

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent "Joy"

December 15th, 2013~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service, where Jesus is lifted up for all people, and God's word is honored.

We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.

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 to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

All attendees please sign our Red Friendship Registration Pads. If you are new to our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."View The Present Through The Promise"

All: View the present through the promise, Christ will come again. Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again. Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing in the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for babies - 4 year olds

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ALL: And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

L: We light this candle as a symbol of **JOY** . May the joyful promise of your presence, O God , make us rejoice in the hope of Your salvation. O Come, O come , Emmanuel!

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of all ages, who from generation to generation has heard the cries of your children humbly seeking forgiveness, and has welcomed sinners back into your embrace, hear the thoughts of our hearts, examine our motives, forgive us our faults, of word and action. We ask this through your Son, who died that we might know the true cost of forgiveness.

All: Amen

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PLAY.....“CHRISTMAS TREASURES” ...See Handout

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks” ...TFWS No. 2036

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***SENDING FORTH**.....**Luke 2:12-14**

ALL: "And this will be a sign for you - you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

EXIT MUSIC

**We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve Celebration
4:30 p.m. on December 24th.**

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:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

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, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson, Janette and Bob Larson, Dick Bartz



- We thank God for the work and life of Nelson Mandela. May his legacy of peacemaking and reconciliation continue and spread to other nations.
- We believe that peace is a real possibility. But people must move beyond hopeful intention to action. We pray that the God of peace will help us to live as if love already reigns. May the day come when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and that peace will prevail in the world and in our hearts.
- Leona Quast – She suffers from carpel tunneling in both hands and asks for prayers for healing and relief from pain.
- Adeline Bass – Leona's sister suffers from allergies and respiratory problems. Pray for her healing and comfort.
- Gloria Tollefson – Pray for pain relief and healing.
- Don Lohse – Pray for healing and comfort for his ongoing health issues.
- Mike Riecke and Michelle Davidson, and their family, who recently had a fire in their home. Their family is safe, but they are in the process of repairing the damage to their home and their belongings. Pray they will soon be back in their home
- Please pray for Mary Linda Goodson. She is recovering from gallbladder surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their health screenings on **1/3/2014**. Register for a Wellness Package for \$149 by calling **1-888-653-6441** or visiting: www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

The Mitten Tree

It's that time again...you can warm your heart while you warm their hands and heads! The Mitten Tree is just waiting for donations of hats, scarves and mittens, especially in children's sizes. The garments will be taken to the Neighborhood Service Center before Christmas, so let's fill the tree to overflowing! Thank you for your gifts!

The **Christmas Choir Cantata** is next **Sunday, December 22nd at 9:30 a.m.**

Winter Mailing Address Update:

Earl and Mardell Jacobsen

208 Nicklaus Blvd.

North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Wally and Betty Jane Ruedy

4308 West 125th St.

Savage, MN 55378-1416

Al and Ferol Pursell

195 East Round Grove Rd.

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Lewisville, TX 75067

Correction: The **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be at **4:30 p.m.** on December 24th. It will not be at **4:00 p.m.** as is in the newsletter. Thanks, Kim.

There will be **no** afternoon quiet/meditation time on **December 25th** or **January 1st**.

Kim Maas, the Administrative Assistant, will be **out of office** on **December 26**.

**Children's
Activity:**



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 12/15/2013 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service/ **Christmas Program**
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
12:00-2:00 p.m. -Girl Scout Meeting and Potluck (Mackey)
2:00-3:00 p.m. -Barb Klampe Piano Recital
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
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- 12/16/2013 (Mon.) **12:00 p.m. -Last day for Newsletter submissions!**
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- 12/17/2013 (Tues.) 1:00-2:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle (LV Room)
4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
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- 12/18/2013 (Wed.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle
3:00 p.m. -Elizabeth Circle (LV Room)
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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- 12/20/2013 (Fri.) Office Closed
6:30-8:00 p.m. -Set-up for Food @ Faith
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- 12/21/2013 (Sat.) Food @ Faith
7:00-10:00 a.m. -Food Truck and Set Up
10:00-12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution
12:00-1:00 p.m. -Food Program Clean-up
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- 12/22/2013 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. -Christmas Cantata
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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- 12/23/2013 (Mon.) Newsletter mailed this week
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- 12/24/2013 (Tue.) No Church Council today
4:30-5:30 p.m. -Christmas Eve Service
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- 12/25/2013 (Wed.) Christmas
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- 12/26/2013 (Thur.) **Kim Maas Out of Office**
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- 12/27/2013 (Fri.) Office Closed
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- 12/29/2013 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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