

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29TH, 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....."As the Deer"TFWS No. 2025 (two times)

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"UMH No. 400

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 15**

- L: Who can live in your tent, LORD? Who can dwell on your holy mountain?
All: The person who lives free of blame, does what is right, and speaks the truth sincerely;
L: who does no damage with their talk, does no harm to a friend, doesn't insult a neighbor;

All: someone who despises those who act wickedly, but who honors those who honor the LORD; someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts;

L: someone who doesn't lend money with interest, who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person.

All: Whoever does these things will never stumble.

ANTHEM...."Open the Eyes of My Heart/with/Be Thou My Vision"....Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."What Do You See?"

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**The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds**
Matthew 13:24-30; 36-40; The Dragnet Matthew 13:47-50

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared. The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?' 'An enemy has done this,' he answered. The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?' But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvest time I'll say to the harvesters, First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.'"

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age.

The harvesters are the angels. Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that people threw into the lake and gathered all kinds of fish. When it was full, they pulled it to the shore, where they sat down and put the good fish together into containers. But the bad fish they threw away. That's the way it will be at the end of the present age. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from the righteous people, and will throw the evil ones into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth."

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 "Two Parables of Grace and Judgment" Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... "Make Me a Servant" TFWS No. 2176 (two times)

*SENDING FORTH..... **Ephesians 2:8-9**

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of.

Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

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: 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

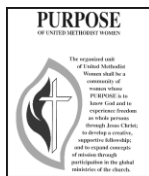
Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

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.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

01/30/2017 (Mon.) Administrative Assistant Out of Office
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

01/31/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)

02/01/2017 (Wed.) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

02/02/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (** FH)

02/05/2017 (Sun.) 9:15 a.m.- Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall