

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
November 22nd, 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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."King of Kings"...(Three Times)...TFWS No. 2075

L: We have gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

All: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, the gift is good, and that comes from God.

L: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

All: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love in our future.

L: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and entrust our lives into God's hands.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."We Gather Together " ..UMH No. 131

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, source of all that makes life possible, Giver of all that makes life good, we gather to give you thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness; what we have we take for granted, and grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than we than by the one who has less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving, and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life, through Jesus Christ. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING.....PSALM 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!**

L: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**All: We are the Lord's;
we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.**

**L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!**

All: Give thanks and bless God's name@

L: For the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures for ever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

ANTHEM....."Here I Come to Worship"...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME

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 20:27-40****

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up

children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

³⁶ Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.”

⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

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.....“Thanksgiving Leans Forward” ...Robert Hunter

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

***THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS**.....[UNISON]

Our heavenly Father, it is with joy and humility that we offer you what we are. What we give is what we first received. Our gifts of money represent the promises we make to give ourselves in service to your Kingdom. Knowing that you love and accept us, we are able to make our offering in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN.....“Now Thank We All Our God ”...UMH No. 102

*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:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Deloris Asmus

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Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting **January 2, 2016** there will be a change to the **Sunday Bus**. Smart Transit and the Minnesota Valle Acton Council Transportation will merge. TRANSIT will operate on Sunday mornings (8-12 o'clock) and you will still be able to get a ride to church. All residents to any church with services within the Bus Schedule can call for a ride. Waseca will have a dedicated route bus 7 days a week, 7am-5pm Monday-Friday, 8am-12 noon Saturday-Sunday service. A one-way bus token is \$1.50 or \$3 per round-trip. Monthly bus passes will be available for \$25. Sandy Chadderdon can be contacted at 507-835-4551 or email: schadderdon@mnavac.org.

Charge Conference

Charge conference will be on **Monday, November 23rd** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

It's time to think about getting ready for Christmas! Please join us in decorating our church for the Advent Season. We will be gathering at **9 a.m.** on **Saturday, November 28**. There will be plenty of coffee, treats, and work for everyone!

Conversations, Bible and Friends will not meet on Tuesday, November 24th. We will meet again on Tuesday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Room.

THE MITTEN TREE

We need to send SCARVES, HATS, MITTENS, and GLOVES to the Neighborhood Service Center for distribution as soon as the snow flies. Thank you.

Remembering Those Who Are Away From Us Or Have Moved Away. This is a list of those members who are not attending worship or have moved away please remember them in your prayers.

Roger Herman Goetz

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The Pursell's new address is:

800 College Parkway,
Apt 324,
Lewisville, TX 75077.
Their phone is: 507-201-7322.

Wally and Betty Jane Ruedy are heading south for the winter. Their address is:

4308 W.
125th St.
Savage, MN 55378. Thank you.

Marly Lou Sahlstrom's new address is:

Eagle Crest North
351 Mason St.
No. 325
Onalaska, WI 54650
Phone: 1-608-779-1841

Ron and Pat Terrell's new address is:

325 NW Driftwood Dr.
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Bruce and Deborah Hering's new address is:

101 Grovebrook Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-388-8022.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/22/2015 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage

11/23/2015 (Mon.) Faith Messenger mailed this week
6:00 p.m. -Church Council Meeting
7:00-8:30 p.m. -Church Charge Conference

11/24/2015 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. -Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
Conversation, Bible & Friends does not meet today.

11/25/2015 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH)
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice

11/26/2015 (Thur.) Office Closed-Thanksgiving

11/27/2015 (Fri.) Office Closed in honor of Thanksgiving

11/29/2015 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall