

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 24th, 2019~9:30 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

NEGRO SPIRITUALS AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

The Underground Railroad (UGRR) helped slaves to run to free a country. A fugitive could use several ways. First, they had to walk at night, using hand lights and moonlight. When needed, they walked (“waded”) in water, so that dogs could not smell their tracks. Second, they jumped into chariot, where they could hide and ride away. These chariots stopped at some “stations”, but this word could mean any place where slaves had to go for being taken in charge. So, Negro spirituals like “Wade in the Water”, “The Gospel Train” and “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” directly refer to the UGRR.

* CALL TO WORSHIP“Wade in the Water” TFWS No. 2107

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING..... Psalm 37:1-11.....UMH No. 772

ANTHEM....."As We Come Together"Faith Choir

KID'S TIME.....“ Why Did God Create The Mosquito?”

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC“Come Sunday” *Duke Ellington*Kyle Johnson

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Matthew 5:13–16; 44-48**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people.

You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.**

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes away your coat, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your possessions back from the person who takes them away. Treat others in the same way that you would want them to treat you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, so that they may be repaid in full. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to ungrateful and evil people. **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

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“Won’t You Be My Neighbor? ”Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN....."We Shall Overcome "UMH No. 533

*SENDING FORTH.....Colossians 3:15-17

3:15 Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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:

Foxdale Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Elaine Westrum, Lucile and George Kubista

Bridgewater Memory Care (Janesville): Gloria Tollefson

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Nikki and Jon Schultz, Michael Schumacher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES are on the table in the Narthex.

Confirmation will meet Wednesday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Lenten Bible Study

Perseverance: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship In An Instant Society.

Tourists and Pilgrims

Christians have adopted the lifestyle of a tourist and only want the high points. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness....Eugene Peterson

During this 6 week study we will follow the paths of the pilgrim who journeyed up to Jerusalem. Their story is told in the Songs of Ascent in Psalms 120, 124, 126, 129, 130, 132. Come join the journey March 18th – April 15th. Mondays at 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

Pastor Victor

Lenten Soup Luncheons will be hosted on Wednesdays at Noon, March 13 through April 10, here at Faith United Methodist Church. Faith United Methodist Church will be providing the meal for the March 20 lunch.

Lenten worship service schedule will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

Newsletter Folding - Newsletter folding is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church office. Newsletter folding will be scheduled the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m., or occasionally the fifth Wednesday, depending how the calendar falls. Please join us if you are able.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/24/2019 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship

02/25/2019 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

02/26/2019 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting (*LV Room)

02/27/2019 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)
6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

03/03/2019 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall