

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Commitment Sunday

October 23, 2016 11:00 am

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

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (arr. Whitworth) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: The Mighty One speaks: "Gather to Me My consecrated ones!"

P: We gather together as people of faith.

L: Sacrifice thank offerings to God and fulfill your vows.

P: Everything comes from God and belongs to God.

L: With what shall I come before the Lord?

P: Praise, honor, thanksgiving to the Most High forever and ever! Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Lift High the Cross" UMH 159

Lighting of the Candles

*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."

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

Stewardship Moment (III) David Adams

Children's Message

Hymn Response "He Is Lord" UMH 177

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

Epistle 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

*Hymn of Faith

"Close to Thee"

UMH 407

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn "I Surrender All " UMH 354

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

*Hymn Response "Amen" UMH 898

Postlude "Thine Is the Glory" (Handel) Sandy Griese

Lection 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 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

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
 Ushers Claudia & Dennis Leiphart
 Junior Ushers Jake & Ben Heyer
 Acolytes Rebecca & Seth Heyer
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 23, 2016
 11:00 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!”