

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**November 29th, 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....."The King of Glory Comes"...TFWS No. 2901

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....HOPE

L: The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes HOPE with the "PROPHET'S CANDLE" reminding us that Jesus is coming.[PURPLE]

**ALL: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

**Isaiah 9:2**

L: We light this candle as a symbol of **EXPECTATION**. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness, to show us the way to salvation. O come, O come. Emmanuel !

HYMN OF PRAISE ..... Joy To The World (vs.1)...UMH No. 246

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**In this season of expectation we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude. We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah into our homes and situations along with friends and families. We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives. We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah for beneath the**

surface of your story is an inescapable fact You entered this world as vulnerable as any one of us in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross. Our fears, our insecurities and our sins all that can separate us from God exchanged by your grace for love. We cannot comprehend the reasoning only marvel that Salvation comes to us through a baby born in a stable, and reaches out to a world in need. In this season of anticipation we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah. AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"...UMH No. 211

RESPONSIVE READING.....Isaiah 11:1-5

**All: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

L: And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

**All: And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,**

L: but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

**All: and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

L: Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

ANTHEM....."O Come to Set Us Free"...Faith Choir

KIDS TIME....."God's Tattoo"

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.....Isaiah 53  
Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a

root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE.....“The Suffering Servant” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN.....“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”...UMH No. 196

\*SENDING FORTH.....*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.” 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’*

### 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, Deloris Asmus

**Colony Court:** Millie Groh , Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,  
Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**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,

Marlys Garness, Deloris Asmus, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Brenda and Kip Westrum,  
Roger Goetz.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting **January 2, 2016** there will be a change to the **Sunday Bus**. Smart Transit and the Minnesota Valle Acton Council Transportation will merge. TRANSIT will operate on Sunday mornings (8-12 o'clock). You will still be able to get a ride to church. All residents to any church with services within the Bus Schedule can call for a ride. Sandy Chadderdon can be contacted at 507-835-4551 or email: schadderdon@mnavac.org.

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**Remembering Those Who Are Away From Us Or Have Moved Away.** This is a list of those members who are not attending worship or have moved away please remember them in your prayers.

**Roger Herman Goetz**

Register Number: 18287-041

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FEDERAL PRISON CAMP

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Duluth, Mn 55814

**The Pursells' new address is:**

800 College Parkway, Apt 324

Lewisville, TX 75077.

Their phone is: 507-201-7322.

**Wally and Betty Jane Ruedy are heading south for the winter. Their address is:**

4308 W. 125th St.

Savage, MN 55378. Thank you.

**Marly Lou Sahlstrom's new address is:**

Eagle Crest North

351 Mason St. No. 325

Onalaska, WI 54650

Phone: 1-608-779-1841

**Ron and Pat Terrell's new address is:**

325 NW Driftwood Dr.  
 Arkeny, IA 50023  
 Phone: 507-310-1334

**Bruce and Deborah Hering's new address is:**

101 Grovebrook Dr.  
 Mankato, MN 56001  
 Phone: 507-388-8022.

<b>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...</b>
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11/29/2015 (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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12/1/2015 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m. -Worship at Lakeshore Inn
	10:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
	3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

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12/2/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH)
	6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation in Sanctuary
	7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice

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12/3/2015 (Thur.)	10:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
	12:45-1:45 p.m. -Caregivers Club (*LV Room)

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12/4/2015 (Fri.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
	6:00-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)

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12/6/2015 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday
	9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
	10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall