

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5th, 2014~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service, where Jesus is lifted up for all people, and God's word is honored.

We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.

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 to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

All attendees please sign our Red Friendship Registration Pads. If you are new to our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

L: 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.

All: Amen

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for babies - 4 year olds

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Micah 5: 2-5

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“The First Noel”...UMH No. 245

A CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II.....PG.12-13

ANTHEM..... "Go Tell the Good News" ...Faith Choir
(All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time)

EPISTLE LESSON.....Ephesians 3:1-12

3 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles;
2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of this gospel, I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“We Three Kings”...UMH No. 254

*GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 2: 1-12

2 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 2 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.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 ‘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.’ ”

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 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.”

9 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. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 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. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE.....“Jesus: Worthy of Our Worship”...Rev. Victor Waters

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks”...TFWS No. 2036

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Star-Child”...TFWS No. 2095

*SENDING FORTH.....[Unison]

Epiphany...UMH. 255

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:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

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, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, January 15, at 3:30 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room.** Please note the time change from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Our hostess will be Shirley Hansen and Peggy Deno will be leading devotions. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Children's Activity:



Thank you, God, for Jesus.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 01/05/2014 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m. -Worship service with Holy Communion
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
6:30 -7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
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- 01/07/2014 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
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- 01/08/2014 (Wed.) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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- 01/09/2014 (Thur.) 1:30-2:30 p.m. -Colony Court Communion
6:30 -7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith Meeting
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- 01/10/2014 (Fri.) Office Closed
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers
6:15- 8:15 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
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- 01/12/2014 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check
9:30 a.m. -Worship service
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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- 1/13/2014 (Mon.) 7:00-8:00 p.m. -All Member Church Conference (FH)
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- 1/14/2014 (Tue.) 1:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion
4:00-6:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
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- 1/15/2014 (Wed.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Ruth Circle
10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH)
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Inn Video
3:30 p.m. -Elizabeth Circle (LV Room)
4:30-6:30 p.m. - Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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