

## “Walls & Bridges”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

+ Call to Worship

Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, family and friends,

**Jesus makes us one.**

Young and old, rural and urban, liberal and conservative,

**Jesus makes us one.**

Soldier and pacifist, secular and religious, sinner and saint,

**Jesus makes us one.**

Let us worship God who calls us to unity.

**Let us worship God!**

+ Hymn                    *In Christ There is No East or West*                    UMH 548

+ Unison Prayer                    *Walking in the Sacred Way*                    Ojibway Prayer

**Grandfather-Grandmother, look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way. We know that we are the ones who are divided, and we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way. Grandfather-Grandmother, Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor that we might heal the earth and heal each other.**

+ Passing the Peace

Children’s Message

Special Music

Joys, Concerns & God Moments

Call to Prayer                    *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*                    TFWS 2193

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

+ Offertory Response                    *Give Thanks*                    TFWS 2036

Offertory Prayer

**With money, time, and talents, we say, thank you, thank you, thank you, God; with heart and voice we sing, thank you, thank you, thank you, God. Shape us by the power of your Spirit, that we may give thanks to you in every part of our life, through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

+ Hymn                    *They’ll Know We Are Christians*                    TFWS 2223

Scripture Reading                    Ephesians 2:14-22; 4:1-6

Sermon                    *Walls & Bridges*                    Dr. Dempewolf

+ Hymn                    *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*                    UMH 133

+ Blessing

Postlude

Please contact Darlene Vrieze or Cindy Seabright with any changes or corrections to the monthly service groups. Updates will be included in the newsletter soon. Thank you.

Please check the kitchen for dishes and pans that may be yours and take them home with you. Thank you for providing for events at the church.

The Spring Valley Area Ministerial Association will host a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the South Park Pavilion in Spring Valley today. Music from the Cowboy Musicians will start at 2:00 p.m. followed by the social at 3:00 p.m.

The September newsletter deadline is August 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held at the Spring Valley Community Center on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-7 p.m. A \$5 Amazon Gift Card will be given as a thank you for your generosity. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please contact Darlene Vrieze for more information.

An all parish picnic will be held on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (rain date is September 16<sup>th</sup>) at Harry & Elaine Boland's acreage northeast of Cherry Grove. Fish and BBQ will be provided and the meal will start at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Call 507-951-4133 for more information, a ride or directions.

Confirmation Orientation will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church on September 12<sup>th</sup> for grades 8 and 9.

Faith Family Financials for August 12, 2018

Attendance	51
Offering	\$2,191.41
Weekly Budget	\$3,741.55

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## Faith United Methodist Church

**August 19, 2018**

Fillmore Central Schools are requesting donations for the Milk Fund, for families who cannot cover the cost of milk break for their children. School supplies are also being collected. Donations may be dropped off at the District office, or monetary donations mailed to P.O. Box 50, Preston, MN 55965 by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

A food pack for Real Hope for the Hungry will be held on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in two shifts; 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter UMC. Volunteers are needed ages 7 and up. 25 cents will provide one meal for a starving person to be sent to Sudan, Africa. For more information call Pastor Jon Marburger at 507-227-6711 or Faith UMC office at 346-2830.

Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to attend. Members of the Dakotas and/or Minnesota Conference delegations to the special session of General Conference will assist Bishop Ough in hosting the gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for the delegates to listen to and dialogue with participants. A meeting is scheduled at Christ UMC in Rochester on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. In preparation for the gatherings, Bishop Ough encourages persons and congregations to *read Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute and *God Unbound* by Elain A. Health.