

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019~9:30 A.M.**

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE FIRST CAROL OF THE EPIPHANY.....“The First Noel”.....UMH No. 245

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

**Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.**

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

**Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.**

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

**The twelve Days of Christmas begins on December 25th and ends on the Twelfth Night January 5th, the last day of the Christmas Season before Epiphany January 6th**

THE FIRST CAROL OF EPIPHANY....."The 12 Days of Christmas".....[see insert]

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....

L: The Epiphany, called Theophany in the East, celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, and the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. Other manifestations recalled on Epiphany are the miracle at Cana, and the Baptism of Jesus.

**ALL : O God Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN** *The Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East*

KID'S TIME                    "The Reason We Give Gifts At Christmas"

### **The Gifts Of The Wisemen**

**Myrrh** being commonly used as an anointing oil, **frankincense** as a perfume, and **gold** as a valuable.

The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: **gold** as a symbol of kingship on earth, **frankincense** (an incense) as a symbol of deity, and **myrrh** (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.

ANTHEM....."Star of Wonder".....Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Break Thou the Bread of Life” .....UMH No. 599

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**  
**Pgs.11-13**

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

THE SECOND CAROL OF EPIPHANY.....“Star Child” .....TFWS No. 2095 vs. 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Matthew 2:10–12; Matthew 3:13–17; John 2:8–11

*When they saw the star they shouted joyfully. As they came into the house and saw the child with Mary his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their treasure boxes and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back by another route to their own country.*

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John to be baptized by him in the Jordan River. But John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?” So Jesus replied to him, “Let it happen now, for it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John yielded to him. After Jesus was baptized, just as he was coming up out of the water, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my one dear Son; in him I take great delight.”*

*Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the head steward,” and they did. When the head steward tasted the water that had been turned to wine, not knowing where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the cheaper wine when the guests are drunk. You have kept the good wine until now!” Jesus did this as the first of his miraculous signs, in Cana of Galilee. In this way he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.*

L: This Is The Word Of God For The People Of God

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE SECOND CAROL OF EPIPHANY.....“Star Child ” .....TFWS No. 2095 vs. 4-5

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE.....“Following God With Eyes Wide Open” .....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Glory Be To the Father " .....UMH No. 70

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

THE THIRD CAROL OF EPIPHANY.....“We Three Kings” .....UMH No. 254 vs.1, 5

\*SENDING FORTH.....John 1:6-13

*A man came, sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was created by him, but the world did not recognize him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not receive him. But to all who have received him—those who believe in his name—he has given the right to become God’s children —children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband’s decision, but by God.*

EXIT MUSIC

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

**Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:**

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson,

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins,

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

**Latham Place:** Elaine Westrum, Lucile and George Kubista

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Beau C., Nikki and Jon Schultz, Jo Ann Egness, Nancy and Dan Thomas, Steve Conway, Jerry and Linda Rutledge, Government shut -down.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SERMON NOTE OUTLINES** are on the table in the Narthex.

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** the fellowship event will be showing 'favorite winter activities'. Example activities could be indoor games, or outdoor fun depicted by equipment, photos, etc. Please share your winter time fun with us.

Offering envelopes for 2019 are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.

Mark your calendars for the next M & M Night (Meal and Movie). It will be held on **January 20**. The movie will be 'The Ultimate Gift'.

Hot dishes went over so good at one of the M&M Nights that we decided to serve that again. If anyone in the congregation would like to help us out with a hot dish or make two dozen cookies, please let Roberta Walker know.

The meal is served at 5:00 and the movie is shown about 5:45 or 6:00 pm. The admission is free and we invite you to bring your family members and friends.



## **2019 General Conference** **United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward**



The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held **February 23-26, 2019** in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 01/06/2019 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship
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- 01/07/2019 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)
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- 01/08/2019 (Tues.) 10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle (\*\*FH)  
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn
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- 01/09/2019 (Wed.) 1:00 p.m. - Communion at Colony Court  
6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 01/10/2019 (Thur.) 1:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitches (\*\*FH)
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- 01/11/2019 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotional at Colony Court
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- 01/13/2019 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m.-Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship (Favorite Winter Activities)

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall