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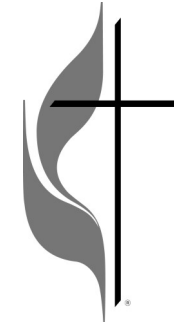
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF
STILLWATER, MINNESOTA

at the corner of Greeley and Myrtle
COME GROW WITH US



Hello everyone,

Saturday evening, October 29th, is **our annual Festa di Pasta**. This is an important event in the life of our congregation. It is a fundraiser in support of our church's ministry, an outreach event in our community, and an opportunity for a lot of us to be involved in a festive event together.

People are already hard at work, and plans are already underway, and there will be opportunities for all of us to help out. As in years past, we will be having a **Silent Auction** and a **Country Store**, so we are looking for people to contribute items to both of these. (There are articles inside this newsletter with more information about items needed and contact people.) And this year people will have the opportunity to win one of **two beautiful hand-made quilts**.

And of course there will be a delicious **pasta dinner!** All those preparing or serving food in the kitchen need to be **trained in food safety** every three years. A couple of training sessions will be scheduled in the next few weeks for those who need it. If you are not sure when you last had the training, check with us in the church office.

Lawn signs will be available soon for those who have a place we can put one to help publicize the Festa, and **sign-up sheets** will be out at the Information Center soon as well, as we will need all sorts of help on the day and evening of the Festa.

Most importantly, we need everyone to talk it up with people we know, and to invite family, friends and neighbors to attend. Tickets will go on sale in early October. It should be another great evening of fun and fellowship, and we need all of us to find ways that we can participate in the festivities.

Growing in Love of God and Neighbor,

Marty and Donna



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Community vigil for hope and healing

Responding to Brokenness • Praying for Healing

Featuring Singer Songwriter PETER MAYER October 9th • 6:00- 6:45 PM

GREEN SPACE AT THE CORNER OF MYRTLE & 4TH ST N, STILLWATER

Sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Ministerial Association.

Let us show a nice FUMC presence.

West Bethel UMC 125th Anniversary celebration banquet Dinner and program on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at six o'clock in the evening. Spirit River Community Center located at 1321 Heritage Boulevard Isanti, MN 55040. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Please RSVP by October 12th, 2016. Guy and Gail Sederski would like to see their old church family.

World Communion Sunday Offering

Sunday, October 2nd is World Communion Sunday, when we remember and celebrate our deep connection with Christians around the world through the common table we share, Our Lord's Table. We will also be taking a special offering that day which goes to help provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Undie Sunday for Valley Outreach

We will be participating again in Valley Outreach's Undie Sunday. We will be collecting new, in-the-package socks and underwear through October 7th. Last year 5,646 items were donated by thirteen churches in the valley. Our Mission Committee will also be making an additional \$200 gift from our church. You still have a few days to bring your donation to the church.



YOUTH NEWS



Family Game Night October 7th 6:00 pm

Youth and their families are invited to the Fredericks for a cookout, games, and fun. We will provide the main dish and the games. Bring a side-dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Abigail by the 25th.

CROP Walk – Sunday, Oct. 9th

Sunday, October 9 after church, we will walk to raise awareness about hunger and water issues and raise money to fight hunger locally and globally. Let Abigail know if you plan to walk. You can also donate to the walk by putting Crop Walk in the memo line of your check and making it out to FUMC. Help stop hunger!

Halloween Party – Wednesday, Oct. 26th

Meet at church by 6:00 pm. Costumes encouraged. Friends welcome! We will head to the Helwigs' for Halloween fun with games and treats.

KID'S CLUB

Kids Club, Oct 19th 6:15pm – 7:15pm.

Come for some Halloween fun: crafts, games, snacks and prizes. Costumes are encouraged.



THANK YOU

Thank you supporting another successful Stillwater Relay for Life. Even with the little bit of rain at the opening ceremony, 100's of luminaries lit the track throughout the night. Because of your support, I was able to surpass my personal goal raising \$3,310. Team Jakestrong placed 4th raising \$9,206. Overall the Stillwater event reached a grand total \$180,681.85. Your continuous support inspires me to keep relaying for a cure.

Thank you, Rachel Martell



SCRIP



The Scrip Program provides an opportunity to contribute a portion of your everyday expenses to First UMC. Every card purchase provides much needed funding for First UMC programs. You receive the full value of your card purchase and First UMC receives a percentage of the card value. First UMC Scrip doesn't cost, it pays! Scrip cards can be ordered in the Fellowship Hall following worship every Sunday.

We would like to reach out and thank everyone for the outstanding support we received during the passing of my husband, John Shinn. The outpouring of prayers, hugs, cards and love we received after he passed was remarkable. Thank you to all of our church family. Lovingly, Linnea, Rachel, Tito and Frankie.



Happy Birthday



Oct. 2 Monica Basaker, Darby Burton; Oct. 3 Dorothy Reeves; Oct. 6 Allison Cossetta, Lois Grafenstein, Konnie Helwig, Jeremy Krentz; Oct. 7 Mary Brown, Ted Gilbert; Oct. 8 Mollie Wise; Oct. 11 Emily Mayaka; Oct. 12 Liv Hoff, Luke Niethammer; Oct. 13 Pat Greupner, Nicole Larson; Oct. 15 Adam Frederick, Korinne Smith; Oct. 19 Linda Ash; Oct. 20 Scott Harvey; Oct. 21 Michelle Clark; Oct. 22 Kelli Auer, Byron Torgerson; Oct. 23 Kathy Holst; Oct. 26 Julie Paukert; Oct. 29 Bonnie Polichnia; Oct. 30 Jodi Larson.



LIFE IN THE CHURCH



Mark your calendar!

Workshop on Advance Care Directives

Thursday, November 10th at 2:30 or 6:30
led by Valerie J. Richards (Certified Advance Care Planning Facilitator)

New Member Class is being planned

We are planning to hold a new member class. In the class, which lasts about 90 minutes, participants are given a brief introduction to United Methodist history and beliefs, as well as to the life and ministry of our local congregation, and are invited to become members of the congregation. If you would be interested in attending our upcoming class, please contact the office or speak with Pastor Marty or Donna.



FESTA DI PASTA
Is **OCTOBER 29th**
from **4:00 pm** until
7:00 pm. Come
enjoy a fabulous
Italian dinner
offering many
choices of delicious
food. Bring your
friends and neighbors to this family
friendly event to help raise money for our
church.

Country Store

The Festa di Pasta is right around the corner and the Country Store is a fun part of the evening. We need donations of jams, jellies, embroidered dish towels, jewelry, stationery, crafts, **especially pumpkins, spices, gourds, Thanksgiving decorations** etc. All is appreciated. Bev Walmer 651-770-2770.

Silent Auction

We will also be having a Silent Auction as a part of the Festivities at the Festa di Pasta. Items for

Would You Like to Receive Our Congregational Email?

Marty and Donna send out a regular email about things that are happening in the life of our congregation. If you have not been receiving it, and would like to receive it, please get your email address to us in the church office.



Little Free Library update Help us stock our Little Free Libraries

We invite you to bring ONE or TWO books that are favorites or yours or that you think others would be excited to discover in our Little Free Libraries. We have two libraries. The one on Myrtle Street holds books for older youth and adults. The one on Greeley Street holds books for children, young readers, and families. Friends and neighbors are already taking and exchanging books from our libraries! So we are looking for good books for all ages. You may place them on the green bookcase near the entrance to the sanctuary.



Giving to the Church by Credit Card

Many churches now make it possible for members to give to their church by credit card, and our Finance Committee is considering making this option available in our church if there is interest. If you would like to have this option, please let one of the committee members know: Ray Marshall, Bruce Clark, Jim Nelson, Bob Robson, Wilma Terwilliger, Orwin Carter, and Pastor Marty or Pastor Donna. Thank you.



SYMPATHY

Jeanene Paulen, 87, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2016 at Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St. Paul. Please hold her children Ken, Christina and Sherry in your prayers during this sad time.

Delores Schakel, 95, passed away on August 30, 2016 surrounded by family. Please remember her children Leonard, Alan and Marilyn in your prayers.

MUSIC



Rivertown Ringers: We will not have rehearsal on October 19th, 2016.



NAVIGATING our New Church Website:

www.fumcstillwater.com

We encourage you to visit our new website regularly to keep up with what's happening at church, as **new content will be added often**. Pastor Donna would be glad to give you a "tutorial" on the website. Just ask her!

Also, if you are on Facebook, make sure the "like" our page (**First United Methodist Church of Stillwater, MN**) to receive our posts in your newsfeed. And "share" with your friends, to help us spread the word about all that is happening here at the corner of Greeley and Myrtle!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ada/Ruth will meet on October 6th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

New Beginnings will meet on October 17th at 1:00 pm. In the Fellowship Hall Program and Hostess Bev Walmar.

Winners Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 13, at 10:00 am. Linda Ash and Nancy Clark will be hostesses. The program will be on a book "Thin Places Where Faith is Affirmed and Hope Dwells" by Mary Treacy O'Keefe, a St. Paul author. Ms. O'Keefe explains "By noticing and reflecting upon thin-place experiences, you may see that God is constantly communicating with all of us, sending messages of guidance, inspiration, comfort, love, and hope." Many of us have experienced "Thin Places". We invite you to bring with you examples of your stories and experiences and share these with others. Please RSVP to Nancy or Linda.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

The **UMM** will meet at the **Lowell Inn** on Saturday, October 8th at 8:00 am. Join us for a devotion, breakfast, and fellowship to start the weekend. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

OUR NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments
10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery Care

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9 Crop Walk 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/Open Circle 11:30 am Fellowship Time 5:30 pm Trinity Church Hope and Healing gathering	10 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 10:00 am Chair Yoga	11 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 6:00 pm Education meeting	12 10:00 am Fall Book study 4:30 pm Missions Committee 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 6:30 pm Finance meeting	13	14	15
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