



**September 25, 2016**

17 After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. 22 There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14: 21-22

## *Branching Out*

### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 am Service**

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### **Mission Statement:**

*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

Welcome visitors – Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, welcome! We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you're new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children's time, "From a Child's Point of View," and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about a hearing assist device; or a large print Hymnal or bulletin.

Inside this bulletin is an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Dining Room at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

## God Gathers Us Together

*(Let this be a time when you prepare your heart for worship.)*

\* *Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.*

### PRELUDE

Christian Chaos

Lighting of the Candles (The Light of Christ enters our worship)  
Ring of the Bell

### WELCOME

### GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

### \* SONG OF PRAISE

"Cry of My Heart"

No. 2165

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."

**P: As followers of Christ, we seek to be a disciple and also to make disciples.**

L: It is important to worship, pray, and also spend quiet time with Christ,

**P: So that we will be deeply rooted and branching out.**

L: Beyond worship, we will therefore go and serve,

**P: Bearing fruit as we use our gifts, share our resources, and build relationships for Jesus Christ.**

### FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW (Children's Lesson)

Kris Clark

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Please use this time to complete your bulletin insert.)

### ACT OF PRAISE

Choir Kids

## Prayer and Reflection

### PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us pray: **Almighty God, we worship You with longing in our hearts. Help us to be open to the songs of joy and the words of scripture that bring us closer to Christ. In this place today, and in our daily lives, guide us to seek Your presence in order to be transformed. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

### PRAYER SONG

"O Lord, You're Beautiful"

No. 2064

### A TIME FOR EVERYTHING... Joys & Concerns

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

## Proclaiming the Word

### \* BIBLE LESSON

Acts 14: 21-28

RESPONSE: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

### MESSAGE

“Discipleship Pathway: Branching Out”

Pastor Jenny

### OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Christian Chaos

### \* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (unison)

Let us pray: **Glorious God, every good gift comes from Your open hand. You sent your Son Jesus to become human, understanding our temptations and weaknesses. In our life of discipleship, help us to stand by our commitment to follow Christ rather than the lures of our culture. Send your spirit to bring peace and contentment to our hearts. Help us to be eager to share your message of hope. In gratitude, we dedicate our offerings through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## Sent Forth to Serve

### \* SONG OF SENDING

“Make Me a Servant”

No. 2176

(We take the Light of Christ out into the world)

### \* BLESSING & SENDING

L: Giver of Life, as we depart from worship, help us to stay connected to You and to one another.

**P: Rooted in Christ and branching out, we go forth with love and hope in our hearts. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week

Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

### \* DOXOLOGY

No. 95

### \* POSTLUDE

Christian Chaos

You are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship welcoming Pastor Jenny and her family in the dining room at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

Jenny Seylar - Pastor

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jess Goodenow-Dir. Little Friends

Megan Coppess-Teacher, LFP

## September 25 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Gwen VanScoy & Volunteer  
Children's Lesson: Kris Clark  
Liturgist: Sherry Willey  
Ushers: Abby, Elliot, Gwen Cummins-VanScoy  
Greeters: Will Williams Family  
PowerPoint: Zoe Stonebraker  
Fellowship Coffee: Everyone: Potluck  
welcoming Seylars!  
Nursery: Kamryn Chapman

## October 2 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Morgan & Logan Lanning  
Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny  
Liturgist: Pastor Jenny  
Ushers: Missions Team  
Greeters: Larry & Kathy Houstman  
PowerPoint: Brian Heil  
Fellowship Coffee: Missions Soup Lunch  
Nursery: Steven Licht  
Communion Steward: Missions Team

## PRAYERS

### Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Allan Charette, Thelma Elijah (Jerry's mom), Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Richard Graff (Bruce's dad), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Jeff McKinney, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Cheryl Person, Mike Smith, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L.Salmonson's bro), Verla (Kandi Graff's aunt), Alberta Wagaman, and others under care or treatment.

### Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Pastor Jenny's mom and step-dad, Sharon and Pete, and all those affected by flooding and those who are called to help Deb and Mike Eisele as they move to Minnesota  
For smooth adoption proceedings for Megan & Emily Graff (Bruce & Kandi's g'children)  
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.  
Persons & families of incarceration  
Persons in employment limbo  
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.  
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.  
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

**In Treatment:** Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Dan Conrad

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul (Nicole Royer's husband), Kaitlyn McKinney

### Sept. 18:

Worship: 126;  
Sunday School: 98, \$6.50  
General \$2,797.00  
College Connections \$422.30  
LFP Teacher \$886.32  
LFP Director \$299.03  
Copper Kettle \$50.93  
Grand Total: \$4,455.58

### This Week:

#### Sun. Sep 25:

10:30am Worship; 11:30am  
Potluck Welcoming Seylars

#### Mon. Sep 26:

6:30pm Chaos

#### Tue. Sep 27:

1:00pm GIG; 2:00pm Prairie Hills  
Program

#### Wed. Sep 28:

8:00am Holy Folders; 1:30pm  
Bible Study; 6:30pm GIG;  
7:00pm Choir; 8:00pm Abigail  
Circle

#### Thu. Sep 29:

10:00am GIG

#### Sun. Oct 2:

7:45am Prayer; 8:30am Choir  
Kids; 9:00am Sunday School;  
10:30am Worship; 11:35am  
Missions Soup Lunch