

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

* A CHRISTMAS CALL to WORSHIP

In this season of Peace,

**The silent turbulence of a winter sky,
Soft tracks indenting newly fallen snow,
Crisp air filling our lungs, our hearts, our
spirits... in this season of peace,**

Listen to God's whisper,

Accept the tender grasp,

Receive God's gifts,

**Embrace the love of God's presence and share
the joyous vision of peace on earth!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN

UMH #242

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

*A LITANY OF THE STAR

To find the child, one must see the star.

**To see the star, one must go out into the
darkness, enter even into the emptiness of the
heart's dark wounds.**

Only in the darkness are such stars seen.

To find the child, one must hear the angels.

**To hear the angels, one must listen in silence
and in solitude; to listen in the perfect
wordlessness of attentive adoration.**

Only in such stillness are the angels heard.

To find the child, one must enter the stable.

**To enter the stable, one must decline all palaces,
all safety, all defenses and fortifications.**

Only in such humility is the stable entered.

To find the child, one must witness the birth.

**To witness the birth one must be awakened to
the heart of all things beating in one's soul; to
awaken to the light of God shining through the
touch of one's hands and the smile of one's eyes.**

Only in such awakening, will the birth truly be
seen.

**To find the child, seek the darkness, lay your
heart open and discover therein, light
unconquered.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

MESSAGE FROM NAOMI STUCKEY

SILENT PRAYERS

OUR 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.**

*HYMN

UMH #254

"We Three Kings"

THE GOOD NEWS Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"Lost In Wonder"

COMMUNION

RECEIVING of our GIFTS

**In response to the promise of abundant life God
calls us to share our resources with those in
need. In that spirit of generosity, let us offer our
gifts and tithes.**

*DOXOLOGY *"Give Thanks"* TFWS #2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks
to the Holy One, give thanks, because God's
given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; Let
the poor say, "I am rich because of what the
Lord has done for us." Give thanks!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we offer these gifts with joy. May
they be like oil, which feeds the light of your
love in a world so familiar with darkness. In
giving, illumine our hearts and set our lives
ablaze for You. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #249

"There's a Song in the Air"

*THE BENEDICTION.

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES

2016 Church Budget	\$199,564.44
Amount needed each week	\$3,837.78
Amount received 01/03/16	\$2,916.41
Attendance 01/03/16	62

STEWARDSHIP

On the first three Sundays in January we will have members speaking about what FUMC has meant to them and Sunday January 17 will be our Stewardship Commitment Sunday. A special thank you to Naomi Stuckey for sharing today.

VFW CANCER TELETHON BREAKFAST

will be served from 7-12:30 pm on Sunday, January 17th for a cost of \$8.00 for all you can eat.

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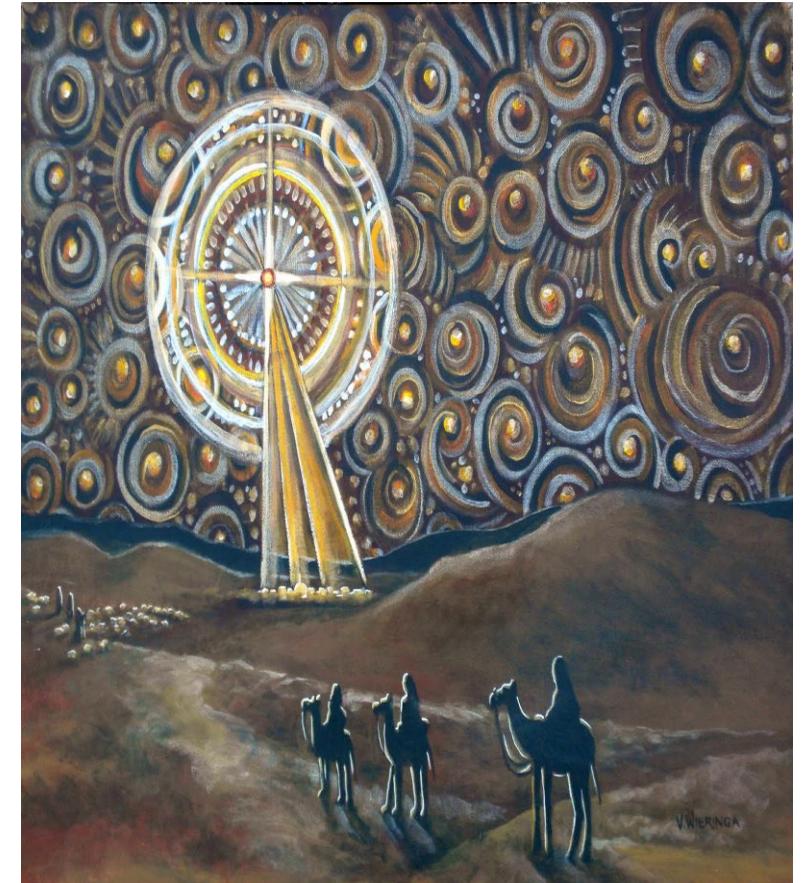
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FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 10, 2015**



**Rev David Lieder & Rev Deanna Woodward
In Ministry Together With The People Of
Fountain, Cherry Grove and Spring Valley**