

I will lie down and fall asleep in peace
because you alone, LORD, let me live in safety.

— Psalm 4:8



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

Svetlana Martin

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:

Mary Lou Jessen

***Call to Worship**

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH 601

***Hymn of Praise**

“When We All Get to Heaven”

UMH 701

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

*** Hymn of Preparation**

“This Is My Father's World”

UMH 144

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:16-24 (p. 990)

Karie Chrisawn

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

Morning Message

“Children of God”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

UMH 172

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Svetlana Martin

Prayer Requests: Jerry Rannells; Joel Barbour; Kay Womack's sister, Terry; Rose Zupence; Margaret Bettolo & her cousin, Marcella Romero; Becky Morrison; Larry Garcia; Gail Webb; Don Hofeldt; Penny Hardin's husband, Jim; Carol Ransdell; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Alma O'Hare; Josh Patterson; Larry Finnell; 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, & 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:

Apr 22nd – Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Apr 29th – Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Greetings from Pastor Jim!

On behalf of the Church here at Rock Springs Methodist Church, we would like to welcome you to our service. This welcome is for regulars and visitors alike. We know that there are many things you could have chosen to do with your Sunday morning, however, we are ever grateful you decided to join us as we worship and fellowship together sharing our faith journey. Amen!

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Pastor: Rev. Jimmy R. Chrisawn

Christian Education: Karie Chrisawn

Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis

Nursery Attendant(s): Nicole France & Lauren Mayer

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.

(*) 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.

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	58 Adults 8 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,846.00
Generous Giving Last Sunday	\$ 1,253.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.	"Conversations In Faith", at the church
Thursday, Apr 19, 7:15 a.m.	Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School, All invited

Facebook Schedule

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	"Theological Reflections"
Fridays, 8:00 p.m.	"Fireside Faith Chat"

Upcoming dates for your calendar

Wednesday, Apr 18, 5:00 p.m.	Music practice, All invited
Thursday, May 3, noon	United Methodist Women, All women invited
Thursday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Thursday, May 10, to follow	Administrative Board Meeting

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

15 April 2018

Greetings in the Holy and Sacred name of our Risen Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!

I want to begin a pretty deep and important discussion for the next few articles on things post resurrection. Topics such as the birth of the church, giving and receiving the Holy Spirit, gifts to the disciples/apostles, and cover some terms like "age of the apostles" "the church age" "dispensation of grace."

I realize this all likely seems deep, maybe even a bit intimidating, or maybe boring. However, I encourage you to bear with me as we go through all of this. The topics and subjects are foundational to who we are, what we believe, how we came to believe as we do, and how we live out our Christian faith. These topics are our faith foundation! Let me begin with this passage from John 20:

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

This is the "first" time they, the twelve, receive the Holy Spirit. This is before Pentecost! Look it up and study what you find and we'll come back to it next week for more discussion.

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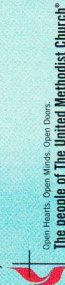
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Courtesy Photo: Rev. Roy Hilburn



"It takes a movement like Native American Ministries Sunday to bring awareness that we're more than a percentage. We're a people who are still present in this time and in this culture."

THE REV. ROY HILBURN, NATIVE AMERICAN SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



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"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great." — Proverbs 18:16, NIV

YOUR GIFT ENCOURAGES ASPIRING LEADERS WITHIN
THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, EDUCATES
SEMINARIANS AND EMPOWERS OUTREACH WITHIN
THE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE.

When The Rev. Roy Hilburn (Waccamaw Siouan tribe) became pastor of the Coharie United Methodist Church in Clinton, North Carolina, nine years ago, there were only eight members.

"[When I arrived], I had the [congregation] envision a circle around the church, a five-mile circle, and I asked them, 'Who could we find within that five-mile circle?' And I told them, within that circle, there would be a diverse [group] of people around us, and if those people were not sitting in our pews, then we were a dying congregation."

Hilburn created a mission statement tailor-made for his congregation called "R.E.A.C.H."

"What we do with R.E.A.C.H. is we want to **Restore** lives with the proclamation of the word; **Exalt** God in praise and worship; **Actively** seek the lost; be **Compassionate** toward others; and **Help** those in need," Hilburn says.

The benefits of embracing this concept have been evident in the congregation.

"The folks are on fire and actively seeking the lost. When we hear of needs in the community, we are compassionate to those needs. And we're always looking to help those who are hurting around us," he says.

Contributions to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering help leaders like Hilburn find fresh, new ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love. He credits the seminary scholarship he received with providing the leadership skills he needed. Today, the congregation has grown to 50 people on Sundays.

Hilburn calls the Native American Seminary Scholarship a blessing, adding that he felt honored and respected by the gift, but most importantly, he felt noticed.

"Continue this ministry," he urges, "because it gives Native Americans exposure to keep people sensitive to the fact that we're still here. We're a people who are still present in this time and in this culture."

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Your contribution supports aspiring Native American pastors and enriches outreach in their communities. Thank you for your generous gift!

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