

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 3RD, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Alleluia"...TFWS No. 2078

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the mystery of the Resurrection has established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives, what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."He Is Exalted"...TFWS No. 2070

CONFESSION OF FAITH....."**THE NICENE CREED**"...UMH No. 880

All: We believe in one God,

L: The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

L: The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father;

All: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

L: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

L: Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

All: Amen.

ANTHEM....."Sing A Joyful Song Unto the Lord" ...Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION....."Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine" ...UMH No. 2266

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION

O Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have had anxieties about the future, even though we proclaim you as Lord. We have failed to love our neighbors, and we have disobeyed your commands.

Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus, Forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness that we may walk in your ways and serve you in grace and love. This we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: "and also with you."

L: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: "We lift them up to the Lord"

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: "It is right to give him our thanks and praise."

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you." This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for the remission of your sins and the sins of the whole world." Therefore, as often as we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we remember what Jesus has done for us and we proclaim His death until He comes again. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is coming again!

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 LESSON.....Hebrews 1

1 Although* God spoke long ago in many parts and in many ways to the fathers by the prophets, 2 in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world, 3 who is the radiance of His glory and the representation of his essence, sustaining all things by the word of power.

When He* had made purification for sins through Him, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become by so much better than the

angels, by as much as He has inherited a more excellent name than theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "You are my son, today I have begotten you," and again, "I will be [His father], and he will be [my son]"? 6 And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." 7 And concerning the angels He says, "The one who makes His angels winds, and His servants a flame of fire," 8 but concerning the Son, "Your throne, O God, is [forever and ever], and the scepter of righteous is the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; because of this God, your God, has anointed you with the olive oil of joy more than your companions. 10 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the works of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you continue, and they will all become old like a garment, 12 and like a robe you will roll them up, and like a garment they will be changed; but you are the same, and your years will not run out." 13 But to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit down at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

This is the word of God for the People of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."The Jesus, the One God and Savior"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Doxology "...UMH No.94

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Open Our Eyes, Lord"...TFWS No. 2086

*SENDING FORTH.....**Jude 1:24-25**

Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to cause you to stand, rejoicing, without blemish before his glorious presence, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time, and now, and for all eternity. 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

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, Chuck Youngberg, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Lynne Swenson, Les Wells, Dick and Elaine Westrum, the Keller's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Milli R. Groh, age 92, of Waseca passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home in Waseca. Milli Rose Groh was born in California on April 13, 1923. She later moved to the Midwest and in recent years, resided in Waseca. She is survived by her sons, Bill (Cindy) Groh of Waseca, Ken Groh of Dallas, TX, and Donald Groh of Phoenix, AZ. A formal service will not be held.

Ben Matteson thanks every one for their cards and phone calls.

Darlene Lynch is thankful for her Faith Church family and the many thoughtful cards and letters many of you have sent her.

The **LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held today, **Sunday, April 3rd** 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: \$6.00. Children ages 12 and under: \$2.00. Toddlers: Free.

Thanks much!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/3/2016 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship
4/5/2016 (Tues.)	3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Relay for Life (**FH)
4/6/3016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m.-Choir Practice
4/8/2016 (Fri.)	10:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court 6:00-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
4/10/2016 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service, Mission Sunday 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship, Pie Auction 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall