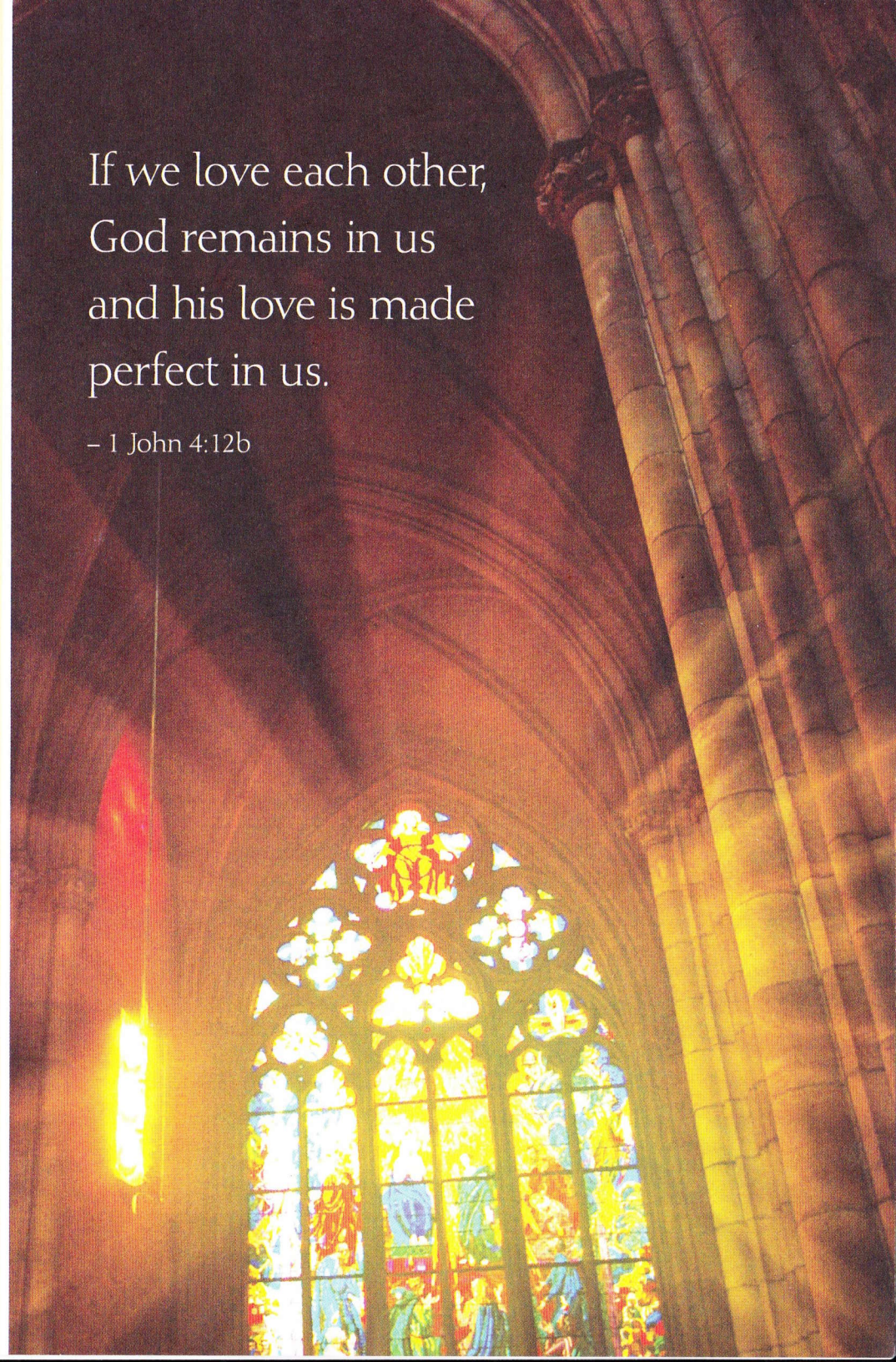


If we love each other,
God remains in us
and his love is made
perfect in us.

– 1 John 4:12b



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Fifth 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**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

***Hymn of Praise**

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

UMH 462

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**

"Near to the Heart of God"

UMH 472

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21 (p. 991)

Kathy Ellis

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

Morning Message

"God IS Love!"

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Svetlana Martin

Prayer Requests: Linda DeBernardi; Norman Johnson; Raif Nettik; 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; 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; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother.

Prayer Request:

By:

Recommended for Devotional Readings:

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

May 13th – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

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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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 53 Adults 6 Children

Weekly Budget \$ 2,846.00

Apr 22nd Generous Undesignated Giving \$ 1,036.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.

"Conversations In Faith", at the church

Thursday, May 3, 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, May 2, 5:30 p.m.

Music practice, All invited

Thursday, May 3 noon

UMW Potluck, All women invited

(last meeting before summer break)

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.

29 April 2018

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

We are back with another section in the series on the birth of the church and the post resurrection work of Jesus. We left off last week at the point of the end of the age of the Apostles. Just a reminder that at the death of the last Apostle the apostleship age ended and there would be no more Apostles.

After the death of the last Apostle we enter into what is referred to as the "Church Age." This signifies the finished work of the Apostles and the transfer of their mission, authority and teachings to the "Church." Here the term Church means the body of believers who carry on the work of A Disciple. Remember Jesus commanded the Apostles to go and make disciples. Thus, the work of the church is the making of disciples. The church carries this on today in many different ways and I think sometimes in not so Godly ways. Foundational to the early Apostles teaching was the word of God. For them and for Jesus this meant the Old Testament. Remember they were living and writing the New Testament. When Jesus preached and taught His references were to the Old Testament and when the Apostles preached it was from the Old Testament. Today we also have the writings of the Apostles and their followers that we call the New Testament. Maybe it should be noted the term Testament in this context means covenant. The OT was the covenant of law the NT is a covenant of grace. The writings of the NT were decided to also be inspired by God through the Holy Spirit and thus informative and authoritative for the life of the Church.

The NT then is rooted in the OT and as such it is necessary for the Church to not only be knowledgeable of the NT but of the OT as well.