

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15TH, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Lord, Be Glorified"TFWS No. 2150

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Spirit Song"UMH No. 347

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 40:1-11**

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

ANTHEM....."Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World".....Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."The Velveteen Rabbit"



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 READINGLuke 18:9-14; Luke 6:41-42

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortionist, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

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 "The Danger of Too much Religion"Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

***THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS**

*** CLOSING HYMN....."I Love You, Lord"TFWS No. 2068**

***SENDING FORTH.....Luke 18:13**

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

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

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, Phyllis Erickson, Lynne Swenson, Sherry Scholljegredes and Beth Stankiewicz, Nina Youngberg, Shawn Hunter, Barb, Maynard Buland, Ed and Hillary Herbig, Dave Wisner and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

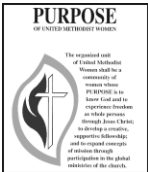


Trustees

There will be a Trustees meeting on January 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Room.



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.

THANK YOU



I want to thank everyone very much for all the cards and best wishes to celebrate my birthday. Also thank you to the choir for a wonderful Cantata. It was truly a joyful time and I am blessed and grateful to be surrounded by so many loving and caring friends in my life. Margaret Hasslen.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/15/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

01/16/2017 (Mon.) 10:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline

01/17/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle

3:00-4:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (* LV Room)

01/18/2017 (Wed.) 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

01/19/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (** FH)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Trustee's Meeting (*LV Room)

01/20/2017 (Fri.) 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Set up for Food @ Faith

01/21/2017 (Fri.) 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Set up for Food @ Faith

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Food @ Faith Distribution

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food @ Faith Clean-up

01/22/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall