

18th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 2016 11:00 am

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

**Prelude** "Where'er You Walk" (Handel) Sandy Griese

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.

**P: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.**

L: To the faithful, You show Yourself faithful.

**P: To the pure, You show Yourself pure.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.

**P: Give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and steadfast love. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **UMH 103**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**\*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."

**Anthem** "Lead On, O King Eternal" (A.L. Page) Handbell Choir

**Children's Message**

**Hymn Response** "Jesus is All the World to Me" (v. 1) **UMH 469**

**Prayer 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** Bonnie Revell

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

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

**\*Hymn of Faith** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" **UMH 454**

**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?*

**Giving in Response to God's Love**

**Offertory** "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" (R. Malloy) Handbell Choir

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

**\*Closing Hymn** "Because He Lives" **UMH 364**

**Sending Forth God's Light and Love**

**\*Hymn Response** "Amen" **UMH 898**

**Postlude** "Send The Light" (Turner) Sandy Griese

**Lection Reading for Following Sunday**

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15** **Psalms 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                      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

**Service:**

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean <a href="mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org">bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org</a>
Music Team	Sandy Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Karen Boyd & Drew Venters
Ushers	Jeff & Carrie Case
Junior Ushers	Jake & Ben Heyer
Acolyte	Cate Hall & Becca Heyer
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 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

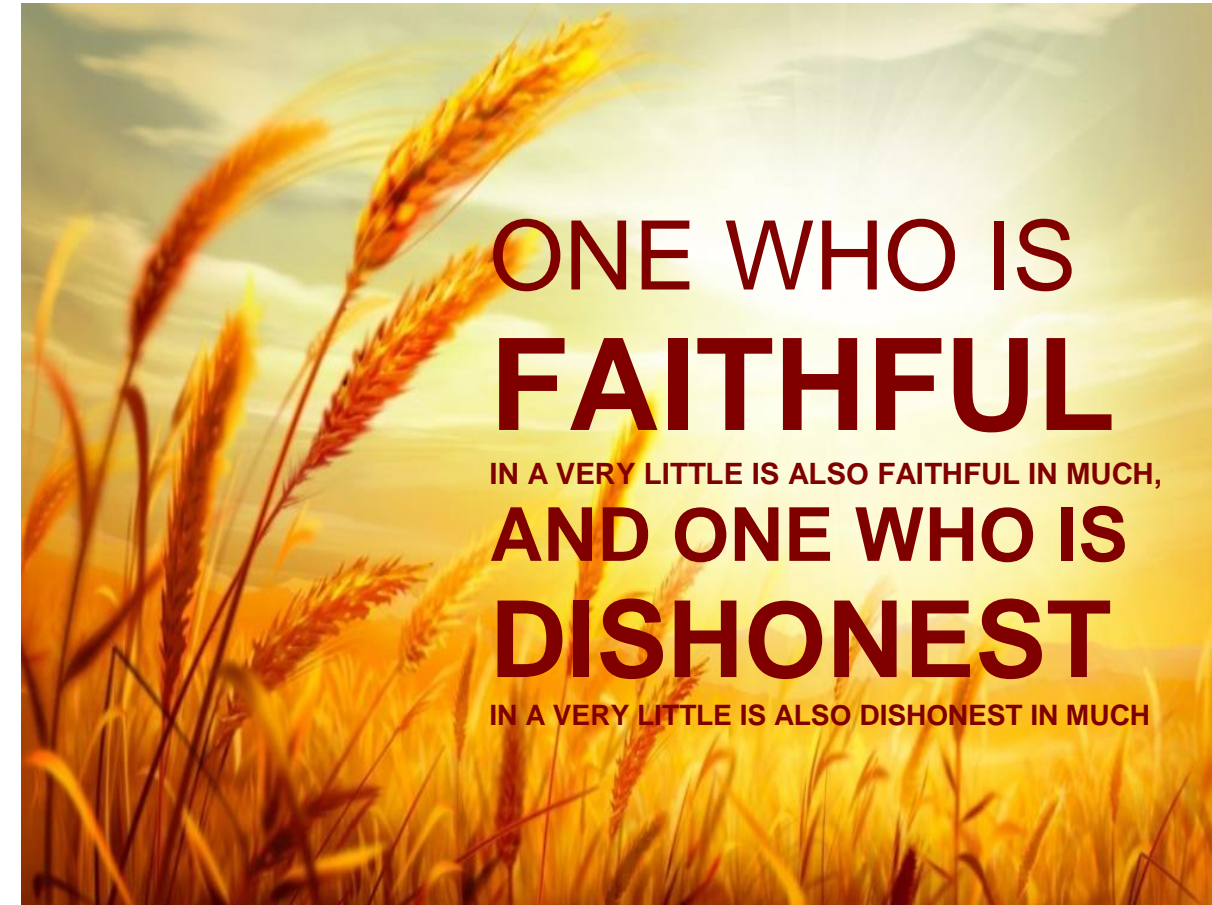
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**Our Mission** : “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

**2016 Motto** : “Each One, Reach One!”