

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 28th, 2014~9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*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

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."Honor and Praise" ...TFWS No. 2018

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF CELEBRATION:....."What Child Is This?"...UMH No. 219

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING:.....**Isaiah 42:5-9**

L: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

All: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

L: to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

All: I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

L: Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

HYMN OF CELEBRATION.....“Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy”..UMH No. 235

KIDS TIME.....“Irresistible Words”

ANTHEM.....“Come To The Dance” ..Faith Choir

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Luke 2:22-40**

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is

appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

MESSAGE.....“**He Was Born To Save**”...**Rev. Victor Waters**

OFFERATORY.....“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” ...The Men of Faith Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... “O Come, All Ye Faithful”UMH No.234

SENDING FORTH

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. May almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen

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,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert,
Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Jim Barber, Dave and Joann Eggness,
Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Jim Keller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Scholljegerdes will give a presentation on her trip to Haiti during Fellowship on Sunday, January 4th.

The following is the Conversation, Bible & Friends schedule during the holiday season:

- December 30 - No meeting.
- January 6 - We will meet at Ardella Draheim's home. We will be using the new 2015 Disciplines Devotions book at this meeting.

Children's Activity:

An Angel Visits Mary

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. Luke 1:31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



K V G J E U J H T U Z G T J N
X I Y K V V V Z S H N U B K J
P D N W U E J N F O R M O O B
C J K G L L I O W N N O R S D
H B E E D G X E S N R O N Z B
I C G S R O F V B E M W D E I
H N L I U P M I I B P A V Q B
A Q V B I S H L R M W H R L A
Z Z J P J P L X T C D Q W Y G
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Q G P L T C T L R X D L F H I
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ELIZABETH	JESUS	JOSEPH	BORN	AFRAID
SON	KINGDOM	DAVID	GABRIEL	BIRTH
MARY	TOWN	ANGEL	THRONE	VIRGIN

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/28/2014 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
*Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

12/31/2014 (Wed.) New Year's Eve
10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice

1/1/2014 (Thur.) New Year's Day-Office Closed

1/2/2014 (Fri.) Office Closed
5:30-7:00 p.m. -Neighborhood Service Center Board Meeting

1/4/2014 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
9:30-10:30 p.m. -Worship with Holy Communion
*Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship with Haiti Presentation

* Lakeview Room
**Fellowship Hall