

# The Growing Edge

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### Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 11, 2018



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### Palm Sunday; March 25, 2018

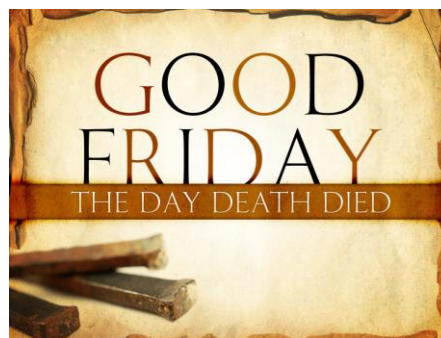


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### Good Friday Service

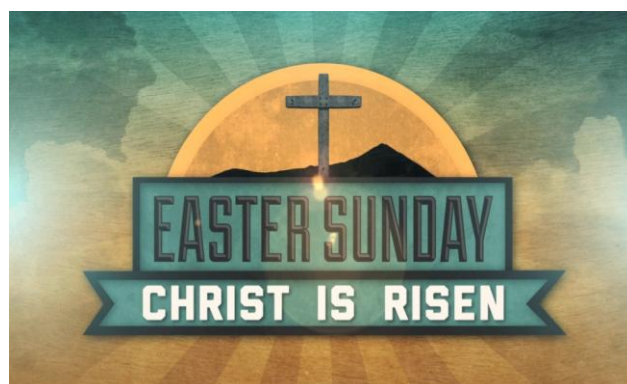
March 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Everyone is welcome!



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### Easter Sunday; April 1, 2018



He has risen indeed!



### Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys  
and concerns*

*National United Methodist*

*Prayer Chain:*

*1-800-251-2468*



## ***PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD***

Hello Church Family and Friends (Spring is coming), Every so often, I try to jump into the front seat of the car I frequently drive. Most of the time there is no problem squeezing myself behind the wheel. But on rare occasions I discover the spatial impossibility of me behind the wheel without pushing the seat adjustment button. (Thanks Holly.) The adjustment button brings relief as the seat moves back as far as possible.

If only personal change and adjustment in our daily living was that painless. Our world seems to be changing so much and so fast. We feel squeezed into uncomfortable positions. Just when we get use to a new update, another update is clamoring to install itself.

Currently, our church family is going through a season of adjustment and transition. We yearn for stability, dependability, vitality and security. Many of us are adjusting to new realities that can be both expanding and curtailing due to the perceptions that animate us. Even if we think that change is not happening to us, that does not stop change from happening to us!

Let us be especially tender to our church family during this time of transition and adjustments. It will require listening ears, communal collaboration and realistic assessment to help us be the positive solutions that Fridley UMC is seeking.

I look forward to working with the current servant leaders and all others who are sensing and perceiving the new thing that the Lord is doing in our midst. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

May we treasure all the kingdom endeavors of the past; may we trust that Jesus is still building his Church today; may all of us be willing to make personal adjustments to ensure that Fridley UMC will have an abundance of fruitful tomorrows.

*Blessings, Pastor Wayne*

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FUMC Members and Friends,

As we conclude 2017 what an exceptional year for FUMC! We had some unexpected challenges and renewed energy. Roof repair and the west side exterior wall repairs were unexpected but thanks to the good hail, good insurance and a membership stepping up when called upon, we now have an exterior facility with longevity. In 2016 our Sanctuary removal of asbestos tile and new carpeting also enhance the beauty and safety of our area of worship. The second "MOVE" worship service and expansion of Pastor Bob's role at FUMC add to our Pastoral support, growth and energy. Our budget at 2017 year end was able to support their needs. The timeless work of volunteers continue to improve and maintain the exterior of FUMC.

The generosity of giving to our new storage garage and updating our audio visual system demonstrates individual gifts of generosity by our membership.

As we now move our attention to 2018, the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be focused on meeting the direction of FUMC, its mission, and its members. FUMC's a helping hand to our community, a partner with Rainbow School and a progressive energy within our conference. All Pastors and Lay Leaders are working to strengthen our membership and continue our Christian missions.

This message is one of the continuing progressive efforts of FUMC and the committee hopes to continue updates as 2018 progresses.

*Chuck Gooder, Chair of Stewardship and Finance*

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## CARING MINISTRIES



Dates for Stephen Ministers:

March 27 at 7:00 PM, Continuing Education -

*"Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart"* intro. chapters 1-4.

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## 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. Come join us.

**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. See you there.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their family. Children's supplies (children's bulletins, crayons and coloring pages) can be found just outside the back sanctuary doors.

ALSO (mid-week learning opportunity)

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

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### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Join us as we discuss the book *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, edited by Sun Yung Shin. This is a collection of short stories written by MN authors. Kao Kalia Yang, who has visited our book group a couple of different times, has a story in this book. Come for a lively discussion. A light breakfast will be served. The date is Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9-12. Questions? Contact Dawn Bushnell. Please let Dawn know if you are coming. Thanks!

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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 near 83rd Street in Spring Lake Park. We eat breakfast at Keys. We 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 that we use is *The New International Lesson Annual*, for which we each make a voluntary annual contribution of about \$20. We keep a free extra copy in the church library for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity. All men are welcome. For more information contact Roger Olson.

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### **A GATHERING FOR GUYS**

*Grit & Spit* will be on Saturday, March 3, 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.

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## **MISSIONS**



### **LENTEN MISSION OFFERING**

The Lenten Mission offering will be designated to supporting **Emma Norton Services, Meals on Wheels, and Minnesota FoodShare**. Please stop by the Mission Bulletin Board in the hallway at church and read about these important nonprofit organizations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our missions.

**2017 MISSION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**(December 2016-November 2017)**

<b>MONTHLY MISSIONS</b>		
The Graners - Missionaries to the Dominican Republic	December	2,500.00
Habitat for Humanity	December	894.00
The Bergstahlers - Missionaries	January	1,699.00
Rainbow School	February	1,215.00
Emma Norton	March/April	600.00
MN Foodshare	March/April	2,055.00
Meals on Wheels	March/April	2,056.00
MN Conference Love Offering	May	1,019.00
Simpson Housing	June	1,169.00
Compatible Technologies	July	1,229.00
Hope4Youth	August	1,689.71
Family Table	September	1,614.00
UMCOR: Hurricane Relief	October	3,539.00
AgGrad	November	658.00
<b>SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>		
Human Relations Sunday	January	10.00
UMCOR: Undesignated Funds	April/May	352.00
Native American Ministries	April/May	110.00
Open Hearts Ministries	May	50.00
Peace with Justice	June	31.00
World Communion	October	27.00
Student Day	November	135.00
SACA	November	400.00
<b>TOTAL MONETARY GIVING</b>		<b>\$ 23,051.71</b>

Thank you for your generous donations to these missions. This outreach has helped children, families, and individuals locally, throughout Minnesota, and around the world.

*Your Mission Commission*



## FAMILY TABLE

The Family Table meal in March is Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. The Allina Parish Nurse program will be back again for the Vitamin D clinic. Minnesotans often have low levels in the winter and early spring because Vitamin D is produced by our bodies in response to sunlight and we don't have much sunlight to enjoy this time of year. A small amount of blood is collected and participants receive their results in their home mail in a few weeks. The results give recommendations as to food and supplements to help boost vitamin D levels if needed. There will also be bread, books, and haircuts for guests.

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**AT THE DONATION STATION** (the bins in the hall near the front doors) we are collecting:

- Batteries (button sized to D cell, no car or computer batteries)
- Used Cell Phones
- Used Eyeglasses for the Lions' Club



## CHURCH ALBUM



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Brian Erickson upon his passing; son of Donn and Jinny Erickson, and Sam Annala's significant other.

## 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

Summer Brochures are Here!

Don't let the cold and snow get you down. Start planning your summer fun by picking up the Camp Minnesota brochure at the Welcome booths or go to [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org). There are lots of options for children and youth, plus adult, family and Grandparent camps to choose from. If you have any questions talk to Mary Wright. There is campership money available.



## UMW NEWS

### FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** will be meeting on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Hodgeman will bring treats, Shirley Moore will be doing devotions and Pat Zeglen will be leading the Prayer and Self-Denial Service. Questions, call Pat King.

**UMW BOARD MEETING** on March 12 at 6:30 PM.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet in the church lounge for our meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Bonnie Miller Hostess, co-hostess will be Diane Jachymowski. Devotions will be offered by Peggy Mahle and the program by Judy Schuldt. March is the month for Prayer and Self Denial. Call Evie Skurich or Jean Mills if you need a ride.

Save the Date! Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will be the **UMW SALAD LUNCHEON!** Be watching the OCL for more information. You don't want to miss this once a year event!

All UMW Women and Anyone interested in Social Justice.

There is an opportunity to join with other religions to have our voices heard. The JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition) Day on the Hill is Tuesday, March 13, 2018. It starts at 8:30 AM at Central Presbyterian Church (500 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101) and goes to the capitol. It ends about 3:30 PM. Clergy and lay people from across the state attend Day on the Hill to show our interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process. The event includes prayer, issue briefings, time to meet with your district and opportunities to take action. Registration is required. Check out [jrhc.org](http://jrhc.org).

**Congratulations to Cindy Doerr and Howie Chatfield**, the recipients of the Special Mission Recognition Awards. Truly they do a lot for our church and deserve the recognition.

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**THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

The following people delivered Meals on Wheels the week of February 5 - 9.

**Two day drivers:** Marilynn Forsberg; Pat Brown; Pat King; Jim Skurich; Jock Robertson and Roger & Leone Olson.

**One day drivers:** Kerry Van Fleet; Evie Skurich; Betty Harris; Gary & Wanda Boyer; Carrol Rahn; Dianne McKusick; Jean Mills; Earl & Donna Steffen; Bob & Sandy Locker; Jim & Diane Jachymowski; Bob & Lois Vojtech; Chuck Ames and Tim & Janet Fossum.

The next week that FUMC has to cover will be April 9 - 13. I would love to add your name to my next Thank-You.

New volunteers are needed. I had nine less volunteers in 2017 than I did in 2016. Please consider giving this important ministry in our community a try.

Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator

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Dear FUMC Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,689.71 to HOPE 4 Youth Inc. With this gift to our organization, you are part of making the young people we serve feel safe, valued and supported. Since the beginning of 2017 more than 999 young people have visited the drop-in center to meet their basic needs – food from the food pantry, clothes from the clothing closets, a hot shower, hot nutritious meals and personal hygiene items.

Wow, thank you so much!

*Lisa Jacobson, Executive Director*

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Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS