

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Jesus has called us to welcome children as a way to welcome God.

So please, dear children in our midst, hear our voices:

We welcome you in the name of Jesus who is the Christ!

Jesus has called us to make disciples of all:

So please, dear teachers and instructors in the faith, hear our voices: We welcome you in the name of Jesus who is the Christ!

Jesus has called us to love and serve one another.

So please, dear brothers and sisters we raise our voices to each other: We welcome all to this place of worship and praise, of singing and prayer, of teaching and learning, of joy and of celebration! We welcome all in the name of Jesus who is our Christ! With the presence of our children we welcome you!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN** UMH #696
“America the Beautiful”

***INVOCATION**

O Lord who said “Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of heaven,” bless Your children who now stand before You in prayer. Help them to understand the depth of Your love. Fill them with Your grace and wisdom so that they may grow to be strong men and women who know Your name and live for

Your Glory. Protect them from all sorts of temptations and keep them under the wings of Your Divine care.

O Lord, we pray for all the teachers of our Sunday School. Just as you told Peter to “feed my lambs,” may our teachers be enabled to teach and Your children in the way of life. Grant them Your wisdom and knowledge that they may also share it with Your children and help them to grow spiritually. May Your Holy Spirit work through them and strengthen them as you have called them to serve through the ministry of teaching.

O Lord God, we thank you for the many blessings you shower upon the Sunday School, and we pray that Your Spirit may continue to work to nourish our children. Lord, bless our Sunday School and all its future endeavors, that through it we may glorify You. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENTATION
Chris Howard

JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

***HYMN** “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” UMH 277

SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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#381
“Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us”

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10

MEDITATION “Lost and Found” Paula Ruesink,
Lay Leader

THE RECEIVING of our OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY** “Give Thanks”
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

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #454
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

RALLY DAY CARNIVAL! – Ages PK-6th grade are invited to join us for carnival games and treats to kick off the 2016-2017 Sunday School year at 10:00 a.m. today, September 11th! On-site registration will be available.

ALL-PARISH PICNIC – Today, September 11th, Harry & Elaine Boland will once again host an all-parish picnic at their acreage northeast of Cherry Grove. You're welcome to come as early as 3:00 PM to enjoy the woods, trails and streams (their property runs alongside of Forestville State Park and a branch of the Root River runs through it as well), and we'll be eating around 5 PM. Fish and BBQ will be provided. Bring your own table service and a dish to share! Please call 507-951-4133 for a ride from Cherry Grove or directions. An announcement will be made in church with a rain date of September 25th.

PLANTER

The flower garden in front of the church will be seeded down. If you would like any of the flowers or rocks please feel free to take them home with you.

COATS

Please check the coat rack as we have several items that you may recognize.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Work Day – September 14th at 9:00 a.m. Please bring cleaning supplies and plan to join us for business meeting and lunch out.

Meals on Wheels - September 12 - 16, 2016- Rachel Circle

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES

Year to date budget	\$138,160.08
Year to date giving	\$123,930.87
Amount budgeted each week	\$ 3,837.78
09/04 Offering	\$ 7,334.72
09/04 Attendance	62
Loan Balance	\$ 6,689.58
Apportionment Balance	\$ 16,935.00

AUCTION UPDATE:

Please enjoy music while having coffee September 18, 10:00-11:00am.

Silent Auction and Lunch will start at 11:00am.

FUMC 1st Annual Auction

DATE: Sunday, September 18, 2016

TIME: Silent Auction starts at 11:00am

Live Auction starts at 12:15

Food Stand: starts at 11:00am

SECOND ANNUAL FUMC APPLE BAKE-OFF - Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Bring an apple dessert to be judged for its delicacy! Whether its grandma's favorite dessert; or one you've modified for your family; but it must be homemade to qualify! Pre-register by contacting Carol Gross at svgross144@gmail.com or contact the office.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

9/13	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
9/14	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women
9/15	6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RALLY SUNDAY

September 11, 2016



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