

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 25th, 2014~9:30 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. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.*

GREETING/Announcements:

Please refer to announcements in the bulletin for events happening in the next week at Faith. Are there any other announcements?

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE....."Touch the Earth Lightly"...Faith Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Shirley Hansen

Leader: We are a community of women,

All: Young, middle-aged, older, diverse in backgrounds, appearances, and gifts - yet celebrating that diversity.

Leader: Our purpose is to know God.

All: To know you - sense your joy—share your sorrow—your dream for a world where justice knows no favorite, where all walk in dignity, sensitive to each other's needs

Leader: Our purpose is to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

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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 babies - 3 year olds

All: To reach out and know the wholeness made possible for us by Jesus, even as he restored the broken and the bruised.

Leader: Our purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship.

All: To share the joys; bear the sorrows; bind the wounds of body and spirit – to become a caring community.

Leader: Our purpose is to expand concepts of mission.

All: to confront our preconceived opinions, our prejudices; to extend out areas of concern; to accept responsible action.

Leader: Through participation in the global ministries of the church.

All: Not “over there” alone, but the neighbor in our midst; not “immediate aid” alone, but willingness to help change systems; not “for” but “with”, yet acknowledging the uniqueness of every child of God.

Opening Prayer

L: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Leader: And all God’s people say: **Amen**

PRAISE HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” ..UMH No. 92

THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION.....UMH No.886

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN..... Edy Barber

SPECIAL MUSIC.....**Men of Faith... “The Lord’s Prayer”**

ANTHEM.....Faith UMC Choir... “Sing Out Your Song, Ye Christians of the World”

CHILDREN’S TIME: Sherry Scholljegerdes
(All children Preschool - 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School at this time)

SCRIPTURE READING.....GENESIS 1: 1-5;26-28

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." This is the word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD

SPEAKER.....Jurgen Peters

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.....Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING.....Let us now offer our gifts to the Lord.

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" UMH No. 77

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH.....Pastor Victor

As we leave this place today: Live simply, care deeply, love generously, forgive freely and pray daily. And after you have done all this, place your lives in the hand of a gracious and merciful God. Amen.

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, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Jim Barber, Dave and Joann Eggness, Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Jim Keller, Floyd Lamont, Marilyn Possin, Linda Lohse and her mother Betty, Pastor David Crow is battling Bladder Cancer and needs prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Charge Conference will be **January, 28** from **5-6:00 p.m.** This conference will be held with the purpose of setting the budget for 2015. and correcting Table 1 for 2014. The Council will also meet at this time for a breakout session.

Wanted:

If anyone has any **old cleaning rags** or towels, please donate them. Thank you, Bob Stephan

You are invited to: Open House for Jim Keller's 75th birthday. It will be **today** from **1:00 -3:00 p.m.** at **Oaklawn Hills Care Center**, 201 Oaklawn Avenue in Mankato. *No gifts please, your presence is a gift.*

Wanted: Two volunteers are needed. We need a volunteer to find greeters each month and a volunteer to find nursery attendants. Both voluntary positions are open and need to be filled. Thank you.

The **Hospitality Team** will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 27th at 10:00** a.m. in the **Lakeview Room**. This meeting is opened to anyone who wishes to attend.

Reminder: The Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held the first week of May. We will accept any items you wish to donate - furniture, clothing, jewelry, Christmas items, etc. No prices will be put on the items, as they are paid for by donation. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. If you won't be able to deliver your items, please contact Vada Dahnert or Sue and Dave Baldini. Thanks to our 'Church Family' for planning ahead to make donations for this event. With your support, our garage sale will be a huge success.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

1/25/2015 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 p.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
1/26/2015 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger Mailed this Week 1:00-2:00 p.m. -HCI Team Meeting
1/27/2015 (Tues.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Hospitality Meeting (LV Room) 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Lake Shore Inn 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends at Ardella's
1/28/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -Neighborhood Service Center Board Meeting 1:00-6:00 p.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 5:00-6:00 p.m. -Church Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
1/30/2015 (Fri.)	Office Closed
2/1/2014 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

* Lakeview Room

**Fellowship Hall