

**Laity Sunday**  
**October 21, 2018**

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

**Welcome and Announcements** Kathy Casady

**Prelude:** Kristie Shorter

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: We believe in God, who made us in His image.

**People: We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**People: He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

**People: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**All: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Opening Prayer: O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.**

**Special Music:** "Take Time to be Funny" – Faith Singers II

**Passing Peace and Joy:**

**Children's Message:** Paula Ruesink

**Special Music:** Cindy & Leonard

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns:**

**People's 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.**

**Scripture:** Genesis 18: 1-15 Sheryl Strain

**Message:** "Thou Shalt Laugh" Barb Paul

**Offertory:** Special Music Faith Singers II

**\*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!**

**\*Offertory Prayer Receive these gifts we bring, O Lord. We wrap them in our praise to you. Enlarge our hearts to reach out with joy, love and hope to a world that so needs these things. May we give ourselves to you in a way that your Holy Spirit can make of us, an outpost of your kingdom's love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "This is My Father's World" UMH #144**

**\*Benediction:** Jill Douglas  
Leader: "Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the flu."

**Congregation: "When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too."**

Leader: "I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin."

**Congregation: "When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him."**

Leader: "I thought about that smile. Then I realized its worth."

**Congregation: "A single smile just like mine could travel the whole earth."**

Leader: "So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected."

**Congregation: "Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected."**

Leader: "Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face ...in Jesus' name!"

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No adult Sunday School today. Please enjoy the retirement reception for Louise today. (10/21)

No adult Sunday School on 10/28. Please join the children for Trunk or Treat.

**TRUNK OR TREAT – October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m**

**Lay Leadership.** It takes many hands to make light work. We are currently reviewing Lay Leadership opportunities for 2019. We specifically are seeking a church council chair, vice chair, and secretary, along with finance and SPR representatives. Please suggest names to Donna Dempewolf, interim pastor.

**Thank you Louise Winfield.** Thank you Louise for your faithful service to Faith United Methodist Church and the Maple Leaf Parish! We appreciate your heartfelt presence and support of seven pastors. Your friendly presence will be missed.

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION –** Please join us for a special coffee hour today, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. as we wish our office manager, Louise Winfield, a blessed retirement and celebrate her years of service to our parish.

**Welcome Ashlee Falck.** Ashlee is our new Office Administrator. She is a Spring Valley native, who has experience as an administrative assistant, client care specialists, and customer service representative. She will be in the office on Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 a.m.

To those who are considering donating to the Spring Valley Area Food Shelf, we are always in need of cream soups, chicken noodle soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit. Channel One foods have not been supplying these items. Thank you in advance.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is today at 4:00 p.m.

Please let Rev. Donna know if you would like to participate on the Lay Visitation Care Team.

**APPLE PIE SALE** - Faith UMC is holding an apple pie sale in November to assist in the furnace purchase; at which time you can pre-order a frozen pie for the holidays. We would like the following donations to make the event more viable: apples, flour, sugar, brown sugar, butter, lard, and aluminum pie tins. Contact Kathy Casady

**ANNUAL ROAST PORK DINNER**-Cherry Grove UMC will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. featuring roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, calico beans, apple sauce, dinner rolls, pie, ice cream, and beverage. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 children and preschool free.

**GRANDMA'S ATTIC TREASURES** - Are you downsizing or fall cleaning? Consider donating your nice unwanted items to our sale! These items must be in working condition. Donations will be accepted beginning October 22nd on Thursdays from 5-7 pm. and Friday mornings from 10-Noon. Please check the bulletin board for items we cannot accept.

## **FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS 10/14/18**

Needed for budget	\$3,741.55
Offering	\$6,948.02
Attendance	95

**MINI MARKET** Mark Saturday, November 3rd on your calendar and then come and enjoy the smell and taste of freshly baked cinnamon rolls. Buy some early Christmas gifts at the craft table, a book or two for winter reading, some fresh produce and delicious baked goods for eating now. Handmade cards will keep your friends and family happy that you are thinking of them. Expect to find one or two unique items at Grandma's Attic Treasures, for gifts or for yourself. Then relax and enjoy a sloppy Joe lunch with all the fixins. It's going to be a great day but we need your help. Donate items and baked goods. You will be called to donate a salad, pie and/or your time. This is a whole church activity and we are counting on you to help out and to shop. So please say "yes".

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** - If you would like to honor someone who has passed away in 2018 during the All Saints Sunday's worship service at Faith UMC on November 4th, please contact the church office before October 31st.

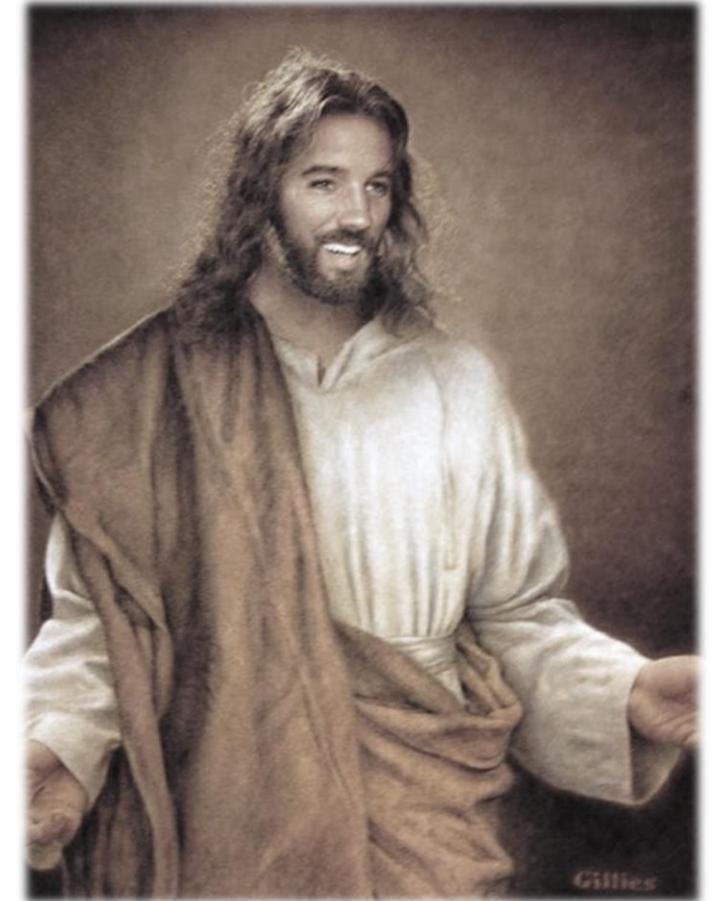
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You made known to me the path of life,  
in your presence there is fullness of joy. at your  
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11