

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent

The Shepherd Candle

November 30th, 2014~9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*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

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....“God Almighty, We Are Waiting”...Faith Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: THE SHEPHERD CANDLE

Advent is a word that means “coming” or “visit”. In the Christian season of Advent, we prepare for the “advent” of Christ at Christmas. Our preparation includes many things:

- We remember Israel’s hope for the coming of God’s Messiah to save, to forgive, and to restore.
- We remember our hope for the second coming of Jesus.
- We remember our need for a Savior to save us from our sins.
- We prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas into our world . . . and into our hearts.

We light this candle because, like God's people centuries ago, we also look forward with hope to the coming of the Shepherd. The purple color of the candle reminds us of the seriousness of our hope.

HYMN....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"... Vs. 1...UMH No. 211

OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, as we light this candle, we hope for your coming as our Good Shepherd. Please gather us in your arms, feed us with spiritual food, wipe away every tear from our eyes, and "let your face shine, that we may be saved." Come, our Shepherd!
Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Isaiah 40:1-11**

L: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

All: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

L: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

All: The Word of God Stands Forever. A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

L: The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

All: Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

L: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and his recompense before Him.

All: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

ANTHEM.....“O Come Set Us Free”...Faith Choir

KID’S TIME....."Time Out"

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Luke 1:26–38

26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

*SONG OF PRAISE....."Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" ...UMH No. 196

MESSAGE....."The Teenager Who Lived In a Cave" ...Pastor Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... "In the Bleak Midwinter" ...UMH No. 221

SENDING FORTH..... John 10:10-11

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert,
Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Jim Barber, Dave and Joann Eggness,
Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Kelly Adams, Patrice Waters



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Mike and Laurie Morrissey** on the newest addition to their family. They welcomed **Kinley Grace Morrissey** on November 18th.

Traditionally we've had Poinsettias during Christmas for purchase. This year we have **no one to coordinate the sales and care of the Poinsettias**. Unless someone will step forward and volunteer we will not have the Poinsettias this year. If you are willing to volunteer for the care and sale of the Poinsettias, please contact the office. Thank you.

Pastor Victor is going to visit Willie on her birthday. If anyone would like to give Pastor Victor gifts for Willie please have them to the office by December 9th. Thanks.

HAPPY 100 YEARS YOUNG!

Willie Mahler is going to have her 100th birthday on December 10th. A card shower would be appreciated.
Thank you.

Faith United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/4/2014.

We still have many Relay for Life calendars left for 2015. You may contact Terra directly at [507.461.5407](tel:507.461.5407) or trlamont002@gmail.com. Cost is \$10 and 100% of the proceeds go to Relay for Life. Thanks, Terra

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/30/2014 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
12/1/2014 (Mon.)	2:00-3:00 p.m. -Membership Care Meeting (*LV Room)
12/2/2014 (Tue.)	3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
12/3/2014 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
12/4/2014 (Thur.)	8:15 a.m. -5:30 p.m. -Lifeline Screening
12/5/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed
12/7/2014 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

* Lakeview Room

**Fellowship Hall