

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 14, 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.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us by name, in word and in silence.

**All: Speak, for your servant is listening.**

L: From the beginning of time, God has formed us for service, to be Vessels of love in the world.

**All: Come and see, for Christ is shaping us still.**

L: Christ is present within and around us, inviting us to follow in faith and hope.

**All: Here we are, for Christ has called us and calls us still.**

L: Come and be the temples of God in this temple of worship.

**All: May we be and become the body of Christ sent into the world.**

\*HYMN .....“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” .....UMH No. 128

RESPONSIVE READING..... **Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

L: You pursue me behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.**

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts,

**All: you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

L: I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.

**All: Wonderful are your works!**

L: You know me very well;

**All: my frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**

L: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;

**All: in your book were written the days that were formed for me, every day, before they came into being.**

L: How profound to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: If I would count them, they are more than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.**

ANTHEM ..... Faith Choir

SCRIPTURE READING .....**John 1:35-42**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" .....UMH No. 400

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Finding the Messiah " .....Pastor Robert Hunter

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING...."Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ...UMH No. 95

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS (All joining)

**In this season of giving and joy, O Lord, remind us of the source of our joy – the gift of your Son, Jesus. Because of the gift of His life, we have the gift of our lives which we offer up to You now. May these gifts continue the mission which Jesus began, the deaf may hear, the lame walk, the sick be healed, and that many may come to new life. Amen**

\*SENDING FORTH.....

The word of the Lord may be rare in these days,  
and visions may not be widespread  
But our God is never without a witness.  
God is still speaking.  
Go, and listen.  
Listen, and speak all that the Lord reveals. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN..... "Here I Am, Lord" .....UMH No. 593

EXIT MUSIC

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCH 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:**

**Foxdale[ Memory Care]:** Ann Swenson

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

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

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

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Emmetsburg Care Center:** Peter Fog

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Les Wells, Vada Dahnert, Fern Papke, Neil Fruechte, Bob Stephan, Cody Hyatt, Sam, Mike, Shirley Groskruetz, Connie Moran.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFIRMATION** January 31st 6:30-7:30.

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

**YOUTH GROUP** TBD.

**Pancake Mix Sunday** is the **fourth** Sunday of the month. Please bring pancake mix and syrup which will be donated to the Neighborhood Service Center. Thank you for your participation!

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**Please note Pastor Victor Will be on Vacation January 13-20<sup>th</sup> and a Clergy Retreat January 22-24. Pastor Bob will be preaching on January 14<sup>th</sup> and he will be covering pastoral care for me while I am gone.**

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Tai Ji Quan will begin on **Monday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)** and will be held Mondays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for the class is \$25 for 24 classes. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Scholljegerdes at 835-4304. We need one more person to sign up to hold the class.

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There is a UMW Executive Board meeting scheduled for **Monday, January 15** at 10:00 a.m.

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Trustees will meet **Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room.

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**Please note:** Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Friday, January 19.

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There will be a Faith Rock painting party on **Monday, January 22, 2018** from **4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.** It will be held in the fellowship hall. Drop in at any time and paint some rocks. A light meal will be served at 5:30. Invite your friends and join in on the fellowship.

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Hello, Our mother, Betty Jean Passer, a former member of your church, will be celebrating her 90th birthday this month. We are thankful for her continued good health, sharp mind, and wonderful loving spirit as we approach this milestone on January 29. Betty is the widow of Rev. Burton Passer, who served as minister of Faith United Methodist from 1958 until 1967. Betty has many fond memories of special people and wonderful experiences in her years in Waseca. Our family is organizing a birthday card shower for Betty for this special birthday. We hope that with your help, she will have the joy of opening birthday card greetings from long-time friends from Waseca. Your greetings and messages would mean so much to her. Cards may be sent to Gloria Passer Attention: Betty's Birthday, PO Box 130066, Roseville MN 55113. Thank you! Sincerely, Betty's daughters: Jean, Judy, Gloria, and Mary and families

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

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01/14/2018 (Sun.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Check  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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01/15/2018 (Mon.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
10:00 a.m. - UMW Executive Board Meeting (LV Room\*)  
1:00 p.m. - Tai Ji Quan (FH\*\*)  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Conversation, Bible & Friends

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01/16/2018 (Tues.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**

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01/17/2018 (Wed.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

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01/18/2018 (Thur.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
10:30 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (FH\*\*)  
6:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting (LV Room\*)

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01/19/2018 (Fri.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
**Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Set Up for Food @ Faith

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01/20/2018 (Sat.) **Pastor Victor on Vacation**  
Food @ Faith  
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck & Set-up  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Waseca Food Distribution  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food Program Clean-up

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01/21/2018 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall