

# *The Growing Edge*

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**All Saints Day, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**All Saints Day Organ Concert: 4:00 PM**  
Organist, Eileen Miller, All are invited!  
*(Daylight Saving Time Ends)*

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**Charge Conference:**  
For Pastoral Compensation - is scheduled  
for Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM.

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**Fridley Alumni Choir Concert;**  
Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 PM.  
All are invited!

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### **Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Thanksgiving Worship Service will be on  
**TUESDAY**, November 21, 2017  
at 7:00 PM.

Mark your calendars!



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**Church Conference:**  
For membership, lay speakers, candidate  
for ministry and leadership is scheduled for  
Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 PM.



### **Prayer Chain Information**

*Call to share your joys  
and concerns*

*National United Methodist*

*Prayer Chain:*

*1-800-251-2468*



## **PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD**

One of the great joys of ministering is to see how the Holy Spirit is on the move in many directions and dimensions. Through his partnership with us we are formed and shaped by the gift of enduring friendships. We are made both strong and vulnerable as we are animated by the harmonic heartbeat of reality itself – our loving Triune God. We rejoice in the Lord's grace and mercy that points us in the direction of God's family and our true home. Blessings as you read this story of journeying back and moving forward by faith.

*It began in 1973 when Shar and I moved from St. Paul to Fridley with our four children. We joined Fridley UMC. All four of our children were confirmed here, and three have been married here. Along the way, there was a growing disconnection and disenchantment in our relationships to our church family. Sadly, it wasn't long until our commitment to Fridley became Christmas and Easter. We attended other Methodist churches in the area looking for the void in our lives to be filled.*

*Before Thanksgiving 2013, our only daughter Carmen was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. At this time, we were also re-invited back to Fridley by our neighbor Linda Downs. She mentioned there had been a new pastoral appointment. We came to worship, and began the process of reconnection. We heard the Gospel of life at the same time our daughter was passing into the hands of God. New connections and friendships were forged in fires of sorrow and loss. Our daughter was leaving her home on earth when we were returning to our Fridley church home. In the mystery of devastation there was the mustard seed of transformation, in the struggle of why? We are also slowly learning the value of who? We find consolation in our faith and in our family.*

*Now, instead of dreading going to church on Sunday, we look forward to worship, the Gospel message, and building friendships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Attending Fridley, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and knowing that the Lord promises to provide for all that God declares to be precious, allows us to take steps of faith in the midst of the struggle.*

*Upon our return, Shar and I have discovered the value of Fridley UMC to be immeasurable, like the commercial says, "priceless." Our refuge and our sanctuary is the center of church itself, Jesus Christ. We sense a renewed energy and enthusiasm in our family of faith. Needless to say, we have become regulars and increased our commitment to serve and give.*

*Together, we can continue to grow and engage our community with the loving action of Jesus. A church on the move will require greater resources, but it also provides the possibility of growing God's family into the foreseeable future.*

*In the coming weeks, you will hear more from church leaders bringing forward a bold plan of Fridley UMC going forward into God's future, reaching new people, making disciples of Jesus Christ, and bringing God's healing to a broken world.*

*Sincerely, Chuck Gooder; Stewardship & Finance Chair*

## CARING MINISTRIES



Dates for Stephen Ministers:

**November 28,**

7:00 PM, Practice for Longest Night in the sanctuary

**December 10,**

7:00 PM, Longest Night Service

## EDUCATION

### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School starts 10:45 AM. Nursery care is available.

**PASTOR WAYNE'S CLASS** is an Intergenerational Confirmation class between worship services, 10:35 – 11:05 AM. Our class continues to grow, and looks like we will soon outgrow the computer room. Come and examine not just the what of belief but the why do we believe what we believe.

**LINKING FAITH AND LIFE CLASS** is a learning opportunity where participants explore current life topics from a faith perspective. This class meets upstairs in the Sunday School room next to the computer room.

**SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY CLASS** is Bible study class that meets in the far corner of Fellowship Hall. The lessons are based on the Common Lectionary, which often (but not always) correspond with the scripture for our worship service.

**ADVENT STUDY:** On the day after Jesus' death, it looked like whatever mark he left on the world would rapidly disappear. Was the world ever in for a big surprise. His impact on human history had just begun. Join us for four Wednesdays starting on November 29, at 6:00 PM to explore "Who is This Man?"

**NURSERY CARE** is available from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM for children up to age 3. Children are welcome to attend worship with their family.

ALSO (mid-week learning opportunity)

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING STUDY** at 9:30 AM.

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### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

A Men's Bible Study Group meets every Friday morning at 6:30 AM at Keys Cafe on the east side of University Avenue NE in Spring Lake Park. We eat breakfast and take turns leading that week's lesson, guiding us through a reading of scripture, story and discussion. We share prayer concerns. The Bible study text we use is *The New International Lesson Annual*. All men are welcome. For more info. contact Roger Olson.

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### **A GATHERING FOR GUYS**

*Grit & Spit* will be on Saturday November 4, at 9:00 AM at the Fridley American Legion; 7365 Central Ave. NE, Fridley. There will be coffee, rolls, and spirited conversation. Hope you all can make it.

## **MISSIONS**



Project AgGrad is a mission of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC. Together we can help feed the developing world by providing graduate education in production agriculture to some of the best students from developing parts of the world. Six AgGrad students have graduated from the University of Minnesota with advanced degrees in production agriculture since 1990. They are from Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe Uganda, and South Africa. More recently a seventh student from India will complete her doctorate and return there. Emmanuel Adeyemo an eighth student has recently arrived from Nigeria and has begun his studies in plant breeding. The fruits of their education are multiplied many times over through their teaching and mentoring of hundreds of student's research, publications, and outreach to farmers in their communities and in their home countries. Let us give generously to continue in this vital project.

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**HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES AT FAMILY TABLE:** Brrrrr! It's time to collect cold weather accessories to give away at Family Table. Thick gloves for adult men & women would be appreciated by our guests. Look for the giving tree to arrive in the lounge in early November; items will need to be in by Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> to start giving them away for the season. Thank you for taking care of our neighbors!

# CHURCH ALBUM



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Jean Saxton upon her death.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Polly Kielkucki and family upon the death of her mother Lorraine.

## 55+

### **55+ SINGLES BREAKFAST!**

55+ folks, join us for breakfast at Perkins at 7520 University Ave in Fridley, every *first* Monday of each month at 9:30 AM. This is just a social time – come, relax and enjoy the company of FUMC friends.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

#### **ALL SAINTS DAY ORGAN CONCERT**

**Eileen Miller, Organist**



**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

**4:00 pm**

**Fridley United Methodist Church**

A program of favorite organ and piano pieces featuring arrangements of "Now Thank We All Our God" by J.S. Bach, Sigfried Karg-Elert and Paul Manz.

***Music to delight the mind & soothe the soul.***

This event is free and open to the public.

**Poinsettias** - A tradition at FUMC is to use poinsettias in the sanctuary. Poinsettias will be available for order starting November 12<sup>th</sup> – order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins. The color choices are red or white. Price is \$9.00 each. Payment must accompany your order. The last day for ordering is Sunday, December 3. Thank you.



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**ADVENT DECORATING:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM

Your help is needed to adorn our sanctuary and other parts of our church for the Advent Season. We will decorate Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. Many hands will make the decorating go fast. **Mark your calendars!**



## UMW NEWS

### FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the church. The program will be centered around The World Thank Offering.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM at the home of Evie Skurich. Co-hostess will be Bonnie Ames. November is World Thank Offering Month and we will participate in that Program. Judy Schuldt will give Devotions. Let's join together and be thankful for all our many blessings.

### UMW SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Get out your pen and paper, as it is time once again to be thinking of that person in our congregation that you think does a lot for our church family. The United Methodist Women will be giving out Special Mission Recognition Awards at UMW Sunday in January. Please nominate someone that you feel deserves this award and tell us why you think they deserve it with a list of all the things that the person has done. We need these letters by Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, so that we can get their names in to the Conference. The letters of nomination should be placed in the UMW box in the church office. Thanks for helping us out with this.

*Dawn Bushnell-President of Fridley United Methodist Women*

Thank you to Diane Jachymowski, Jean Mills and Judy Ryan who prepared and delivered a warm, nutritious meal to HOPE 4 Youth for enjoyment by those needing a meal on October 9<sup>th</sup>. If this is an outreach in which you would like to participate, please contact Judy Ryan.

FUMC has received 2 large boxes of publisher over-run children's books from Half Price Books in Spring Lake Park. These have been divided and delivered to SACA for distribution with birthday cakes and to Hayes and Stevenson elementary schools. UMW and FUMC are active in outreach and mission!

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK:** Attention All Women,  
The Fridley United Methodist Women will be having our Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 PM at Banfill Crossing. Please join us for a fun evening of good food, great conversation and a bit of Christmas caroling. We want to give you plenty of time to get this on your calendar. Need a ride? Contact Dawn Bushnell.

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FUMC Family,  
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and support received during and after David's illness. It was very much appreciated, *Cindy Doerr*

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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who assisted us with Richard Zeglan's Funeral Lunch on Wednesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> by contributing food, or helping with setup, serving, cleanup and tablecloth laundering. We very much appreciate it! *Leone, Jinny & The FUMW Funeral Reception Committee*

**THANK-YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:**

The following people delivered Meals on Wheels the week of October 2 - 6.  
**TWO DAY DRIVERS:** Pat King and Pat Brown; Cheryl Skluzacek; Ron Newport and his friend Wally; Carrol Rahn; and Al and Sue Madison.

**ONE DAY DRIVERS:** Chuck Ames; Mary Young and Kathy Sinner; Harriet, Gary and Terri Stubbs; Kerry VanFleet and Jock Robertson; Perry and Carol Johs; Mike and Jody Lee; Jean Mills; Bob and Sandy Locker; Jim and Diane Jachymowski; and Janet and Tim Fossum.

The next time F.U.M.C. will be delivering meals will be December 4 - 8. What a great time of year that will be to get out and spread some cheer to our neighbors in Fridley, Spring Lake Park, Columbia Heights and Hilltop, as you bring them a hot meal. If you are able to help that week, or with questions about delivering, please call me.

*Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator, 763-780-5694*

Fridley UMC,

We greatly appreciate your donation of \$2,056. Your support of Meals on Wheels shows how much you care about our program, which is about serving people in need in our area.

Thank you for your great support.

*Ginger Pogainis, Secretary*

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Friends at Fridley United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to Minnesot FoodShare. Your donation helps us support MN's 300 food shelves as well as engage with MN communities to share about the impact of food insecurity and advocate for programs that increase access to food for all Minnesotans. We appreciate your generous support over the years.

*Summer Anthony, Program Manager*

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THANK YOU to everyone who assisted us with Harold Torvik's Memorial Lunch on Monday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> by contributing food or helping with setup, serving, cleanup, reset and tablecloth laundering. Your willing assistance is much appreciated.

*Leone, Jinny and The FUMW Funeral Reception Committee*

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A big thank you.

I want to thank all of you who sent me cards – since my diagnosis of cancer, my surgeries and now my treatment of chemo. Every day I would get a card and it made me smile. What a gift of a phone call, personal comments, or a card – showing you cared and were thinking of me. Thanks be to God! A special thanks to Judy Schuldt for giving me my prayer shawl, the meaning of the prayer shawl, and her hugs.

Another special thank you for prayers from Pastor Wayne. What a great church family! God bless all of you at this time.

Thank you!

In God's Love. *Carolyn Doyle*

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We appreciate the artists and writers who designed the meaningful cards we received from our FUMC family, thank you for them - you are all very loving and generous people. Our family can help with a few of the many needs in church & around the community.

*Many Thanks, The Zeglen Family*

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A BIG Thanks to all who helped make this Spaghetti Dinner such a success. It took many helping hands and we are appreciative of every one of you. Thanks to all those who attended and bought goodies to take home.

*Dawn, Delores and Shawn*

Dear Friends,

A warm place to sleep, a reliable meal, and hope for the future-that is what your generous gift of \$600 means to those we serve. Your giving is a true example of how when we all work together as a community then we have enough for all.

*Tonya Brownlow; Executive Director, Emma Norton Services*

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Thank you all that brought goods for our sale on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Donna Munter and Pat King for helping with sales when we could not be there. Many that no longer bake gave us cash donations. We appreciate all your efforts.

*Delores Hendrick and Jean Mills*

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$1,169 to Simpson Housing Services. We supported 266 families with 544 children through our Family Housing Program: Welcomed 740 men and 354 women into our shelter: Moved 127 guests directly from the shelter into safe and stable housing. Thank you for being a part of our community and helping to end homelessness.

Sincerely, *Elisabeth Loeffler*

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Again this year... THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! From SACA, ABC Food Shelf in Anoka and Tabitha Circle for your donations of cake mixes and frosting. All have been delivered and gratefully received by volunteers for distribution to families in need. Additionally, 10 cake mixes and cans of frosting were delivered to Alexandria House for use in their birthday celebrations. This could only happen with your support! Know you are deeply appreciated!

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Thank you office volunteers!!!

It is so nice to be able to take days off and know that the office is in good hands. You are all appreciated!

*Blessings, Brenda LaBarre*