

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**3rd SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 24<sup>th</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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....

O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth. Guide our worship this hour.

HYMN OF INVITATION .....“Sanctuary” .....TFWS No. 2164

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is really real. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This, we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light, which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 133

L: How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!

**All: For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron’s head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe.**

L: Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

ANTHEM.....“Here Is Love” .....Faith Choir

KIDS TIME.....“Planting Seeds” .....

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O How I Love Jesus” .....UMH No. 170

SCRIPTURE READING ..... **Luke 6:37-52**

37-38 “Don’t judge other people and you will not be judged yourselves. Don’t condemn and you will not be condemned. Make allowances for others and people will make allowances for you. Give and men will give to you—yes, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will they pour into your lap. For whatever measure you use with other people, they will use in their dealings with you.”

39-40 Then he gave them an illustration—“Can one blind man be guide to another blind man? Surely they will both fall into the ditch together. A disciple is not above his teacher, but when he is fully trained he will be like his teacher.”

41-42 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and fail to notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’ when you cannot see the plank in your own? You fraud, take the plank out of your own eye first and then you can see clearly enough to remove your brother’s speck.”

43-45 “It is impossible for a good tree to produce bad fruit—as impossible as it is for a bad tree to produce good fruit. Do not men know what a tree is by its fruit? You cannot pick figs from briars, or gather a bunch of grapes from a blackberry bush! A good man produces good things from the good stored up in his heart, and a bad man produce evil things from his own stores of evil. For a man’s words will always express what has been treasured in his heart.”

46 “And what is the point of calling me, ‘Lord, Lord’, without doing what I tell you to do?”

47-49 “Let me show you what the man who comes to me, hears what I have to say, and puts it into practice, is really like. He is like a man building a house, who dug down to rock-bottom and laid the foundation of his house upon it. Then when the flood came and flood-water swept down upon that house, it could not shift it because it was properly built. But the man who hears me and does nothing about it is like a man who built his house with its foundation upon the soft earth. When the flood-water swept down upon it, it collapsed and the whole house crashed down in ruins.” J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE.....“Change My Heart, O God” .....TFWS No. 2152

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE .....“Blueprint For Living ” .....Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks ” ..... TFWS No. 2036

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN.....“He Who Began a Good Work in You” .....TFWS No. 2163

\*SENDING FORTH..... Wesley's Can Cans

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can.  
In all the ways you can. In all the places you can.  
At all the times you can. To all the people you can.  
As long as ever you can.”- John Wesley

EXIT MUSIC

**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:**

**Foxdale[Memory Care]:** Ann Swenson,

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

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

**Latham Place:** Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Bridgewater Memory Care:** Gloria Tollefson

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Nikki and Jon Schultz, Ardella Draheim, Michael Schumacher, JoAnn Egness, Shirley Hansen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Join us today after the worship service for a Celebration Potluck. We will give an update on the Stewardship Drive and celebrate your generosity to God.

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

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

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Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Friday, March 29 and Tuesday, April 2.

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**LENTEN EVENING SERVICE** - Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm at First Congregational Church.

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**LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS** will be hosted on Wednesdays at Noon through April 10, here at Faith United Methodist Church.

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**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Psalms For The Journey**

During this 6 week study we will follow the paths of the pilgrims 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. This study will meet Mondays at 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room, led by Pastor Victor. Books for the Bible Study are available. The cost is \$10. Checks can be made out to Faith United Methodist Church.

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**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.

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Sherry Scholljegerdes will be giving an UMCOR Sager Brown Photo Presentation on UMCOR Sunday, March 31 after the worship service.

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**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 5:30 - 10:00 PM.** This is a free service offered by the church for child care, activities and light snacks for your children while you enjoy an evening out on the town or just some down time if that's more your speed. To reserve your spot, please call the church office at 835-3167. Parent's Night Out will be held the first Friday of every month.

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The **LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, April 7th at the American Legion Club from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds support Waseca Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, college scholarships and the Lions Eye Bank. (Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids.) Adults: \$7.00. Children age 12 and under: \$3.00. Toddlers: Free.

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Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 4**. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. **Please no Christmas items**. If you have something you would like to donate or have questions about donations, please contact Vada Dahnert (833-5477) or Dave Baldini (835-3697).

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Ardella Draheim is currently in the Waseca Hospital and would welcome visitors.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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03/24/2019 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship (Celebration Potluck)

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03/25/2019 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed This week  
9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (\*LV Room)  
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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03/26/2019 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting (\*LV Room)

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03/27/2019 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)  
12:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Lunch (\*\*FH)  
6:00p.m. - Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (First Congregational Church)  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

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03/29/2019 (Fri.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**

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03/31/2019 (Sun.) UMCOR Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship (UMCOR Sager Brown  
Photo Presentation)

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall