

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

NEW YEARS DAY 2017

COMMUNION SUNDAY

JANUARY 1ST, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP.....“Majesty, Worship His Majesty” ...UMH No. 176

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....**THE NICENE CREED**...UMH No. 880

L: We believe in one God,

All: The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

L: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

All: The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father;

L: Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. **For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

All: He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, **who proceeds from All: the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

L: We believe in the one holy and apostolic church.

All: We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Great is Thy Faithfulness”...UMH No. 140

COMMISSIONING OF HAITIAN MISSIONARIES

Presentation of Candidates for Commissioning

L: Friends, I present to you those who will represent this congregation in this mission project.

To Candidates:

What are you Going to Do? Sherry and Beth, I present to you the people who have been and will continue to support you. They believe your mission is important.

1. Do you accept the responsibility of representing this congregation in doing the work of our Lord in a distant place? **"I do."**
2. Will you work to exemplify Christ's teachings by loving one another and by translating Christ's message with excitement and care, turning strangers to friends and friends to brothers and sisters? **"I will."**
3. Will you serve in this special work with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, treasuring your experiences as opportunities to teach and to grow? **"I will."**

Congregational Response

1. Do you, the members and friends of Faith United Methodist Church of Waseca, accept these people as missionaries chosen to extend our Christian love and concern to others? **"We do."**
2. Will you support them with your prayers during their venture and with your interest upon their return, recognizing their special contribution to the work of the Church and their mission as your own? **"We will."**

Laying on of Hands

All who would like to may come forward and lay hands on Beth and Sherry. Let us pray: Gracious God, we present our hopes for these specially commissioned this day. In every age you have chosen servants to speak your word in unique and special and various ways. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them each special gifts to do their special work. Fill them with the Holy Spirit so they may accept all they confront, and be faithful and joyful in their task. Bring them safely home and then let their experience further enrich us so that we, too, may better serve you.

Commendation

L: Beth and Sherry you are now commissioned by this, your home congregation. Go forth, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Break Thou the Bread of Life”...UMH No. 599

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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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.....Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel," which means 'God with us.'" When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave Him the name Jesus.

L: This Is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks Be To God.

MESSAGE....."It is Harder to Receive than to Give" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Morning Has Broken"... UMH No. 145

*SENDING FORTH..... *John 1:12-13*

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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, Delores Dahnert, Phyllis Erickson, Lynne Swenson, Bob Hunter, Sherry Scholljegredes and Beth Stankiewicz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the last four years Kim Maas has been our Administrative Assistant with sharing her talents and other gifts with us. December 30th was Kim's last day here at the church, because she moved on to a full-time position in Faribault. We want to wish Kim the very best and wish her well.

I'm happy to announce to the congregation our new **Administrative Assistant** will be **Stacy True**. Stacy brings to the position many talents which will help move the position forward and continue to run efficiently. Her office hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Stacey would please stand and I ask the congregation to wish her well in her new position.

Thank you,

David Baldini

Flowers have been placed on the Altar in honor of Hazel Hankensiefken who went home to the Lord on November 27th.

All items for the Haiti trip need to be brought by **today**. Thank you for your donations and we're sure the kids will love them. Sherry and Beth.

Margaret Hasslen's 95th Birthday celebration will be Sunday, January 8, during Fellowship time.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

1/2/2017 (Mon.) Office Closed-New Year's Day Observed

1/3/2017 (Tues.) 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

1/4/2017 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (**FH)

1/6/2017 (Fri.) 5:00-7:30 p.m.-Girl Scouts Meeting (**FH)

1/8/2017 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m.-Blood Pressure Check
9:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Choir Cantata
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 -11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
6:30 -8:00 p.m. Youth Group @ the Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall