

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12th, 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....."Holy Ground".....TFWS No. 2272 [2x's]

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Psalm 78:1-8**

L: O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable.

All: I will teach you hidden lessons from our past— stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.

L: We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.

All: For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children.

L: So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

All: Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

ANTHEM“As We Come Together”Faith Choir

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

Bless Them Abundantly: A Veteran’s Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs

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 **Ephesians 6: 10-20**

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so

that you will be fully prepared. 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. 19 And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. 20 I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."I Have Decided To Follow Jesus".....TFWS No. 2129

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Stand and Fight".....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN....."Lamb of God".....TFWS No. 2113

*SENDING FORTH.....

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need. The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard. Against the demon snares of sin, the vice that gives temptation force, the natural lusts that war within, the hostile men that mar my course; or few or many, far or nigh, in every place and in all hours, against their fierce hostility, I bind to me these holy powers. Against all Satan's spells and wiles, against false words of heresy, against the knowledge that defiles, against the heart's idolatry, against the wizard's evil craft, against the death wound and the burning, the choking wave and the poisoned shaft, protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. -*The Breastplate of St. Patrick*

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 Fog, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke

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

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Connie Moran, Darlene Larson, Darla Danhert, Bruce Born, Darlene Smith, Don Paulson, Millie White, Les and Marie Wells.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION November 15th 6:30-7:30 and every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES are on the table in the Narthex.

YOUTH GROUP We will not meet in November .

Trustees will meet this **Thursday, November 16** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room.

Please note, the UMW Executive Board Meeting has been **rescheduled** to **Tuesday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Lakeview Room. (This meeting was previously scheduled for November 13 at 10:00 a.m.)

UMW Unit Meeting - Monday, November 20 at Noon. A luncheon will be served by the executive board (no potluck).

New Church Directories are available. You may pick one up in the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office. We are asking that you please just take one per household at this time.



Faith United Methodist church is hosting the Thanksgiving Community Meal this year on behalf of the Greater Waseca Area Ministerial Association. The meal is for anyone in the community; for those dining alone, for those who cannot prepare their own food, or for those who cannot afford a Thanksgiving meal. This meal is put on without profit for the ministerial association or the church. We welcome anyone wanting to make a financial donation for this meal. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and clean up on Thanksgiving Day. The meal will be catered and served at Faith. Please contact Barbara Friedl.

Hangin' of the Greens: It's time to decorate for Christmas. Please join us on **Sunday, November 26th** starting after Fellowship. We will be decorating various areas of our church to help spread the joy and the colors of the advent season throughout. Many hands make light work, so please come and lend YOUR HANDS! All are welcome and can come for a short time or a long time!



Pancake Mix Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the month. Please bring pancake mix and syrup which will be donated to the Neighborhood Service Center. Thank you for your participation! Last month 35 pounds was donated.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/12/2017 (Sun.)	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
11/13/2017 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
11/14/2017 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m. - UMW Executive Board Meeting (LV Room) 10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle 1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn
11/15/2017 (Wed.)	2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (LV Room) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
11/16/2017 (Thur.)	6:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (LV Room)
11/17/2017 (Fri.)	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Set Up for Food @ Faith
11/18/2017 (Sat.)	Food @ Faith 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck & Set Up 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Waseca Food Distribution 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food Program Clean-up 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Charge Conference at Redwood Falls
11/19/2017 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall