

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8th, 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.*

PRELUDE

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....“Open Our Eyes”.....TFWS No. 2086

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle known as the HOPE/PROCLAMATION Candle. ... John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus and prepared the people for the coming of the “Lamb of God” who takes away the sins of the world. (Light two purple candles.)

All: *So they said to him, “Who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet: “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” John 1:22-23*

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.....UMH No. 211, vs. 2

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Canticle of Mary.....UMH No. 199

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“In the Bleak Midwinter”UMH No. 221

ANTHEM

“Manger Song”
Faith Choir and Our Sunday School Kids



KIDS TIME

The Jesse Tree

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 II From Jacob to Manna in the Wilderness

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.....**Exodus 3:1-14**

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it

did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight— why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"UMH No. 229

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE..... "What's In A Name?"Pastor Victor

OFFERTORY

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Star Child”TFWS No. 2095, vs. 3-5

*SENDING FORTH.....John 8:58

Before Abraham Was “I am”.

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:

New Richland Care Center: Ardella Draheim

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

BridgeWater Memory Care Janesville: Joe & Gloria Tollefson

Colony Court: 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, Marlys Faulkner, Rev. Christine Chapin, Raeleen Johnson, Homeless and at Risk Youth, Mike Dahnert, the Deno Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, December 16. During Christmas/New Year's weeks, Stacy will be **in** the office as follows: December 23 - 9:00 am to Noon, December 26 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, December 30 - 9:00 am to Noon, January 2 - 9:00 am to Noon.

Barbara Friedl's new address is 9811 Dover Hill Rd., La Porte, TX 77571.

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.

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! Items will be taken to the Neighborhood Service Center on December 16.

We would like the congregation to flood the altar area with poinsettias for Christmas week. Please bring them in any time between December 16 and December 21. The more we have, the more beautiful our sanctuary will be as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

You may leave the poinsettias in either the nursery or church office. The church should be open Monday through Thursday from 8:15 to 2:45 that week as Hansel & Gretel is in session. Stacy will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm the week of December 16.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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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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- 12/09/2019 (Mon.) 10:00 a.m. - Hospitality Meeting (Gathering Room)
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room}
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- 12/10/2019 (Tues.) 11:00 a.m. - Ruth Circle (Tasty House)
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn
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- 12/11/2019 (Wed.) 1:00 p.m. - Communion at Colony Court
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 12/13/2019 (Fri.) ***Church Office Closed***
10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court
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- 12/15/2019 (Sun.) Third 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.