

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 9th, 2018~9:30 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

SPECIAL MUSIC.....“We Have Come to Join in Worship”.....Barb Klampe

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSIVE READING .....Canticle of Zechariah.....UMH No. 208

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE - The John the Baptist  
Candle [proclamation] the second purple candle.

L: John was the forerunner of Jesus the one who was to prepare the way for the coming king and the Lamb of God. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar--when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene-- during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "*A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'*" Luke 3:1-6

**[Light two purple candles]**

**(Unison) Luke3:3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.**

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

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Shepherding God, guide us through this season of anticipation and hope. Comfort our troubled minds, and strengthen our tired bodies. Restore the hope this season offers, that we might lift our voices with strength and joy! Straighten the crooked paths, that we might walk in your ways. Level the rocky ground, that we might prepare for your arrival in our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM..... "O Come, Holy Savior" .....Faith Choir

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE ..... "Good Christian Men Rejoice!" .....See Insert

SCRIPTURE READING..... Luke 3:7-17

7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we,

what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE ..... "Preaching In the Wind" ..... Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING ..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... Faith Choir

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN ..... "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" ..... UMH No. 216

\*SENDING FORTH ..... Luke 3: 16

*16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

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:**

**Foxdale[Memory Care]:** Ann Swenson

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

**Latham Place:** Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Jon & Nikki Schultz, Dan & Nancy Thomas, JoAnn Egness, Connie Moran, Bea Callahan, Adeline Buss, Becky Gepphert, Linda Taylor

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SERMON NOTE OUTLINES** are on the table in the Narthex.

Confirmation will begin Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on **Friday, December 14.**

Pastor Victor will be having his second Stent procedure on Dec.12<sup>th</sup> and he will be out of the office until December 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jon Schultz will preach on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

We would like the congregation to flood the altar area with poinsettias for Christmas week. Please bring them in any time between December 16 through December 23. By Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> would be best if you are able. The more we have, the more beautiful our sanctuary will be as we celebrate our Savior's birth. You may leave them in either the nursery or church office.

**Pancake Mix Sunday [providing pancake mix, and syrup to the Food Shelf]** is the fourth Sunday of the month. Please bring pancake mix and syrup which will be donated to the Neighborhood Service Center. Thank you for your participation! Last month 50 pounds was donated.

This morning's Fellowship will be served by Norma Buland's family in honor of her birthday. Please join us downstairs after the service for this celebration.



# 2019 General Conference

## United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward



The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held **February 23-26, 2019** in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

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

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- 12/09/2018 (Sun.) Second Sunday of Advent  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30-11:30 a.m. - Fellowship (Nativity Display)
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- 12/10/2018 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)
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- 12/11/2018 (Tues.) 10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle at Roberta Walker's Home
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- 12/12/2018 (Wed.) **Pastor Victor Out of the Office**  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 12/13/2018 (Thur.) **Pastor Victor Out of the Office**
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- 12/14/2018 (Fri.) **Pastor Victor Out of the Office**  
**Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Set up for Food @ Faith
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- 12/15/2018 (Sat.) Food @ Faith  
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck & Set-up  
10:00 am. - 12:00 p.m. - Food Distribution  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Clean Up
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- 12/16/2018 (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