

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *“True Singing”* UMH # 69
Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises.

Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN** *“To God Be the Glory”* UMH #98

***UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God as Creator and Sustainer of us all, who knows and loves me as if I were the only creation.

I believe in Jesus, the Christ, who is as much God as a human being can be. I believe Jesus is our Teacher, our Example and our Redeemer. His life and resurrection is the basis for our hope, our joy and our wholeness.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, as the presence of God in us and with us, which woos, lures, guides and empowers us to work more closely with God.

I believe we are created with freedom of choice and thereby possess the power to turn away from God even as God reaches out to us.

I believe that by God’s grace we experience forgiveness, reconciliation and support as we respond to the redemptive work of God in our world.

I believe the Bible is the written chronicle of God’s love for and interaction with humankind and that the church is the community in which we interpret that love. Through the Church we worship and build up one another in faith and receive power and support to go out and serve our parish... the entire world.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

HYMN *“Hymn of Promise”* UMH #707

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

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

PSALM 100

HYMN SING *(Congregation’s Choices)*

THE RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

***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

You have given us light and life, hope and joy, O Lord. Bless the gifts we bring and the ministries they enable us to carry out. Help us to truly become bearers of the light of Christ in our world. Amen

***HYMN** *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* UMH #496

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

From the time of John and Charles Wesley, Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren hymnal have constituted the “worship book” of our corporate and private piety and praise. Hymn singing has been a vital and distinctive component of our worship of God. From the beginning we have been a “singing people.” –Preface of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Excerpts from John Wesley’s ‘DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING’ circa 1761:

-Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you.

-Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; lift up your voice with strength.

-Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing.

SERVICE AND POTLUCK

There will be a combined service today, July 31st, at the Fountain City Park with Fountain and Cherry Grove at 10:30 a.m. followed by a parish potluck picnic. Please bring your lawn chair and a dish to pass for the potluck. Plates, utensils and beverage will be provided.

WORK DAY

The Trustees invite you to join them for an outdoor work day at Faith UMC on Saturday, August 6th from 8-Noon. Handicap area painting and removal of shrubs by sign planned. For more information contact Glenn Rasmusson.

13TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF - Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Monday, August 22nd and help with the distribution on

Wednesday, August 24th. If you are able to help, please contact Gina Jahn at 346-9947. More information available in the newsletter and printouts.

AUCTION UPDATE

We're still taking items for the 1st Annual Auction! Here is the list of some of the items collected to date: riding lawnmower, vacation rental, boat ride/dinner, “real” silverware, rocking chair and pallet signs. Keep it coming FUMC Congregation! We know this can be successful with your help!

ONLINE GIVING

Gifts may be given electronically by [going](#) to our website at www.faithsv.net. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - August 13, 9:00am-3:00pm at GEV

The day begins at 9:00 am with an opening worship, transitions into morning activities and lunch, followed by an afternoon of creek-splashing and capping it all off with a closing program. If families would like to furnish anything we would welcome drinks and snacks. Faith United Methodist Women has donated money to help cover the cost of VBS and Gail Rollie has been kind enough to donate money to cover the cost of lunch. Please RSVP to Chris Howard. Call or text 507-251-4273 (when texting include your child's name). Email:

chrishoward4273@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing everyone! Thank you for your support.

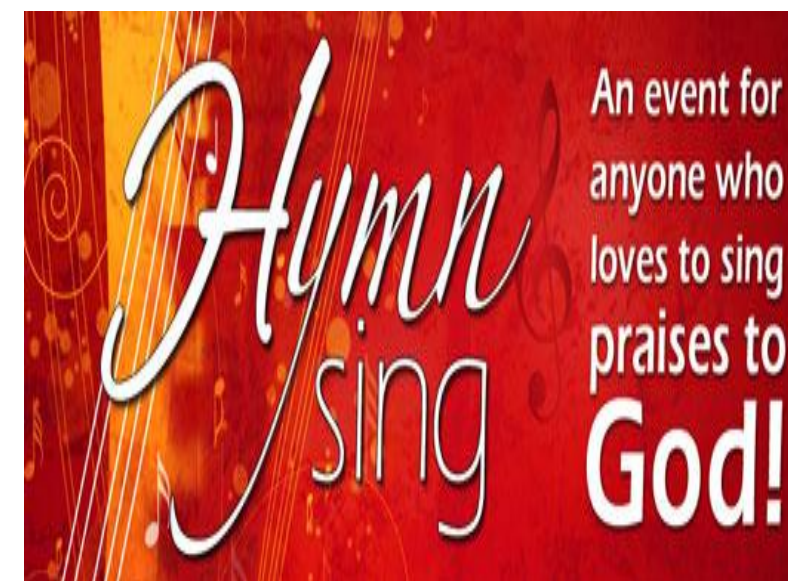
FAITH FAMILY FINANCES

Year to date budget	\$106,295.62
Year to date giving	\$ 91,921.87
Amount budgeted each week	\$ 3,837.78
07/24 Offering	\$ 1,430.50
07/24 Attendance	68
Loan Balance	\$ 6,676.90
Apportionment Balance	\$ 16,935.00

FAITH UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2016



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