

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2017 11:00 am

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

Prelude "Bethany" (Southbridge) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Welcome to this house of the Lord!

P: We are glad to be here this morning.

L: This is a time to offer our praise to God.

P: With joy we thank God for all the blessings poured on us.

L: Come, let us worship God who showers us with mercy.

P: Give praise to God who offers us rest and peace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (v. 1-4) UMH 155

Lighting of the Candles

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Creator God, we come before You this day seeking Your healing love and abounding mercy. Open our minds to receive Your insights and Your guidance. Nurture us this day, that we may grow in mercy and grace all the days of our lives. Amen."

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message Ruth Bailey

Hymn Response "When Love Is Found" (v. 2) UMH 643

* Prayer for Petition (in unison)

"God of wisdom and truth, guide us with new understanding. Like Esau and Jacob, when we make selfish decisions that do not honor You or others, help us be faithful and true to You. Kindly lead us in the way of life everlasting, the life of peace and joy in Your Spirit. Amen."

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

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 25:19-34 Ed Klahr
Epistle Lesson Romans 8:1-11
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Faith "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

Message "Grace—Amazing, Undeserved, Upsetting" Rev. Wayne Chung
Jacob is determined to have the birthright and the blessing of the firstborn. Esau gives up his birthright for a bowl of soup. Even through times of conflict and strife, God is present and active extending His grace to all. "God sent His only Son as a sacrifice for our own sins."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (arr. Howell) 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 "Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH 580

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

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

Postlude "Trumpet March" (Frith) Sandy Griese

Genesis 28:10-19a Lection Reading for Following Sunday
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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*The altar flowers are given by Arlene Quigley in memory of
family members who have passed*

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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 132
 Average Weekly Attendance 194

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 20	Other 0	YTD Cereal	804

*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 Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee,
 Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
 Custodian Jim Fowler
 Ushers Jay Lounsbury & Joan Windland
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Sunday, July 16, 2017
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Our Motto: "Each One, Reach One!"