was happening in the sanctuary. Finally, we were down to a single light, the Christ candle. After a few agonizing moments, even the light of that single flame was extinguished in silence. Then, in the midst of the darkness, I heard a lone voice begin to sing. It was an alto voice perfectly suited for soulful jazz. But the song today was not jazz, it was a painful testimony of the power of the crucifixion. When the words of "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" came washing over me, I knew why we were there that evening.

Within our lifetimes, there are a few events that we can remember not only how we felt when we heard, but where we were. The news marked us in such a deep way that we will forever remember the exact context in which the words were spoken to us. Who could forget where they were when they found out that President Kennedy had been shot? I will always remember the horror on my teacher's face as we watched the space shuttle Challenger explode in midair. Surely none of us will ever forget where we were when we heard that the World Trade Center had been attacked.

Maybe we ought to ask another question this Lent. Where were you when they crucified our Lord?

Were you in the angry mob that found him in the garden praying? Did you carry a torch? Did you wave a fist? Did you hurl insults?

Were you with the ruler who sentenced him to die?

Did you agonize over the decision? Was it easy, just another common criminal?

Were you with the crowd who jeered and sneered as Jesus struggled with the weight of the cross and the pain of the whip? Did you hear his gasps? Did you see his pain?

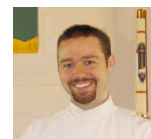
Were you with the soldiers who carried out their gruesome task? Did you prepare the cross? Did you drive the nails?

Were you one of the few, the chosen, the disciples? Did you wonder as you ate with him if you would be his betrayer? Did you scatter like a seed on the wind when you heard he had been captured? Did you deny him with your words? with your actions? Did you travel up the hill to see your teacher one more time and reveal your shame?

Lent is a demanding season. As we worship, we are compelled to travel the road of the cross. As we do so, we are faced with so many questions, so many possibilities. What seems clear, though, is that we human beings two-thousand years later have not changed all that much. We are still at odds with one another, still plagued by sin, still haunted by hatred. As I read the texts of Lent, it seems like Jesus was in a pretty lonely place. Not many supported him. Perhaps, if we are being honest, we will realize we are no better than those fleeing disciples, the jeering crowd, or the compassionless soldier. My guess is if we were there, we would be as guilty as any of them. We can thank God that we were not there and that we have grace enough for all of our sins. Our God can bring life from death, so surely God can bring goodness out of our faults and flaws.

Were you there when they crucified our Lord?
Where were you?

In Christ,
Pastor Tedd



Church council briefs

CHAIRPERSON Al Getty called the meeting to order with eleven persons present and three absent.

TRUSTEE CHAIR *Glenn Wiley* reported....

♣John Wild's contract to mow church grounds this summer approved;

♣A proposal for installing one or more chair lifts at the church entrance discussed;

♣Trustees selected color and brand of shingles to be applied to Logos roof;

♣One more bid is needed for installation of a sump pump in the crawl space, Logos;

♣A second handrail to upstairs offices is being considered.

Carlene Smith reported on Audio/visual system proposal. Moved to table original motion and to address concerns raised by members and other committees.

Jim Rendel reported on the Aurora District "Flourishing Futures" team workshop, Lay Academy, will be held five Sundays in March, and the local Cokesbury store in Aurora will be closing mid-July.

Ministry council briefs

CHAIRPERSON Rae Kipper called the meeting to order with nine persons present and five absent.

WORSHIP

–Lent began with Ash Wednesday Service February 25.

–There will be Lenten readings each Sunday with special Lenten candles.

–Maundy Thursday will have a guest speaker.

–Good Friday will feature a skit.

–Easter includes sunrise service at 7 a.m., breakfast at 8, celebration worship at 9:30, followed by Easter egg hunt at 11:15.

–Carlene Smith has purchased fabric and has a proposal for Easter banners.

EDUCATION

–We need a coordinator for a combined Vacation Bible School this summer with Crosswinds Community Church. Crosswinds hold worship services each week in our facilities, and this is a great opportunity for our young people to have a week-long chance to get to know each other, and learn about Christianity during summer doldrums.

Please contact Pastor Tedd (630-881-0885) or the church office (630-969-6404) if interested and/or would like more information.

MISSIONS

–Two baskets will be placed on either side of the altar rails each Sunday for monetary contributions that can be used for local missions such as Lisle Township. These replace the green barrel in the narathex.

FELLOWSHIP

–The location selected for our 50th Anniversary celebration is the gym at the First United Methodist Church in Downers Grove.

MISC.

–Audio/visual subcommittee taking bids to be presented at March Church Council meeting.

–This month's newsletter - first electronic distribution.

–Next meeting Wednesday, March 18th.

Beginning with this issue, Faith UMC is distributing the monthly newsletter by e-mail to those providing an e-mail address. Those requesting a copy mailed will receive it by first class. Copies are also available for pick-up at the church.



Recently Hospitalized



Barbara Mackey, recuperating at home with therapy. "Thanks for the cards and prayers. Hope to be continuing well down the road - no running, but walking - and looking forward to the 50th celebration."

Dick Rowe, hospitalized with appendicitis (a ruptured appendix!) for a week in February. After being sent home, he was back to the hospital for further treatment. Looking forward to seeing you back in action soon!

Dorothy Townsend had shoulder surgery Feb. 23rd and will have an immobilized arm for three months. Let us know how we can be of help.

New Pictorial Directory

Marc Getty is working with Olan Mills for a pictorial directory. The date for taking these pictures has been set for **Thursday, March 26** with appointments afternoon and evening. You can sign up at church, or contact Marc for an appropriate time for you and your family.



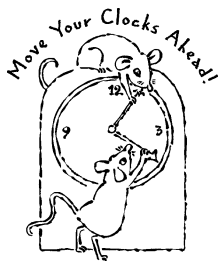
Golden Anniversary

Phone: 630-960-5969

e-mail: marc.getty@comcast.net

We hope all member families will participate, including those who attend but are not members. The family pictures will be included in the directory at no charge. There will be an opportunity to order other pictures, if desired

Please take note of the date. This is a real milestone in the history of Faith UMC.



Sunday, March 8 - 2 a.m.



We were very saddened by the passing of Roger Brassfield on January 29th. Our hearts go out to wife Susan and their family.

Roger was a wonderful Trustee and worker for Faith Church. He will be sorely missed.

We lost a charter member on January 8th, 2009 - Carol Ann Straub McCauley. She was only 62. A note from her family...

If you wish to make a contribution in Carol's name in memoriam of her, please consider two of the charities she loved:

St. Joseph's Indian School www.stjo.org
605 234-3300

Pegasus Horse Rescue Unitedpegasus@yahoo.com

Feel free to log on to

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...to Carol's Facebook page she had set up to add remembrances and photos, or to look at the ones we have posted. Carol's niece Heather is administrator of the page. Please visit it.

Carol's ashes will be sprinkled where her parent's ashes are (south of the church building) this spring.

If you wish to participate please contact

skozubek@aol.com

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As of this printing, we learned that Tanya Brooks, daughter of Jean Stanton, passed away on Thursday, February 26th. Services were on March 2nd in Flint, Michigan.

Our hearts go out to Jean & Chuck as well as Tanya's other relatives.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF FAITH

Marge Wiley served a very 'valentine' red and white dessert to the six ladies who attended the February 10th meeting. Marge also led the short devotion.

The group selected Marge Wiley to be president for the coming year. Velma Getty volunteered to be recording secretary. Position of treasurer and a program coordinator were discussed. Marge offered to contact persons suggested and report back in March.

Quiet Day will be the theme for the meeting on March 10th, 12:30 p.m. in the Logos. Jan Bordwine will be the hostess. Budget for 2009 will be the major item for the business portion of the day.

All ladies who are free on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month are invited to attend the UMW meetings. You do not need to be a member of the Methodist Church to participate in all UMW activities. We will pick you up if you let us know - call 630-963-1935 or 630-969-0639 or 630-969-6404. Leave a message if necessary.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was enjoyed by many families. Thank you to all who helped to make it an enjoyable evening of fellowship. I (Velma as chairperson) was stressed on Sunday before when we needed workers in many strategic positions, but Tuesday evening helpers just appeared out of thin air.

50th Anniversary

Have you returned your Interest Survey form that all of you received last January? We have many plans that are stalled until we have some estimate of numbers who may attend. Returns from out of town are trickling in slowly. Soon after April 12th, we will be sending another letter to all people who responded "yes" or "maybe" with final plans for the weekend.

This annual event is planned for Easter Sunday morning, April 12th, 11:15 a.m. at the church, following the 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, Breakfast at 8 and Celebration worship at 9:30 a.m.



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A copy of this issue only is being mailed to some people who did not respond to our mailing late last year, requesting their preference regarding the newsletter.

If you did not respond to the earlier mailing and wish to continue receiving the newsletter, please contact the church office - by e-mail, if possible.

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PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain has not been updated for quite some time. If you are currently on it, or if you wish to be placed on it, make sure that Velma Getty has your current telephone number. Thank you.

The youth bake sale on February
22nd netted \$103.



If you would like to order a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete this form and return it by the end of March. Cost is \$11.50 each.

- March 8 Marion Wald
- March 10 Kathleen Getty
- March 11 Russ Roberts
- March 12 Elizabeth Mackey
- March 19 Shirley Adamec
Mary Ann Zingre
- March 22 Tom Moore
- March 23 Jacqueline Grecco
Jean Stanton
Kari Ann Stevenson
- March 24 Helen Fultz
- March 25 Emily Ann Ill
- March 29 Russell Roberts, Jr.

Please order me (_____) (lilies).
number

This will be in HONOR of _____

in MEMORY of _____

Given by

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to Faith United Methodist Church, marked for Easter Lily, and send to 5395 Westview Lane, Lisle, IL 60532.

**COMING UP IN MARCH.....
SENIOR CITIZEN NIGHT**


Seniors are again invited for a free performance of Lisle Senior High's musical production, Once Upon a Mattress. Date is March 18, time 7 p.m. at the Sr. High auditorium and refreshments are served after the performance. A flyer is posted in the narthex.

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.

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<p>1 Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 Church School 1st Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>2 Trustees Meet 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7</p>	<p>7 CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30 Daylight Saving Time begins tomorrow, 2 a.m.</p>
<p>8 Girl Scout Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 Church School 2nd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>9 7:30 AA, L</p>	<p>10 Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>	<p>11 Finance Mtg 7 p.m. Adm. Council 7:30 - Logos</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30</p>
<p>15 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 Church School 3rd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>16 7:30 AA, L</p>	<p>17 Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>	<p>18 Senior Night 7 pm <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> Newsletter items due for April Ministry Council</p>	<p>19 H.S. Musical - <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20 H.S. Musical - <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> 8 p.m.</p>	<p>21 H.S. Musical - <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> 8 p.m. CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30</p>
<p>22 One Great Hour of Sharing 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 Church School 4th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>23 7:30 AA, L</p>	<p>24 Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Church Pictorial Directory</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 CCC Worship 5:30 - 8:30</p>
<p>29 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 Church School 5th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>30 7:30 AA, L</p>	<p>31 Choir Rehearsal 7:45</p>	<p>April 12 - 8 a.m. </p>			