

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 17, 2016

INTROIT

Vocal Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The joy of Easter morning is still with us.

Fresh green shoots emerge from the ground: resurrection!

The warming sun of spring reminds us,

The cycle of seasons always brings new delights.

The story of death and resurrection is our story to embrace.

We rejoice that we may worship Jesus, who is the Christ.

Hallelujah! He is risen!

*HYMN *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* UMH #158

*OPENING PRAYER

Our risen Christ, you have brought each of us here to meet you in the company of those who also seek. You have invited us here to see you with eyes and ears that are wide open to receive you. Our lives are filled with so much activity, with worries and anticipations. Here we may rest awhile, seek your presence and find once again the power of your Word. Gently touch our hearts. Kindly comfort our weary spirits. Open us wide, that we may know you in a new way today. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ANTHEM *“Jesus, What A Beautiful Name”* Vocal Choir

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, and GOD MOMENTS

*HYMN *“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”*
UMH #328 (sing twice)

SILENT PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON LUKE 24:1-35

MESSAGE *“Sacred Sight”* Pastor Martha Hendricks

THE RECEIVING

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of blessing and abundance, the eyes of our spirits are upon a world filled with brokenness and hope. Alone, each of our gifts offers our love to this world. Together, our love is a gift of amazing companionship with every sister and brother. What we cannot see, you see. What we cannot know, you know. Join our hearts and our gifts to bless and to welcome those who need us most. Amen.

*HYMN *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* TFWS #2171

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

FOOD 4 KIDZ - Wow what a great turn out of helping hands from our Maple Leaf Parish at the food packaging event in Stewartville. Thank you to the 30 individuals and family members who helped package 110,000 meals. 5,000 of those meals were a rice and bean mix which went to Channel One. The rest were soy/rice meals which will go to Honduras, Afghanistan, Iraq and Haiti. It was wonderful witnessing all ages having fun for a worthwhile cause.

GREENHOUSE - We will be planting plants at the greenhouse during the Sunday school hour today. Please meet us at the Spring Valley greenhouse. The students will plant flowers and they will be sold during Sunday school on May 1 & 8 after the plants have had a chance to get established in their pots.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- 4/20 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Vivian Drinkall's Home
- 4/21 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle at Church
- 4:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 4/23 8:00 a.m. Church Work Day

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – April 21st at 4:00 p.m

CHURCH WORK DAY – Saturday, April 23 (rain date 4/30) A church work day has been scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 23rd. Bring your rakes, shovels, and enthusiasm to help keep Faith UMC looking great.

RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT UMW SPRING GATHERING– April 23 from 8:45-2:30 p.m. at Northfield UMC. If you are interested please call or talk to Darlene at 346-2074 by April 17th. The registration is \$10 per person.

WAKE UP AMERICA – National Day of Prayer – May 5th at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to a BBQ dinner to celebrate the National Day of Prayer at Faith UMC prior to a worship service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring your friends to share music and prayers for our nation. A free-will donation will benefit the local food shelf.

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES

Year to date budget	\$57,566.70
Year to date giving	\$49,784.41
Amount budgeted each week	\$ 3,837.78
4/10 Offering	\$ 2,469.75
4/10 Attendance	67
Loan Balance	\$10,627.56
Apportionment Balance	\$18,935.00

