

## 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

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**So God seeks the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**So God rejoices over one life restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received,

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN UMH #147

*“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light**

**may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom. Amen**

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 #175

*“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”*

SCRIPTURE *Jonah 3:1-4:5 Matthew 11:28-30*

MEDITATION *“Excess Baggage”*

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

\*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

**O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance your preferred will throughout the world.**

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #163

*“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”*

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



July 9: 3-5 p.m. District Fun Day at Oxbow Park  
Join with other United Methodists in the River Valley District for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Oxbow Park in Byron starting at 3 pm on July 9th. At 5 pm a potluck meal with lemonade and dessert provided. Gather, explore and enjoy fellowship at the River Valley District Fun Day!

July 12: 7 p.m. Cherry Grove Admin. Council

July 16: 11-2 p.m. Bruce and Tracy Wingert's 40th Wedding Anniversary open house at the Fountain Community Center. No gifts please.

July 16: Peace with Justice

This special offering equips the United Methodist Church to do justice in Jesus name. When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Your gift makes a difference, no matter how large or small.

July 30: Combined Outdoor Parish Service

Fountain UMC will be hosting a parish outdoor service in the Fountain City Park on July 30 at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck meal following. Steve Arnold and Walter Bradley will provide music for the service. Seth Arnold is cooking pulled pork for sandwiches. Fountain Church will provide drinks and tableware. Those interested may bring bikes and bike the trail after lunch.

### **FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – July 2, 2017**

Year to date budget	\$100,454.04
Year to date giving	\$ 88,630.88
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$ 3,720.50
Offering	\$ 3,806.25
Attendance	49

### **AUCTION**

The auction committee is collecting items and services through July 30th for the silent auction being held on Saturday, August 26th. Please contact Darlene Vrieze, Norma Merkel, Tom and Lynnette Ramaker, Kathy Casady or Jan Hammon.

### **OUR SCHEDULE**

7/11	6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee
	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
7/12	7:00 pm	Cherry Grove Council
7/13	6:30 pm	Finance Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
7/16	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship

## **FAITH UNITED METHODIST** **CHURCH**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 9, 2017**



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