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Growing in Love of God and Neighbor

Ponderings of Pastor Dan

“For I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord: they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

I have experienced great comfort in these powerful words that offer the assurance that God has a plan for our lives and for God's church. What I have however learned, is that we all too often just sit back waiting for God's plans to unfold, rather than being active in our pursuing the heart of God for us and what God wants for us. Sure we pray...but do we pray boldly?

I believe that God wants to guide, direct and unfold God sized possibilities for our church. That is why I am inviting anyone who is interested to join me in what we call **Breakthrough Prayer**. In breakthrough prayer we **MUST BELIEVE** and **EXPECT** and **BE OPEN TO THE REALITY** that God not only wants to, but is going to: act, lead, direct, open doors of opportunity and new possibilities and that God wants to truly **LEAD our LIVES and our CHURCH!**

I am inviting you to join me on Sunday, Nov 4th following worship (approx. 30 min) to learn more about Breakthrough Prayer and how this kind of prayer can transform our church. At this time I will share briefly how Breakthrough prayer is different than how we might usually pray, share some ways we might begin practicing breakthrough prayer and look setting a time for people to gather for regular breakthrough prayer.

I believe that prayer must undergird all of the life and ministry of our church. Please know that I am praying for you, our church, and for how God is calling us to live into Jesus' great commission of "Making New Disciples for the transformation of the world."

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Dan

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Worship in November

Money affects our heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

We will be continuing our stewardship series entitled **Treasure**, based on Jesus' words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. We will look at the many ways that our **treasure (time, energy, money)** affects our spiritual and emotional lives.

At the end of our series, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming years. You will be receiving commitment letters in the mail and they will also be available Sunday mornings, Nov 11th & 18th. Commitment Sunday will be Nov. 18th.

Nov 4th The Problem with Two Masters

Nov 11th Giving Your Treasure Back to God

Nov 18th Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing

I hope that you'll join us in the coming weeks as we look at Jesus teaching on how we can experience freedom from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.



YOUTH NEWS

From Sam



HI YOUTH!

I just want to say thank you to everyone who helped out with the Festa Di Pasta dinner last month. It was a great success!

Here is what is coming up this month in our youth program!

11/14 - Wheel of Gameshows: We will have a fun night in playing a game that will bring out the friendly competition out in our middle schoolers!

11/28 - Random Acts of Kindness: This is going to be a night full of giving. We are in the holiday spirit and so that means pockets might be a little tight. The middle schoolers are going to take full advantage of this and do some random acts of kindness in the Stillwater community.

11/10 - Senior Saturday – Bowling: Starting this month we are going to have a fun event for our senior high friends. On November 10th we are going to go bowling. We will meet at the church at 6 and then head to Stillwater Bowl. Feel free to bring a friend for a night of fun!



KID'S CLUB

Kid's Club Come one! Come all! Wednesday, November 14h, 6:15 - 7:15 pm. Come for dinner and stay for the Thanksgiving themed fun! So much to be thankful for and we plan to celebrate!

Dear youth and church, Thank you for the care package you sent me. The cookies were very good and the amazon gift card went toward school supplies. School is going well. I am a third year student in Mechanical Engineering. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and look forward to seeing you at church soon.

Kassie Krinke



I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, hugs, cards and kind words during the difficult time my family has had. **Myrtle Potter**

Many thanks for the cards, cookies and caring thoughts. I miss being in church and hopefully will be back soon. **Arlene Schulze**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the UMW Big Waters Fall Gathering a huge success. Our hospitality, food, and music were exceptional thanks to the efforts of many helpers. It was teamwork at its best! Thank you again for everything. ~ **Sue Hibberd, UMW President**

A big THANK YOU to the following members who participated in the Highway Clean up on Saturday, September 29th. Your volunteering demonstrated yours and the church's commitment to the community and the environment! Thanks very much!

Frank and Vicki Anderson, Pastor Dan Bader, John Burtzloff, Barb Cobb, Dennis Harcy, Bruce Lundeen, Gene and Kathleen Ramsey

I want to thank everyone for your help with Arnie's funeral, words of support, prayers, kindness and caring for me through cards and visits. What a wonderful congregation we have at FUMC. Thanks also to Pastor Dan.

Love, Carol Johnson

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers since I was in the hospital
Violet Wagner

Thank you so much for the delicious cookies and the note card of well wishes. It is so nice to be remembered. **Sincerely, Helen Torelle**

Highlights of Paul's Missionary Journey's

Bishop Bruce and Char Ough are hosting a 10-day spiritual pilgrimage by ship on the Mediterranean and will visit a number of locations important to the Apostle Pauls' ministry in Greece, as well as Ephesus and Turkey. Clergy and laity from both the Dakota and Minnesota Conferences are invited to explore the area that Paul took the message of Jesus to.

The trip is scheduled for October 18-27, 2019 and is a part of Educational Opportunities tours. Brochures with registration material are available at the church or you can find more information at the conference website.



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.

If you are on facebook, make sure you "like" us at **First United Methodist Church of Stillwater**. You receive information about what is happening 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!



LIFE IN THE CHURCH



Card Club

We play Bridge on the **FIRST Friday** of every month. Friday, November 2nd at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Margie if you are interested at 651-275-5278.

Daylight Savings



Please mark your calendars and remember to set your clocks back on Saturday, Nov 3rd as Daylight Savings Time Ends. Enjoy that extra hour of rest prior to joining us for worship on Sunday, Nov 4th

Missions Gathering

On Thursday, Nov 15th the Missions Committee is hosting a gathering for all people who have an interest in exploring ways that we at First UMC – Stillwater can expand our ways of being the Hands, Feet and Heart of Jesus to our neighbors and the world. We will explore what we believe are the needs within our community and surrounding area as well as how we might be present in needs that reach out into the world. We want your input as we begin to explore and develop a mission plan for our congregation that would impart Jesus' Love to all people.

Advent/Christmas Church Decorating

We are looking forward to involving lots of people in our annual decorating of the church for Christmas. This year we are trying something new and decorating will take place **Wednesday, November 28.** Decorating will begin at 4:00 PM with a break for the Wednesday night supper and resume again after the meal. Because the sanctuary is busy after the meal we'll begin there at 4:00pm. There will be something for all ages and stages of people.



Church / Charge Conference

On Tuesday, Nov. 27th the Church Conference for First United Methodist Church of Stillwater will be taking place at 7:00 pm. The Church Conference is our Annual Business meeting for the church in which we celebrate ministries, vision God's future for ministry at First UMC, Stillwater, as well as attend to business including Pastoral Compensation, budget and lay leadership.

Important: All people have voice and **all members** have a vote on matters that are brought before the church.



COMMUNITY

FOR SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Final Affairs Conference - Friday, November 2nd, 8:30-3:00 Our Saviors Church - Free, Registration Required

Building Resiliency in Caregivers Presenter: Ted Bowman. Tuesday, November 13th - 2:00 - 4:00. Family Means - Registration recommended

***Dementia Resources** Available at Family Means.

***Information on four Memory Cafe's** in the area, times and locations.

* **Community Tread** is now sponsoring a Connector Loop bus route from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm every Monday. Check it out

AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY PEACE

Sunday, December 2nd 6:30 PM Join for refreshments at 6:00 pm Our Saviors Lutheran Church 1616 West Olive St. 55082 Join Tami Briggs, therapeutic harpist, as she shares powerful stories and Christmas readings and plays beautiful harp holiday music. Sponsored by the St. Croix Valley faith Community Nurses

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ada/Ruth will meet on Friday, November 2nd at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

New Beginnings will meet on November 19th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. Sharon Dockstader will hostess and present the program.

Winners Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 8th at 10:00 am. Hosts and program by Ann Haraldson and Diane Jackson. Our program will be Poetry of flowers. All are welcome.

MUSIC



The Rivertown Ringers Handbell Choir will be selling Puffin Pastries for a few more days, taking orders until November 5th. Puffins will be delivered on December 5th. 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 2019 Handbell Festival. Look for free samples on Sunday mornings to help you decide which flavor to choose! We appreciate your support!

SCRIP

SCRIP PROGRAM The program provides an opportunity to contribute to First UMC. **CHRISTMAS is coming and if you buy your giftcards through scrip. WE BENEFIT.** Scrip cards can be ordered in the Fellowship Hall following worship every Sunday.

SYMPATHY

First United Methodist Church lost a wonderful member on September 5th, 2018. **Arnie Johnson** was born on February 4th, 1930 and was married to Carol for almost 66 years. Please continue to hold Carol and her family in your prayers during this time of grief.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM will meet at the Lowell Inn on Saturday, November 10th 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.



