

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

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....."High Upon a Mountain" .....Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION .....“One Bread, One Body” .....UMH No. 620

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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....."Loving the Unlovable".....Pastor Victor Waters

OFFERTORY....."As we Come Together".....Faith Choir

\*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, Family of Robert Gasner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SERMON NOTE OUTLINES** are on the table in the Narthex.

Confirmation will meet Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Friday, March 8.

**UMCOR Sunday, March 31, 2018**, formerly One Great Hour of Sharing, is usually received during Lent. It enables the United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid after disasters. This offering covers administrative expenses so that 100 percent of donations given to particular UMCOR projects and appeals can go directly to them.

Lenten Soup Luncheons will be hosted on Wednesdays at Noon, March 13 through April 10, here at Faith United Methodist Church. Dates & Church bringing meal, worship & message:

March 13 - First Congregational Church

March 20 - Faith United Methodist

March 27 - Christian Assembly

April 3 - Waseca Wesleyan

April 10 - TBD

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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mondays at 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

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## LENTEN SERVICES

### ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

**Ash Wednesday, March 6** - Faith United Methodist

**March 13** - Waseca Wesleyan

**March 20** - Faith United Methodist

**March 27** - First Congregational

**April 3** - Faith United Methodist

**April 10** - Waseca Wesleyan

**April 17 Passover Seder** - First Congregational (Begins at 6:00 pm)

\$15, Must RSVP 507-835-4548

**April 19 (Good Friday)** – First Congregational

**Tenebrae Candlelight Service 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

### **EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21**

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM

Sunrise Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Easter Celebration Worship 9:30 AM (No Fellowship Following Service)

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

03/04/2019 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

03/06/2019 (Wed.) 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service  
Choir Practice

03/08/2019 (Fri.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**  
10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

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

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall