

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 12th, 2023~9:30 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.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, walk in the way that leads to life.

It is better to be reconciled with another than to be proven right.

Come, choose to live a genuine life.

Life is too short for petty resentments.

Come walk in the way Christ invites us to travel.

We give thanks for Christ's way. And for the freedom to follow!

HYMN....."The Gift of Love".....UMH #408

UNISON PRAYER

Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to your love in our midst. We give you thanks for the power of our minds to choose right over wrong. Guide us now, that this power may not overwhelm, but inspire us. Help us choose compassion for ourselves and others. Teach us to set aside old resentments and grudges. Lift us, with all earth's children and all your creation, to aspire to the abundant life Christ brings. Amen

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

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.

ANTHEM....."Kumbaya"Faith Choir

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God
Help us to turn our hearts toward you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth.

HYMN....."Freely, Freely"UMH #389

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you

today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

This the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Matthew 5:21-37

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN..... "Blest Be the Tie That binds"UMH #557

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH 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: Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista, Keith Smith

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Wilda Smith, Keith Smith government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Offering Envelope Update: We have been informed that our 2023 offering envelopes will not be shipped until late February. The company is short staffed and has had supply chain and equipment issues. If you have old envelopes, you may use them and just cross out the date and write the current date. Or, you may use the envelopes in the back of the pews. Thank you for your patience as we wait for them to be shipped.

If you were unable to have your picture taken in December for the photo directory, you may submit a picture to the church office for the directory. Printed or digital images are accepted. Digital images may be emailed to faithwaseca@gmail.com. If you submit a printed photo, the guidelines they have given are that the photo must be printed on photo paper and must be a vertical photo in either wallet or 4 x 6 in size. We are able to submit up to 8 photos free of charge. The cost after 8 is \$15.00 per photo. Please submit photos by February 15.

UWF News:

UWF Executive Board will meet on **Monday, February 13 at 10:00 am.**

UWF Unit Meeting will be on **Monday, February 20 at 1:00 pm.** The program is Valentine Party. Hostess is Elizabeth Circle.

Ruth circle is meeting **Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00 pm.** The program is "Buckets".

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on **Monday, February 20.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/12/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service/UWF Recognition & Installation of Officers 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
02/13/2023 (Mon.)	10:00 am - UWF Executive Board Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
02/14/2023 (Tues.)	Happy Valentine's Day! 1:00 pm - Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)
02/15/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
02/16/2023 (Thurs.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
02/19/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

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