



*Focus your thoughts
on these things:
all that is **true**,
all that is **holy**,
all that is **just**,
all that is **pure**,
all that is **lovely**,
and all that is **worthy of praise**.*

– Philippians 4:8b

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 15, 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Statement of Faith: Jesus, Our Rock of Salvation, Our Life Springs Eternal

Faith Theme 2017

**HEALTHY THINGS GROW>GROWING THINGS CHANGE>CHANGE IS A CHALLENGE>
CHALLENGE FORCES US TO TRUST GOD—>TRUSTING GOD MAKES US HEALTHY>
HEALTHY THINGS GROW!**

Prelude

Sue Milligan

Welcome and Announcements

Please register your presence with us this morning, then pass the book to the person sitting next to you. Before the offertory, tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate. Thank You!

Song Leader: Morgen Townsend

Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin

Greeters: Linda Prine

***Congregational Call to Worship**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

TFWS 2088

***Congregational Hymn of Praise**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH 374

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In)

“More Precious than Silver”

TFWS 2065

Doxology

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time *Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white. They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer

Prayer Response

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

TFWS 2193

***Congregational Hymn of Preparation**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Verses 1, 2, & 5

UMH 529

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9 (p. 955)

Marj Schaefer

The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond **“Thanks Be to God!”**

Morning Message

“How to Stand Firm in the Lord”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Trust and Obey”

Verses 1 & 3

UMH 467

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Sue Milligan

Prayer Requests: Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Oscar Erickson; Alma O'Hare; Family of Buddy Whitmire; Family of Marlene Tesdal's sister; Kay Womack's sister, Terry Cline; Josh Patterson; Nancy McConnell; John Morrison; Larry Finnell; Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat & Jack Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Carol Ransdell; Sally Peterson; Pastor Jim; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Larry Fanelli; Anne Dunaway; Pastor Jim's uncle, Marshall, sister, Judy, and aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Carol Wendling; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Deanne Autry; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother.

Prayer Request:

By:

Recommended for Devotional Readings:

Oct 22nd – Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 29th – Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

A note from the Pastor:

Greeting, with peace and blessings, in the name of Jesus!

I do hope and pray this article finds you ready for the weather change that seems to have arrived. I was winterizing our swamp cooler, sprinklers, camper, and checking the antifreeze in my trucks this past week. I was thinking about how many of us have to do the same kind of things to get ready for winter. I hope you have winterized everything and have provisions for staying warm and snug until spring arrives.

It seems, if we pay attention to people around us, we find that no matter our socioeconomic status we all have a lot in common. Maybe you have enough money to have these things done for you or maybe you just prefer to have someone else do them for you; either way we all have to get ready for change that we know is coming. It is kind of easy to get ready for change that we know is coming, if we have experienced it before. We will know what to do and the resources we need to meet the challenge of change that is coming.

However, this all changes when change that we don't know is coming happens or we find we were not adequately ready for the change we knew was coming. There is one constant that all of us face that has two parts, change. There is change we know is coming and then there is change that just happens and catches us off guard.

So how do we adequately prepare for both of these? To be continued . . .

(*) Please Stand as you are able. **TFWS** is the smaller paperback and the **UMH** is the hardback song book.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Please call office to ensure someone is here.

Remember donated items for the Boys & Girls Club are appreciated by UMW; see Mary Lou Jessen, Penni Harden, or Marj Schaefer.

General Information/Opportunities/Upcoming

Sunday School for Adults

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Children's Church

During Service (Following the Children's Time)

Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. till Noon. Other times by appointment, however, the Pastor is always available. Please call or text him. Please call before making a special trip.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you would like the Pastor to visit with your family, or someone else, please let him or the office know so it can be arranged.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

42 Adults 5 Children

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Oct 19, 7:00 a.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

Thursday, Nov 2, noon

United Methodist Women

Thursday, Nov 9, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Thursday, Nov 9, to follow

Administrative Board Meeting

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Volunteer Needed