

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
October 18th, 2015~9:30 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....."Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"...UMH No. 103

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....I John 1:5-7

All: Now this is the gospel message we have heard from him and announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

L: If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth.

All: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."I Sing the Almighty Power of God"...UMH No. 152

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 57**

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A •Mikhtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

L: Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, For my soul takes refuge in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge Until destruction
passes by.

**All: I will cry to God Most High, To God who accomplishes all things for
me. He will send from heaven and save me; He reproaches him who
tramples upon me.**

L: God will send forth His loving kindness and His truth.

**All: My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire,
even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows And their
tongue a sharp sword.**

L: Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

**All: They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They
dug a pit before me; They themselves have fallen into the midst of it.**

L: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing
praises! Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

**All: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing
praises to You among the nations.**

L: For Your loving kindness is great to the heavens And Your truth to the
clouds.

**All: Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the
earth.**

ANTHEM....."All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."Does God Laugh?"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH All children are invited to attend our Children's Church
at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....I Samuel 24:1-15

When Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, they told him, “Look, David is in the desert of En Gedi.” So Saul took three thousand select men from all Israel and went to find David and his men in the region of the rocks of the mountain goats. He came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave. Saul went into it to relieve himself.

Now David and his men were sitting in the recesses of the cave. David’s men said to him, “This is the day about which the LORD said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hand, and you can do to him whatever seems appropriate to you.’ ” So David got up and quietly cut off an edge of Saul’s robe. Afterward David’s conscience bothered him because he had cut off an edge of Saul’s robe. He said to his men, “May the LORD keep me far away from doing such a thing to my lord, who is the LORD’s chosen one, by extending my hand against him. After all, he is the LORD’s chosen one.” David restrained his men with these words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. Then Saul left the cave and started down the road.

Afterward David got up and went out of the cave. He called out after Saul, “My lord, O king!” When Saul looked behind him, David kneeled down and bowed with his face to the ground. David said to Saul, “Why do you pay attention when men say, ‘David is seeking to do you harm’? Today your own eyes see how the LORD delivered you—this very day—into my hands in the cave. Some told me to kill you, but I had pity on you and said, ‘I will not extend my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD’s chosen one.’ Look, my father, and see the edge of your robe in my hand! When I cut off the edge of your robe, I didn’t kill you. So realize and understand that I am not planning evil or rebellion.

Even though I have not sinned against you, you are waiting in ambush to take my life. May the LORD judge between the two of us, and may the LORD vindicate me over you, but my hand will not be against you.”

It’s like the old proverb says: ‘From evil people evil proceeds.’ But my hand will not be against you. Who has the king of Israel come out after? Who is it that you are pursuing? A dead dog? A single flea? May the LORD be our judge and arbiter! May he see and arbitrate my case and deliver me from your hands!”

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....."I Don't Get Mad, I Get Even"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."They'll Know We Are Christians"...TFWS No. 2223

*SENDING FORTH

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may stablish your heart unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. I Thessalonians 3:11-13

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, Paul Krause

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse,
Deloris Asmus

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

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, Dave and Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog,
Marilyn Possin, Berts Walker, The Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Relay for Life Cancer Benefit Breakfast is **today** from **9 a.m.-1 p.m.** It will be held at the Waseca American Legion. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. Tickets are \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 for children 5 and under. Please call 507-835-0671 with any questions.

Ever wonder just who and what is ISIS, ISIL, Islamic State, the Daesh or the Caliphate? Come, discuss and learn about what's currently happening to Christians in the Middle East. Dr. Bob Brenneman is a Middle East Specialist and Professor of Intercultural Studies and Languages at The College of Missions, North Central University, and will lead the discussion.

What: A brief background history of the current Middle East in turmoil will be the topic of discussion

Where: Social Hall of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 309 6th Street NE, Waseca

Date: November 14 9:00 - noon.

The Bishop requests that we contribute to the **UMCOR fund**, #982450 for the refugees in Europe as a **Thanksgiving offering**.

It is time to **order new books** for Bible Study "**Conversation, Bible and Friends**." If you want a book for 2016 let Kim know as soon as possible. Cost is \$10.50 per book. Thanks, Barbara.

Conversation, Bible, and Friends will not meet on Tuesday, October 20th. See you at Guest Night!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 10/18/2015 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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- 10/19/2015 (Mon.) **10:00 a.m. -Newsletter Deadline**
10:00-11:30 a.m. -Growing a Heart for God Bible Study
(*LV Room)
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- 10/20/2015 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m.-Worship at Colony Court Memory Care
10:00-11:00 a.m. -Tai Chi (**FH)
1:00-2:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle (*LV Room)
7:00 p.m. -Guest Night
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- 10/21/2015 (Wed.) 9:30-11:00 a.m.-UMW Ruth Circle
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (**FH)
2:00 p.m.-Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room)
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (Sanctuary)
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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- 10/22/2015 (Thur.) 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -Tai Chi (**FH)
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- 10/23/2015 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
6:00-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
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- 10/25/2015 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall