

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

***CALL to WORSHIP**

North: In the presence of a God whose word has called the stars into being,

All: We stand in awe.

South: In the presence of a Lord whose arms have held children, whose eyes have sparkled with laughter,

All: We stand in trust.

North: In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for love,

All: We stand in need.

South: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and truth and wholeness.

All: Be with us God; hear us, we pray.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN** UMH #57
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we admit to the error of false arrogance. We have too often blamed problems and dilemmas on you. We have tried to see your hand in other’s misery and your will in the pain and hunger of this world. We have mistakenly

felt that our wealth and prosperity was somehow deserved.

These are grave errors and we ask for forgiveness and direction in correcting them. God, this Lent, help us plumb again the depths of your personality and our involvement in it. Through mutual effort give us enlightenment in the way we view the world. Touch us and our lives with your truth to the end that our spirits may join with yours. Amen

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

SILENT PRAYER

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 #397
“I Need Thee Every Hour”

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17

SERMON *“A Cautious Soul”*

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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 give thanks for the visions and dreams that you share with your people. We offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessings and ask that you use them and the commitment they represent to share your good news with all the world. Amen.

***HYMN** UMH #354
“I Surrender All”

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

PARISH LENTEN SERVICES

On Wednesdays through Lent you are invited for a light supper at Faith UMC beginning at 5:45 p.m. followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "Encounters on the Road to the Cross" based upon a book by Robert Martin Walker. Lent is a time for encountering Jesus. We follow Jesus from his temptation in the Galilean wilderness to the cross on Calvary. This year we will view Jesus through the eyes of some of the men and women who encountered him on the road to the cross, a different person each week. As we stand in these characters' shoes may we come to know Jesus better and understand what it means to encounter him in our own lives and time.

3/15	5:45 pm	Soup Supper at Faith
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at Faith
3/22	5:45 pm	Soup Supper at Faith
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at Faith
3/29	5:45 pm	Soup Supper at Faith
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at Faith
4/5	5:45 pm	Soup Supper at Faith
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at Faith
4/13	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service Faith
4/14	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service Cherry Grove

MARCH FOODSARE MONTH

Thank you for the nice start for week one. \$195.00 and 39 pounds of food were donated for a total of 234 of our 1,000 cash/pounds goal. We will be collecting food and cash all month. Cash is better since our food dollars go further at Channel One than your dollar at the grocery store. Please make checks payable to "Faith UMC" and write "Food share" in the memo. Current needs at our food shelf are baby wipes and smaller size diapers; sizes 2 and under. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH LOCKIN

There will be a youth lock in at Faith UMC on 3/31st starting at 6:00 pm and ending on 4/1 at 8:30 am for students 4th-8th grades. Each student is challenged to collect as many food items as they can from friends and family. The student who brings the most items to the lock in will receive a gift card. Students are invited to bring a friend.

FOOD FOR KIDZ – PARISH SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to help on April 1 at the Stewartville Civic Center to package 120,000 meals. No experience necessary. Shifts are 2 hours long from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and you can sit or stand or do a combination of both. For more information call 346-2044. Signup sheets at each church.

OUR SCHEDULE

3/13	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
3/14	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
3/15	9:30 am	Rachel Circle
	5:45 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at Faith
3/16	1:30 pm	Ruth Circle
3/19	7:45 am	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Worship – Children Sing
	10:00 am	Sunday School/Coffee
	5:00 pm	Scouts Pack Meeting

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2017



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