

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)

CHORAL INTROIT

Faith Choir

***CALL to WORSHIP** *(Based on Psalm 65)*

Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!

You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us to dwell with you!

God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.

Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.

You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea. You calm the uproar of the nations. You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.

Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN** *"We Gather Together"* UMH #131

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Eternal Spirit, let us be your people, reaching out, feeling, caring for each other as a community of love where Christ is felt and shared.

Kindle our concern for the lonely, the loser, the hopeless and the fearful. As the people of God, make us aware and involved.

Lead us in your Way, O God. Make us open and loving. Give us the honesty to confess our faults and the backbone to correct them.

Turn us around. Show us your direction for the Church, which stands in the whirl of today, on the edge of tomorrow.

Through your love, call us into greater intimacy as your family. Unite us as the People of God, and make us ready to extend ourselves in your world.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Faith Choir

"I Will Give Jubilant Thanks"

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:1-10

SERMON *"Amazing: Dark Matter Witnesses"*

RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Faith Choir

"How Great Thou Art / How Great is Our God"

***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

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

***BENEDICTION**

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Today we support United Methodist Student Day, one of six Special Sundays of the Minnesota Annual Conference, providing scholarships and loans to deserving UM students. Please give generously.

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES

2016 Budget	\$199,564.44
Year to date giving	\$170,431.52
Amount budgeted each week	\$ 3,837.78
11/13 Offering	\$ 2,872.00
11/13 Attendance	106
Apportionment Balance	\$ 12,574.10

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-November 21 - 4pm

APPORTIONMENTS - \$12,574.10 is the unpaid balance for 2016. If this is paid in full by the end of the year \$25,000 will be reduced off of our outstanding balance from previous years of not meeting our obligations. By uniting our efforts, each dollar spent goes further, reaches more people, and does more good.

PARISH MEAL – Today, November 20th a Parish Meal and Fellowship Event at Pedal Pusher's Café in Lanesboro at 12 noon.

Nov. 23: 7 p.m. Parish **Thanksgiving Eve Worship** Service at Faith UMC, Spring Valley.

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 24 & 25 – office closed.

Dec. 7: 11:30 a.m. **UMW Potluck** at Faith UMC. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and join the fun.

Dec. 4: 6 p.m. Concert featuring “Switchfoot” Christian band at Mayo Civic Center. Group tickets are \$12. Interested 5th-12th graders and adults can sign up with Kathy Casady at 507-440-7494 or casadykathy@gmail.com by Nov. 20.

We are collecting nonperishable food, soap and paper products for our area food shelves, and mittens, caps and stocking stuffer gifts for the **Christmas in Fillmore County** project all during November.

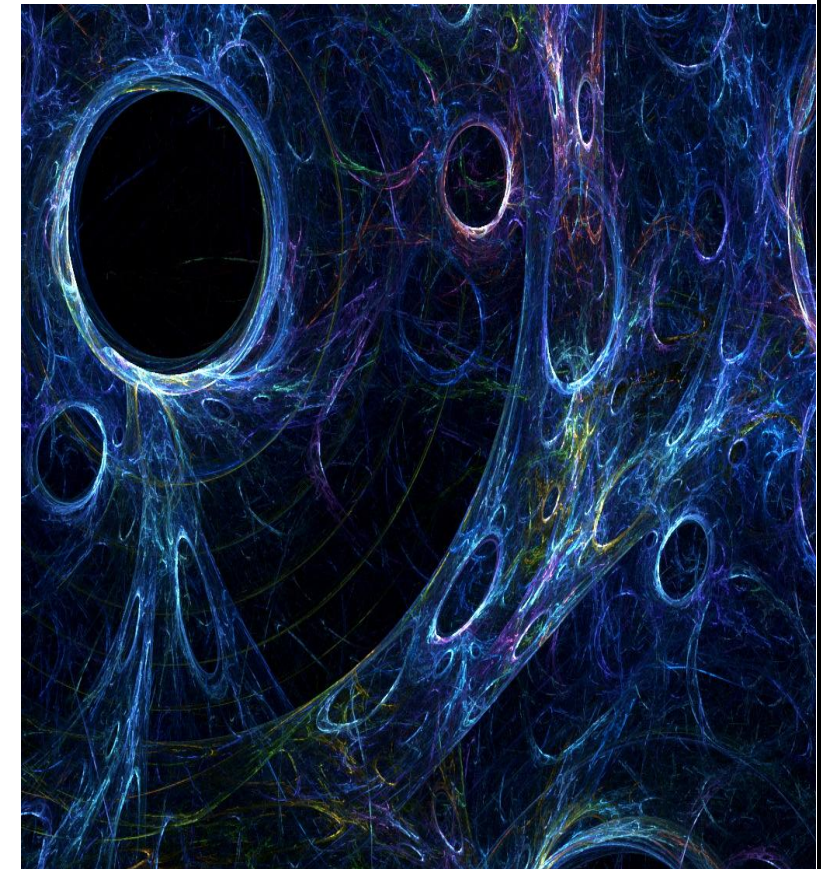
LOVE LIGHTS A TREE - The annual Love Lights a Tree event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27th at 5:00 next to the Tourist Center in Spring Valley. This is a fund raiser remembering those who have survived or lost the battle to cancer. Lanterns are \$10 each or three for \$25. If you wish to donate to this cause please put your money in an envelope and place the name of those you wish to remember on the envelope. Please put this in the collection box today. Thank you!

ADVENT

The first Sunday in Advent is November 27th. We would like to decorate for the Advent season following worship on that Sunday as there is no Sunday School classes. Everyone is invited to help trim the tree or help with the decorating. Thank you.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 20, 2016**



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