

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17th, 2013~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service, where Jesus is lifted up for all people,
and God's word is honored.

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special
welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to
consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*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
to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing
of the world.*

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP..... "Sanctuary" ... TFWS No. 2164

*PASSING THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

RESPONSIVE READING..... Psalm 136:1-9; 24-26

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
All: for his steadfast love endures forever.
L: Give thanks to the God of gods,
All: for his steadfast love endures forever.
L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
All: for his steadfast love endures forever;
L: to him who alone does great wonders,
All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for babies - 4 year olds

L: to him who by understanding made the heavens,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: to him who made the great lights,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: the sun to rule over the day,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: and rescued us from our foes,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: he who gives food to all flesh,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing ”...UMH No. 57

ANTHEM....."Song of Fellowship" ...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME “What Language Does God Speak”?

(Children 4-9 are invited to attend Sunday School at this time.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Daniel 3:1-28

3:1 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 And the herald proclaimed aloud,

“You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. 6 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” 7 Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 8 Therefore, at that time, certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. 9 They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. 11 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in furious rage, commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? 15 Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. 20 And he

ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. 22 Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 25 He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. 27 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. 28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE....."DO YOU KNOW GOD OR KNOW OF HIM?"...Rev. Victor Waters

SONG OF PRAISE..... "Oh How He Loves You and Me" ...TFWS No. 2108

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING/OFFERTORY

SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks” ...TFWS No. 2036

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Take My Life, and Let It Be”... UMH No. 399

SENDING FORTH

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
- Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse
- Latham Place:** Liz Corchran
- Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort
- Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Jim Keller, Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson, Janette and Bob Larson, Dick Bartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the **Men of Faith** who have so generously volunteered for the church’s “Valet” service for the months of December through March 2014; there will be a short instructional meeting on, Sunday, Nov. 17th, immediately after the church service at the west end of the Fellowship Hall (bring your coffee!) Please try to attend and thank you for volunteering. *Peter Fog*

Ruth Circle will meet **Wednesday, November 20th** at **9:30 a.m.** at the home of Verna Fog.

"The Mitten Tree"

It's that time again...you can warm your heart while you warm their hands and heads! Watch for the "Mitten Tree" which will be appearing soon in the entry area – just waiting for donations of hats, scarves and mittens, especially in children's sizes.

The garments will be taken to the Neighborhood Service Center before Christmas, so let's fill the tree to overflowing! Thank you for your gifts!

Coming soon...**"Christmas Treasures"**...presented on **Sunday, December 15** at **9:30 a.m.** at Faith United Methodist Church. This intergenerational play is filled with music and memories. There will be youngsters and those who are young at heart sharing some very special symbols along with the Christmas Story. This touching and interactive production will add a unique experience to your holiday season. Fellowship time will feature good hot coffee along with surprise treats AND something just for the kiddos.

Come share in the carol singing and celebration of the timeless story of our Savior's birthday! Don't miss it!

Important information for those who will be participating in the program:

- A one-hour practice will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 7th at 1:00 p.m.**
- If necessary, we will have a second practice on **Saturday, Dec. 14**, also at **1:00 p.m.**

Thanks to all for helping to make this a wonderful experience. If you have any questions, please call Linda Lohse at 835-1917.

United Methodist Women (UMW) unit meeting is November 18th. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. beginning with a light supper and dessert. Our devotional program will be our World Thank You Offering, so don't forget we will be collecting your gifts, which go to missions.

Holiday Decorating

GOOD NEWS...The first Sunday in Advent arrives on December 1 – just a few weeks away! To be ready for the joyous Christmas season, we need to decorate the Sanctuary as well as other areas of the church. All helpers are welcome: Men, women, and young people. We'll hang garlands, put up trees and wreaths, and add holiday touches around the church. Come join the fun on **November 30** at **1:00 p.m.** Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or call Linda at 835-1917.

Children's Activity:



God is with me when I am afraid.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/17/2013 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. –Worship Service
*Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. –Shared Church Conference at
Mankato Centenary UMC

11/18/2013 (Mon.) **Newsletter Deadline**
5:00-6:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle (FH)
Starts at 6:00 p.m. -UMW Unit Meeting (FH)

11/19/2013 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
6:00-7:00 p.m. -HCI Meeting (LV Room)

11/20/2013 (Wed.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle at home of Verna Fog
10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
3:00 p.m. -Elizabeth Circle (LV Room)
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice

11/22/2013 (Fri.) **Office Closed**
6:15-8:15 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)

11/24/2013 (Sun.) **Pancake Mix Sunday**
9:30-10:30 a.m. –Contemporary Worship Service
*Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
11:00-12:30 p.m. -Celebration Potluck

11/25/2013 (Mon.) **Faith Messenger Mailed**

11/26/2013 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Trustees Meeting (LV Room)