

## 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016 8:30 am

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

Prelude

Micah Cooley

Welcome

\*Opening Song

"More Precious Than Silver"  
"We Are Called"

TFWS 2065  
TFWS 2172

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song                    "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God" (v.1&2) TFWS 2044

\*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Precious Lord, we praise You for Your provision for our every need. Let Your compassion come speedily to us that all may see and know where true help lies. Inspire us to trust Your promises and celebrate the abundance of Your grace. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song                    "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God" (v. 3&4) TFWS 2044

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

"We hear Your calling to be faithful stewards, O God, but find Your road a hard one to walk. Correct us when we place our trust in human wealth, power, and status. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts to Your promise of life eternal. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Gospel Reading                Luke                16: 1-13

Sherrod Sturrock

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message                        "He Was a Shrewd Crook"

Rev. Wayne Chung

*A manager of a rich man is to be fired. He is too weak to dig and too proud to beg. What does the future hold for him?*

\* Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering    "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

TFWS 2036

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song                "Living For Jesus"

TFWS 2149

\*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

Response                      "Shalom"

"Shalom dear friends, shalom dear friends, Shalom, Shalom;  
We'll see you again, we'll see you again, Shalom, Shalom."

Postlude

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15    Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16    1 Timothy 6:6-19    Luke 16:19-31

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**Our Prayers:** Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Bob & Van King's daughter-in-law, Keith Ulrich's mother Henrietta, Patrick Rodrigues (Joyce Owens' Husband), Those who travel

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*Today's altar flowers are presented by Jay & Sally Lounsbury  
in thanks to God for the beauty of autumn*

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*The flowers in the narthex are presented in honor of Mary & Mike Kauffman's  
25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
by Mary's parents, Frank & Margery Paten*

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*The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Stella Rae Labriola  
on September 8<sup>th</sup> to Thomas & Lynn Labriola  
Grandparents are Robert & Vicki Labriola*

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	207
	Average Worship Attendance YTD	205

**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-August 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$245,588	\$265,857	(\$20,269)	-8%
Missions Fund	\$14,809	\$15,768	(\$959)	-6%
P&I Fund	\$21,910	\$19,500	\$2,410	12%
Building Fund	\$55,216	\$51,200	\$4,016	8%
Kitchen Fund	\$56,015	\$4,336	\$51,679	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	21	Other	0
			YTD Cereal	891

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$108,578 as of August 31, 2016

#### Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean <a href="mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org">bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org</a>
Music Team	Sandy Griesse, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Karen Boyd & Drew Venters
8:30 Greeters & Ushers	Harry Hill & Sam Terry
8:30 Sound Tech	John Wilson
Altar Guild for September	Bonnie Revell (410-741-5268)
Friendship Hour	Noah's Ark Zone (Sally Lounsbury)
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 <a href="mailto:leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org">leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org</a>

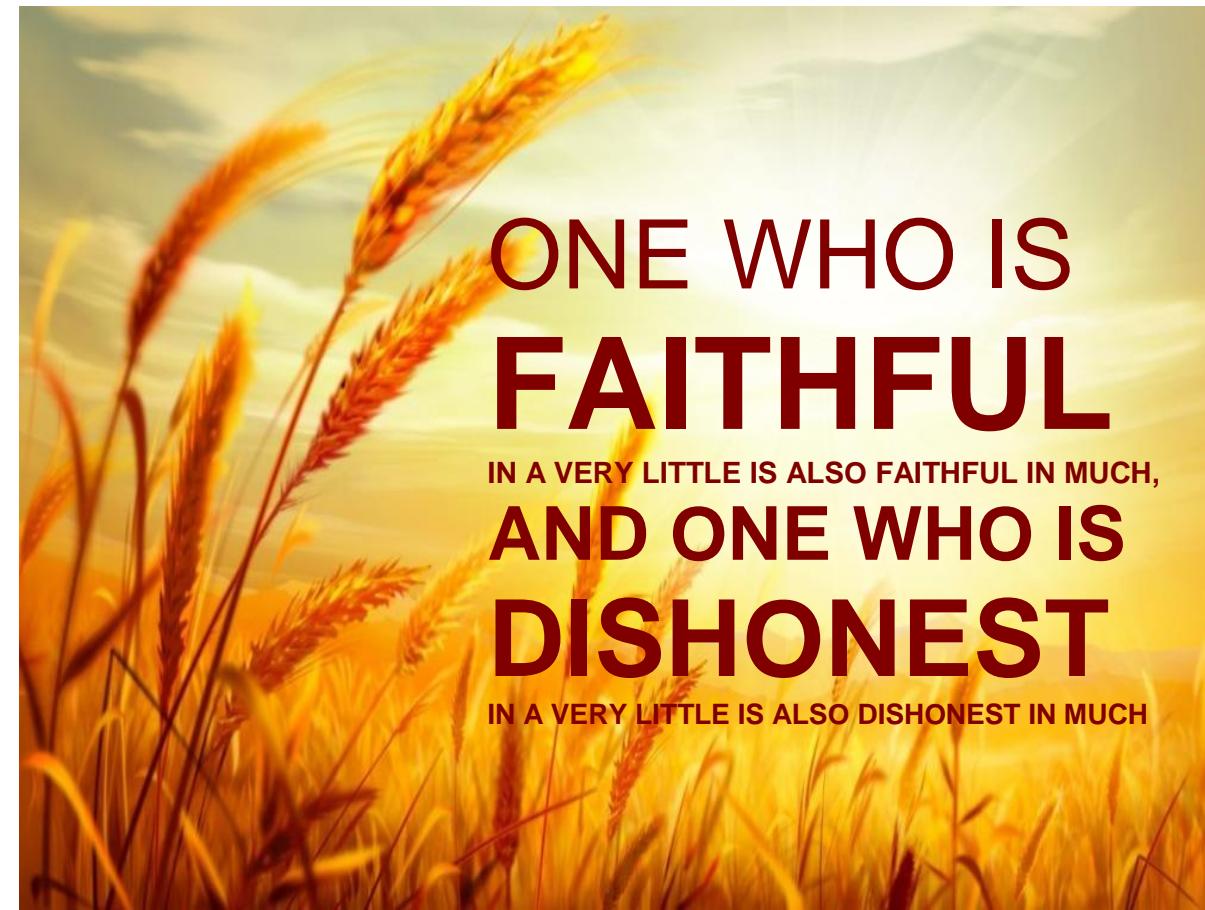
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## FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 18, 2016  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service



#### Our Mission

: "Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.  
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!"

#### 2016 Motto

: "Each One, Reach One!"