

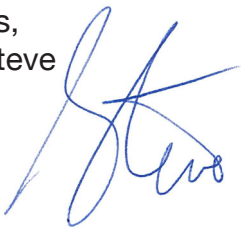
Waters of Grace By Pastor Steve

As I write this, on Tuesday, January 31, I am in Palestine, Texas, at Lakeview United Methodist Camp for the National Camp and Retreat Ministries Gathering with Michael Farmer. The theme is Waters of Grace.

I'm proud that Faith UMC provided its baptismal font as the font representing the North Central Jurisdiction. There are 5 jurisdictions of the UMC in the United States. Each jurisdiction sent a baptismal font. Every participant (over 300) brought a sample of water from their location – camps, churches, conferences, etc. Later this week, we will all pour our samples into fonts and renew our baptism.

These waters of grace remind us of who we are and whose we are. In a time when our differences (political, economic, ethnic, cultural, theological) are a source of anxiety and fear, our baptism reminds us that we are all children of God and that all of us depend upon God's grace to live at all.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Renewable / Sustainable Energy Meeting:

For any who are interested in exploring ways in which Faith UMC can become more efficient in its use of energy and resources and at the same time become more environmentally friendly, there is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 19, 12:15-1:45. Contact Pastor Steve for more information or with questions.