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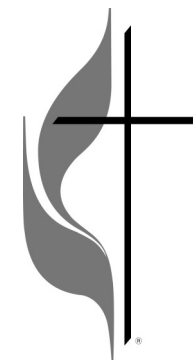
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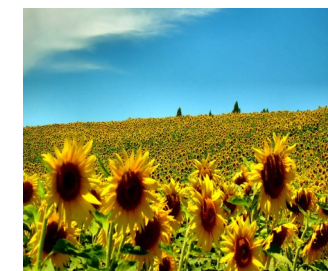


Aug. 2 Tim Holst; Aug. 3 Cameron Meline; Aug. 5 Krista Larson; Aug. 7 Mary Anderson-Cashin, Aug. 10 Cassie Pratt, Donna Weiss; Aug. 16 Connie Schmid; Aug. 17 Judy Trimbo; Aug. 18 Madeline Leines, Grace Meline; Aug. 19 Nancy Nelson, Jacob Wright; Aug. 21 Jeanne Lundeen, Lynn Wilson; Aug. 22 Orwin Carter, Dean Hoff, Linnea Shinn; Aug. 23 Dennis Harcey; Aug. 24 Alex Frederick, George Johnston, Aug. 26 Bruce Clark, Nick Cossetta, Barb Wilson; Aug. 27 Rachel Martell, Dan Schmid; Aug. 30 Eric Bender, Steve Roll; Aug. 31 Sarah Funck.



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AUGUST 2018

Pastor Dan's Ponderings:

We are just over a month away from beginning our fall program. For me it is always an exciting time to be open to how God might be at work and moving as we plan, prepare and gear up for Sunday School, Discipleship opportunities, Choir, Bells, Youth programs, Wednesday evening meals, etc. As your Pastor, I have been thinking and praying about what it means to be on this wonderful and exciting journey of faith and life with you.

I would encourage you to mark Sunday, Sept 9th on your calendar because it's Rally Sunday...but it will be so much more. We will begin a new Sermon Series entitled **Peddling thru Life... A Journey of Faith**. On that Sunday we will be inviting the congregation and people from the community to bring their "peddling" forms of transportation... including children's foot powered cars, scooters, trikes, bikes, unicycles, motorcycles and more. We will kick off our series with a **Blessing of Bikes** that will take place in our parking lot. (More information to come)

In preparation for the series I am looking for the following modes of peddling transportation to utilize on Sundays during worship: children's foot powered cars (such as Little Tykes), bicycle with training wheels, skate board, unicycle, tandem bike, tricycle. If you have any and are willing to share, please contact me and I will let you know when those items will actually be needed.

I want you to know that as your pastor I am available and I want to be there for your celebrations, concerns, prayers or just wanting to get together to share a cup of coffee... so please don't hesitate in contacting me. I wanted to pass on my contact information. My e-mail is pastordbader@gmail.com. At this time we are not intending to have a landline phone so please call or text my cell phone # which is 701-840-9802. I also encourage you to please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.



Puzzling Pieces Searching for Your Place in the Puzzle

God is creating a Master Piece and **YOU** are an important piece of the puzzle that makes up this unique puzzle. Over these next few weeks we will be completing our Sermon Series and growing in our understanding, that without **you** the puzzle is not complete! If you have yet to receive a puzzle piece to be used as a guided prayer focus, please talk to Pastor Dan, as he wants to share one with you.

Remember **YOU** are an instrumental part of what God is creating. These are the themes for the month of August.

Aug 5th Getting Connected!

Aug 12th Missing Pieces

Aug 19th Creating a Masterpiece: A Work in Process

I would like to encourage you to come and to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member who has been wondering or even struggling with how they fit into **God's Master Piece!**



What's new with Caring Ministries Team

- ◆ A fall workshop is planned for the congregation and community in October. Details to follow
- ◆ A meal ministry has been started for those needing meals due to an illness, death, or other crisis. If you have a need, please contact Pastor Dan or Rick Dockstader. 651-439-1880.
- ◆ Soup ministry is continuing for those that are ill, coming home from the hospital, etc. We will have another soup making event in the fall. All are welcome.
- ◆ If you are aware of any deaths, illnesses, or other needs in our congregation that Caring Ministries can respond to, please contact Pastor Dan or Linda Ash.
- ◆ Next meeting is August 23rd at 2:30 pm at the church

YOUTH NEWS



SENIOR HIGH BBQ

Hard to believe that school is about to begin so before all of the activities and studying get started, Pastor Dan and Monica would like to invite all of our Sr. High Students to a BBQ at their home **on Wednesday, Aug 22nd at 6:00 pm**. We will eat, meet, play some games, and have some fun as we get to know each other.

If anyone in the church has **Corn Hole** boards with bean bags, they would be willing to allow us to use them, please let us know.

Mark your calendars for Aug 22nd @ 6:00 pm. 5634 O'Brien Ave N, Oak Park Heights. We look forward to meeting you!



CONFIRMATION GATHERING / BBQ

Starting this fall, a little change will be taking place with our confirmation program. Beginning this year, Confirmation will be for 6th thru 8th graders. This coincides with the ages associated with most Middle Schools. Pastor Dan and Monica will be hosting a gathering for all Confirmation Students and their parents (family) **tentatively** planned for Sunday, Sept 9th at 5:30 pm.

This will be a time for some food, fellowship, and fun, as well as sharing hopes and dreams for what our confirmation journey will be like. Please watch for more information.

MISSION OUTREACH

Cynthia is looking into some **Mission Outreach projects** for the fall. Stay tuned!

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Save the Date

Hope for the Journey Home

This will be our 8th year in which we have provided volunteers at this shelter for temporarily homeless families at Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Our up-coming dates to serve are **September 19-22...** More information will follow. Please contact Charlie or Sharry Swann at 651-275-5552 if you would like to know more about this particular mission of the church. Please see Monica in the office if you need a complimentary background check or it has been over three years since your last one.

Indoor Church Signage Project Completed

They say "It takes a village" and that is often the feeling when working with committees as well. Thanks to the Martha Group, with the approval from the Trustees the work of planning, developing and purchasing new signage for inside the church building has been completed. We hope you have noticed the new signs which are meant to help visitors find their way around the church. Special thanks to Dennis Harcey for installing them.

Everything in a Jar Sale coming Sunday August 19th.

Please come and enjoy shopping for incredibly fun and/or delicious handmade items. Recipes with everything needed to make or bake the final product right in the jar!! You will enjoy taking these home and they make great gifts! **Everything from Soup to Nuts** will be offered in this free-will sale sponsored by the Martha Group for on-going church projects.

SCRIP

The Scrip Program

provides an opportunity to contribute a portion of your everyday expenses to First UMC. You receive the full value of your card purchase and First UMC receives a percentage of the card value. Scrip cards can be ordered in the Fellowship Hall following worship every Sunday.



Ann Zimmerman Community Concert at First UMC August 19th at 7 pm.

Singer – songwriter Ann Zimmerman, from Salina, KS, sings the prairie into beautiful universal language. Her music celebrates the joy, sorrow, grandeur and silliness of life, especially life on the windy plains. She backs her rich voice with piano, guitar and the audience itself. Ann's concerts tell stories and paint portraits, brilliantly-colored and unexpected, enhanced by an irresistible stage presence. A free will offering will be collected. Bring your family and friends - come, listen and enjoy! August 19th at 7:00 pm.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

FUMC Stillwater to Host Big Waters UMW District Meeting September 21-22

On Friday and Saturday, September 21 & 22nd, we will be hosting the Fall Big Waters District UMW Meeting, and we will need a lot of help - please! Starting with Friday afternoon, we will be hosting the Board of Directors (approx. 10 people) and providing an afternoon snack and light dinner for them. Overnight hosts will also be needed for the Board members, so please let me know if you can accommodate.

Saturday is the large event from 8:30 am until approximately 3:00 pm. Details and tasks will be posted on the bulletin board, so if you can help with one or two of the tasks, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! We're looking forward to a successful event.

Questions: please call Sue Hibberd, 651-439-4672, text me at 651-491-4752, or email me at suehibberd602@gmail.com

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

New Beginnings Circle will meet on August 20th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at church.

OFFICE NOTES

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am -3:00 pm.

Friday 9:00 am -1:00 pm.



UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Men's BBQ at the Freedom Farm. We enjoyed each other's company and had a good evening playing games and eating delicious food.



The UMM will meet at the Lowell Inn on Saturday, August 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.

Check out our Church Facebook Page:

First United Methodist Church of Stillwater, MN

Please "Like" our page so that you will receive church postings on your newsfeed!

Please "share" an upcoming event or post you enjoy to help spread the word amongst your Facebook family and friends! If you have pictures you would like to share on the church Facebook page, ask any of our staff members to help you.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 am Chair Yoga	2	3 9:30 am Ada/Ruth circle	4
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