

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019~9:30 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.*

*Advent*



*The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.*

PRELUDE

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” .....UMH No. 196

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE.....HOPE

L: The first candle is traditionally The Prophets' Candle, symbolizing HOPE; this draws attention to the anticipation of the coming of an Anointed One, a Messiah, that weaves its way like a golden thread through Old Testament history. As God's people were abused by power hungry kings, led astray by self-centered prophets, and lulled into apathy by half-hearted religious leaders, there arose a longing among some for God to raise up a new king who could show them how to be God's people. They yearned for a return of God's dynamic presence in their midst.

***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. Isaiah9:2***

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O Come, O Come Immanuel" .....UMH No. 211, vs. 1

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Service of Word And Table II  
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ANTHEM....."O Come to Set Us Free" .....Faith Choir

KID'S TIME



Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas Tradition and first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David. ...

Week I The Garden- Jacob

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..... **Isaiah 11:1-10**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 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. 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, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” .....UMH No. 216

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."New Life" .....Pastor Victor

OFFERATORY

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Star Child” .....TFWS No. 2095, vs. 1-2

\*SENDING FORTH.....Isaiah 11:1-2

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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:

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Bridge Water Memory Care Janesville:** Gloria and Joe Tollefson

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Muriel Jenkins

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum, Gordy Miller

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Michael Schumacher, John Slattery and family, Leona Quast, Gordy Miller, Liz Corchran, Nina Youngberg, Tim Smith, Sally Slattery, Marlys Faulkner, Harold Bloomer family, Roy and Mary Lynda Goodson, our country and all who suffer from cancer and other chronic diseases.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mitten Tree is now up. Please bring in warm gloves, mittens, hats or scarves for children who need them in our community. Let's fill up the tree to help children get through the cold months ahead!

Please remember to bring pancake mix and syrup on any Sunday which will be taken to the Neighborhood Service Center. Last month 14 pounds was donated. Thank you for your participation.

Ruby Garness started her radiation therapy on Monday, November 18. It will continue for 5 weeks, 5 days each week. Presently, the treatment is scheduled for 7:45 PM. She will be teaching all day in Faribault, coming home to have supper with the family, and then back on the road to Rochester, and then back home from Rochester. Please pray for angels to surround her and protect her. There has also been a Meal Train established for her and the family, just for those 5 weeks. You may donate food, money, or gift cards. Just bring them to Ken and Marlys' house and we will make sure she receives them. Thank you for your past support. Hopefully, this is the last hoop to jump through and she should complete this by Christmas. Any questions - just call Marlys at 507 833 1735. Thanks again.

There are still a couple of nice pie pans in the kitchen which were left from the bazaar.

**Hospitality Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Gathering Room. We would like to have people join us to talk about ideas on ways we can continue to have Faith UMC continue to be a welcoming church. New ideas would be great. Please think about it.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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12/01/2019 (Sun.) First Sunday of Advent  
Birthday Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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12/02/2019 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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12/03/2019 (Wed.) 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

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12/06/2019 (Fri.) ***Church Office Closed***

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12/08/2019 (Sun.) Second Sunday of Advent  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this week:  
Monday through Thursday: 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.