

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Bell Choir
“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

***CALL to WORSHIP**

As we enter into worship, let us put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts.

Silence the voices that ask us to be perfect.

This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

We do not have to do anything to earn the love contained within these walls,

Or the love which flows freely from the heart of God.

We don't have to be braver, smarter, stronger or better than we are in this moment to belong here.

We only need to bring the gift of our presence, no matter how able; our seeking mind, no matter how busy; and our heart no matter what its state.

Let us bring all that we are, all that we love to this hour together. Let our worship begin!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN** UMH #251
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, make your presence known to us today. We come to you as we are. We are called to be loving followers of yours, but so

often we struggle and feel less than our calling. Help us this hour to know our worth as you know us, and to trust that you are continually at work in our lives.

Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Help us to draw closer to you so that your will might become our will. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *“O Holy Night”* Bell Choir

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** *“We Would See Jesus”* UMH #256

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17, Psalm 34:11-18

MESSAGE *“Rugged Conformity”*

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *“Carol of the Bells”* Bell Choir

***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

Loving God, we present to You our gifts. We pray that You might bless them and us as we praise You with our voices and with our lives. Amen

***HYMN** UMH #249
“There's a Song in the Air”

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

APPORTIONMENT UPDATE! 2016

Apportionments are paid in full! The end of the year giving along with a wonderful fund raiser meal which raised almost \$5,000 allowed us to send the conference the remaining amount. A special thank you to Dan & Kim Terbeest and all who helped and supported the Baked Potato and soup meal. This will also allow the conference to credit \$25,000 toward previous years.

We can celebrate having paid our line of credit in full along with paying apportionments in full and starting the New Year with a positive balance.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our mission and ministries.

PARISH SERVICE PROJECT

Fountain, Cherry Grove and Faith UMC's are serving together at the February 11 Saturday Meal Program for folks in need at Christ UMC in Rochester.

There is a sign-up sheet at each church for anyone 12 yrs. old and up who would like to help. We need people in shifts from 9-11:15 a.m. and from 10:45-1:15 p.m. to help with meal prep., serving and clean-up.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017

We have bulk envelopes available near the sanctuary doors. If you prefer booklets please notify the church office and one will be given to you.

OUR SCHEDULE

1/9	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
1/10	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
1/12	6:00 pm	Staff Parish Meeting
1/15	7:45 am	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School/Coffee
	5:00 pm	Scouts Pack Meeting

SUPER BOWL

The Spring Valley Area Food Shelf is participating in 'Souper Bowl Sunday' by asking area parishioners to consider bringing a can of soup to church on a Sunday leading up to the big game. This donation can be placed in a container in the entry of the church. It is a small way to participate in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5th, and at the same time, show kindness to a neighbor in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY – January 15, 2017
Human Relations Day is the first of the six Special Sunday Offerings. If we all give a little, we can reach our goal of \$100.00. Together we can extend a helping hand to those in crisis, so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS

2017 Budget	\$193,467.68
Needed each week	\$ 3,720.53
Offering 1/1/17	\$ 3,385.00
Attendance 1/1/17	41

FAITH UNITED METHODIST

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 2017



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