

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
January 7, 2024~9:30 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.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you.

Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN....."Spirit of God".....TFWS #2117, vs. 1, 2, 4

UNISON PRAYER

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM....."Down to the River to Pray".....Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Heavenly Father, we have been blessed with great abundance. In your grace, we seek your wisdom so that we may use these funds to may proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Acts 19:1-7

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“Shall We Gather at the River”UMH #723, vs. 1 & 4

Mark 1:4-11

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

MESSAGE....."What Baptism Did You Receive?"Pastor Jon Schultz

HOLY COMMUNION

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN....."Breathe on Me, Breath of God".....UMH #420

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH 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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Deene Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, family and friends of Margaret Hasslen, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like some, please let Stacy know. We do have extra boxes available.

Session three of the “Conversation at the Crossroads” process is scheduled for this **Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm**. At this session our consultant will present a written report and recommendations for our church. Our District Superintendent, Woojae Im, will also be in attendance.

Ruth Circle is meeting this **Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. The program will be “Harvest”.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/07/2024 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am – Fellowship
1/08/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
01/09/2024 (Tues.)	1:00 pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room) 7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting
01/10/2024 (Wed.)	7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
01/11/2024 (Thurs.)	6:30 pm – Session 3 of “Conversation at the Crossroads” (Sanctuary)
01/14/2024 (Sun.)	9:30 am – Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Pastor’s Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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