

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD/BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018~9:30 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

L: Darkness is banished!

**P: God's light has come to us!**

L: The brightness of the Star leads us!

**P: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!**

L: Glory be to God in the Highest!

**P: And on earth, peace forever. AMEN.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ..... "Jesus, Name Above All Names" .....TFWS No. 2071

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## EPIPHANY

*Epiphany, also Theophany, or Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Eastern Christians, commemorate the baptism of Jesus on both sides of the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God.*

ANTHEM .....“Down to the River to Pray/Lord Listen to Your Children”  
Faith Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Shall We Gather at the River” .....UMH No. 723

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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 ..... **Matthew 2:1-12; Mark 1:9-11**

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘*And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.*’”

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” 9 After listening to the king, they

went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" .....UMH No. 103

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE ..... "The Great Ahh!" .....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING.... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ...UMH No. 95

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN..... "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" .....UMH No. 152

\*SENDING FORTH.....

The Light of the Star, the light of God's love, shines before you as you leave this place. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love to meet God's people in the world and greet them with the good news of salvation. AMEN.

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

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Emmetsburg Care Center:** Peter Fog

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Don Paulson, The Westrum Family, The Buck family, Fern Papke.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFIRMATION** January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30-7:30 Wednesdays.

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

**YOUTH GROUP** TBD.

If you are cleaning out closets, keep in mind that the Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions about donations, please contact Vada Dahnert or Dave Baldini.

**Please note Pastor Victor Will be on Vacation January 13-20<sup>th</sup> and a Clergy Retreat January 22-24. Pastor Bob will be preaching on January 14<sup>th</sup> and he will be covering pastoral care for me while I am gone.**

The Christmas decorations at the church will be packed away for another year on **Tuesday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m.** Many hands make light work, so come and lend your hands if you are able to help with this task.

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Tai Ji Quan will begin on **Monday, January 15** and will be held Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Scholljegerdes at 835-4304.

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The hospitality team will be meeting on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Lakeview room. Even if you have not been involved with the Hospitality group previously, we would sure love having you join us. We talk about ways we can be a welcoming church. It would be great to have more people share ideas on ways we can plan our welcoming events.

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

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01/07/2018 (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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01/08/2018 (Mon.) 10:00 a.m. - Hospitality Meeting (LV Room)  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Conversation, Bible & Friends

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01/09/2018 (Tues.) 9:30 a.m. - Packing Away of Christmas Decorations  
10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle  
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn

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01/10/2018 (Wed.) 1:00 p.m. - Communion at Colony Court  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

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01/11/2018 (Thur.) 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitchers

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01/12/2018 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

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01/13/2018 (Sat.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**

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01/14/2018 (Sun.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Checks  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Rev. Bob Hunter  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall