

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord

Communion Sunday

January 3rd, 2016~9:30 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....."Sing We Now of Christmas"...UMH No. 237...Vs 1

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: The Epiphany, called Theophany in the East, celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, and the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. Other manifestations recalled on Epiphany are the miracle at Cana, and the Baptism of Jesus.

ALL : O God who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son, we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

HYMN OF PRAISE "We Three Kings"...UMH No. 254

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Lord Jesus may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Savior of mankind; to whom be glory forever. AMEN

Frank Colquhoun

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

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, 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; 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; 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.

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

We believe in the one holy and apostolic church. 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.

ANTHEM....."There Is A Star That Shines For Us All" ...Faith Choir

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

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....**Matthew 2:10-12; Matthew 3:13-17; John 2:8-11**

When they saw the star they shouted joyfully. As they came into the house and saw the child with Mary his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their treasure boxes and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back by another route to their own country.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John to be baptized by him in the Jordan River. But John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you

come to me?" So Jesus replied to him, "Let it happen now, for it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John yielded to him. After Jesus was baptized, just as he was coming up out of the water, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my one dear Son; in him I take great delight."

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the head steward," and they did. When the head steward tasted the water that had been turned to wine, not knowing where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the cheaper wine when the guests are drunk. You have kept the good wine until now!" Jesus did this as the first of his miraculous signs, in Cana of Galilee. In this way he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Have You Seen Jesus" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Star Child " ...TFWS No. 2095

*SENDING FORTH.....*John 1:6-13*

A man came, sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was created by him, but the world did not recognize him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not receive him. But to all who have received him—those who believe in his name—he has given the right to become God's children —children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband's decision, but by 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

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

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

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering,

Leona Quast, Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Berts Walker, Dick and Elaine Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg, Marlys Garness, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Roger Goetz,

the family of Paul Krause, the family of Don Lohse, the family of Deloris Asmus.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

1/3/2016 (Sun.)	9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Communion 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
1/5/2016 (Tues.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
1/6/2016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
1/7/2016 (Thurs.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan 12:45-1:45 p.m. -Caregivers Club (*LV Room)
1/8/2016 (Fri.)	6:00-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
1/10/2016 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall