

Faith United Methodist Church  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
December 23, 2018

*\* please stand in body or spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN #239 UMH      *Silent Night*

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good.

**P: All the Time.**

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Stephanie and Ryan Chambers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #95 UMH *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**We offer you, O God, not what we have left over  
after our Christmas spending.**

**We offer our whole selves and our resources  
for the work of transforming our world.**

**May our offering make a difference,  
in our community,  
in our world,  
in our church, and in ourselves. Amen.**

AN INVITATION TO OUR PLAY

MESSAGE

*"How the Grinch Found Christ in Christmas"*

*Original tale by Dr. Seuss,*

*adapted as a religious Christmas program by Valerie Lynch*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JESUS

Nicolette and children

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-15

CLOSING HYMN #431 UMH

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

BENEDICTION

*Christmas Blessings  
to You and Your Family.*

*Please receive a treat bag  
prepared as our gift for you  
and join us for a time of fellowship and sharing.*



**WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!**

*Thank you to all who have helped to make today special  
and to all who are worshipping with us today.*

**Coming Events**

**12/24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Westby**

**We welcome you to join us in celebration of our Savior's birth at our sister church, Westby United Methodist at 202 East State St in Westby and to join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

**PRAYERS**

*Dwayne's cousin Rita and Fred; Seth home, Ron's brother Dan,  
Praise for new baby Vincent Nicholas – and mom Melissa, Praise for all  
who received gift baskets, Pete, Joe, Anna, Emma, College kids,  
unnamed concerns, our community, our nation, our military and their  
families, our church in ministry.*

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Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.

*Faith United Methodist Church is part of the Driftless Regional Ministries  
which also includes Westby UMC, New Hope UMC, and Retreat UMC.*

**Sunday Schedule:**

8 a.m. New Hope and Retreat Worship at Retreat in December  
9:30 a.m. Faith UMC Worship S3297 Salem Ridge Rd, La Farge  
10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin,  
please send to Pastor Pam. [pastor@driftlessministry.org](mailto:pastor@driftlessministry.org)**

**Card Shower for Emma McDonald and Anna Pierce at Norseland  
Nursing Home, 323 Black River Ave, #209, Westby 54667**



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**United Methodist Church**  
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*Today in the town of David a Savior has  
been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*  
~Luke 2:11

**9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School**

**Faith United Methodist Church  
S3297 Salem Ridge Road, La Farge 54639**

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World*