

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22ND, 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....."Sanctuary"TFWS No. 2164 (two times)

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Lord of the Dance"UMH No. 261

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

All: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

All: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

L: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

All: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

ANTHEM....."One Step He Leads".....Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."Runny Babbit's List"



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.....**Luke 15:11-32**

Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his

fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.'" So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.' Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.' "

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....."Recklessly, Extravagant Love".....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... "Shine, Jesus, Shine"TFWS No. 2173

*SENDING FORTH.....**Luke 15:22-24a**

22 But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! 23 Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting 24 because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!'

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

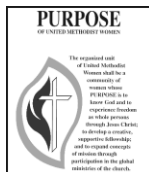
Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship Bruce & Deb Hering, Peter & Verna Fog, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Maragaret Dahnert, Lynne Swenson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Bob Stephan will be on vacation February 16, 2017 through February 23, 2017.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/22/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

01/23/2017 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed this Week

01/24/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
3:00-4:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (* LV Room)
5:15 - 6:30 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

01/25/2017 (Wed.) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

01/26/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (** FH)
4:45 - 10:00 p.m. - Meet at Parsonage
preparing Homeless Kits in Mpls.

01/27/2017 (Fri.) Administrative Assistant Out of Office

01/29/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall