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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF STILLWATER**

*at the corner of Greeley and Myrtle*

**COME GROW WITH US**



JULY 2018

### **Pastor Dan's Ponderings:**

At 12:05 am on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> I found myself breathing a deep sigh of relief. After a long day of having our belongings loaded onto a semi, I final got into the car and was able to leave Pierre, SD shortly after 4 pm (Tue, June 19<sup>th</sup>). At 12:05, I pulled into the driveway and found myself saying to our cat Peanut who had been my loud, annoying and mostly unhappy passenger for the past 8 hrs. "We're here. We're at our new home!" Exhausted as I was, I was overjoyed to be greeted by Monica. With a deep breath of relief, I found myself again uttering under my breath "I'm home!"

As I shared in my previous article to you the journey of life and of faith is filled with a wide variety of emotions and over the last couple of weeks it feels as if I have experienced them all. However there was no greater joy then the feeling that goes along with saying, "I'm home!" As I have prayed for you, the church, for this season of transition and about being in ministry with you, God has filled me with the same sense of peace, joy and excitement that goes along with proclaiming, Stillwater First UMC, to you and to the community, "I'm home!"

Monica and I are so looking forward to greeting you. I pray that you will be able to join us for one of the meet and greet gatherings that are being scheduled. We anticipate that this will be a time of discovery in hearing our church story as well as your hopes, dreams and vision for God's call upon our lives and church.

I also want to give a big shout out to all those who mowed our lawn, crammed into our small bathroom and one of the bedrooms to pull out screws, fill holes and paint! Monica says, "**YOU ROCK!**" You have been a real blessing. Thank you all so much!

## WORSHIP FOR JULY

Here is a little insight to the first few weeks of worship with you. My first Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, the sermon is entitled **Grandma's Scrap Box**.

On Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> the sermon **With Christ in the Boat**, is based on the story on Jesus calming the storm, from Luke 8:22-25.



### Puzzling Pieces

#### Searching for Your Place in the Puzzle

Are you aware that God is creating a Master Piece and that each and every one of us are an important piece of the puzzle that makes up **God's Master Piece**? Have you ever wondered how or where you fit? Truth is that without **you** the puzzle is not complete!

Starting Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> you are invited to be a part of a sermon series entitled **Puzzling Pieces**. We will be looking at what it takes to put God's Masterpiece together and how **YOU** are an instrumental part of what God is creating.

July 15<sup>th</sup> You've Got to Start Somewhere

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> Finding All the Pieces**

July 29<sup>th</sup> Where Do I Fit In?

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Getting Connected!**

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Missing Pieces

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 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**!

## SCRIP

### Scrip Orders at Your Convenience

First UMC Scrip - Scrip card purchases directly support the First UMC General Fund. The cards are easy to use for restaurants, clothing, groceries, fuel, and numerous other categories. Try it out! Scrip doesn't cost, it benefits our church with over \$3,000.00 a year and we could easily double that. Stop by the table at Fellowship after worship.



## MUSIC

### SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAYS

If you have a special talent such as signing, dancing or playing an instrument, let us know!!



We have a sign-up sheet at the information center for Sundays throughout the summer. Please consider sharing your talent with the congregation on a Sunday during worship. Please see Becca Bellman if interested.



July 1 Mark Olien; July 2 Steve Grogan; July 3 Adam Helwig; July 4 Mark Miller; July 5 Becca Bellman, Lizzie Bellman, Greg Hartman, Julie Kink, Tom Speich; July 7 Ben Jackson, Darlene Peer; July 8 Karen Bastyr, Jack Henry Leines; July 12 Emily Cossetta; July 13 Mike Ptacek; July 14 Diana Eitzman; July 17 Randi Torgerson; July 18 Bob Robson; July 19 Harvey Myhra; July 20 Arlene Schulze; July 23 Sue Bishop; July 24 David Nelson; July 26 Gilbert Holst, Jeff Holst, Andrew Leines, Jeanne Nelson, Kendra Smith; July 27 Beverly Walmar; July 29 Steve Bauer, Tom Wise; July 30 Kathy Hartman.

## YOUTH NEWS



Youth off for the summer! We will see you in the fall.

## OFFICE NOTES

Office Hours:  
Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.



## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### Welcoming Pastor Dan and Monica

Our church is sponsoring Meet and Greet get togethers for Pastor Dan and his wife Monica.

The purpose of these get togethers is to have a time of meaningful sharing and getting to know our members and us getting to know them on a more personal level. Pastor Dan is also interested in our vision and hope for the church going forward.

We will hold several of these small gatherings this summer and into the fall. Please plan on attending one of them. The focus is on communication, not food, so the hosts will primarily serve coffee, tea, water or lemonade. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Kathleen Ramsay at 651-762-5370.

The first one will be 6:30 pm Saturday, July 14th at Chris and Dave Nelsons home. Their address is 1513 Meadowlark Drive in Stillwater, 55082. Please sign up at the Information Center at Church, limit 15 people.

The second Meet and Greet will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 26th with hosts Charlie and Sharry Swann. Location will be determined at a later date but will either be at Boutwells Landing or in their home. Please sign up. Limit 12 people.

Pastor Dan and Monica are looking forward to connecting with our members through these small groups so look for future dates if these don't work for you.

### REACH

Jesus commands us to make disciples, but figuring out how to do that in today's culture, context, and world often raises questions and creates anxiety.

A first-of-its-kind conference coming to the Dakotas-Minnesota Area will prepare United Methodist clergy and laity to authentically and practically share their faith stories and reach new people. Called "Reach," the conference is scheduled for Oct. 5-6 at **Embrace Church** in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Pastor Dan is already registered and going and would love to take a team of individuals who want to learn some best practices and insight for us as a church in order to **REACH** the next generations for Christ. If you have any questions or interest contact Pastor Dan. Registration is limited so we want to get you signed up right away!



Dear FUMChurch,  
Thank you very much for the gift bag filled with the Amazon gift card, the keychain and the coffee cup!  
I am extremely glad to have been supported by such an amazing church.  
Sincerely,  
Mason Schwerzler

### Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for the lovely Farewell Sunday on June 10th. The worship was spirited, the lunch was simply delicious, the program with all the children's books to shelve was fun, and the congregational gifts – the prayer shawls, the candle, the Stillwater photo, the binder of personal notes, the generous financial gift, and all those flowers! – were so thoughtful. The afternoon open house was also great fun for us, as we reconnected with family and friends beyond the congregation. The whole day was a wonderful way to formally bring our time of ministry with you to a close as we enter into our retirement.

Thanks to the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Ad Council, the Welcoming Ministry Team, Edda, Chris and Tito for coordinating the food, and all others who helped to make it such a special day.

Thanks also for all the cards and notes, the gifts and gracious well-wishes we received from many individuals and families. We will always remember the time we have served among you with great fondness, deep gratitude and a sense of blessing. And we pray God's continued blessings upon each of you and upon all of you *there at the corner of Greeley and Myrtle!*

We've been starting the process of settling in to retired life. We completed our Chinese calligraphy and brush painting class, we have taken in some outdoor music, and we have spent time at the cabin. Retirement still just feels like a vacation, but will undoubtedly begin to sink in as summer leads to fall.

In love of God and Neighbor,

Pastors Marty and Donna

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**The Winner's Circle** will not be meeting in July.

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

**New Beginnings Circle** will meet at 1:00 pm on July 16th.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

**The UMM** will meet at the Lowell Inn on Saturday, **July 14th** at 8:00 a.m. Join us for a devotion, breakfast, and fellowship to start the weekend. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

#### Join us!

The Men's Summer BBQ is planned for **July 19th at 6:00 pm** and is hosted by Alan and Kim Salmela at the Freedom Farm. All men are invited. Excellent food and fellowship.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Welcome Pastor Dan</b> 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:00 am Fellowship Time	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4th of July Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Ada/Ruth 12:00 pm Bridge Club	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00 am Worship/Open Circle 11:00 am Fellowship Time	<b>9</b> 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 10:00 am Chair Yoga	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Potluck Picnic 6:30 pm Finance Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Lowell Inn 6:30 pm Meet and Greet–Nelsons
<b>15</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time	<b>16</b> 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 10:00 am Chair Yoga 1:00 pm New Beginnings Circle	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Potluck Picnic	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Men's UMM BBQ	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Quilters	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time	<b>23</b> 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 10:00 am Chair Yoga	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 7:00 pm Ad Council	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Potluck Picnic	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Meet and Greet – Swanns	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Time	<b>30</b> 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 10:00 am Chair yoga	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer				