



**First United Methodist Church of Stillwater**  
*Growing in Love of God and Neighbor*

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Sept. 4 Mike Gregory, Mike Trimbo; Sept. 5 Debbie  
 Krinke; Sept. 9 Lillian Wright; Sept. 10 Rory Hoff;  
 Chris Nelson, Jennifer Tabios; Sept. 12 Sarah An-  
 derson; Sept. 13 Diana Miller; Sept. 15 Shawn Hel-  
 wig; Sept. 16 Reece Bastyr; Sept. 19 Abigail Schoe-  
 necker; Sept. 21 Bridget Haugen; Sept. 23 Everett  
 Bye, Sharon Dockstader; Sept. 24 Bonnie Haines,  
 Megan Keller; Sept. 25 Kathy Jones; Sept. 26 Na-  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF  
 STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**  
*at the corner of Greeley and Myrtle*  
**COME GROW WITH US**



**Pastor Dan's Ponderings:**

One of the life lessons my father taught me was, "Remember, when you point a finger at someone there are four pointing back at yourself." The reason I share this is because as one looks out at the world from one government to another, from athletes to fans, from right to left on all kinds of issues, and the list goes on and on and on...there sure seems to be a lot of finger pointing while forgetting that there are four pointing back at ourselves.

This past week my heart was broken, and tears filled my eyes when a seminary friend posted on Facebook that when he returned home from church he had discovered his home had been TAGGED with hateful graffiti. On Monday morning, with a very heavy heart, I opened up a devotional that I occasionally use. One of the scriptures referenced was Proverbs 29:25

**"People are trapped by their fear of others; but those who trust the Lord are secure."**

There are many things that I fear. I fear heights (shattered my ankle years ago falling off a ladder). I have a healthy fear of poisonous snakes. I fear for people who have experienced the devastation of natural disasters, the ravages of war or who are living without the basic essential needs for life including water, food and medical care.

What I have learned is that as I continue to grow in my trust of the Lord even when a healthy fear exists...I am comforted in knowing that I am secure...in the hands of God. One of the many hymns that has offered me assurance when I feel overwhelmed by a world that seems to be pointing a lot of fingers is #368 in our Hymnal... **My Hope is Built.**

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
 I dare no trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
 On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
 All other ground is sinking sand.*

My prayer is that our hope will not be found in pointing of fingers, harsh words, differences in opinions...because all that does is escalate our fear of others, rather that our hope is built on the solid rock of Jesus, because those who trust the Lord are secure.

Peace to all!

Pastor Dan

## Pedaling Thru Life A Journey of Faith

Starting Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, **Rally Sunday**, you are invited to join Pastor Dan as he leads us in a new 6 Week Sermon series entitle **Pedaling thru Life...A Journey of Faith**. Throughout the series we will be using several images associated with riding or peddling that will help us consider our own journey of life and faith!

We will kick off the series on Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> by inviting you, your family, friends, neighbors and the community to bring their “**pedaling**” forms of transportation... including foot powered cars, striders, scooters, trikes, bikes, unicycles, motorcycles and more as we will have a **Blessing of Bikes** that will take place in our upper level parking lot at 10:00 am. (Please note that our worship time changes to 10:30 that day)

In preparation for the series Pastor Dan is looking for your help by providing the following modes of pedaling transportation to utilize on Sundays during worship: children’s foot powered cars (such as Little Tykes), Striders, Tricycles, a Child’s Bicycle with Training wheels, Mountain Bike, Unicycle, Tandem bike. If you have any of these and are willing to share as a part of worship please contact Pastor Dan so he can let you know when those items are needed.

### Join us Sundays @ 10:30 am

September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Learning to Ride...Finding Our Balance
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Navigating the Terrain
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Look No Hands
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ready and Raring to Go
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bumps in the Road
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sharing in the Journey

**Give S'More Koronis Ministries**, our United Methodist camp near Paynesville, MN is building a new tabernacle! The original tabernacle opened in 1922 for the first camp season. It seated 1500 and countless Christians mad decisions in its sacred space. Long range plans called for a replacement as the slanted asphalt floor, nonwinterization, and aging timbers and roof dictated both the need for a major overhaul and more flexibility of the use of the space. After 25 years of planning - the time has come.

This summer at Annual Conference each church was asked to designate a Sunday to "Give S'More" towards the tabernacle replacement. At the July AdCouncil meeting it was decided to reallocate the remaining \$804. of Polar Plunge funds given 2 1/2 years ago for camperships to this special project. In addition, on September 16th you will have the opportunity to add to the \$804. so that our church's contribution is at least \$1,500.

Patsy Bellman, Camp Ambassador

P.S. A camp snack of S'mores will be served following worship.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Group for 6th through 12th grade



We are on the search for a new Youth Director. Until the search is complete, Cynthia Frederick will continue to plan and oversee our Youth group activities. Youth Group (for 6th - 12 grade) will alternate with Confirmation (for 6th - 8th grade)

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR DATES

- 9 - Confirmation students and parents' get-together with Pastor Dan
- 12 - Youth group big game night!
- 19 - Confirmation overview with youth and parents
- 26 - Youth Group Service project night (making care packages for our College Students)

"Stay tuned for information about the CROP Walk on the first or second Sunday afternoon in October. We will need walkers of all ages and people to pledge the walkers. It is a fundraiser for Church World Overseas Projects (CROP) - Hunger initiatives, local and around the world."

## CONFIRMATION GATHERING

### Dessert - S'mores and More

It's hard to believe that the school year is upon us which means that Confirmation is about to begin. We are making a small change starting this year in that Confirmation will be for all of our 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This coincides with the ages associated with most Middle Schools. As a way to kick off the year Pastor Dan and Monica will be hosting a Dessert of **S'mores and More** gathering for all Confirmation Students and their parents (family) on Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at their home.

This will be a time for some fun and fellowship as well as sharing some hopes and dreams for what our confirmation journey will be like. Weather permitting we will make S'mores. We have some seating available but would encourage you to please bring lawn chairs. Please contact Pastor Dan by Friday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> to let him know if you are able to attend.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Faith Formation for Life



**Classes** for all children, youth, and adults begin September 9th - Rally Day. The first unit for children and youth will be "Dig Into the Bible". We will look at questions such as What makes the Bible special? Is the Bible relevant to me today? How do I find specific verses in the Bible? Classes begin at 9:30am and conclude before worship at 10:30am.

### Kid's Club

September 26th is the first Kid's Club event of the fall. The children will be making cookies and cards for some of the oldest members of our church family. The group will meet in the fellowship hall following supper at 6:15pm.

### Bible Sunday

On September 23rd the Third Graders and the new Confirmation students will be presented with Bibles. Plan to attend worship to witness this special event in the lives of our children and youth.



## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

**Party Bridge** the first Friday of the month. Call Margie at 6512755278 or Linda 6514300875 for more information.

**The Little Free Library** Initiative has blossomed to include a third library. Our goal to reach out in Love of God and Neighbor sparked this plan to place a library at Lily Lake Elementary School. Our partnership works to grow our love for community by sharing the gift of reading with them. If you have children's books to share place them in the box in the narthex. Thanks, Ann Haraldson

**Hope for the Journey Home**, (HJH) We are starting our 7th year providing volunteers to Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Our dates are September 19-22. We have four overnight shifts from 8:00 pm to 9:00 am and two dinner shifts with a flexible start from 4 –5:30 to 8:00 pm. NO afternoon shifts. Sign-up at the information center. See Monica in the church office for a new background check or a re-do if over three years since your last one. Thanks for helping (along with 30 other churches) with this important mission!



**Country Store** It's already mid August and I am thinking about the Country Store at the **Festa Di Pasta on October 27th from 4-7pm**. Please put aside some of those jams, jellies, pickles, etc. Everyone loves homemade goodies. Anything homemade is always great—dish towels, cards, pot holders, jewelry, quilted items., etc.

As in the past, your great support is what makes this event so much fun. Any questions call Bev Walmar at 651-770-2770.

## SYMPATHY



Myrtle Potters 11 year old great, great, grandson passed away last month. His family was able to benefit many lives by donating his organs. Please keep Myrtle and her family in your prayers as they navigate this difficult time.



Dear Church Family,  
We want to thank you for all your prayers for our family during the difficult time of losing Shawn's Dad, Ronnie. We appreciate all the cards, concerns in church, hugs and the delicious meal we received. It is always tough losing someone so special but a blessing to know we have the support of all of you. Thank you again, The Helwig's: Shawn, Konnie, Abby and Adam.

The FUMC Family,  
Thank you so much for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. It will most definitely help out financially this year at NDSU! Also know how much your support in my faith journey means to me. Mason Schwerzler

## UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

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

## 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.



## MUSIC

The Rivertown Ringers Bell Choir will be starting rehearsals again on Wednesday September 5 from 6:15-7:30. Contact Kathy Hartman at 430-2096 if you are interested in joining our group. We love welcoming new faces!

### MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

It's a brand new year for choral music! With a new pastor and a new music director, we are hoping for new members! It is my goal to sing many styles of music as we participate in worship. We are excited about the possibilities of a connected worship service where the scriptures, message and music align to create unity in how we celebrate God's love together. So, welcome back returning choir members! AND consider this an open invitation to anyone new who wants to join in and make a joyful noise with us during service. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30pm. For Rally Sunday on Sept. 9th we are planning to have a joint Chancel Choir and Open Circle combined music celebration to start the church year off in an exciting way! So both Open Circle and Choir members please let's gather together on Sept. 5th!

My name is Gaye Fisher and I have been directing church choirs since 1977. On and off through the years, I have led a variety of different groups including children's choirs, gospel and soul choirs, traditional chancel choirs, and praise bands. I am currently the music teacher at Laura Jeffrey Academy middle school in St. Paul. My husband and I moved to the Twin Cities in 2016 after living in Austin, TX for 25 years. I feel blessed and honored to have the opportunity to serve this church.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**Winner's Circle** will meet September 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Several ladies will present the program on the history of our own First United Methodist Church of Stillwater. Topics that the ladies will cover include; our church building, the organ, handbells, stained glass windows, and the large wooden cross hanging in the sanctuary.

**New Beginnings Circle** is NOT MEETING in September. We will be involved in the UMW district meeting on September 22nd.

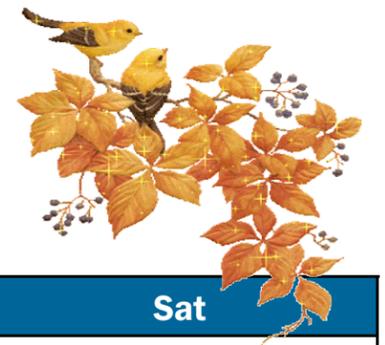
### FUMC to Host Big Waters UMW District Meeting September 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On Friday, we will be hosting the Board of Directors (approx. 10 people) and providing a snack and light dinner. Overnight hosts will also be needed for the Board members, so please let me know if you can do so.

Saturday is the large event from 8:30 a.m. until 3 pm Thank you so much! We're looking forward to a successful event.

Questions: please call Sue Hibberd, 651-439-4672, text at 651-491-4752,.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 <p><b>2</b> 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:00 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 10:00 Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel choir/Open Circle</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 12:00 pm Party Bridge</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Lowell Inn</p>
<p><b>9 Rally Day</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Time 6:30 pm Youth S'mores and more</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Finance meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:00 am Winners Circle</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00 am Quilters</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 6:30 pm SPRC</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Trustees</p>	<p><b>19 Hope for the Journey Home</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel choir</p>	<p><b>20 Hope for the Journey Home</b></p>	<p><b>21 Hope for the Journey Home</b> 12:00 pm <b>UMW District Fall Gathering.....</b></p>	<p><b>22 Hope for the Journey Home</b>  .....<b>UMW District Fall Gathering goes until 5:00 pm</b></p>
<p><b>23 Kids Bible Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 7:00 pm Ad Council</p>	<p><b>26</b> 10:00 am Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Kid's club 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel choir</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
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