

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Christ is born! Like the Magi, we take our bearings from the star, led by mystery and the deepest yearnings of our hearts

**Like the Magi, we offer the infant Savior our treasures- the best of our gifts.**

**Let us worship God together!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN      *"We Three Kings"*      UMH #254

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The star of divine promise shines before us still.

**Over a world of mute hopes, dim visions, dark fears, still the light shines.**

In a world shrouded by darkness both tragic and willful,

**Still we proclaim:**

**Our light has come.**

**The glory of God shines upon us**

For Jesus, sent by God, born of human flesh, is light for our lives.

**As we receive the light and let it shine through us, it rises as a beacon for a darkened world.**

The peoples shall steam toward its promise; meek and mighty alike share in its dawning brightness.

**Then all shall say:**

**Arise! The glory of God is upon us!**

SPECIAL MUSIC      *"New Kid In Town"*

Cindy Seabright & Leonard Leutink

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SHARING of 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**

\*HYMN      UMH #240

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC      *"The Gift"*

Cindy Seabright & Leonard Leutink

\*GLORIA DOXOLOGY (*Refrain from 238 UMH*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we present to You our gifts. With your grace, turn these gifts of money into something of value for your Kingdom. We praise You with our voices and with our lives. Amen.**

HYMN      UMH # 242

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

EPIPHANY READING      Matthew 2:1-12

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus, our Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.**

\*HYMN      *"The First Noel"*      UMH #245

\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Go forth in the light of God's star. Go forth committed to a journey of faith and courage. Go forth to give the precious gift of your light to God's Kingdom.

**We will go forth and let the star guide us.**

**We will share with others the journey of life.**

**We will praise God, for the gift we have received is beyond measure- Jesus our Christ.**

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SOUP & BAKED POTATO BAR SUPPER**



**Wednesday, January 4, 2017  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**\$8.00/Adults  
\$4.00/Children (Age 6 & Under)**

**Menu: Choice of two soups,  
baked potato and fixings,  
bar and beverage**

Come and start the New Year with a nice warm meal. Wednesday, January 4 from 5-7:30 p.m. Soup and Baked Potato Bar Supper at Faith UMC. Menu is choice of two soups, baked potato and fixings, bar and beverage. Adults \$8 and children 6 and under \$4.00. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for monetary donations. For more information contact Kim Terbeest at 346-7482 or 251-7315. Thank you.

**Poinsettias**

Thank you to all who brought poinsettias for our Christmas garden. Please feel free to take your plant home with you.

**Cowboy Church**

Gary Froiland and the Cowboy Musicians will be leading the Cowboy Church Service at 6:00 pm tonight at the Cherry Grove UMC. Open to all.

**2016 Apportionment Update**

We are so close to meeting our 2016 Apportionment obligation. We are needing about \$10,300. Please remember that if we pay this in full \$25,000 will be forgiven from our balance. That is significant. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated! Last Chance 2016 Apportionment Fundraiser: Soup and Baked Potato Supper Wed., Jan. 4, 2017 from 5:7:30 p.m.

**This Week's Schedule**

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|------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1/4  | 5:00-7:30 pm | Soup & Baked Potato Supper  |
|      | 6:00 pm      | Parish Council at Faith UMC |
| 1/5  | 7:00 pm      | Worship Committee Meeting   |
| 1/8  | 7:45 am      | Vocal Choir Rehearsal       |
|      | 9:00 am      | Worship                     |
|      | 10:00 am     | Sunday School/Coffee        |
|      | 5:00 pm      | Scouts' Parent Meeting      |
| 1/9  | 6:30 pm      | Handbell Choir Rehearsal    |
| 1/10 | 7:00 pm      | Trustee Meeting             |
| 1/12 | 6:00 pm      | Staff Parish Committee      |

**FAITH UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Epiphany Sunday  
JANUARY 1, 2017**



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