

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 16, 2012 ~ ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.
"Faith by the lake - and beyond!"

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

GATHERING MUSIC

VISION STATEMENT We are a Christ-Centered Church committed to reaching all people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging all who respond to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

RALLY CRY "Faith by the Lake - and Beyond!"

WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

ALL: O Flower of Jesse's stem, You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; Kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY/ANNOUNCIATION

LEADER: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'"
(*Luke 1:46-49*).

Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

ALL: Today we give thanks for the Mary's among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

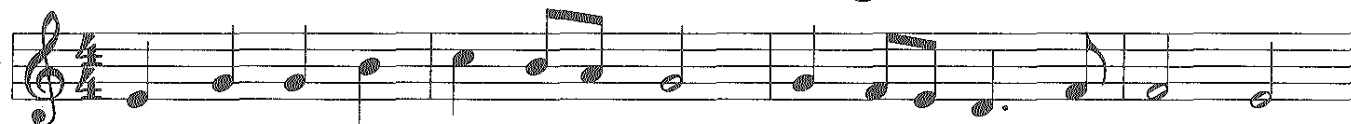
LEADER: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way. (Children will light two purple candles and one rose candle.)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "There's A Song" ... TFWS No. 2141

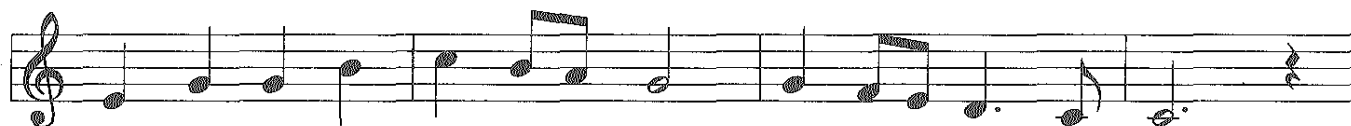
Sing Stanza 3 - "Faith"

There's a Song

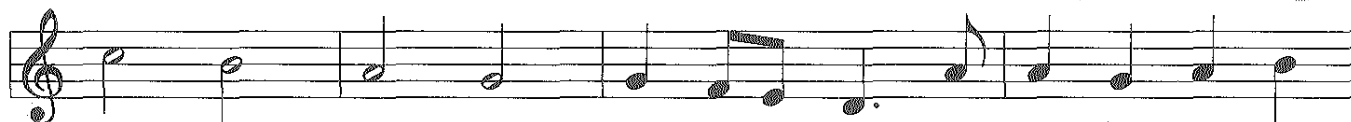
2141



1. There's a song of faith in my heart; faith is a gift from Je - sus.



There's a song of faith in my heart; faith is a gift from God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Faith in my heart is sing - ing prais - es.



Al - le - lu - ia! Faith is a gift from God.

*2. Peace 3. Faith 4. Hope 5. Joy

WORDS: Handt Hanson
MUSIC: Handt Hanson

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA/CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The World Sings Noel: The Christmas Story in Global Song

... Arranged by: Hal Hopson

Narrator: Paul Lohse

Prophet Isaiah: Pastor Victor Waters

Angel Gabriel: Nathan Kilmer

Caesar Augustus: Clair Voshell

An Angel: AryAnn Blom

Wisemen: Paul Lohse, Clair Voshell & Wally Ruedy

MUSIC

“Christ Comes That We May Have Love” *Cameroon* ... Faith Choir & Youth

“Mary’s Song” *Russia, Turkey* ... Faith Choir

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” *West Indies* ... Faith Choir & Youth

“Glory To God” *Peru* ... Faith Choir & Youth

“Dance of the Shepherds” *Ireland* ... Faith Choir & Youth (dance)

“From a Distant Land” *Puerto Rico* ... Faith Choir

“Silent Night” *Austria* ... Faith Choir, Youth & Congregation

“Sing Noel” *Liberia* ... Faith Choir & Youth



***SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 26-38**

LEADER: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

**ALL: And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,
“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”**

LEADER: But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

ALL: And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

LEADER: And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

ALL: And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

LEADER: And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

ALL: And the angel answered her, “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 called holy—the Son of God.

LEADER: And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

ALL: For nothing will be impossible with God.”

LEADER: And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “What Child Is This” ... UMH No. 219

MEDITATION “Servants and Angels”... Rev. Victor Waters

PASTORAL PRAYER for our Church, Our Community and Our World

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”...UMH No. 224

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE “Hallelujah Chorus” ... Faith Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Friday, December 21, 2012 from 8 a.m. to Noon at Christian Assembly (900 – 14th Ave. SE, Waseca). Bring photo i.d. or blood donor card.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP – Tues., Dec. 24, @ 4:30 p.m.

** No Christmas Day worship service at Faith UMC.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR PASTOR – If you would like to contribute to a special gift offering for Pastor Waters and his family, please see Paul Lohse or Dave Baldini.

PANCAKE COLLECTION SUNDAY – Every 4th Sunday of the month we collect pancake/biscuit mix and syrup for the food shelf. This helps them know that some staples are coming in for those in need. Remember that low-fat and sugar-free options are needed.

RUTH & MARY CIRCLE'S – Are NOT meeting in December. Mary Circle also not meeting in January.

CONVERSATION, BIBLE & FRIENDS BOOK AVAILABLE – New Upper Room Disciplines 2013 are available in the Church Office. Please pay Tina - \$14.00 to cover cost of book and shipping.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY –



- The Faith UM Church Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday, Dec. 26 and again on Friday, Dec. 28. **Tina will be in the Office on Thursday, Dec. 27.**
- The Office will also be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

OFFICE NEWS – Tina has accepted a new job! We are advertising the Administrative Assistant position; your help spreading the word about this staff opening is appreciated.



- **Part-Time Administrative Assistant:** Ideal candidate works independently, meets deadlines and is able to organize self and others. Expected to provide excellent customer service and have extensive experience in Word, Excel, Publisher and Power Point. Must be able to proof-read and edit documents for content and clarity. Familiarity with e-mail, social networking and on-line applications is a plus. Send resumé to: Faith United Methodist Church, 801 – 4th Ave. NE, Waseca, MN 56093.

THANK YOU – To my Church Family – Thank you for all the cards and wishes I received earlier this month for 80th birthday! You helped make this birthday extra special! ~~ *Margaret Dahnert*

NEWSLETTER – The newsletter will be mailed next week.

BULLETIN BOARD – New sign-up sheet is available – pick your dates now to decorate the bulletin board in the Narthex.

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken,
Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

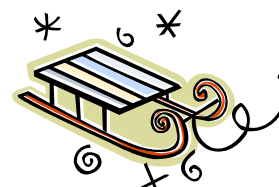
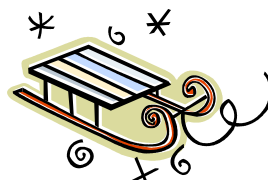
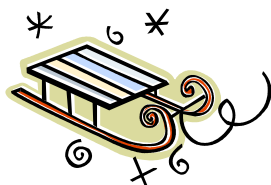
Oak Lawn Care Center, Mankato: Gerri Peterson

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Jim & Marian Keller, Willie Mahler, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.



And remember: The family and friends of Elvira Blowers during their time of loss.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

12/16/2012 (Sun.)

Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. – Cantata & Christmas Program

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)

2 to 5:30 p.m. – Klampe Piano Recital (FH)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

- 12/17/2012 (Mon.) Newsletter mailed this week.
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
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- 12/18/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
CANCELLED – UMW Mary Circle
4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends
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- 12/19/2012 (Wed.) Hansel & Gretel Christmas Program(s) (Sanctuary, PL, FH)
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
3 p.m. – Elizabeth Circle (Location?)
3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video
7 p.m. – Choir Practice
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- 12/20/2012 (Thurs.) Hansel & Gretel Christmas Program(s) (Sanctuary, PL, FH)
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
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- 12/21/2012 (Fri.) Church Office and Hansel & Gretel CLOSED today.
6:30 to 8 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Kilmer, W. end of FH)
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- 12/22/2012 (Sat.) 10 a.m. to Noon – Girl Scouts (Palmer, W. end of FH)
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- 12/23/2012 (Sun.) PANCAKE COLLECTION SUNDAY (for Food Shelf)
9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
*Children’s Church & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
NO Youth Group today.
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- 12/24/2012 (Mon.) CHRISTMAS EVE
Church Office & Hansel & Gretel CLOSED today.
4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
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- 12/25/2012 (Tues.) **** No Christmas Day worship Service****
Church Office & Hansel & Gretel CLOSED today.
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- 12/26/2012 (Wed.) Church Office & Hansel & Gretel CLOSED today. (Tina vacation).