

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
CANTATA- HE IS BORN EMMANUEL
January 8th, 2017~9:30 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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."Love Has Come"Faith Choir

EPIPHANY.....UMH No. 255

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O Come, O Come Emmanuel"UMH No. 211 Vs. 1-2

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 2016 CHOIR CANTATA
JESUS OUR EMMANUEL

Words and Music by Marty Parks

Narrator: Mark Lamont

Sound Tech: Bob Stephan

Power Point: Pastor Victor

Soloist: Duane Griffin, Paul Lohse

PRESENTED BY FAITH CHOIR

Christmas is the amazing story of how God came to earth and lived among as truly God and truly man. He is our Emmanuel meaning "God is with us".

(Instrumental Opening)

JESUS, OUR EMMANUEL/LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE "BEFORE
THE STARRY UNIVERSE

THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING/ HE IS BORN, ALLELUIA

INFINITE LORD

GLORIA/ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 2:1-12**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "*'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'*" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS Be TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE..... “Led By The Spirit” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

Almighty God, we thank you for the holy scriptures, in which you have revealed to us your Son, Jesus Christ, as the fulfillment of the law and prophets, the promised Messiah of Israel, and the Redeemer of humankind.

Grant that we, who gratefully celebrate his advent and acknowledge Him as your living Word, may walk in the light of His truth and make known the good news of His kingdom in all the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN..... "We Three Kings"UMH No 254

*SENDING FORTH..... **TITUS 3:4-7**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Dahnert Papke

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce & Deb Hering, Peter & Verna Fog, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Millie White, Family of Delores Dahnert, Phyllis Erickson, Lynne Swenson, Sherry Scholljegredes and Beth Stankiewicz, Nina Youngberg, Shawn Hunter, Barb, Maynard Buland, Ed and Hillary Herbig.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to stay for fellowship and Margaret Hasslen's 95th birthday celebration.



UMW Executive Meeting will be held on February 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

UMW Unit Meeting will be held on February 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.



Habitat for Humanity will begin accepting pre-qualification forms for homeownership on January 23, 2017. Habitat for Humanity is offering information workshops and encourage individuals to attend to learn more about this program and the qualifying guidelines.

Tuesday, January 17

6:00-7:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church
300 E Elm Ave, Waseca

Thursday, January 19

6:00-7:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
609 Lincoln Ave S, Owatonna

Saturday, January 21

9:30-11:00 am

Owatonna Public Library
105 N Elm Ave, Owatonna

Saturday, January 21

1:00-2:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
300 E Elm Ave, Waseca

Pre-qualification paperwork will be distributed at these meetings and those interested only need to attend ONE session. Pre-qualification paperwork is due in the Habitat for Humanity office no later than February 21, 2017.

For more information, contact the Habitat for Humanity of Steele-Waseca Area office at [507-446-0112](tel:507-446-0112) or info@habitatswa.org.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/08/2017 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Checks
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group @ the Parsonage

01/10/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle
3:00-4:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (* LV Room)

01/11/2017 (Wed.) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

01/12/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (** FH)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitchers (Faith UMC)

01/15/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall