

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**UMW SUNDAY**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020~9:30 A.M.**

**The Purpose of United Methodist Women**

*The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as a whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

WELCOME.....Sherry Scholljegerdes

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN....."Jesus, We are Here(Jesu, Tawa Pano)".....TFWS No. 2273

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Leader 1 (Shirley Hansen): God of peace and freedom, we welcome you in our midst.

Leader 2 (Linda Griffin): We praise you for your love, which surpasses all understanding.

Leader 3 (Janice Kaupa): We praise you for who you are, now and forever.

**All: You are an amazing God.**

Leader 1: Creator God, we praise you for the natural resources we are called to care for, like the vegetation, minerals, big animals, waterfalls, and forests of Zimbabwe.

**All: You are a gracious God**

Leader 2: Jesus, we praise you for the gift of respect, the dignity of human life, love for one another, and for the friendliness of Zimbabwe's hardworking people.

**All: You are the Bread of life.**

Leader 3: Holy Spirit, we praise you for enabling us to gather in worship in Zimbabwe and around the world.

**All: You are the Spirit of truth who unifies us in prayers and action.**

HYMN....."Holy, Holy" .....TFWS No. 2039

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader 2: Merciful God, we come before you as a nation, recognizing that we need a change.

Leader 3: We have sinned against you and our sisters and brothers through our negligent words and actions.

Leader 1: We have disobeyed you and done things that we should not have done.

**All: We confess our wrongdoings and ask you for courage to change. With your forgiveness, in your grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader 2: We see women and children suffering in poverty, hunger, and violence.

**All: Grant us compassion to help those who are suffering.**

Leader 1: There is a lack of integrity in our lives. We fail to love and to unite those who are divided for reasons of ethnicity, language, or political views.

**All: Forgive us and heal our hearts and minds.**

Leader 3: Jesus asks: "Do you want to be made well?"

**All: We use so many excuses to avoid changes. Have mercy on us and sustain our searching for healing and forgiveness. In your grace, listen to us.**

Leader 2: Let us take a moment for personal silent prayers of confession.

*Brief moment of silence.*

Leader 2: "Give thanks for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever. Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times" (Ps. 106:1, 3).

HYMN....."Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.....TFWS No. 2193

A LETTER FROM ZIMBABWE.....Karen Ferch

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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

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.

SCRIPTURE READING..... John 5:2-9a.....Janet Welch

MEDITATION.....Janet Welch

\*HYMN....."The Summons" .....TFWS No. 2130

### WORDS OF COMMITMENT

Leader 2: Let us experience the empowering energy of the dialogue between the sick man and Jesus. I invite you to bow your heads.

Leader 1: Jesus asks: "Do you want to be made well?"

**All: Yes! Yes!**

Leader 2: Then Jesus says: "Rise! Take your mat and walk!" (Stand and take a few steps in place.)

Leader 1: God is love. Let us remain standing with our hearts full of love!

Leader 2: Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Let us take up our mats for peace among us!

Leader 1: God made all things new. In Christ we are reconciled to God. Let us walk toward reconciliation.

**All: Amen! Halleluiah!**

Leader 2: As you have heard Jesus' life-changing question and are willing to "Rise! Take your mat and walk," we invite you to offer your commitments and donations to support the communities as actions of love, peace, and reconciliation.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (See Insert).....Pastor Victor

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

OFFERING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks" .....TFWS No. 2036

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION.....Sherry Scholljegerdes

Reader 1: Let us join together with the provinces of Zimbabwe and worldwide to give thanks to God. Let us rise and walk in Jesus' unconditional love.

**All: From our corner of the world, we rise and walk.**

Reader 1: Please continue to bless us with the gift of life and protection, good rains and fertile soil.

**All: We are caretakers of God's creation.**

Reader 1: We lament for our brothers and sisters who had to migrate to other countries. We ask you to protect them and give them good health.

**All: Help us learn to love one another.**

Reader 1: We intercede for communities and women who live in fear of violence in families and nations.

**All: Give us wisdom and grace to be peacemakers.**

Reader 1: We thank you for the courageous and hardworking pioneer women of World Day of Prayer Zimbabwe who taught their communities to pray, love, and forgive.

**All: May we carry on the legacy of courageous women in our communities.**

MEDLEY OF SONGS BY "JUST FRIENDS"

## BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you.*

## 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:**

**Foxdale:** Gordy Miller

**Colony Court:** Muriel Jenkins

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

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

**BridgeWater at Janesville:** Joe & Gloria Tollefson

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**New Richland Care Center:** Ardella Draheim

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Michael Schumacher, the Priebe family, Officer Arik Matson and his family, world peace.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on **Tuesday, January 14.**

Elizabeth Circle will be hosting a viewing of the DVD "Healing Justice". All are welcome to attend on **Wednesday, January 15 at 2:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

**Frosty Fun - January 19 Fellowship Event** - Please bring your Frosty Snowman and his friends. Snow globes, statues, pillows, etc. And better yet, share your January activities with us during fellowship on January 19. Snowboards, skates, ice fishing equipment, snow shoes, etc. Ride to church on your snowmobile. What fun!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 01/12/2020 (Sun.) UMW Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship
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- 01/13/2020 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)
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- 01/14/2020 (Tues.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**  
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn
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- 01/15/2020 (Wed.) 2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (Gathering Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 01/17/2020 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**  
3:00 p.m. - Set up for Food @ Faith
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- 01/18/2020 (Sat.) Food @ Faith  
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck and Set-up  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Food Distribution  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Clean up
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- 01/19/2020 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship (Frosty Fun)  
5:00 p.m. - M & M Night (Meal and Movie)

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this week:

Monday: 8:45 am to 12:45 pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:45 am to 12:45 pm