

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

O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

**Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.**

Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

**Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.**

Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

**Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers.**

**Open our hearts to the love and beauty of all creation!**

God is here!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN “*Awesome God*” 4X FTWS # 2040  
*(A favorite of the Sunday School)*

\*A RESPONSIVE READING

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

**If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.**

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

**If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.**

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

**If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.**

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

**If children live with fairness, they learn justice.**

If children live with security, they learn to have faith.

**If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.**

If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.

**All of us are children, may we learn and live in peace.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHILDREN’S CHOIR                      Melissa Erdman dir.

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and  
GOD MOMENTS

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 “*How Great Thou Art*”      UMH #77  
*(A favorite of the Sunday School)*

SCRIPTURE    Matthew 18:1-4

MEDITATION    “*The Child*”

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

**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**

TEACHER APPRECIATION

\*HYMN        “*Sanctuary*” 2X      TFWS #2164  
*(A favorite of the Sunday School)*

BENEDICTION

## **TODAY IS CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

Please join us in celebrating the end of another successful Sunday School year! The CE Committee invites students, parents, & congregation members to enjoy brownies & ice cream during coffee hour. There will be no formal Sunday School classes. Just come and enjoy a treat!

## **STAFF PARISH**

Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting with District Superintendent will be today at noon at Faith UMC.

## **FOUNTAIN CONCERT**

The Annual Cowboy Church Musicians Concert and Jam will be held today, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Fountain Community Center, sponsored by the Fountain United Methodist Church and featuring Country, Bluegrass and Gospel music. Freewill offering to be divided between church projects and the local food shelf. Refreshments will be sold by the Fountain UMC Women.

## **CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATION**

Please join us next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, as we honor our confirmation and graduation students during worship and join us for a reception following the service.

## **COWBOY CHURCH**

Cowboy Church will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Cherry Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **RESCHEDULED MEETING**

Valley Christian Center will host an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup> on the subject of church security and what to do if there is an active shooter. A sheriff's deputy will be present to show a video and answer questions. Anyone from the community is welcome.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

You are invited to attend an ecumenical worship service at Faith UMC on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. A lite BB'que dinner will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. Donations will benefit the VFW Rebuilding Fund. Come pray for our nation, intermixed with beautiful music. Leaders include Tim Penny, former politician; Steve Ware, Christian radio announcer; Dave Serrano, former marine; Rita Hartert, educator; James Hecimovich, Superintendent; Jeff Thauwald, retired businessman; Pastor James Leonard and Sheriff Tom Kaase.

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## **FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS – 4/22/18**

Needed each week to meet budget	\$3,741.55
Offering	\$2,555.00
Attendance	94

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

**Celebration Sunday**  
**April 29, 2018**



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