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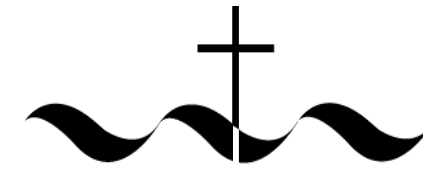


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Please help the church save the environment
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deadline is Tuesday, November 15th.



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First United Methodist Church of Stillwater

Growing in Love of God and Neighbor

From the Pastors...

Many good things are going on in the life and ministry of our congregation, in the areas of worship, study, devotion, fellowship, and service. And none of this is possible without the faithful stewardship of everyone in our congregation, with all of us being willing to give of our time, our energy, and our gifts, including our financial gifts. November is a special season of thanksgiving, when we remember and give thanks for all of God's blessings, and in our congregation it is a time for us to prayerfully consider our giving to the church in the coming year. As a part of our stewardship campaign, we will be asked to give to two funds: our church's general fund and our capital fund.

Gifts to our **general fund** support our staff, our mission giving, and all the different areas of ministry. It makes possible opportunities for us to worship together, to grow in our faith, to care for another, to use our gifts in service to God, and to make a difference in our congregation, community, and world.

Gifts given to our **capital fund** support the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our church building. These funds have made possible several major projects this year, including the replacing of two aging furnaces and two air conditioners, the redesigning of our choir loft, and the repairing of the flat part of our roof. Looking forward to the coming year, we are already planning on doing some painting on the outside of the church and the replacing of shingles on the pitched roof of the church and the garage. Other possible projects include doing some renovations of our kitchen and adding video projection capability in our sanctuary.

So the needs of both these funds are essential and ongoing, and we hope that we will all be as generous as possible in making our financial commitments to them for the coming year.

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Growing in Love of God and Neighbor,

Marty and Donna

Worship in November

THE EXPERIMENTAL CHURCH

Powered by the Spirit

This month we conclude our series by turning to the “prequel” of the Acts of the Apostles, the Gospel of Luke.



November 5th

An Experiment in Attitude

Luke 18:9-14, 21:1-4

November 12th

An Experiment in Generosity

Luke 19:1-10

November 19th

An Experiment in Gratitude

Luke 17:11-19

November 26th

An Experimental Church

at the corner of Greeley and Myrtle

**Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good:
The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

I Chronicles 16:34

Sunday Adult Study

The Letter of James

In November we will continue our study of the Letter of James. It is a brief letter, just four chapters, but it is a spiritual treasure, filled with very wise advice about Christian faith and practice. This study is open to everyone, so come join us at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room

Happy Birthday



Nov. 1 Luke Huntley, Dean Tibbetts; Nov. 2 Mike Haraldson, Gene Ramsay; Nov. 3 Avis Gilbert, Jim Higgs; Nov. 4 Steve Agard, Bruce Lundeen; Nov. 5 Freya Haugen; Nov. 9 Elizabeth Fontaine, Jim Nelson; Nov. 10 Sally Erickson; Nov. 11 Phyllis Green; Nov. 12 Mike Cossetta; Nov. 19 Cathy Schewe, Greg Wise; Nov. 21 Cari Myhra; Nov. 22 Cleo Haugen, Wilma Terwilliger; Nov. 23 Avery Hoff; Nov. 26 Zach Feinberg, Kelsey Nelson; Nov. 27 Frank Anderson; Nov. 30 Jeanette Nerby, Barb Roberts.



YOUTH NEWS



Welcome Cynthia!

We are so pleased that Cynthia Frederick will be joining our church staff to provide leadership of our youth group (grades 6-12). In this position she will communicate with our families, organize and lead our youth group (grades 6-12), and help support our families in their faith formation. Cynthia and her husband, Adam, and children June (9th grade) and Alex (7th grade), have been faithful members of our congregation for some time, and she brings to this position a deep understanding of our Methodist tradition, experience working with youth, and relationships with our youth and their families.

Pastor Marty will be taking over leadership of the confirmation class (grades 7-9), and Charlie Swann and Judy Ptacek have graciously agreed to continue working with the confirmation youth.



KID'S CLUB

Kid's Club Come one! Come all!
Wednesday, November 15th, 6:15
- 7:15 pm.

Come for dinner and stay for the fun! So much to be thankful for and we plan to celebrate!



SCRIP



SCRIP PROGRAM 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.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Herberger's Community Days GOING ON NOW!!!

November 8-11. Buy a \$5 coupon book, get a \$10.00 coupon and hundreds of discounts and more. Our church gets the \$5, you get a jump on your Christmas shopping!

At the Intersection of Faith and Life Sunday, November 12th 6:30-8:00 pm

Meet Nate Cox, Principal of

Lily Lake Elementary School

Over the past few years, our church has been intentional about Growing in our Love of God and Growing in our Love of Neighbors, Near and Far. That growing has led us to an expanded partnership with our neighborhood school, Lily Lake Elementary. We've asked the Principal, Nate Cox, to share his perspective about the school (demographics, challenges, and opportunities). We pray that this conversation will strengthen our ability to meaningfully care for the children and families of our community.

Looking ahead to Christmas Eve

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. As you are planning your Christmas family gatherings, please note the following information: On Sunday morning, December 24th, we will have our regular 10:30 am worship service, celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent. That evening we will have two Christmas Eve Services, one at 5:00 p.m. and another at 10:00 p.m. Please note that the time of the late night service is one hour earlier than previous years.



Church Conference and Administrative Council Tuesday, November 28th 7:00 pm

We will gather as a church family to talk about what it means to be the First United Methodist Church of Stillwater, reflecting on our fall worship series and considering the pieces of business that are required for the Minnesota Annual Conference. The more folks who attend and participate, the more interesting and fruitful our gathering will be. Won't you join us?



Least Coin Collection

We will be collecting coins for the "Least Coin" effort this month and completing the collection on Sunday, Nov. 19th. The purpose of "Least Coin" is to pray for peace and then deposit a coin. The reason it is called "Least Coin" is that it allows everyone, regardless of means, to participate. If you do not have a collection jar at home, the collection jar will be outside of the Sanctuary on Sundays. For those of you who have been collecting at home, please continue your prayers and contributions, and bring them with you on the 19th. Let's see how many coins we can collect!

Friendly reminder! GRIEF JOURNEY PARTNERS: To those of you that are supporting friends and family living with grief, please know there are resources available in the office to be of assistance.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Everyone welcome! UMW Join us as we continue our exploration of Sacred Spaces and experience the unique and nurturing environment at the Benedictine Center at St. Paul's Monastery, Thursday, November 16, at 10 a.m. Following a brief introduction to the Center, Pastors Donna and Marty will lead us through the Prodigal Son exhibit. We will lunch with the resident Sisters at noon. The cost for the outing is \$15. Please sign-up in the Narthex. We can carpool from church at 9:30 a.m.

Winners Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday November 9th at 10:00 am. The program will center on thankfulness. Pat Grogan and Pat Greupner will host.

Ada/Ruth will meet on Friday, November 3rd at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

New Beginnings will meet on November 20th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to this Thanksgiving week interactive program "Blessings Galore". This is a busy week but please consider sharing a couple of hours in food, fellowship and friends who add to our blessings. Host Barb Delorme, program, Mary Harcey.



MUSIC



The Rivertown Ringers Handbell Choir will be selling Puffin Pastries again this year as a fundraiser. Orders will be taken during the month of November, and delivered on December 13th. Each box of 12 fruit-filled pastries or pastry pizza is \$12. A portion of that money goes to our Music Fund to help maintain our Bells and help members of the Bell Choir attend the 2018 Handbell Festival in Rochester. Look for free samples on Sunday mornings to help you decide which flavor to choose! We appreciate your support!

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

The UMM will meet at the Lowell Inn on Saturday, November 11th 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.

If you are on facebook, make sure you "like" us at **First United Methodist Church of Stillwater**. You can receive information about what is happening in your newsfeed and share this with your family and friends. We post photos of events, worship, gatherings, service work, etc. This is a great way to be connected to your church family! If you have photos you would like to share on our facebook page, contact Pastor Donna or Lizzie Bellman.



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The church office will be closed on November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel choir	2	3 9:30 am Ada/Ruth	4
5 Daylight savings 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Time	6 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 10:00 am Chair Yoga	7 Election Day 9:15 am Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer	8 10:30 am Fall Book Study 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class 6:30 pm Finance meeting 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Open Circle rehearsal	9 10:00 am Winners Circle	10	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Lowell Inn
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