

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

Christ is born! Like the Magi, we take our bearings from the star, led by mystery and the deepest yearnings of our hearts

**Like the Magi, we offer the infant Savior our treasures- the best of our gifts.**

**Let us worship God together!**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN      *"We Three Kings"*      UMH #254

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The star of divine promise shines before us still.

**Over a world of mute hopes, dim visions, dark fears, still the light shines.**

In a world shrouded by darkness both tragic and willful,

**Still we proclaim:**

**Our light has come.**

**The glory of God shines upon us**

For Jesus, sent by God, born of human flesh, is light for our lives.

**As we receive the light and let it shine through us, it rises as a beacon for a darkened world.**

The peoples shall steam toward its promise; meek and mighty alike share in its dawning brightness.

**Then all shall say:**

**Arise! The glory of God is upon us!**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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      *"He Is Born"*      UMH #228

EPIPHANY READING      Matthew 2:1-12

MESSSAGE      *"Traveling A Strange Land"*

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.**

## RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*GLORIA DOXOLOGY (*Refrain, Vs 3, Refrain*)  
*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* UMH #251

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we present to You our gifts. With your grace, turn these gifts of money into something of value for your Kingdom. We praise You with our voices and with our lives. Amen.**

\*HYMN      *"We Would See Jesus"*      UMH #256

\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Go forth in the light of God's star. Go forth committed to a journey of faith and courage. Go forth to give the precious gift of your light to God's Kingdom.

**We will go forth and let the star guide us.**

**We will share with others the journey of life.**

**We will praise God, for the gift we have received is beyond measure- Jesus our Christ.**

## **COWBOY CHURCH**

Cowboy Church in Cherry Grove will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING**

United Methodist Women will meet at Faith UMC on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

## **OUR SCHEDULE**

1/8	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
1/9	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
1/10	9:30 am	UMW Meeting at Faith UMC
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Meeting
1/11	6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meets
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
1/14	7:45 am	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School/Youth Coffee & Fellowship
	11:00 am	Kitchen Upgrade Meeting

## **THANK YOU**

Faith United Methodist Church was able to meet all our financial obligations for 2017, including payment of our apportionments in full. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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

**Epiphany Sunday**  
**JANUARY 7, 2018**



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