

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
October 23, 2016 8:30 am

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

Prelude "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (arr. D.R. Edwards) Handbell Choir

Welcome

***Opening Song** "There's a Spirit of Love" W&S 3148
"Fill My Cup, Lord" W&S 3093

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song "Peace of Our Praying" (v. 1) W&S 3022

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"Eternal God, this is the beginning of another beautiful day that You have made. You have called each of us by name to be Your steward. We are here as Your consecrated people to celebrate Your love and grace. Pour Your Spirit on us and increase our faith. Amen."

Prayer Song "Peace of Our Praying" (v. 3) W&S 3022

***Passing of the Peace**

Stewardship Moment (III) David Adams

Children's Moment

Hebrew Scripture 1 Kings 17: 7-14 (p. 309, Old Testament) Greg Montgomery

Gospel Lesson Mark 12: 41 – 44 (p. 47, New Testament)

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.

Stewardship Message (III) "A Tale of Three Widows" Rev. Wayne Chung
Stewardship is neither a fund-raising, nor an annual event. It is daily expression of our trust and love of God, who is the owner of everything, even our lives. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Responsorial Prayer (in unison)

"Loving God, I come to You in thanksgiving, confessing all that I am and all that I have is a gift from You. I offer to You this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. In faith and love, help me to discern Your will and fulfill my vows to You. I offer my gifts of time, talent, and possessions to You as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for You and my neighbor. Amen."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast" (arr. D.R. Edwards) Handbell Choir
Dedication of Commitment & Pledge Cards

***Presentation of Offering** "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" TFWS 2036

***Closing Song** "How Shall I Come Before the Lord" W&S 3124

***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

Lecture Reading for Following Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-2; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 Luke 19:1-10

Our Prayers: Jim Daniels and family, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Bob & Van King's daughter-in-law, Patrick Rodrigues (Joyce Owens' Husband), Those who travel

Today's altar flowers are presented by Janet Schmidt in honor of her mother Margaret Eversfield's birthday

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 163
 Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 61
 Average Worship Attendance YTD 203

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-September 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$271,962	\$292,742	(\$20,780)	-7%
Missions Fund	\$16,204	\$17,474	(\$1,270)	-7%
P&I Fund	\$23,113	\$20,750	\$2,363	11%
Building Fund	\$59,041	\$57,600	\$1,441	3%
Kitchen Fund	\$56,215	\$4,878	\$51,337	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	Other	YTD Cereal	1062

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$108,778 as of September 30, 2016

Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Joyce Terry & Judy McGowan
8:30 Greeters & Ushers	Harry Hill & Sam Terry
8:30 Sound Tech	John Wilson
Altar Guild for October	Renee Knopp (443-623-3796)
Friendship Hour	Bethel Zone (Joan Windland)
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:30 a.m. Worship Service



“She out of her poverty has put in everything she had.”

MARK 12:44

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

2016 Motto : “Each One, Reach One!”