

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2017 11:00 am

“God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24)

Prelude “This Is My Father’s World” (arr. Smith) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: God searches us and knows us, calling us out of the darkness.

P: We enter God’s house, yearning to see God’s presence and walk in Christ’s light.

L: God surrounds us in time and space. God is in the beginning and present at the end.

P: We come now to worship, yearning to know and to be known.

L: Come, enter God’s house, the gate of heaven.

P: How awesome is God, who comes to us now!

*Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” (v. 1-4) UMH 92

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, you have adopted us and call us your children. Open our eyes to see your glory, that we may worship and magnify your name, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message Jamie Trickle

Hymn Response “Surely the Presence of the Lord” (x2) UMH 328

* Prayer for Petition (in unison)

O God, Father and Mother to us all, help us to seek You in times of turmoil and trouble not as a last resort but in our first moments of concern. Reveal the steps that will guide us to a higher path and a better future. Be with us as your followers, as families and as a church that we will always follow the path of love. In the name of the author of peace, Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 28:10-19a Courtney Eversfield
Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Faith “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” UMH 418

Message “God Is With Us In Our Wandering” Rev. Oden Warman
God is with us. Jacob dreams of angels and recognizes that God has been present with him in his family struggles. The text reminds us of God’s promises. Though we are imperfect, God is with us. With God, we can climb above our failures and follow a new dream.

Giving in Response to God’s Love
Offertory “I’d Rather Have Jesus” (arr. Hayes) Sandy Griese

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

Sending Forth with God’s Blessing

*Hymn Response “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (vs. 1) UMH 557

Postlude “Jesus Shall Reign” (arr. Hatton) Sandy Griese

Genesis 29:15-28 Lection Reading for Following Sunday
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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The altar flowers are given by Marshale Burgess
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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Gary Hill (brother of Harry, recovering from brain surgery), Pam Shumate, Tyler Madden, The Graduates, People in transition, Family & Friends of Barbara Tucker who passed away on June 14, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Those who travel

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 165
Average Weekly Attendance 193

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-June 2017					
	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$196,490		\$185,081		\$11,409	6%
Missions Fund	\$12,715		\$10,913		\$1,802	17%
P&I Fund	\$9,430		\$9,000		\$430	5%
Building Fund	\$34,976		\$33,000		\$1,976	6%
Kitchen Fund	\$2,310		\$12,000		(\$9,690)	-81%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	12	Other	0	YTD Cereal	816

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$115,221 as of June 30, 2017
Mortgage Loan Balance = \$379,169 as of June 30, 2017

Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griesse, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Ushers	
Altar Guild for July	Bee Hobbs (301-855-5269)
Friendship Hour	No Friendship Hour during July & August
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
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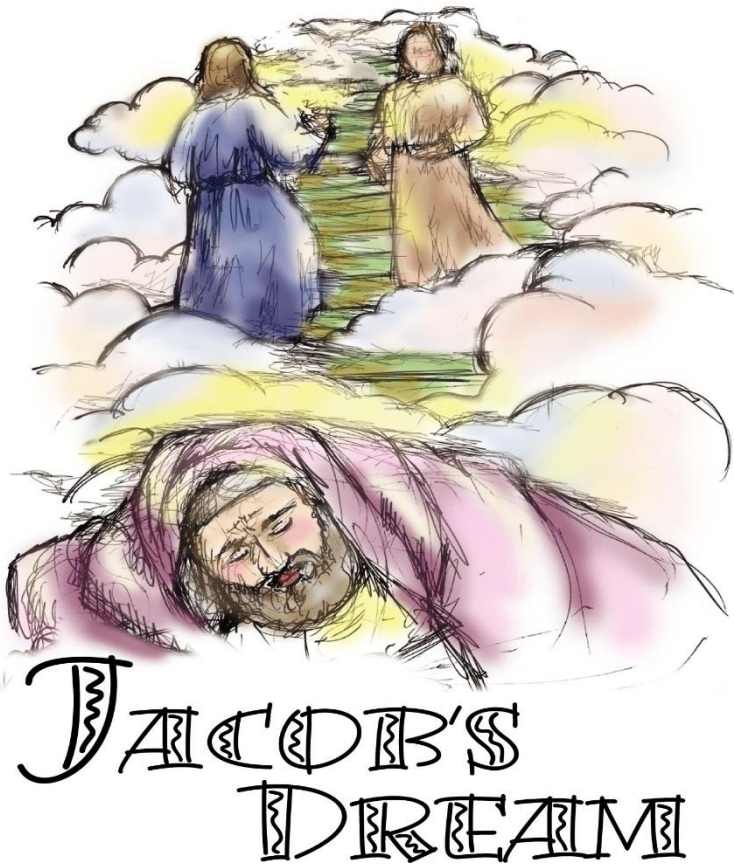
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 23, 2017
11:00 a.m. Worship Service



Our Mission : “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”