

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20th, 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....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness"UMH No. 140

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READINGIsaiah 43: 1-11 (NLT)

L: But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

All: When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

L: For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

All: Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you. “Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west.

L: I will say to the north and south, ‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.’”

All: Bring out the people who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.

L: Gather the nations together! Assemble the peoples of the world! Which of their idols has ever foretold such things? Which can predict what will happen tomorrow? Where are the witnesses of such predictions? Who can verify that they spoke the truth?

All: “But you are my witnesses, O Israel!” says the Lord.“ You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God.

L: There is no other God— there never has been, and there never will be. I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior.

HYMN OF PRAISE“O For a Thousand Tongues”UMH No. 57 [vs. 1-5]

KIDS TIMEThe Key To Happiness.....



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Braxton Michael John Sass

Son of Mckenzie Kaupa and Andrew Sass

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care of **BRAXTON**, Whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that **BRAXTON** may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

All: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Braxton, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in his faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

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 READINGPsalm 66

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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 "Delivered from Evil" Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

ANTHEM..... "Stand Up!" Faith Choir

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "Morning Has Broken"UMH No. 145

*SENDING FORTH..... *Isaiah 43:11*

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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, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Lucille and George Kubista

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship The Hering Family, Darla Dahnert, The Pommerenke Family, Robert and Lori Ferry Family, Marilyn and Dan Possin, Marlys and Ken Garness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for thinking of me on my graduation day and the gift from the church for my graduation. I will put it to good use as I head off to St. Mary's in Winona. *Tyler Hyatt*

A revised directory will be distributed in September. Last fall I asked for people to let me know if you wanted to have your cell phone and email addresses published. I will be making these changes in August. If you have not done so, please contact me or the church office with any updates for the directory. I am planning to print and have ready to distribute in September. Thank you. *Barbara Friedl*

UMW meeting will be held on **Monday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m.** Elizabeth Circle will host. Our program is a video, "The Story of Stuff" (Climate Justice). It was shown at the Spring UMW Gathering and was well received. Please come and bring a friend. See you there!

There will be a Rock Party to paint rocks on **Tuesday, August 22 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You can bring your own supplies if you wish or rocks, paint and brushes will be available for your use.

Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office August 28 through September 1. September 5 through 8, Stacy's hours will be 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Beginning September 11, Stacy's hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/20/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

08/21/2017 (Mon.) 10:00 a.m. - Newsletter Deadline
2:00 p.m. - UMW Meeting

08/22/2017 (Tues.) 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- WACS Board Meeting (*LV Room)
1:30 p.m. - Rock Party (**FH)

08/25/2017 (Fri.) Faith Messenger Mailed
10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

08/27/2017 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall