

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017~9:30 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....."People Need the Lord" .....TFWS No. 2244

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Proverbs on the Poor**

**L:** Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy — Proverbs 31:8-9

**All:** Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life. — Proverbs 22:22-23

L: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—when you already have it with you. — Proverbs 3:27-28.

**All: Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. — Proverbs 14:31**

L: Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. — Proverbs 19:17

ANTHEM....."Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone".....Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION....."Here Is Bread, Here Is wine".....TFWS No.2266

## **Service of Word and Table II**

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING.....James 2:1-13

2 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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....."Picking Sides".....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Doxology".....UMH No.95

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN....."Make Me a Servant".....TFWS No. 2176

\*SENDING FORTH..... *James 2:8-9*

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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:**

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Peter & Verna Fog.

Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran, Lucille and George Kubista

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**Coda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Bruce & Deb Hering, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Marie Wells, Peggy Deno, Darla Dahnert, Diane Dahnert, Dave Ferch, The Buland Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW Executive Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Lakeview room.

UMW Sew-In Day will be held on **May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to make pillowcase dresses. Bring pillowcases (cotton) that will make a pretty dress and embellishments if you have them. Bias tape is needed for the ties. If you don't sew but would like to serve refreshments, let Sherry Scholljegerdes know.

UMW Unit Meeting will be held on **May 15 at 2:00 p.m.** Char Daniels, our Shepherdess, will be with us. She'll be talking about Mission U and answering questions about UMW. We will be collecting a special offering for Emma Norton Services as they are celebrating their 100th birthday.

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, during the morning service, we will honor the graduating class of 2017. This year's graduates are Tyler Hyatt, Paige Logan, Anna Riecke, Caitlin Schauer and Mitchell Westrum. We will honor them during the service and at a reception after the service. Be sure to let them know you support them and wish them well by bring them a card or giving them your personal congratulations.

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The following youth will be going to STORM Camp in Marshall, MN at the end of July: Troy Mitzel, Aaron Root and Devin Stankiewicz. The mission of “STORM” is to “Serve Jesus by Serving Others”, by helping those in need. This includes doing ordinary things for people who are unable to do them themselves, such as painting and yard work. Please pray for these youth and watch for upcoming fundraisers to help them prepare for their important work.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Faith United Methodist Church on May 30, 2017. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). Flyers are located in the Narthex below the bulletin board if you would like more information.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 05/7/2017 (Sun.)    Birthday Sunday  
9:15 a.m. - Hymn Sing  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
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- 05/8/2017 (Mon.)    10:00 a.m. - UMW Executive Board Meeting (\*LV Room)  
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)
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- 05/9/2017 (Tues.)    10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle  
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Terra LaMont Essential Oils Class (\*\*FH)
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- 05/10/2017 (Wed.)    9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - UMW Sew-In Day (\*\*FH)  
1:00 p.m. - Communion at Colony Court  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 05/11/2017 (Thur.)    1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitchers (\*\*FH)
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- 05/12/2017 (Fri.)    10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court  
6:00-8:30 p.m. - Terra LaMont Easy Candle Making (\*\*FH)
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- 05/14/2017 (Sun.)    Mother's Day  
9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Check  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group
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\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall