

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CANTATA- ~~SING~~ CHRISTMAS!
December 17th, 2017~9:30 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....."Lord, I Lift Your Name On High".....TFWS No. 2088

Scripture: Luke 1:26-29 ANNUNCIATION CANDLE

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

CANDLE LIGHTING: We Relight the Blue Candles of Expectation and Proclamation. Then light the pink candle of Annunciation: We light the candle of Annunciation recalling God's promise to send a Savior. May our hearts be forever filled with the joy of His coming birthed of a young Virgin named Mary.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O Come, O Come Emmanuel".....UMH No. 211 Vs. 3

PRAYER: Father, we are filled with joy because we have hope and peace that you have sent your son for all that believe. Help us to be the voices that proclaim grace and truth. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

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.

**THE 2017 CHOIR CANTATA
SING CHRISTMAS!**

Words and Music by Marty Parks

Narrator: Mark Lamont

Sound Tech: George Hagge

Presented By Faith Choir

Christmas is the amazing story of how God came to earth and lived among as truly God and truly man.

It is a wonderful time of celebration full of joyous music.

The Carolin^o Reel

INCLUDES

Joy To The World!

Hark! The Harold Angels Sing

Deck The Hall

And

O Come, All Ye Faithful

I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day (Peace on Earth)

Candlelight Carol Medley

INCLUDES

Silent Night! Holy Night!

What Child Is This?

And

Angels From The Realms of Glory

Come, Thou Long – Expected Jesus

Christmas Praise!

INCLUDES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Joy to The World!

Hark! The Harold Angels Sing

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

And

Go Tell It On The Mountain

SCRIPTURE READING.....**Luke 1:30-38**

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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.....“Saying, Yes to God”Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Jordan Kluntz

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

Almighty God, we thank you for the holy scriptures, in which you have revealed to us your Son, Jesus Christ, as the fulfillment of the law and prophets, the promised Messiah of Israel, and the Redeemer of humankind.

Grant that we, who gratefully celebrate his advent and acknowledge Him as your living Word, may walk in the light of His truth and make known the good news of His kingdom in all the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN....."In the Bleak Midwinter"UMH No 221

*SENDING FORTH....."Canticle of Zechariah"UMH No. 208

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, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Elaine Westrum

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Center: Chuck Youngberg

Emmetsburg Care Center: Peter Fog

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Don Paulson, Fern Papke, Robert Ferry, the Aune and Deno Family, Dick Suter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Alison Prange and Jordan Kluntz and Faith Choir for sharing their gift of music today.

Pastor Victor's new cell phone number is 507-213-3005.

CONFIRMATION Wednesday, December 20th 6:30-7:30.

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES on the table in the Narthex.

YOUTH GROUP TBD.

Offering envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.

Note From the Janitor's Closet: Please let me know if there is anything coming up in the months of January, February and March that I need to be aware of and that pertain to custodial duties. I will be out those months having knee replacement. Jon Schultz will be filling in for me.

Leave any notes in my mailbox so I may put them on my calendar. -- *Bob*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 24 AT 4:30 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24.

If you are cleaning out closets, keep in mind that the Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions about donations, please contact Vada Dahnert or Dave Baldini.

Pancake Mix Sunday 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 35 pounds was donated.

Peter Fog's New Address: Emmetsburg Care Center 2405 - 21st Street
Emmetsburg, IA 50536

Tai Ji Quan will begin on Monday, January 15 and will be held Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Scholljegerdes at 835-4304.

Newsletter Folding - Newsletter folding is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church office. Newsletter folding will be scheduled the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m., or occasionally the fifth Wednesday depending how the calendar falls. Watch the bulletin and calendar for future folding dates. Please join us if you are able.

Please Note - December 26 through December 28, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant will be working the hours of 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Stacy will be out of the office on December 29 and January 2.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/17/2017 (Sun.) 3rd Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

12/18/2017 (Mon.) **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
3:00-4:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

12/19/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. - Hansel & Gretel Christmas Program
(Sanctuary)
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn

12/20/2017 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Hansel & Gretel Christmas Program
(Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. - Hansel & Gretel Christmas Program
(Sanctuary)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

12/22/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotional at Colony Court

12/24/2017 (Sun.) **CHRISTMAS EVE**
NO MORNING WORSHIP
Pancake Mix Sunday
4:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall