

# The Growing Edge

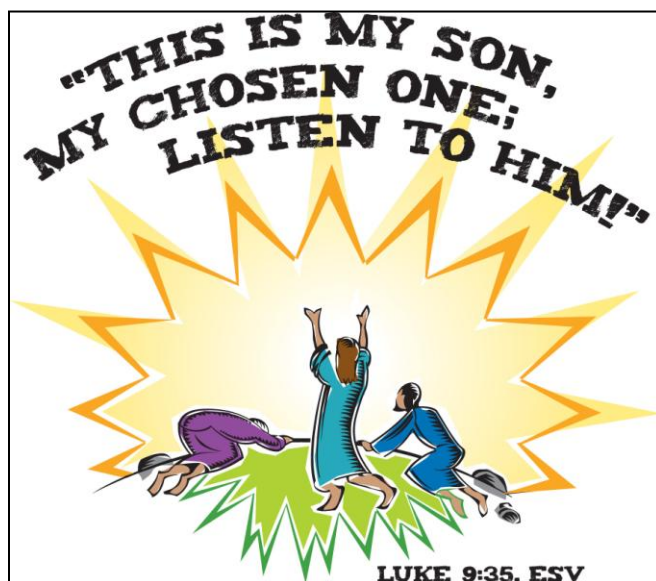
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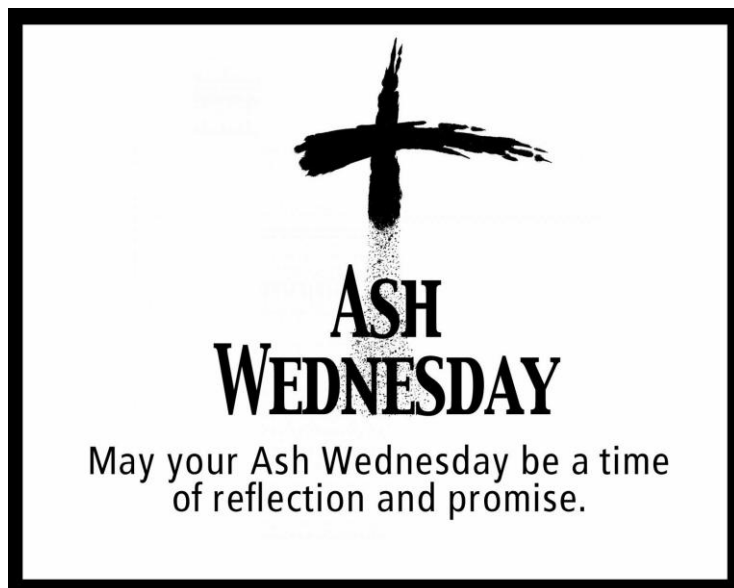
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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
February 11, 2018



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
February 14, 2018; 7:00 PM



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**  
Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00  
PM. Contact person is Debbie Fenhouse  
@ 612-240-0718.



### **Prayer Chain Information**

*Call to share your joys  
and concerns*

*National United Methodist*

*Prayer Chain:*

*1-800-251-2468*



## **PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD**

Greetings in God's grace to the family and friends of Fridley UMC.

One of the benefits of growing older is that you have a greater span of years to peer over the fence of time, to realize what is of consequence and what is not that important. Hopefully, there is still a little energy left in the tank to pursue that which is substantive and significant. I relish this season of my life, to nod, wink and squint at the impact that comes from the accumulation of decades of living on this earth. Hopefully, this season, even with its vulnerabilities, will be splashed and soaked with the awareness of God's grace and goodness.

Our big family will be getting bigger with the addition of two sons-in-law in February and October, and a grand baby to be named later in May. We have so much to be thankful and trusting for.

My prayer for our Fridley Church Family is that God will continue to grow us deeper and bigger into the church that Jesus is building in our midst. We span backward in recollection and reflection. We span forward with anticipation and awe.

Best of all, God is with us! What God treasures, will never cease to be!

*In Christ's Love, Pastor Wayne*

## **CARING MINISTRIES**

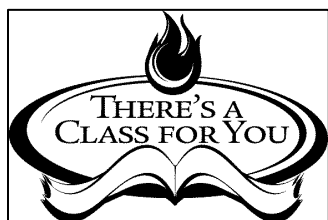


Dates for Stephen Ministers:

February 27; 7:00 PM, Continuing Education - Supervision

*Please keep our Stephen Ministers in your prayers as they serve in this important ministry.*

## **EDUCATION**



### **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday School starts 10:45 AM.

**PASTOR WAYNE'S CLASS** is a

Confirmation/Discipleship opportunity for everyone from middle school to old school. The time will be from 10:35 -11:05 AM in the computer room upstairs.

Bring your refreshments with you. We will learn to be apprentices of Jesus in his new kingdom living.

**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.

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 University Avenue NE near 83rd St. in Spring Lake Park. We eat breakfast at Keys, 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, 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**

### **FAMILY TABLE - Overflowing Bookshelves!**

In addition to the free meal at Family Table, we have been giving away free books to kids since our first year in action. Kids love to pick out a book just for themselves. Adults take special care in picking books for the young people in their lives to encourage reading! Recently we began a lending library table for adults too! This has been so successful: the table nearly is empty by the end of our day. And people bring books back to share again. We have so many donations from the congregation that we are out of space in our storage area and will be encouraging our guests and volunteers to take more than one book if they wish. Thank you for sharing the love of reading with our Family Table outreach!

# CHURCH ALBUM



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our Thoughts and prayers go out to the Marilyn Madsen family upon her death, and to Wanda Boyer upon the death of her father.

## 55+

### 55+ SINGLES BREAKFAST!

Join us for breakfast at Perkins at 7520 University Ave in Fridley, on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy the company of FUMC friends.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Fridley UMC State of the Church Summit on February 8, 7:00 PM with District Superintendent Dan Johnson. More info. to come soon.



### UMW NEWS

#### FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Please be watching for a Pledge letter from our UMW President Dawn Bushnell to help support our many missions that we use.

**SOCIAL ACTION:** United Methodist Women are "**Standing in the Red Zone**" and making offensive plays to Intercept Human Traffickers. We are applying our skills of advocacy and action to capitalize on the weaknesses of those who prey on vulnerable. To symbolize our efforts we will be **BOLD IN RED** and we invite the congregation to **STAND TOGETHER DRESSED IN RED** on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th, 2018.

- Red is energizing and excites our emotions and motivates us to take action
- Red signifies determination
- Red is a strong color that gives confidence
- Red is noticeable and radiates
- Red means love and red means stop!

Let's get declare our virtual Red Zone to uplift and support trafficking survivors, and to raise a stop sign to Intercept the Traffickers!

**NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** will meet February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the church. We will make Valentines for homebound church members. Kathy Harrison will bring treats and Char Swanson will do devotions.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will be working at Feed My Starving Children on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 PM. For those who would like, we will meet at church to carpool at 5:40 PM. Following our time at FMSC, we often stop for pie and conversation at Baker's Square! If you would like to participate in this worthwhile service project, please contact Judy Ryan. (*We are looking for 3 more people to join us.*)

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the home Jean Mills at 1:00 PM. Co-hostess will be Carolyn Doyle. Nan Galaway will share devotions and Diane Jachymowski, the program. It is Pledge Service time when we make our yearly UMW Giving pledges. We would like to carpool from the church at 12:30 PM since Jean lives a ways out. Call Evie if you would like to carpool with us.

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In appreciation for all your prayers, hugs, cards and calls, I thank you. Healing is on its way and it will be a happy new year. *Mary Young*

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone who helped us with Marilyn Madsen's Memorial Lunch on Thursday, January 4th by contributing food, or helping with setup, serving, cleanup, reset and tablecloth laundering. We appreciate all the willing help!

*Leone & The FUMW Funeral Reception Committee*

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Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of my father.

*Wanda Boyer*