

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 30, 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP....."Go, Tell It on the Mountain".....UMH No. 251

OPENING PRAYER

**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.**

CANTICLE OF SIMEON.....UMH No. 225

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM IV**

**CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE**

L: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care of **Adriana**, Whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that **Adriana** may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**All: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Adriana, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in her faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE.....“God Claims You” .....TFWS No. 2249  
(Substitute Adriana for Daniel)

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Alison Prange

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Come, All Ye Faithful” .....UMH No. 234

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.....**Psalm 96**

- Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
  - 3 Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
  - 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
  - 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
  - 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
  - 7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
  - 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

CAROL OF PRAISE....."It Came upon the Midnight Clear".....UMH No. 218

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Passing On The Faith".....Pastor Victor Waters

OFFERTORY

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN....."What Child Is This?".....UMH No. 219

\*SENDING FORTH..... Timothy 2:2

*You therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard me say among many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be qualified to teach others as well.*

EXIT MUSIC

*Adriana Jean Norby who is baptized today is the daughter of Shantaya and Michael Norby.*

**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

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

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

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

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Beau C., Connie M., Nikki and Jon Schultz, Jo Ann Egness, Nancy and Dan Thomas, Michael.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, December 31.

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**January 13<sup>th</sup>** the fellowship event will be showing ‘**favorite winter activities**’. Example activities could be indoor games, or outdoor fun depicted by equipment, photos, etc. Please share your winter time fun with us.

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Offering envelopes for 2019 are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.

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Fellowship this morning is in honor of the baptism of Adriana Jean Norby. Please join us after the service for this celebration.

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Mark your calendars for the next M & M Night (Meal and Movie). It will be held on **January 20**. The movie will be ‘The Ultimate Gift’.

Hot dishes went over so good at one of the M&M Nights that we decided to serve that again. If anyone in the congregation would like to help us out with a hot dish or make two dozen cookies, please let Roberta Walker know.

The meal is served at 5:00 and the movie is shown about 5:45 or 6:00 pm. The admission is free and we invite you to bring your family members and friends.

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## **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.

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

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12/30/2018 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m.-Worship Service-Baptism of Adriana Jean Norby  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship

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12/31/2018 (Mon.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**  
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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01/01/2019 (Tues.) New Year's Day  
Church Office Closed

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01/02/2019 (Wed.) 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

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01/06/2019 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday  
9:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.-Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall