

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

We will 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. We do not have to be braver, smarter, stronger, better than we are at this moment to belong here in this community. We come exactly as we are to this hour of worship, and know that here we will find love and acceptance and grace.

Let us worship together!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN UMH #64
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*A UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The church of Jesus Christ is where daisies bloom out of barren land; where children lead and wise ones follow.

The church of Jesus Christ is where lepers come to be touched; the blind see, and the deaf hear, the lame run and the dying live.

The church of Jesus Christ is where young ones see visions and the old ones dream dreams; where anthem is the laughter of the congregation and the offering plates are full of the service of people.

The church of Jesus Christ is where judges don't judge and each child of God is beautiful and precious; where the lamb lies down with the lion.

The church of Jesus Christ is where seeds are scattered and miracles are grown; where we live responsively to God's presence.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS

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 *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* TFWS #2197

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:1, 7-14

MEDITATION "Kingdom Eyes"

COMMUNION

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.

THE RECEIVING OF 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

You have given us light and life, hope and joy, O Lord. Bless the gifts we bring and the ministries they enable us to carry out. Help us to truly become bearers of the light of Christ in our world. Amen

*HYMN UMH #111
"How Can We Name a Love"

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

In the United Methodist Church we observe open communion. Anyone who intends to lead a Christian life is invited to the Lord's Table.

HURRICANE - When disaster strikes UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is there. Faith UMC will be taking donations for the next several weeks for the families impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Make checks payable to "FUMC" and write "Hurricane" in the memo. Thank you.

LABOR DAY WORK DAY - September 4 from 8:00 am to noon at Faith UMC. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on September 6th at 6:00 pm at Cherry Grove UMC.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on September 7th at 7:00 pm. At Faith UMC.

WELCOME BACK RALLY DAY! It's that time of year when we gather for fun and kick off the Sunday school year! Please join us on Sunday, September 10th, starting at 9:00 (church service) to worship together, a presentation of bibles to the 3rd graders, and a kickoff presentation for Sunday school. After the service we will have bouncy houses, games, and snacks for the kids. We will have a registration table to sign your child up for Sunday school (preschool through 6th grade) if you haven't already. Also at the registration table will be an informational packet that includes the calendar for the upcoming year. Hope to see you there! God Bless! The FUMC Education Committee

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – August 27, 2017	
Year to date budget	\$130,218.04
Year to date giving	\$107,462.68
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$ 3,720.50
Offering	\$ 970.00
Attendance	56

CONFIRMATION EXPLORATION ORIENTATION will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at Faith UMC for students in 9th and 10th grades and their parents. 'Exploration' is an interactive confirmation program designed to engage youth by exploring faith, scripture, values and spirituality in an informal and enjoyable setting. At the Orientation session we will go over youth and parent expectations as well as decide where and when to meet, taking into account family and school schedules. We try to work around vacations and important family events, so please bring your calendars with you!

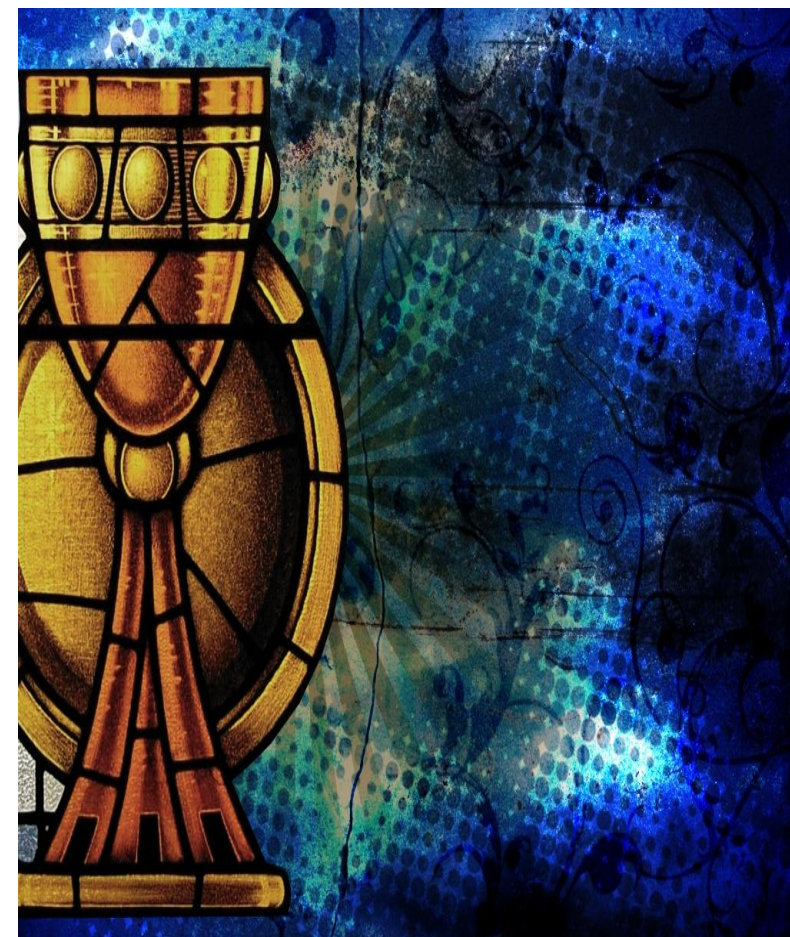
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - The UMW will meet September 13th at 9:30 a.m. at the Evergreens Senior Living. This is open to anyone who is interested. Hope to see you there.

The River Valley District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting will take place on September 16th at 8:45 a.m. at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester. We need to have our registration in by September 11th so please let Darlene know by September 10th. The cost is \$10.00.

FOUR DAUGHTERS

Want to have to fun and raise a little money for FUMC! Then come along on Saturday, September 23, 2017 to Four Daughter's Vineyard & Winery. We need a group of 25-30 people to help harvest the grapes. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you are willing to commit. We will gather at the winery at 7:30am and pick from 8:00am-noon. Questions: Call Kathy at 507-440-7494 or text.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017



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