

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANNUNCIATION/LOVE CANDLE

CANTATA- A Night To Remember

December 22nd, 2019~9:30 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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."Jesus, What A Wonderful Child".....Faith Choir

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - THE LOVE CANDLE

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love with the "Annunciation Candle" reminding us of the message of the Isaiah:

The first reading is taken from Isaiah 7:10-14. *The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel' (Is 7:14).* This well-known affirmation by the prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah into human history. It already gives us a taste of the proximity of that marvelous, stupendous day which will be the 'Birth of of Jesus'. It was foretold by the prophets and proclaimed throughout the whole of Sacred Scriptures that He would be the One who would fulfill and bring them to completion. Our God will be incarnated and born due to the generous willingness of the 'Virgin' who, from the very beginning of time, was chosen to be the Mother of the Savior.

The Second Reading is From ...Luke 1:39-56 (NIV)

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,
40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit.....(Light three PURPLE and one PINK)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”UMH No. 211, Vs. 4

RESPONSIVE READING.....Canticle of Mary (Magnificat).....UMH No. 199

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KIDS 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.

2019 CHOIR CANTATA....."A Night To Remember"See Insert

SCRIPTURE READING.....**Matthew 1:18-25**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is

from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel,”* which means *‘God with us.’* When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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.....“Joseph”.....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Glory Be to the Father".....UMH No. 70

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

Almighty God, we thank You for the holy scriptures, in which You have revealed to us Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the fulfillment of the law and prophets, the promised Messiah of Israel, and the Redeemer of humankind. Grant that we, who gratefully celebrate His advent and acknowledge Him as Your living Word, may walk in the light of His truth and make known the good news of His kingdom in all the world, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN....."Good Christian Men Rejoice".....[See Insert]

*SENDING FORTH..... **TITUS 3:4-7**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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: Muriel Jenkins

BridgeWater at Janesville: Joe & Gloria Tollefson

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

New Richland Care Center: Ardella Draheim

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Leona Quast, Liz Corchran, George Kubista

Latham Place: Elaine Westrum, Lucille Kubista, Gordy Miller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Michael Schumacher, The Spain family, Those in law enforcement, Roy and MaryLynda Goodson

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Be sure to stay for fellowship and Margaret Hasslen's birthday cake.



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - DECEMBER 24TH AT 4:30 PM. TELLING THE STORY THROUGH WORD AND MUSIC.

Please note that during Christmas/New Year's weeks, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be **in** the office as follows: December 23 - 9:00 am to Noon, December 26 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, December 30 - 9:00 am to Noon, January 2 - 9:00 am to Noon.

Please note there will be no Conversation, Bible & Friends study group on Monday, December 23 or Monday, December 30.

Newsletter Folding - Newsletter folding is scheduled for **Monday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church office. There is great conversation and often a few laughs as this important task is completed. Usually the job takes about an hour to two hours to complete depending on the number of people that attend. The experienced folders will be glad to give you clear instructions on what to do. We could really use more helpers for this important task so please consider attending.

We will be taking down the Christmas greens and other decorations after the worship service on Sunday, January 5. Many hands make light work, so please come and lend YOUR HANDS! All are welcome and can come for a short time or a long time!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/22/2019 (Sun.) Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Choir Cantata
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

12/24/2019 (Tues.) **Church Office Closed**
4:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship Service

12/25/2019 (Wed.) Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!
Church Office Closed

12/27/2019 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**

12/28/2019 (Sat.) 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Carey Root Family (**FH)
1:00 p.m. - Private Baptism

12/29/2019 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service - "Songs of Christmas"
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Draheim Family (**FH)

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this week:

Monday: 9:00 am to Noon

Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm