

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

Good morning!

**It is a good morning!**

The joy of the morning is upon us!

**The light of God’s love is within us!**

The power of God’s presence surrounds us!

**Let us give thanks and worship together!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN UMH # 67  
*We Thy People Praise Thee”*

\*INVOCATION

**O loving God, may the power of your Spirit and the strength of your Presence guide and direct us this hour. May our words be Your words, and may our thoughts be your thoughts. May our actions help build the foundation of your great kingdom. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHILDREN’S CHOIR Melissa Erdman dir.

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.**

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:8-17

\*HYMN TFWS 2128  
“Come And Find The Quiet Center”

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 21:1-19

THE MESSAGE *“The Collateral Side of Grace”*

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

**Life-giving God, by faith we obey your call to set before you our promise and inheritance. Who we are and what we have was first given to us through your love. May our humble offerings be pleasing in your sight. May our gifts of wealth and service multiply to be as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore, for the greater good of all creation.**

\*CLOSING HYMN TFWS 2172  
*“We Are Called”*

\*THE BENEDICTION

PARISH PICNIC – FISH FRY

Today, 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.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

10/09	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10/10	6:30 pm	Finance Com. Budget Meeting
	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
10/11	9:30 am	UMW Meeting at Ostrander Care
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
10/12	6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
10/14	9:00 am	District Meeting at Stewartville
	1:30 pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Root River Revelers Concert
10/15	7:45 am	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Worship – Laity Sunday
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship
	11:00 am	Christian Education Meeting

## FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – October 1, 2017

Year to date budget	\$148,820.54
Year to date giving	\$126,039.43
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$ 3,720.50
Offering	\$ 5,653.00
Attendance	106

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ostrander Care & Rehab. Norma is hostess and program by Judy is World Thank Offering.

## ROOT RIVER REVELER CONCERT

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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## TRUNK or TREAT- October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

It is time once again for our annual Trunk or Treat! Everyone is invited to decorate their cars, trucks, vans, or wagons and line up in the church parking lot after the service to see our trick or treaters all dressed up for the occasion. Hope to see you there!

## ROAST PORK DINNER

The Cherry Grove UMC Annual Roast Pork Dinner will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-1:30 p.m. featuring delicious roast pork, potatoes and gravy, calico beans, apple sauce, rolls, pie, ice cream, and beverage.

## MINI MARKET

Faith UMC Mini Market November 4 from 9:30 am -1 pm. Enjoy coffee and cinnamon rolls starting at 9:30 a.m. Crafts and baked goods. Meal of Sloppy Joes, baked beans, assorted salads, pie & beverage for \$7.00 adults, children 5-8 \$3.50 and children under 5 free. All church members and friends are welcome to donate items for the fall mini-market on Nov. 4. Pre-priced bake sale, garden produce and craft item donations may be brought to church anytime. Volunteers are needed also, and should contact the church office, or Norma Merkel or Nancy Cornell.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

If anyone who would like to honor someone during the All Saint's worship service who passed away this past year to contact the church office before Wednesday, November 1st. Thank you.

## THE TRIAL OF EBENEZER SCROOGE – November 26<sup>th</sup>

The Parish Council is planning a trip to Commonweal Theatre in Lanesboro, MN for the showing of “The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge” on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 with registration and payment to the church office with check made out to Commonweal Theatre by November 12. Please sign your name and number interested. Lunch at the Pedal Pusher Café at 11:30 am for those interested at an additional cost. More information will follow.

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

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 8, 2017**



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