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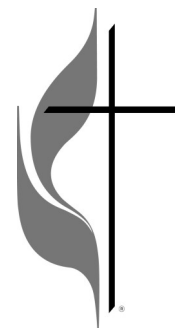
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Please help the church save the environment
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OCTOBER 2018



Pastor Dan's Pondering:

A couple of weeks ago when it was around 5:30 and I was just getting ready to leave the church, when a member came into my office and said, "I was driving by, saw your car and felt a need to come and talk." Being very serious, they asked the question, "What do you think our future is?" Like many of the conversations that took place at some of the Meet and Greets, this person reflected back upon the, "I remember when the church..." and then filled in the blank. In the midst of our conversation I could tell they were grieving because their hearts desire was to be the church of their "I remember when..."

After our conversation I took a moment to pray, and found myself comforted by the words of Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, and plans to give you hope and a future!" I truly believe that God has wonderful plans for the people of First UMC - Stillwater. What we must do is Imagine after God's heart...what God's plans are for us...and to seek ways to live fully into those plans as we do God's Kingdom work.

The reason I am sharing this with you is that I am planning on having a couple of church wide conversations about who we are, and begin to explore where we believe God is calling us. I would like to invite our entire congregation to be in a season of prayer for us to imagine after God's heart for First UMC.

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Treasure

Starting Sunday Oct 28th we will be joining together in a churchwide worship emphasis called "Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money." Our journey will be based on Jesus words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21)



Over a four-week period we will examine the many ways our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our hearts. We want to understand why generosity brings people joy and what forces work against it. Many of us want to experience the significance of blessing others but feel trapped by past decisions and misled by a society that bombards us with messages of having more and having better. We will consider how our giving helps determine the way we feel and act.

We look forward to an exciting month considering our treasure and God's treasure. There will also be small group studies offered so you can reflect on our series based on Jacob Armstrong's book "Treasure!"

- Oct 28th Where is Your Treasure?**
- Nov 4th The Problem with Two Masters**
- Nov 11th Giving Your Treasure Back to God**
- Nov 18th Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing**

Highlights of Paul's Missionary Journeys'

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Hi there, I'm Samantha Hauser and I am your new youth director! Many of you already know me, but for those of you that don't, I grew up in this church and when I was younger I went through and partook in all of the youth events that happened. I am now 25 and subbing in the White Bear Lake school district. I am really excited for this new journey! Pastor Dan and I have been working on some new ideas that we are ready to launch in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by emailing me at youth@fumc.org.



October rundown for the youth:

October 3rd Confirmation for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

October 10th A fun activity open to both middle school and high school crews. We are going to break into teams and go downtown Stillwater and have a Selfie Scavenger Hunt! Come and bring friends for this fun adventure. We will need some extra adult help once we see what numbers are like. We would like one adult to every 3 kids if possible.

October 17th is the Wednesday before MEA. If anyone is available to come that night we would love to have you and will do another fun activity that is to be determined. Please email me whether you are coming or not so that I can get an idea of numbers.

October 24th we are planning to have a Halloween party at the Helwig house.

October 27th is the Festa Di Pasta dinner and we need all hands on deck to help serve this delicious meal. There are spots available for servers, busers, and people to dish out the food. They also need many hands to help decorate and for clean up too!

October 31st Nothing planned. Enjoy your Halloween!



KID'S CLUB

Halloween Party on October 24th at 6:15pm. Come and bring a friend! Games and Halloween fun.



THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to Cynthia Frederick for a remarkable job as Interim Youth Director!!!



Dear Friends at FUMC, I want to thank you so much for the generous scholarship I was given be put toward my college tuition. I graduated a year ago, but spent last year at Basic Training for the National Guards, then went on to become certified as an Army Medic. So, I started as a Freshman this year at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. I have always considered this church, where my mother grew up, (Sarah Harcey) as my church home and have observed many holidays and other activities through the years. When I come to church it is nice to know that people know me and care about what is happening in my life.

Ashley Anderson

I want to thank all the kind members of our congregation who called me, sent cards and prayers, ran errands and brought special food for me as I was recovering. My mouth surgery in mid August made eating really tough. I am so blessed to have so many who were my support then and now. **Thank you,**


Ellen Campbell



LIFE IN THE CHURCH



THE COUNTRY STORE is a big part of the **Festa Di Pasta every year and this year it's on October 27th from 4-7pm.**

 Please donate some of your jams, jellies, pickles, etc. Everyone loves homemade goodies.

Also great are—dish towels, pot holders, utensils, cards, 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.

SILENT AUCTION 4-7pm during the Festa Di Pasta October 27th

We would appreciate donations that can be auctioned off such as gift cards from local merchants and restaurants, home hosted dinners, experiences, novelty items and fun stuff. Donations can be brought to the church office. Please contact Linda Ash for details 651 472 3548. Thank you!



SCRIP



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.

Please save the date!

Saturday October 27, 4-7:00 for the 13th annual Festa di Pasta, Silent Auction, and Country Market.

Planning meetings will be held in the first couple weeks of October with dates in bulletin and via email. Sign up sheet for Festa positions will be available in early October - sign up will be easier than in past years so please sign up early!! You can sign up for more than one position if you like. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door and go on sale in early October as well. The Festa is the largest event put on by our church so please support it in any way you can.

Spread the word about the Festa to family, friends, neighbors, relatives, work colleagues, and anyone else you know. Word of mouth is still our best method of promoting the event. The signs with menu of Italian dishes and banner will be placed a couple weeks before the event too.

Thanks for your help in advance and please contact me with questions. Jim Nelson 651-492-7910 jamesnelson11@gmail.com



MUSIC

Please take note: There will NOT be rehearsal for Rivertown Ringers on Wednesday, October 17th

Thanks,
Kathy H



Martha Group Update

The Martha Group continues to meet every Tuesday morning with the intent to fulfill the stated purpose of the group. "Through the use of design, color and decoration it is our intent to enhance spaces within the church building by creating an atmosphere for people to feel safe, included and informed." Recently we have prepared the Fellowship Hall for the Fall season with sunflowers and a new picture. The new words above the picture "In our differences are blessings" were chosen to tie in with the words next to the banner on the back wall, which are taken from the hymn, "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

You might also have noticed changes in the Wesley Room which include the hanging of the gift that Marty and Donna gave us as they left, and in trying to tie all the colors together the Stillwater Doors and Stillwater Windows pictures were framed and have been hung. Also the picture "Sanctuary" which was in the Wesley Room has been hung in the Sunrise room which bends in well with the colors and helps to give a calming effect to that room which is what that room was designed to do.



Oct. 2 Monica Basaker; Oct. 3 Dorothy Reeves; Oct. 6 Allison Cossetta, Lois Grafenstein, Konnie Helwig, Jeremy Krentz; Oct. 7 Ted Gilbert; Oct. 8 Mollie Wise; Oct. 11 Emily Mayaka; Oct. 12 Liv Hoff, Luke Niethammer; Oct. 13 Pat Greupner, Nicole Larson; Oct. 15 Adam Frederick, Korinne Smith; Oct. 19 Linda Ash; Oct. 20 Scott Harvey; Oct. 21 Michelle Clark; Oct. 22 Kelli Auer, Byron Torgerson; Oct. 23 Kathy Holst; Oct. 26 Julie Paukert; Oct. 29 Beverly Palumbo, Bonnie Polichnia; Oct. 30 Jodi Larson.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ada/Ruth will meet on **October 5th at 9:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Winners Circle will meet on **Thursday, October 11, at 10:00 am.** in the church's fellowship hall. Judy Ptacek and Nancy Clark will cohost this month. All women of the church are invited to join us.

The New Beginnings Circle Monday, October 15th Beginning at 12:00 pm

For our October 15th meeting we will be going on an outing to the Stillwater Warden's House for a guided tour from Lynn Wilson. There is a \$5.00 charge for the tour. We will begin the day with an old fashioned lunch at 12:00 with recipes all coming from a very old church cookbook. The cover to this thin book says Stillwater, Minnesota - Personal Recipes by Women's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church. There is no date, but there is a picture of the 3rd street church, and it was before we were United Methodists. We will then proceed to the Warden's House for the 1:00 tour. **We must have an RSVP to Arlene Higgs if you plan to come. arlenehiggs@gmail.com**

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

The UMM will meet at the Lowell Inn on Saturday, October 13th 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.

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Valley Outreach volunteers 10:00 am Chair Yoga	2 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer	3 Valley Outreach volunteers 10:00 am Chair Yoga 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class	4 6:30 pm Festa Di Pasta meeting	5 Valley Outreach volunteers 9:30 am Ada/Ruth	6
7 World Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/Communion 11:30 am Fellowship Time	8 10:00 am Chair Yoga	9 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer	10 10:00 am Chair Yoga 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	11 10:00 am Winners Circle	12	13 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Lowell Inn
14 Undie Sunday V.O. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/Open Circle 11:30 am Fellowship Time	15 10:00 am Chair Yoga 1:00 pm New Beginnings Circle	16 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Trustees	17 10:00 am Chair Yoga 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	18	19 10:00 am Quilters	20
21 Laity Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Time	22 10:00 am Chair Yoga	23 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer 7:00 pm Ad Council	24 10:00 am Chair Yoga 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:15 pm Kid's Club Halloween party 6:00 pm Youth Halloween party 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers	25	26 Festa di Pasta set up	27 4:00 pm Festa di Pasta 4:00 pm Country Store and Silent Auction
28 All Saints Day 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Time	29 10:00 am Chair Yoga	30 9:30 am Tuesday Bible Study 10:00 am Martha's Group 12:00 pm Centering Prayer	31 Halloween 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Adult Ed Class 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Rivertown Ringers	