

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
February 23rd, 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 to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

We welcome children and their families to our worship service. For those who need the use of a nursery, for children ages birth through three yrs old, we have a well-staffed and safe space for your children. It is to the right as you enter the church.

*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

*CALL TO WORSHIP....."We Sing Praises to Your Name, O Lord"...TFWS 2037

OPENING PRAYER

L: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

L. And all God's People Said:

All: Amen

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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 Children (Birth - 3 year olds)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” ...UMH No. 349

FIRST EPISTLE LESSON.....2 PETER 1: 2-11

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM....."With All My Heart" ...Faith Choir

KIDS TIME

(All children Preschool - 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School at this time)

SECOND EPISTLE LESSON.....2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and, therefore, all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."My Life Is in You, Lord"...TFWS No. 2032

* GOSPEL LESSON..... JOHN 15: 5-17

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit —fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE....."Deflating Our Ego"...Rev. Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

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Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**Give thanks
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE....."He Who Began a Good Work in You" ...TFWS No. 2163**

***SENDING FORTH**

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:

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

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause

Prayer Request from Sunday Worship: Leona Quast, Harry McClune, Jerry and Eunice Hansen, Morgan and Justin, Melissa Toot, Rodger Dahnert, Peter and Verna Fog, Dick and Elaine Westrum



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, **February 23rd**, following the worship service, the **Men of Faith** will be hosting '**Celebrate the Presidents**' with a potluck in the **Fellowship Hall**. Families are asked to bring a hot dish to honor the presidents or a 'red' dessert to honor George Washington. Even if you forgot to do so, please join us as we always have plenty of food.

All women and girls of Faith are invited to a **shower** for **Peggy Deno** on **Sunday, March 2nd** following the fellowship time. We will be celebrating the joy of the Deno's moving into their new home following a fire last spring. We will have a light lunch, a little fun and a devotional time as we gather to shower God's blessings on our sister in Christ, Peggy. Please call Patrice Waters with any questions at 835-2535.

The next **Lions Pancake Breakfast** will be held **Sunday, March 30**, at the **American Legion** from **7:30 a.m. to Noon**. Proceeds support Waseca Boy and Girl Scouts, college scholarships and the Lions Eye Bank. (Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids) Adults: \$6:00. Children age 12 and under: \$2.00. Toddlers: Free. Thank you so much. Sincerely, *Robert Hunter*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

2/23/2014 (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. - 'Celebrate the Presidents' Potluck
2/24/2014 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger Mailed this week 6:00 p.m. -UMW Unit Meeting
2/25/2014 (Tues.)	4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room) 5:15-6:15 p.m. -Church Council Meeting
2/26/2014 (Weds.)	10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
2/27/2014 (Thur.)	HCI Peer Mentoring 6:30-7:30 p.m. -SPRC Meeting
2/28/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed 6:15-8:15 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
3/2/2014 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30 -10:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 11:30 -1:00 p.m. - Shower for Peggy Deno 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
3/4/2014 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at Waseca Public Library 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation Bible & Friends (LV Room)
3/5/2014 (Weds.)	Ash Wednesday 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Inn Video 4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
