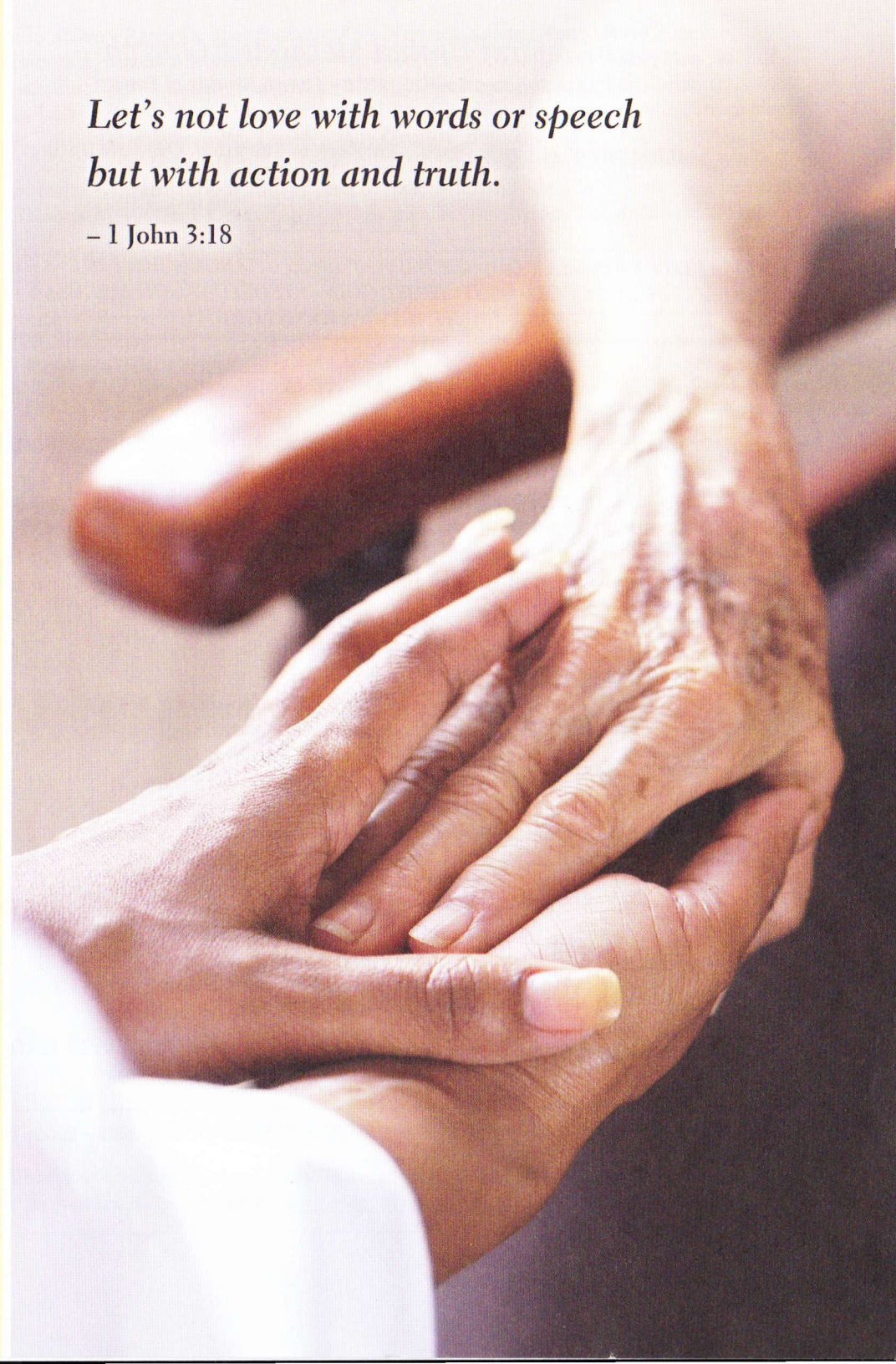


*Let's not love with words or speech
but with action and truth.*

– 1 John 3:18



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 22, 2018 – Fourth 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: Alma O'Hare

***Call to Worship**

"Morning Has Broken"
Verse 1

UMH 145

***Hymn of Praise**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

UMH 172

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**

"In the Garden"

UMH 314

Scripture Reading

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

Alma O'Hare

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

Morning Message

"Love, In Truth and Action!"

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH 526

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Svetlana Martin

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

May 6th – Acts 10:44-49; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

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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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	41 Adults 3 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,846.00
Apr 15th Generous Undesignated Giving	\$ 1,004.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.	"Conversations In Faith", at the church
Thursday, Apr 26, 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.	"Thursday Theological Reflections"
Fridays, 8:00 p.m.	"Friday Evening Fireside Faith Chat"

Upcoming dates for your calendar

Wednesday, Apr 25, 5:30 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.

22 April 2018

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

I want to pick up where we left off last week. Continuing 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.”

We left off last week looking at the FIRST time the twelve disciples received the Holy Spirit. This is significant! Only the twelve would receive this first, and later at Pentecost, a second anointing of the Holy Spirit. Why is this significant? Jesus had hand-picked His disciples and would later hand pick Paul to be Disciple/Apostle number twelve. In church history and in the bible, we find these twelve not only received the two anointings but also special gifts unique to them and their calling.

The distinction of these twelve as Apostles came as a result of the double anointing and the special gifts they received. I need to be very clear here: These twelve were the only ones to receive both a double Holy Spirit anointing and special gifts. This was a ONE-TIME occurrence! After Jesus ascended and the anointing at Pentecost they became known as Apostles. Their gifts and special anointing was done for the birth of the Church. Once these twelve were dead the age of the Apostles was ended. No REAL or TRUE apostles would follow!

Once they were dead we enter what is called the “Age of The Church” or “The Church Age.” This is where we will pick it up next week. Peace and blessings!