



All you people:
Trust in him at all times!

— Psalm 62:8a

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 21, 2018 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Ecumenical Sunday

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

Faith Theme 2018

**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

Leesa Kuhlman

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!

Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin

Greeter: Anita Smith

***Congregational Call to Worship**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

UMH 176

***Hymn of Praise**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH 57

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer

***Congregational Hymn of Preparation**

“He Is Lord”
(Sing 2 times)

UMH 177

Scripture Reading

Psalms 62:1-12 (p. 458)

Greg Fisher

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

Morning Message

“Our Rock, Our Salvation”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH 462

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Leesa Kuhlman

Prayer Requests: The Family of Larry Fanelli; Gail Webb; Don Hofeldt; Margo Clark; Penny Hardin's husband, Jim; Carol Ransdell; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Alma O'Hare; Josh Patterson; 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; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Anne Dunaway; Pastor Jim, and his uncle, Marshall, sister, Judy, and aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; 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:

Jan 28th—Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111:1-10; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Feb 4th – Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

A note from the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Christ! Peace and blessings.

Last week I covered, very briefly, the sacraments of our faith community. I have had a lot of people ask me different times about the following article ideas. This week, I would like to begin looking at some things, topics, hints, helps, and ideas for further study and reflection. I also want to give a few brief suggestions on prayer, bible study, and using devotional reading(s) for personal spiritual growth. I think I will begin the latter.

Our Faith Journey Travel Kit:

Prayer: As Christian Disciples there is no more powerful tool in our faith journey kit than prayer! It is our direct line connection with God. It is our lifeline, if you will, or maybe our hotline, but it is far more than an emergency connection. I think sometimes Christians only pray when something is stressing or challenging. If this is the case then I would contend you are only accessing and using maybe 10% of this resource, maybe less. More on prayer after we look at a few more items that should be in our Kit.

Next would be Worship and Praise: Worship begins in humility and gratitude of heart. Expressing this to God. It then moves to thanking God and giving Him praise (credit) for all the blessings and good things in our life. It is also praising and thanking Him for the difficult things in our lives. For God is with us through them and strengthens us in them. Write it, speak it, sing it, but do it!

Then Bible Study: This is more than reading your bible, but includes reading your bible. While bible study may be done at different times and for different reasons and purposes, it is also something that can be done individually or in groups. I suggest for our Kit a good bible that is easy to read (NIV). I never recommend a paraphrase such as "The Living Bible" or "The Message" by Eugene Peterson. Stick with a version translated from original text. I suggest daily reading and re-reading of your bible. Begin daily reading with the gospels, read a chapter of Proverbs daily, a Psalm, and an Old Testament reading daily. Read it even if you do not understand what you have read! Before you read your bible always pray for insight and understanding.

To be continued . . .

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

Share the Message! The Pastor's Message is recorded on CD's every Sunday. They are available free of Charge and *can be found in the Narthex, and at the website: www.rockspringsumc.org. You are welcome to take one.*

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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

Please call the 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. (*Live on Facebook, Rock Springs First United Methodist Church*)

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.

By The Numbers

Attendance Last Sunday	40 Adults 2 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,846.00
Generous Giving Last Sunday	\$ 1,341.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesday, Feb 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Bible Study, "The Quest", (first session), 2149 Carson St.
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Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Jan 25, 7:15 a.m.

Saturday, Jan 27, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 1, noon

Thursday, Feb 8, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 8, to follow

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

"January Thaw" by UMW: chili & chicken soup luncheon, \$8;

Also, sale of baked goods, dish cloths, and estate jewelry

United Methodist Women

Finance Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

Volunteer Needed