

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT ANGEL /PEACE CANDLE**  
**CANTATA- HE IS BORN EMMANUEL**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."As Lately We Watched" ...Faith Choir

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - THE ANGEL'S CANDLE

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men." [PURPLE]

**Luke 2:8-13**

L: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

**All: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.**

L: 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.

**All: Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.**

L: This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

**All: 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.”**

L: 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.”

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Light the Advent Candle”...TFWS No. 2090 Vs.4

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Restore us, O Lord, we pray, bring us back to that place where we once met, as shepherds to the stable after hearing angels sing.**

**Bring us back to that place when our love was fresh, not embarrassed to express itself in praise to our heavenly King. 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 2016 CHOIR CANTATA

JESUS OUR EMMANUEL

*Words and Music by Marty Parks*

***Narrator: Mark Lamont***

***Sound Tech: Bob Stephan***

***Power Point: Neil Fruechte***

***Soloist: Duane Griffin, Paul Lohse***

PRESENTED BY FAITH CHOIR

Christmas is the amazing story of how God came to earth and lived among as truly God and truly man. He is our Emmanuel meaning “God is with us”.

(Instrumental Opening)

JESUS, OUR EMMANUEL/LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE "BEFORE  
THE STARRY UNIVERSE

THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING/ HE IS BORN, ALLELUIA

INFINITE LORD

GLORIA/ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

SCRIPTURE READING .....**Matthew 1:18-25**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel,"* which means *'God with us.'* When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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....."God in A Manger" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

\*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..."While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"...UMH No 236 vs. 1-2

**\*SENDING FORTH..... TITUS 3:4-7**

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

**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**

Be sure to stay for fellowship and Margaret Hasslen's birthday cake.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

4:30 p.m. DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

9:30 a.m. December 25<sup>th</sup>



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

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**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!

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 12/18/2016 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Choir Cantata  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship
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- 12/19/2016 (Mon.) **10:00 a.m.-Newsletter Deadline**
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- 12/20/2016 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m.-Worship at Colony Court Memory Care  
1:00 p.m.-UMW Mary Circle at Boathouse  
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)
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- 12/21/2016 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Some Time Away (\*\*FH)
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- 12/23/2016 (Fri.) 10:00-11:00 a.m.-Devotion at Colony Court
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- 12/24/2016 (Sat.) 4:30 p.m.-Christmas Eve Service
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- 12/25/2016 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday/Christmas Day  
9:30-10:30 a.m.-Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
No fellowship today  
12:00-4:00 p.m.-Draheim Get-together (\*\*FH)

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall