



Strength for the Day

Pastor Jamie

I hope you're enjoying our fall, congregation-wide sermon series *Take the Flag*.

Each week we've been examining a different flag for its meaning and significance, not only to NASCAR and Indy drivers, but to you, me, and our race of faith. We've talked about the green, yellow, and blue flags, so far. On Sunday, Oct. 1 we'll discuss the red flag. And then the black, white, and checkered.

Here's a quick review/preview of each flag's meaning:

Green = start: This means go, or start. How do we start our race of faith?

Yellow = caution: How do we heed God's cautions to us when our life decisions put us in danger?

Blue = yield: Each of us runs our own race of faith, and it's important for us to also respect others, sometimes even "moving over" for their sake.

Red = delay/stoppage: When life throws us unexpected or unwanted interruptions, how does God help us get the most out of these "stops."

Black = disqualification: What happens when our own violations or sinful, rebellious behavior takes us out of the race of faith? How does God help us get back in the race?

White = final lap: As we head to the finish line of our life of faith, how do we position ourselves and steer according to God's Will? Unlike other settings, this white flag doesn't indicate surrender.

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Be Part of a New Tradition: The Table

Michael Schrodt

Our Waukee United Methodist Church family will begin a new tradition on Monday, Oct. 23, by hosting a free dinner for the less fortunate in our community.

Dallas County is the wealthiest county in Iowa and Waukee is the third wealthiest city in the state, yet there are people in our community struggling to put food on their table. That's why *The Table* exists. We want to serve them and show them the presence of Christ, not only through sermons and prayers, but also through our service and a helping hand.

Leading this outstanding outreach opportunity is Michael Schrodt. Other committee members include: Trudy Black, Maureen Briles, Tyler and Stacie DeHaan, Lauren Kratz, and Joe Swaim.

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Michael says, “We’re inviting people who receive services from Waukeee Area Christian Services in hopes of serving 100 meals to adults and children. We’ll also offer a small craft for the youngsters, so their parents can enjoy a hot meal and adult conversation.

“We’re funding this effort with money raised from the SCRIP program and our Carpenters Club. Of course, we’ll also need helping hands to prepare the food, set-up, serve, and clean-up. We want as many church members as possible to help so you can experience the rewarding feeling of giving back to those who are less fortunate,” Michael added.

“Whenever we start a new project, we plan as well as we can and then ask God to help it be successful. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to strengthen our church’s presence in the community and become a leader.”

The first meal served at *The Table* will include the ever-popular WUMC recipe of chicken and noodles, along with mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and cake. This meal will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 on Monday, Oct. 23, at the Waukeee Community Center. Watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35.

Thank you,
The Table Organizing Committee

WACS Needs

Waukeee Area Christian Services (WACS) needs extra donations of the following items in October:

- † pancake mix/ pancake syrup
- † oatmeal
- † canned meals- ravioli, etc.
- † canned meat- tuna/chicken
- † pizza mix/pizza sauce
- † juice
- † toilet paper

The Lord's Table

United Methodists practice open communion, which means everyone present in worship when the Lord’s Supper is served is invited to participate.

Those seeking to respond to Christ’s love and to lead a new life of peace and love are encouraged to approach the table, which belongs to our Lord.

Your support of The Table, our new WUMC tradition, will have a direct impact on the phrase emphasized above. Those who are blessed by The Table may feel the need to find-out why people they don’t know are meeting one of their most basic needs – nourishment.

When their curiosity leads them to visit our church, we’ll have the opportunity to help them embark on the lifelong process of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Table is one way our church is contributing to the transformation of the world.

World Communion Sunday

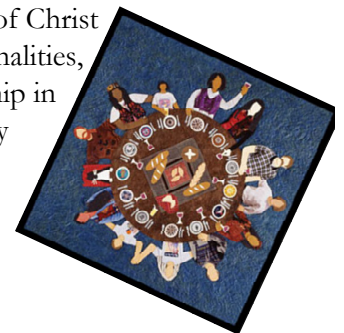
World Communion Sunday is a day for Christians around the world to share a meal of grace, compassion, and hope at God’s table.

It’s a time to remember that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions, and in varying forms of liturgy—the Lord’s Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. This annual event, promoting Christian unity and worldwide cooperation, began in the Presbyterian Church in 1936.

Since then, World Communion Sunday has grown into an international celebration of Christian unity. Many Christian denominations participate in this celebration, held annually on the first Sunday of October.

World Communion Sunday is a reminder there is no “typical Christian.” Followers of Christ represent many different nationalities, speak various languages, worship in different ways, and live in every country around the world.

One thing we have in common is the sacrament of Communion.



Noah's AARP

Our Progressive Dinner in August was a great success. Thank-you to everyone who hosted, helped with the meal, and attended. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Next, our Noah's AARP crowd will meet Friday, Oct. 6, at Rich and Claire Petersen's farm for what has become an annual fall favorite: a great bonfire, bales to sit on, a perfect outdoor meal, a hayrack ride, and fellowship under the stars. Good old-fashioned fun.

There's a sign-up sheet on the C.C. with directions to the Petersen's included under the sign-up. If you're in the 50+ age range and have never attended a Noah's AARP event, please join us on the 6th. You'll glad you did.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Ruble.



Lunch Bunch

Join the Bunch at the Pizza Ranch on Thursday, Oct. 19 (the third Thursday), in one of the party rooms.

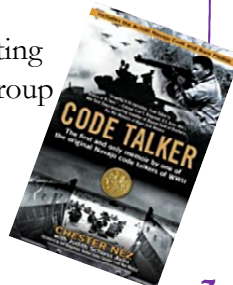
The routine is easy: we gather, say grace at 11:30, go through the buffet immediately afterward, and then eat, talk, laugh, and repeat. Everyone is invited.

Book Talk

The book selected for our fall Book Talk is *Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir By One of the Original Navajo Talkers of WWII* by Chester Nez.

The Associated Press reviewer wrote, "You don't need to be a fan of World War II literature to appreciate this memoir...a fascinating mélange of combat in the Pacific theater, the history of the Navajo people and the development of a uniquely American code."

This is sure to be another interesting book, so please read it and join the group for another interesting discussion at 7:00 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21, in Ann and Greg Ruble's home.



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Checkered = victory: If we persevere and finish our race of faith, navigating the hazards and managing the pit stops, then victory is ours. The question for us on this final day will be: How does God want us to "experience" the victory?

I'm currently studying the red flag for this Sunday's celebration. The red flag signals drivers to stop their race and go to their pit area, usually due to rain or some other situation or condition beyond anyone's control. Pit crews are forbidden to work or do anything to the cars to get an advantage during this time in the pit area. But the drivers are permitted to eat and drink something, and to discuss new race strategies with their crew chief. Many drivers say that how they respond to a red flag interruption, waiting in pit area, can actually determine the outcome of a race.

In addition to the red flag times of waiting in the pit area, regular pit stops are still a necessary part of auto racing. Drivers know they can't possibly run an entire race on a single tank of gas or one set of tires.

In the same way, you and I can't possibly be expected to run our own race of faith without moments when we intentionally pull-off the track, mid-race.

To help provide a mid-race (mid-week) pit stop where we can all refuel, take on some spiritual nourishment, and spend some time talking and listening to God (our crew chief), WUMC will be offering a Wednesday Evening Worship experience from 6:00 – 6:25 beginning Nov. 1.

We'll start with a simple supper served from 5:30 – 6:00 for those who desire to share in some meal fellowship. Then we'll move into the sanctuary for a time of singing, prayer, scripture, and a short message. After our time of worship, children, youth, and adult ministries, as well as various music group practices, will follow.

Friends, I hope and pray you'll plan to experience the added power to your race of faith that can be gained from regularly stopping to engage in the spiritual routines of Sabbath rest, worship, scripture, and prayer.

Godspeed.

Pastor Jamie

Keep the Faith – Trust the Process

Gordon Kratz

Josh Straw, Chair of our Facilities Team, recently gave an update to our congregation on the status of our building project at the land on LA Grant. You may recall hearing Josh say, **Keep the Faith**, when telling us he'd have more details for us in the next few months. I decided to follow-up on Josh's update with one of my own, specific to our Capital Campaign.

In keeping with Josh's memorable **Keep the Faith** comment, I'd like to add, **Trust the Process**. That phrase became a motto for Joel Embiid, a basketball player who was drafted into the NBA. He experienced a series of injuries that prevented him from playing his first couple of seasons. Embiid used the phrase **Trust the Process** to encourage his fans, and himself, to hang in there and not give-up on him while he was rehabilitating. After returning to the court, Embiid achieved great success. The Process works.

Both Josh's phrase and mine apply to the status of our Capital Campaign. At the end of August, our year-to-date contributions to the Capital Campaign were less than 40% of what projected pledges for the year should have produced.

Disclaimer: The Capital Campaign is taking place over a 3-year period and breaking it out year-to-year is certainly not an exact science. In fact, we collected a larger amount early on, so the news may not be as bad as it sounds.

However, it is still slight cause for alarm. I'd prefer to say it is time for a reminder.

The process our Facilities Team is going through is one part of our building project. The Capital Campaign is the other. Without each other, the project can't work. We can't forget about the Capital Campaign. Each of us needs to do our part to ensure our Capital Campaign is successful by giving the amount we pledged to give.

Our Facilities Team's work depends on it. Our new church depends on it. To build our new church facility along LA Grant we need to both **Keep the Faith** and **Trust the Process**. A key step in that process is for each of us to ensure we pay at least 1/3 of the amount we pledged to the Capital Campaign by the end of 2017.

With our faith fueling our building process, all of us will see the fruits of our labor. If you're unsure how much you pledged or need to discuss payment options, please contact Cyndi Craigmile.

Financial Corner

Following is an update on WUMC's finances provided by our Finance Team:

We've worked to grow our ministries and reach-out to the community over the past year. Doing so has increased our expenses. This includes the salary for Jeff Rodman (Children and Youth Pastor), and the wonderful work done by our Church Family Outreach Ministry team. You may recall this team hosted a summer camping trip, open swim, Bags Tournament, and our larger-than-ever Rally Sunday, to name a few.

We currently have a deficit of \$26,200 in 2017, which the chart below puts into some context:

	thru August 2017	thru August 2016	end of 2016
Giving	\$205,300	\$212,000	\$343,000
Expenses	\$231,500	\$215,000	\$324,000
Deficit	\$(26,200)	\$ (3,000.00)	\$19,000

Last year, we received nearly 40% of our total annual giving in the last four months. We anticipate that giving percentage to be about the same this year. If that number holds, we should be able to close the deficit and end 2017 balanced, or with a small deficit.

Although this may seem daunting, we must take risks to grow our congregation and to increase our contact in the community. Over the last several years we've worked to grow our reserve funds to prepare for unforeseen expense or years where we need to take financial risk to reach our goals.

In the Capital Campaign account for our new facility, we're currently at 53% of our goal with \$581,700 of \$1,100,000. Our first Capital Campaign will end in the spring of 2019.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts to the church's operating budget as the year winds down.

Thank you,

Michael Schrodt

On behalf of the Finance Team

If you wish to reach me with questions or comments, please email me at: mbschrodt@msn.com

*What's happening with *F.I.R.E.
Waukee UMC Youth Group*

As I was planning for the year, I stopped and asked myself: What is the point of youth ministry? Are we supposed to fill the calendar with events, activities, and parties?

These are usually lots of fun and do create opportunities for students to grow and reach-out to their friends, but events aren't the point of youth group. If we aren't careful, activities can distract us from the main point of our youth group, which is to:

***Help students become disciples
of Jesus, who then make more
disciples of Jesus***

This is our goal, and what will drive our meetings and gatherings. This goal is how we'll evaluate each of our events and activities. It will also provide direction for what we are going to do and what we aren't going to do.

We want to help students become disciples of Jesus. We are to lead them to trust in Jesus for their salvation, but we won't stop there.

We want to teach student to obey everything Christ commanded. Wouldn't it be great to have a bunch of students who know a lot about the Bible? Absolutely, but that is not the entire goal.

We want to see students make disciples. We want to see our students helping their friends, siblings and younger kids in the church become followers of Jesus Christ. We will have reached our goal when we have students mentoring other students to become disciples of Jesus, who then make more disciples of Jesus.

Please keep this goal for our youth group (repeated below) in your prayers.

***Help students become disciples of Jesus, who
then make more disciples of Jesus***

As a reminder, if you ever have questions about what our youth are up to or you'd like to get involved in F.I.R.E. in some way, please contact me. You're always welcome to stop by the Green Room for a visit, too. Thanks for all of your support and prayers.

Pastor Jeff



F.I.R.E. Youth Ministry is a ministry of Waukee United Methodist Church that exists to help students Love God, Love Others, and Serve. By doing those things, we can better reach generations in need of a Savior (Jesus Christ).

Our hope and prayer is that, through the many resources that we are so richly blessed with, we can reach out to the students of Waukee and the surrounding area in a loving and caring way, so that they will know that they have a safe place to come to and a leadership team who not only cares for them, but also loves them. While we gather to teach them to be more like Christ today than yesterday, we gather to focus on them Knowing Christ and Living Like Christ.

**Faith /inside of Righteousness on Earth*



Why Do United Methodists Celebrate the Reformation?

Reformation means to make changes. Martin Luther started some major changes within the Church on Oct. 31, 1517, when he nailed the *95 Theses* to the door of All Saints' Catholic Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Luther's theses described his dissatisfaction with many practices of the Roman Catholic Church, the only church recognized in Europe at that time.

Why should Methodists care? A few other Christians were also trying to make changes in the Roman Catholic Church at that time, but it was Martin Luther who was able to push the movement forward.

King Henry VIII and the English, influenced by Luther's writings, broke from Rome and established the Anglican Church.

John Wesley, founder of the United Methodist Church, remained a part of the Anglican Church until his death.

Come celebrate the Reformation with our church family on Sunday, Oct. 29. We'll recognize Martin Luther and his influence on our church at each service that morning.

The celebration will continue with a Hymn Sing at 4:00, a potluck at 5:00, and by watching the movie, *Luther*, together in our sanctuary.

Reformation Day Events

Join us for these Reformation Day events on Sunday, Oct. 29.

8:30 and 10:00 – Recognition of Luther and the Reformation's influence on United Methodists

4:00 – Hymn Sing

5:00 – Potluck

6:00 – Watch the movie *Luther*, starring Joseph Fiennes and Alfred Molina, as a congregation.



UMW Meeting, Oct. 11

Our United Methodist Women will hold their next meeting at church on Wednesday, Oct. 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Discussion that day will focus on planning their annual Fall Bazaar, which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Sunday School Music

Jennifer Senne, music director

I'm delighted to introduce our new Sunday School music groups: Cherubs, Sparks, and Tone Chimes. The Cherubs are kids of preschool age through 1st grade; Sparks and Tone Chimes are kids in 2nd through 5th grade.

We sing and play music each week during the Sunday School hour. During our time together we learn special songs of Bible stories, spirituals, and hymns. We have great fun learning songs from our Methodist heritage so we can sing and play them for you in worship.

Our Cherubs and Sparks will sing at the 10:00 celebration on Oct 8; Tone Chimes will play at the 10:00 celebration on Nov. 12.

Also, it won't be long before we'll start preparing for our Christmas Pageant, part of the Lessons and Carols Service on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10.

More information about the Christmas Pageant will be coming soon.

New Member Sunday, Oct. 8

Are you interested in becoming a member of Waukee United Methodist Church? We'll be celebrating new members at each celebration on Sunday, Oct. 8.

If you'd like to (officially) join our church family, contact LuCinda Beltman.

Outstanding October Days

1 ~ Natalie Blackford	14 ~ Molly Wempen
1 ~ Kelly Cappel	15 ~ Vicki Erickson
1 ~ Quincy Cooper	15 ~ Libby Husske
1 ~ Maegan Tyrrell	17 ~ Sandy Hanson
2 ~ John & Joyce Bridger	18 ~ Maya Marcel
3 ~ Byron & Amanda Gutshall	20 ~ Dan & Kristy Jensen
3 ~ Ken & Tamie Hopper	20 ~ Barb Johansen
3 ~ Ella Sparks	20 ~ Chad Severin
3 ~ Owen Sparks	22 ~ Rachel Boothroyd
4 ~ Rick & Sonia Arnold	22 ~ David Timmerman
5 ~ Brian Krohn	23 ~ Sarah Hayden
6 ~ Harriet Hawbaker	23 ~ Adam Mason
7 ~ Corbin Schrodtt	23 ~ John Shoeman
8 ~ Darin & Diana Rossmann	23 ~ Bud Walrod
9 ~ Adam & Angie Mason	26 ~ Ellie Rossmann
9 ~ Randy Olson	27 ~ Dale Johansen
10 ~ Greg & Laura Allen	27 ~ Gavin Slaybaugh
11 ~ Winifred Johnson	28 ~ Shannon Lingala
12 ~ Chad & Amber Severin	29 ~ Aimee Dunn
12 ~ Rick Huscher	29 ~ Jim Merhar
12 ~ Cody Keith	30 ~ Marissa Messinger
14 ~ Jim & Terrie Sandmire	31 ~ Dave & Cindy Baker
14 ~ Dwight Papenberg	31 ~ Linda Hakeman
14 ~ Colson Thayer	31 ~ Clinton Hanks



Trunk or Treating

Come enjoy trunk or treating, crafts, snacks, and face painting at Waukee UMC on Sunday, Oct. 22: You can set-up your trunk at 3:30 so you're ready for trunk-or-treating from 4:00 – 5:00.

If you plan to provide a trunk of goodies, please sign-up at the Connection Counter (C.C.) Some decorations will be available at the church, if you need some punk for your trunk.



October WUMC Events

1 (Su)	♦ World Communion Sunday ♦ New Member Coffee, 11:00 ♦ Confirmation, 11:15 ♦ FPU, 6:00
2 (M)	Mission Quilters, 6:30
3 (Tu)	Celebrations, 6:30 Missions, 6:30
4 (W)	See Wednesday Line-Up below Youth, 6:30
6 (F)	♦ Noah's AARP Hayrack, 6:30
8 (Su)	♦ New Member Sunday FPU, 6:00
9 (M)	Prayer Shawl, 6:30
10 (Tu)	Worship Meeting, 7:00
11 (W)	See Wednesday Line-Up below
12 (Th)	Finance, 7:00
15 (Su)	Charge Conference, 2:00 FPU, 6:00
16 (M)	Trustee, 6:30 Mission Quilters, 6:30
17 (Tu)	SPRT, 6:30
18 (W)	See Wednesday Line-Up below
19 (Th)	♦ Lunch Bunch, 11:30 JN Board, 5:00 Ad Board, 7:00
22 (Su)	♦ Trunk or Treat, 3:30 – 5:30 FPU, 6:00
23 (M)	♦ The Table - community meal Prayer Shawl, 6:30
25 (W)	See Wednesday Line-Up below
29 (Su)	♦ Hymn Sing, 4:00 ♦ Pot Luck, 5:00 ♦ Watch <i>Luther</i> , 6:00 FPU, 6:00

Wednesday Line-Up

The following events are scheduled each Wednesday evening unless noted otherwise:

KoG: 6:00 ~ Bells: 6:30 ~ Youth Group, 7:00
Choir, 7:00 ~ Treble on the Mount, 8:00



Thanksgiving Ingathering

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supplies kits to help care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis.

These kits provide vital support for UMCOR's work. You can help sustain these folks by donating supplies or money. Stop-by the C.C. for more information.



Stay Connected



Info about WUMC events is available here:

- **Facebook** – be sure to “like” Waukee United Methodist Church while you’re on Facebook.
- **Weekly church bulletin**
- **The Vine**
- **Waukee Wire** – to subscribe send an email to info@waukeechurch.org
- **Twitter** - search for @waukeechurch
- **WUMC website** - www.waukeechurch.org

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