

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd SUNDAY AFTER ADVENT

DECEMBER 11TH, 2016~9:30 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....."Spirit of God" ...TFWS No. 2117 Vs. 1

THE LIGHTING OF THE 3rd CANDLE OF ADVENT (pink)

The Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy

L: As we grow closer to the coming of the Christ Child our hearts are filled with joy at His coming. Long ago poor and lowly shepherds were keeping their flocks on cold winter's night they received a message of unimaginable joy!

The shepherds received a message of joy!

"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the LORD. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace

to men on whom his favor rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the LORD has told us about.’ ~ Luke 2:7-15

ALL: LORD, open our hearts to see Jesus who was the word made flesh and who lived among us !

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Light the Advent Candle”...TFWS No. 2090 VS. 3

CANTICLE OF MARY.....UMH No. 199

L: My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD,

ALL: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

L: From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

ALL: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is the name of the LORD, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.

L: The arm of the LORD is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

ALL: God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

L: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich empty away.

ALL: God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

ANTHEM.....“Breath of Heaven”...Faith Choir

KIDS TIME.....The Oldest Christmas Tree

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 LESSON.....Ezekiel 36:22-27; John 14:25-26; Acts 1:8

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the LORD GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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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....."I believe in the Holy Spirit"...Pastor Victor Waters

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....“Where is the Line to See Jesus?”

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Glory Be to the Father"...UMH No. 70

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN.....“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"...UMH No. 229

*SENDING FORTH.....Joel 2:28

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”

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, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg

Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

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,

Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn and Dan Possin, Millie White, Chuck Youngberg,

Lucille and George Kubista, Robert Hunter, Kookie Kukacka , Lynne Swenson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please bring an angel for the display of angels we are putting together. Then come and enjoy the **‘Festival of Angels’** on **December 11th** during fellowship.



You may send cards to **Bob Hunter** during his recovery at the following **address:** Bob Hunter 2704 Prairie Ct. East Troy, WI 53120

Bruce and Mary Jane Stauffer's address from December 4, 2016 to

April 15th, 2017 is:

Bruce Stauffer

7940 E Lindner Circle

Mesa, AZ 85209

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

For any of you who would like to purchase a poinsettia for display in the sanctuary: You may deliver it to the office during office hours or you may leave it in the Lake View Room. The plants will be placed in the sanctuary as they arrive. Thank you for your donations!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Have you noticed the light, the sparkles, the beautiful colors, and the feeling of Christmas throughout Faith United Methodist? What a joy it is to have this lovely, welcoming setting in which to worship our long-expected Jesus!

If you appreciate these surroundings, please say a big “thank you” to the following church members who, last Monday, so graciously shared several hours last Monday morning: Karen and Vern Ferch, Sandy and Clair Voshell, Norma Buland and Sue Law, Karen Cass, Anna Born, Lorraine Wick, Janet Welch, Linda Griffin, Shelly King, Janette Larson, Janice Kaupa, Shirley Hansen, Paul and Linda Lohse and, of course, Bob Stephan.

We also want to express our thanks to Marlys Garness for sharing her beautiful Nativity for the altar and to Sherry Scholljegerdes for the wonderful banners on the west wall.

ENJOY... and may you have a blessed Christmas!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/11/2016 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m.-Blood Pressure Checks
9:30 a.m.-Worship Service
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship

12/13/2016 (Tues.) 10:30 a.m.-UMW Ruth Circle
1:30 p.m.-Lake Shore Communion
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible and Friends (LV Room)
5:15 p.m.-Church Council Meeting

12/14/2016 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (FH)

12/16/2016 (Fri.) 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Set up for Food at Faith

12/17/2016 (Sat.) Food @ Faith
7:00 -10:00 a.m.-Food Truck and Set Up
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Waseca Food Distribution
12:00-1:00 p.m.-Food Program Clean-up

12/18/2016 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Choir Cantata
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall