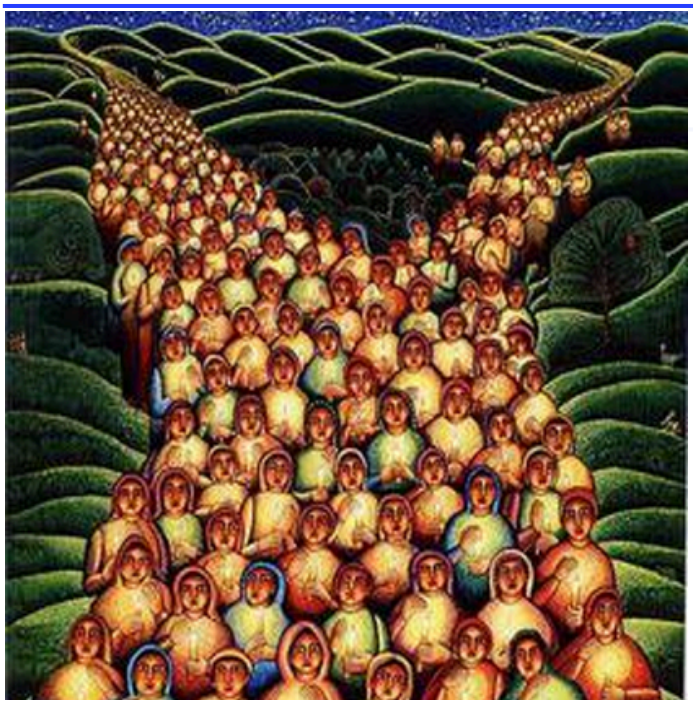
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**SUNDAY SERVICE**

With Pastor Jenny Lind Larsen
Sunday morning 10:00am
FIRST UNTIED Methodist Church
813 West Myrtle St.
Stillwater, MN 55082



**1 John 3:1-3**

*See what great love the Creator has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. [2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Sunday. The tradition of All Saints is a time to remember those who have passed on before us to be with God. It is also a time to give thanks for the blessings God has given us and to share with others.

Jesus' words call us and all the saints to gaze forward to the time when God's promises will be fulfilled. Those who weep now will laugh. Those who are hungry now will be filled. Those who are poor now will receive the riches of God's inheritance. With this future firmly in our gaze, the obstacles to faith become smaller, the path easier to navigate.

When we faithfully place ourselves in God's presence, new possibilities for life and service become visible. We have a role to play, along with the saints of old, in the story of God's saving work.

*PRAYER: Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people. In this community, you ask us to be people of justice. In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy. In this community, you ask us to be people of peace. Be with us as we try to be faithful in large ways and in small ways so your eternal community may come in every way. Amen.*

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO...

**Ad Council meeting *Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:30 PM***

All members are welcome to join us! We will be evaluating The Pastor's Compensation Package for 2027, the church 2027 Budget and election of officers will be conducted at this meeting. Following the practice instituted in 2025, the Conference level approval of the Compensation Package will be completed in a multiple church Aurora Sky District Charge Conference at 10 a.m. on Saturday November 21. If you are interested in attending the District Charge Conference on November 21, please contact the church office.

## WOMEN OF FAITH UNITED-NOVEMBER 12

Our Women of Faith, United meeting on ***November 12th at 10:00*** will have a short program explaining our plan for future meetings. Our speaker was unable to come, but has agreed to set a date in the future. Sorry for the confusion. It is the hope that we can begin decorating and setting up for the Chili Cookoff that morning following our discussion. Please consider coming and helping with our mission to serve our church and community. All are welcome. We are a vital part of our church community wrapping all people in God's Love.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN-NOVEMBER 14

Join the United Methodist Men for a monthly devotion, breakfast, free range discussion, and fellowship. We are continuing our study of Unafraid by Rev Adam Hamilton. The regular November 14 meeting will be at the Lowell Inn at 8 a.m. Contact the church office at ***fumcstillwater@gmail.com*** to join the UMM mailing list.

## SCRIP ORDER-NOVEMBER 1

The Scrip Order Schedule is posted on the church website homepage ***https://fumcstillwater.com/*** under Announcements and on the church Information Center. The next order will be placed on ***November 1***. Orders can be placed after Sunday worship services or anytime by email to the church office at fumcstillwater@gmail.com. Order blanks are available at the church Information Center or in the office. Payment for email orders can be dropped off at the church during office hours.

## A REMINDER OF FUMC's HISTORY by Patsy Bellman

1841 - 185 Years since Rev. Henry Brace was appointed to the St. Croix Mission
1846 - 180 Years since the Methodist congregation in Stillwater was organized.
1871 - 155 Years since the first Swedish service was held in Stillwater.
1881 - 145 Years since the Swedish Methodist Church was built at 4th and Myrtle.
1886 - 140 Years since the Annual Conference was held in Stillwater.
1956 - 70 Years since the Education Unit (fellowship hall) was built.
1976 - 50 Years since the mortgage burning & sanctuary dedication.
1991 - 35 Years since the last addition was completed.
1996 - 30 Years since the year long, 150th Year Celebration concluded.
2021 - 5 Years since the 175th Celebration.

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## CARING TEAM MINISTRIES

The Caring Ministries Team supports those in our church community that are in need. We do this with:

o Grief Ministry for those that have lost loved-ones
o Card Ministry for those that are ill, grieving, or alone
o Soup Ministry for those that are ill, homebound or otherwise in need of food
o Meal Train for those that are ill, homebound, or unable to purchase or cook their own food
o Home Communion for those that are homebound and desire to share in monthly Communion
o Conversation Partners for those that are homebound, ill, depressed, or otherwise in need of a friend.

THE Care TEAM

If you know of someone that would benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office and ask that a message be sent to the Caring Ministries Team. We appreciate all volunteers who would like to do a one-time outreach or be part of the ongoing team. If interested, please let us know. Next meeting is ***Thursday, November 19 at 10:30 am*** in the Wesley Room.

## WEDNESDAY DINNERS




The first 2 Wednesdays ***(November 4 and 11)*** will be prepared by the cooks. This month's **POTLUCK** falls a week early on November 18. On November 25 No Dinner will be served due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The weekly dinners will resume on December 2. Everyone is invited; there is always room at the tables for more!

## BRIDGE GROUP



The Bridge Group will meet ***Friday, November 6 at 12:30*** pm in the Fellowship Hall. Beginners are welcome! Contact the church office at fumcstillwater@gmail.com to join the Bridge Group mailing list.

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## TRUNK OR TREAT RECAP




Trunk or Treat was a fun afternoon with many families visiting our parking lot. The 71 children had 11 vehicles to visit for candy treats, a stop for fresh crushed apple juice and the opportunity to roast a marshmallow. Extra candy will be used to treat the scout troop that meets at our church, add to the Wednesday dessert options, and keep Denice's candy dish in the office filled. Thank you to all who participated in this community event.

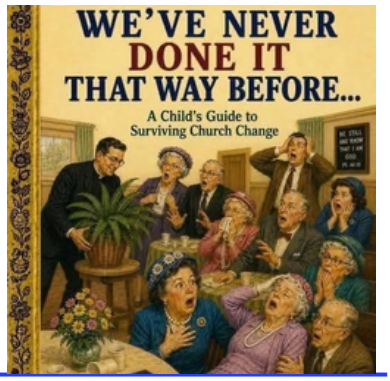
## GREETINGS FROM THE MARTHA GROUP!

***Change CAN be Happy, Beautiful, Appreciated, Purposeful, Meaningful.....***

As part of the Worship Committee, our group works to keep our sanctuary and the rest of the church prepared for worship each Sunday and for every season of the church year—from watering flowers and hanging banners to straightening books and more.

For several years, we have discussed an idea that Pastor Jenny shared when she first joined our congregation. As we planned for this year's Advent and Christmas season, we decided to make some exciting changes to how we prepare our church. Knowing that the idea of "downsizing" is often on people's minds, we decided to apply that concept to our preparations. Without giving too much away, you can expect fewer traditional decorations, significant changes in other areas, and a beautifully prepared space to welcome the season. (Hint: Thanks to Bonnie Haines, we will be featuring plenty of birch!)

The Martha Group meets every Tuesday at 10:30 AM, and we would love to welcome a few new members. Whether you would like to learn more or join us for a meeting, you are always welcome. Our current group includes Diane Jackson, Pat Greupner, Myrt Potter, Leesa Levy, Chris Nelson, and Mary Harcey. We typically conclude our gatherings with meaningful discussion and mutual support.




Thank you for embracing these changes as we enjoy the season together. Opportunities to donate toward Christmas flowers or support the music program will also be available this year.

Mary Harcey, Chair

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 2 Mike Haraldson, Nov. 3 Avis Gilbert, Jim Higgs; Nov. 4 Bruce Lundeen; Nov. 5 Freya Haugen; Jim Nelson; Nov. 11 Phyllis Green; Nov. 12 Mike Cossetta; Nov. 19 Cathy Schewe, Nov. 21 Cari Myhra, Guia Payayno; Nov. 22 Cleo Haugen, Wilma Terwilliger; Nov. 26 Zach Feinberg, Kelsey Rustin; Nov. 27 Frank Anderson

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# Chili Cook-Off



## Country Store Boutique with Homemade treats and gifts.

## Thursday, November 12
## 4:00 - 7:00pm

- **All You Can Eat**
- **Eat-in or takeout!**

**We're at the corner of**
**Myrtle & Greeley St., Stillwater, MN**
**Call or email before October 27 to reserve your Chili!!**
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***Credit card, Cash or check to First UMC***