

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17th, 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....." We are the Body of Christ"...TFWS No. 2227

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Come, Thou Almighty King"...UMH No. 61...vs. 1

Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. As we light this candle, let this light shine out of darkness and may the light of Jesus Christ shine in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who with thee and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Shine, Jesus, Shine "...TFWS No. 2173

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 35:5-10**

L: Your loving-kindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

All: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like a great deep. O LORD, you preserve man and beast.

L: How precious is your loving-kindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They drink their fill of the abundance of your house; and you give them to drink of the river of your delights.

L: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to the upright in heart.

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

All: Thanks Be to God.

ANTHEM....."I Could Sing of Your Love Forever " ..Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."Shouting in Church!"

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 READINGS.....**MARK 1:14-28; 40-45**

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!" 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). 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. 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. 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!" 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. 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." So the news about Him spread quickly throughout all the region around Galilee.

Now a leper came to Him and fell to his knees, asking for help. "If you are willing, you can make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be clean!" The leprosy left him at once, and he was clean. Immediately Jesus sent the man away with a very strong warning. He told him, "See that you do not say anything to anyone, but go, show yourself to a priest, and bring the offering that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." But as the man went out he began to announce it publicly and spread the story widely, so that Jesus was no longer able to enter any town openly but stayed outside in remote places. Still, they kept coming to him from everywhere.

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..... "Who is Jesus?" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

- For all you have given, **Thank you God.**
- For all you have withheld, **Thank you God.**
- For all you have withdrawn, **Thank you God.**
- For all you have permitted, **Thank You God.**
- For all you have prevented, **Thank you God.**
- For all you have forgiven me, **Thank you God.**
- For all you have prepared for me, **Thank you God.**
- For the death you have chosen for me, **Thank you God.**
- For the place you are keeping for me in heaven, **Thank you God.**
- For having created me to love you for eternity, **Thank you God.**

* CLOSING HYMN.....“Bind Us Together ” ...TFWS No. 2226

*SENDING FORTH.....**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. **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

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, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Dick and Elaine Westrum, Chuck Youngberg, Marlys Garness, Les and Marie Wells, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Bud Deno.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Lohse Family-

A heartfelt "thank you" goes to all who helped make Don's celebration of life so meaningful: from Pastor Victor, Marlys, Bob Stephan, the ushers, those who provided cakes, those who helped serve the lunch, and many who were able to attend. We are continually blessed by our church family.

We wish to express our gratitude for your support. May God Bless you all,
Paul and Linda, Janis and Kelby, Georgia and Ed

Clarification and Reminder: The Administrative Assistant's normal weekly office hours are as follows:

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

For the week of January 18th Only:

Monday: 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Wednesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Friday: Out of office

There will be a **Special Church Council Meeting** on **Wednesday, January 27th** at **5:15 p.m.** to discuss the 2016 church budget. We will be discussing what has been pledged, where the monies will be spent and the shortcoming within the budget. We encourage your participation in this process and ask for your input to help us be more efficient in the operation your church.

MEMO FROM THE "JANITOR'S CLOSET"

Our Heating/Cooling System is controlled with three separate furnaces in the basement.

I. HEATING:

The in-floor heat system heats the Narthex, hallways, and the H/G office. It is controlled by the water heater in the Janitor's closet in the basement.

The heat for classrooms, Lakeview Room, and Kim's office is controlled by the thermostat in the H/G playroom. This thermostat is programmed for heat from 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday only.

Pastor Victor has his own heat thermostat for his office, in his office.

The sanctuary has its own thermostat that is programmed for Sunday's only.

The thermostat in the basement controls basement heat and is programmed for Wednesdays only.

II. COOLING:

The thermostat in Kim's office is for AC ONLY.

There is no AC for H/G classrooms, or the Lakeview Room.

The AC in the sanctuary is programmed for Sundays only.

The AC in the basement is also programmed for Sundays only.

Remember that either Heat or Cooling takes close to three hours to climb to the required temperature.

I hope this answers any questions about our system. The unit mounted on the wall in the Narthex is for AC only. It has its own compressor on the roof. This unit is only needed on extremely hot, humid days.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLAN AHEAD...

Please fill out the maintenance form outside the office door on the wall or leave a note in my box for any heating/cooling needs. Thank you, *Bob Stephan*.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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 No Youth Group
1/18/2016 (Mon.)	8:00-4:30 p.m. -Admin. Assistant Office Hours <u>10:00 a.m. -Newsletter Deadline</u>
1/19/2016 (Tues.)	7:30-10:30 a.m. - Admin. Assistant Office Hours 10:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court Memory Care UMW Mary Circle does not meet in January. 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible and Friends (*LV Room)
1/20/2016 (Wed.)	7:00-10:30 a.m. - Admin. Assistant Office Hours 9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 2:00-3:00 p.m. -UMW Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
1/23/2016 (Thur.)	7:00-10:30 a.m. - Admin. Assistant Office Hours
1/22/2016 (Fri.)	Admin. Assistant is out of office. 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court 6:00-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
1/24/2016 (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 meets at the Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall