

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**

Jesus has called us to welcome children as a way to welcome God.

**So please, dear children in our midst, hear our voices:**

**We welcome you in the name of Jesus who is the Christ!**

Jesus has called us to make disciples of all:

**So please, dear teachers and instructors in the faith, hear our voices: We welcome you in the name of Jesus who is the Christ!**

Jesus has called us to love and serve one another.

**So please, dear brothers and sisters we raise our voices to each other: We welcome all to this place of worship and praise, of singing and prayer, of teaching and learning, of joy and of celebration! We welcome all in the name of Jesus who is our Christ!**

**With the presence of our children we welcome you!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN** UMH #122  
"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

**\*INVOCATION**

**Gracious God: As we gather today, we**

**remember our role as learners and seekers of the faith. We give thanks for all those — present or away — who support the teaching and learning that takes place through our congregation. Be with all — children, youth, and adults — who will be participating this year in our church school and Christian formation groups. Bless our times of study so that we may grow in faith. Bless our times of fellowship so that we may truly live as brothers and sisters in Christ. Bless our times of prayer and worship so that we may be enriched in our spirits. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENTATION  
Melissa Erdman

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 #277  
"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

MEDITATION "Rhythm"

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Give Thanks"  
**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** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

**\*BENEDICTION**

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 today after worship, September 10th, for 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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - The UMW will meet September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester. We need to have our registration in by September 11<sup>th</sup> so please let Darlene know by today, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10.00.

CONFIRMATION EXPLORATION ORIENTATION will be held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Faith UMC for students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents. 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!

FOOD SHELF needs canned meat and canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, & paper towels.

**FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – September 3, 2017**

Year to date budget	\$133,938.54
Year to date giving	\$112,800.68
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$ 3,720.50
Offering	\$ 5,338.00
Attendance	55

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL APPLE CONTEST will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Start thinking about what you want to bring.

HANDBELL CHOIR starts Monday, September 11 at 6:30pm. Practices are held weekly for one hour and we play for service typically one time per month. We would like to get enough people to play all 3 octaves this year. Please consider joining us. For questions contact Kathy at [casadykathy@gmail.com](mailto:casadykathy@gmail.com) or 507-440-7494.

**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.

NEED HELP around the home? Kiwanis volunteers are available to help you do projects that you are unable to do (lawn cleanup, minor painting, window washing, etc.) Call Steve at First Bank Minnesota: 346-9836 or Jay at Edina Realty at 346-17.51)

HURRICANE - 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.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

9/11	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9/12	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
9/13	9:30 am	UMW at Evergreens
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Exploration Meeting
9/14	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
9/16	3:00 pm	Bethany Buelt/Zac Benson Wedding

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**September 10, 2017**



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