

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOY

COVENANT OF BAPTISM

December 13th , 2015~9:30 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..... " View the Present Through the Promise"

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE JOY. This candle is pink to signify the joy of our anticipation of the coming of Jesus.

L: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice! [Philippians 4:4]

ALL: And Mary said, "My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has begun to rejoice in God my Savior, because he has looked upon the humble state of his servant. [Luke:1:46-48]

L: Always rejoice, constantly pray, in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. [I Thessalonians 5:16-18]

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Joy to The World"...UMH No.246...Vs. 3
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season and draw us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O God Our Help in Ages Past " ...UMH No. 117

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

L: Shout for joy, Daughter Zion! Shout out, Israel! Be happy and boast with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

All: The LORD has removed the judgment against you; he has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster.

L: On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Don't be afraid, Zion! Your hands must not be paralyzed from panic!

All: The LORD your God is in your midst; he is a warrior who can deliver. He takes great delight in you; he renews you by his love; he shouts for joy over you."

L: "As for those who grieve because they cannot attend the festivals— I took them away from you; they became tribute and were a source of shame to you.

All: Look, at that time I will deal with those who mistreated you. I will rescue the lame sheep and gather together the scattered sheep. I will take away their humiliation and make the whole earth admire and respect them.

L: At that time I will lead you— at the time I gather you together. Be sure of this! I will make all the nations of the earth respect and admire you when you see me restore you," says the LORD.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism II
Emma Lynn Veazie**

HYMN OF WELCOME...“God Welcomes You”...TFWS No. 2249 (Substitute Emma for Daniel)

ANTHEM....."To A Maiden Meek and Mild"...Faith Choir

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 READING**LUKE 1: 26-38**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting. So the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! Listen: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end.” Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?” The angel replied, “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 holy; he will be called the Son of God.” “And look, your relative, Elizabeth has also become pregnant with a son in her old age—although she was called barren, she is now in her sixth month! For nothing will be impossible with God.” So Mary said, “Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; let this happen to me according to your word.” Then 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“Favored By God ”...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.....“Lord I Lift Your Name on High ” ...TFWS No. 2088

*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, Deloris Asmus

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

Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

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,

Leona Quast, Dave and Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog,

Marilyn Possin, Berts Walker, The Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg,

Marlys Garness, Deloris Asmus, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Brenda and Kip Westrum,

Roger Goetz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time of Advent when we are looking forward to the celebration of the Christ child, we have a new child in our midst, **Emma Lynn Veazie**. She was born October 2nd, 2015 to **Heidi and Greg Veazie**. **She is the granddaughter of Marian and Jim Keller and Warren and Maggie Veazie.**

Let us pray for Heidi, Greg, and Emma as they begin this new journey of life together.

Please pray for **Barb Friedl** and the **family of Paul Krause**. He passed away on Monday December 7, 2015 and his funeral service was held on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

Faye Vork gives Christmas greetings to the Congregation. You may write her at 45 Fareway Drive, Northfield, MN 55057 or call her at 507-645-0134.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/13/2015 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Emma Lynn Veazie Baptism 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at Parsonage
12/15/2015 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court Memory Care Center 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan (**FH) 1:00-2:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (**LV Room)
12/16/2015 (Wed.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 2:00-3:00 p.m. -UME Elizabeth Circle 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
12/17/15 (Thur.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -H&G Christmas Program 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
12/18/2015 (Fri.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -H&G Christmas Program 2:00-3:00 p.m. -H&G Christmas Program 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Set up for Food @ Faith 5:15-7:45 p.m. - Administrative Assistant Hours
12/19/2015 (Fri.)	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
12/20/2015 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m.-Worship with Choir Cantata-"God is With Us" 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall