

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 10th, 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....."Baptized in Water"...TFWS 2248...vs.3

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....

L: God, our loving Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to counter all the forces of evil: sin, suffering and death, and to overcome evil with the force of good; hatred with the power of love, your great love for us in Jesus.

**All: Help us never to curse the darkness, but to join with you in bringing your light into this world, the light that is your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem. Help us to be instruments of your light and love by doing one special act of kindness or by being your special instrument of reconciliation this New Year.**

L: May the Christ Candle we light symbolize our desire to bring light into a world of darkness and hope into a world of despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Wade in the Water"...TFWS No. 2107

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....**The Apostles Creed...UMH No. 880**

L: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,

**All: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

L: He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

**All: He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

ANTHEM...**"Down to the River to Pray/Lord Listen To Your Children"**

...Faith Choir

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

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

**Pgs.11-13**

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 LESSON.....**Mark 1:1-28**

L: The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

L: *“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, the voice of one shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”*

**All: In the wilderness, John the baptizer began preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the whole Judean countryside and all of Jerusalem were going out to him, and he was baptizing them in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins.**

L: John wore a garment made of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “One more powerful than I am is coming after me; I am not worthy to bend down and untie the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**All: Now in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my one dear Son; in you I take great delight.”**

L: The Spirit immediately drove him into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, enduring temptations from Satan. He was with wild animals, and angels were ministering to his needs.

**All: Now after John was imprisoned, Jesus went into Galilee and proclaimed the gospel of God. He said, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the gospel!”**

L: As he went along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon’s brother, casting a net into the sea (for they were fishermen).

**All: Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will turn you into fishers of people.” They left their nets immediately and followed him. Going on a little farther, he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother in their boat mending nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men and followed him.**

L: Then they went to Capernaum. When the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people there were amazed by his teaching, because he taught them like one who had authority, not like the experts in the law.

**All: Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “Leave us alone, Jesus the Nazarene! Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”**

L: But Jesus rebuked him: “Silence! Come out of him!” After throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.

**All: They were all amazed so that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits and they obey him.”**

L: So the news about him spread quickly throughout all the region around Galilee.

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.....“ Jesus Christ, the Son of God” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN.....“Jesus, Name Above All Names ” ...TFWS No. 2071

\*SENDING FORTH

*Now after John was imprisoned, Jesus went into Galilee and proclaimed the gospel of God. He said, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the gospel!”*

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, Dick and Elaine Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg, Marlys Garness,

Les and Marie Wells, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Roger Goetz, the family of Don Lohse, the family of Deloris Asmus.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to my Faith friends for the cards for my 95th birthday.

God Bless you, Lucille Kubista.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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1/10/2016 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
1/12/2016 (Tues.)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -UMW Executive Board Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
1/13/2016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.- Some Time Away (**FH) 12:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away Volunteer Training (*LV Room) 2:15-3:45 p.m. -Some Time Away Volunteer Gathering (**FH) 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
1/14/2016 (Thur.)	1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers (*FH)
1/15/2016 (Fri.)	3:00-4:30 p.m. -Set up for Food at Faith
1/16/2016 (Sat.)	7:00-10:00 a.m. -Food Truck and Set up 10:00-12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution 12:00-1:00 p.m. -Food Program Clean-up
1/17/2016 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group @ the Parsonage

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall