

Faith United Methodist Church
September 24, 2017

The asterisk(*) indicates those times in worship when those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!
Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord's presence and his strength.
The Lord is our God, mindful of his everlasting covenant.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord" UMH 139

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you for working to make us whole. Help us to sense your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you offer your people. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

HYMN "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS 2152

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 CHOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 29: 15-30

MESSAGE "For the 'Messed Up' Family"

RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "Praise to the Lord" UMH 139 v. 5

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, thank you for accepting us and our gifts in Jesus' name. May we respond to your tremendous love with generous hearts. Use our lives and these offerings to bring hope and renewal to others. Amen.

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" UMH 378

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Oct. 1, 6 p.m. Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove UMC. Tenth Anniversary Celebration with Rev. Mark Rader preaching.

11 a.m. today Education Committee meets

Hurricane - Faith UMC will be taking donations for the next few weeks for the families impacted by the Hurricanes. Make checks payable to "FUMC" and write "Hurricane" in the memo. Thank you.

3RD Annual Apple Pie Bakeoff will be held on September 24th during coffee hour. Bring an apple dessert to be judged for its delicacy! Whether it's grandma's favorite dessert; or one you've modified for your family; it must be homemade to qualify! Pre-register by contacting Carol Gross at svgross144@gmail.com or contact the office at 346-2830.

World Communion Sunday is October 1st and we are looking for individuals who would like to bake bread from another country/culture. Please contact the office if you're willing to bake bread for the World Wide Communion service. We thank you for your contribution of bread; and even if you are not able to bake, remember the best contribution for Communion is your presence!

On October 8th, Harry & Elaine Boland will once again host an all-parish picnic at their acreage northeast of Cherry Grove. You're welcome to come as early as 3:00 PM to enjoy the woods, trails and streams (their property runs alongside of Forestville State Park and a branch of the Root River runs through it as well), and we'll be eating around 5 PM. Fish and BBQ will be provided. Bring your own table service and a dish to share! Please call 507-951-4133 for a ride from Cherry Grove or directions. An announcement will be made in church with a rain date of October 15th.

Sing a Song for America – A Community Choral Sing featuring the Root River Revelers will be held at Faith UMC at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th. Rehearsal is 1:30 – 5:30 with a supper break before the service and all ages 8+ are invited to participate. Call 507-429-5457 for more information.

Kitchen - The trustees are asking for volunteers to serve on a Kitchen Design committee as they consider kitchen remodeling options. Please contact Eric Howard (251-4272) or Tom Ramaker (346-2094) if interested.

Choir is looking to recruit a few more people –rehearsals are held on 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 7:45 am. Singing for service will continue to be 3rd Sunday of the month. If you like to sing, please join us – even if it's only for one Sunday! Please spread the word!

