

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

January 4th, 2015~9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*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

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."A Star Shone Bright" ...TFWS...3051 vs.1

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF CELEBRATION:....."The First Noel" ...UMH No. 245

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Isaiah 60:1-6**

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

All: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

L: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

All: Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

L: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

All: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

L: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

This is the Word of The Lord for the people of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF CELEBRATION.....“Love Came Down at Christmas”...UMH No. 242

SACRAMENT OF WORD AND TABLE II

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ANTHEM.....“Star of Wonder”...Faith Choir

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

" 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

MESSAGE....."Going Home By Another Way" ... Rev. Victor Waters

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... "We Three Kings" ..UMH No. 254

SENDING FORTH

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. May almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen

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, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

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

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Jim Barber, Dave and Joann Eggness, Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Jim Keller, Roger and Vada Dahnert, Floyd Lamont, Paula Kaupa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2015 offering envelopes** have **not** yet arrived. Once they do it will not take long for them to be sent out. Please use envelopes that are in the pews for now. Thank you.

Sherry Scholljegerdes will give a presentation on her trip to Haiti during fellowship time today.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP!

The Decorating crew will be packing away the Christmas decorations on **Monday, January 5**. We will begin taking the decorations down at **9:30 a.m.** and hope to be finished before noon. Thank you for volunteering for this task.

The following is the Conversation, Bible & Friends schedule during the holiday season:

- January 6 - We will meet at Ardella Draheim's home. We will be using the new 2015 Disciplines Devotions book at this meeting.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

1/4/2014 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 p.m. -Worship with Holy Communion *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship with Haiti Presentation
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1/5/2014 (Mon.)	9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -Christmas Decoration Take Down
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1/6/2014 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m. -Memory Care 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends at Ardella Draheim's
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1/7/2014 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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1/8/2014 (Thur.)	1:00 p.m. -Colony Court Communion 1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith Meeting
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1/9/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed
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1/11/2014 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 p.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

* Lakeview Room

**Fellowship Hall