

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

**August 20, 2017 11:00 am**

*“God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth”* (John 4:24)

**Prelude**                      **“Trumpet Voluntary”** (Boyce)                      Sandy Griese

**Welcome and announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: We have gathered from different places and circumstances.

**P: The Lord will make us one in worship.**

L: We have travelled different paths of struggles and successes.

**P: The Lord will make us one in healing.**

L: Though each one of us has struggles and strife as well as joy,

**P: The Lord will make us one in hope. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**                      **“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**                      **UMH 454**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**“Lord, You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams. Be with us as together we seek Your presence and healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength and peace from above. Amen.”**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn Response**                      **“El Shaddai”**                      **UMH 123**

**Prayer of Petition** (in unison)

**“Gracious Lord, we hunger and thirst for Your loving touch and Your presence. When we turn our backs on those in need, heal and turn us again toward pathways of compassion for all. Use us as instruments of Your justice and peace on earth. Amen.”**

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

**Hebrew Scripture**                      **Genesis**                      **45:1-15**                      Corki Wight

**Epistle Lesson**                      **Romans**                      **11:1-2a, 29-32**

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

**P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Faith**                      **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** (v. 1-3)                      **UMH 138**

**Message:**                      **“Mercy on Them All”**                      Rev. Wayne Chung  
*Salvation is offered to both Jew and Gentile. God does not cause evil, but works the divine will even in the midst of evil. Does good always come out from evil? 'Lord, have mercy on us all!'*

**Giving in Response to God’s Love**  
**Offertory**                      **“Pass It On”** (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**                      **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**                      **UMH 139**

**\*Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**  
**\*Hymn Response**                      **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** (vs. 1)                      **UMH 557**

**Postlude**                      **“Celebration”** (Paxton)                      Sandy Griese

**Lection Reading for Following Sunday**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10                      Psalm 124                      Romans 12:1-8                      Matthew 16:13-20**

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*The altar flowers are given by Bonnie Revell in memory of her father Roxey Nieman*

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**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**Our Prayers:** Gren Springer – friend of Cheryl Castner, Chrys Hill, Jim Sulima, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, The Graduates, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Those who travel, For the healing of the nation, especially Charlottesville, VA

**Our Presence:**                      Worship Attendance Last Sunday                      166  
    Average Weekly Attendance                      189

**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-July 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$228,594	\$217,058	\$11,536	5%
Missions Fund	\$14,763	\$13,061	\$1,702	13%
P&I Fund	\$10,577	\$10,500	\$77	1%
Building Fund	\$40,221	\$38,500	\$1,721	4%
Kitchen Fund	\$2,905	\$14,000	(\$11,095)	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal    25	Other    2	YTD Cereal	925

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$115,816 as of July 31, 2017  
 Mortgage Loan Balance = \$373,459 as of July 31, 2017

**Service:**

Ministers                      All Members and Volunteers at Friendship  
 Secretary                      Bonnie Dean [bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org](mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org)  
 Music Team                      Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee,  
    Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley  
 Custodian                      Jim Fowler  
 Altar Guild for August                      Cyndie Sybert  
 Friendship Hour                      No Friendship Hour during July & August  
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# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 20, 2017  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**For God has imprisoned all  
 in disobedience**



**so that he may be  
 merciful to all.**

**Romans 11:32, NRSV**

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

**Our Motto:** “Each One, Reach One!”