

The Growing Edge

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May 13, 2018, Mother's Day



May 20, 2018, Pentecost Sunday



May 27, 2018, Trinity Sunday



May 28, 2018, Memorial Day



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National United Methodist

Prayer Chain:

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PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Greetings to the family and friends of Fridley UMC,

One day after our record shattering April snowfall, I found myself waiting for a green arrow to summon me onto Mississippi Street. I had waited at this particular intersection hundreds of times. I happened to be first in line, watching my rearview mirror stack up with vehicles.

Other people wanted to get on Mississippi Street beside me. I reminisced the countless times the lead driver would become preoccupied with other diversions to the point of distraction. The arrow would turn green. Instead of movement, there would be pause, pause, beep, honk, vroom. Cars in the back of the pack knew their wait just got longer, while those in the middle would sometimes push their luck to get through. The actions or inactions of one person would dictate the chain reactions of many.

It is so easy in our current culture to become attracted to our distractions. We forget that there are other people and generations that follow us. We become content to get through life's intersections without always remembering those behind us. It isn't so much that me gets through but we get through. The smallest/saddest gifts ever wrapped, are when we are wrapped up in ourselves.

Lost in my own thoughts, I was reminded it was time to get moving. Beep, honk, vroom!

Blessings,
Pastor Wayne

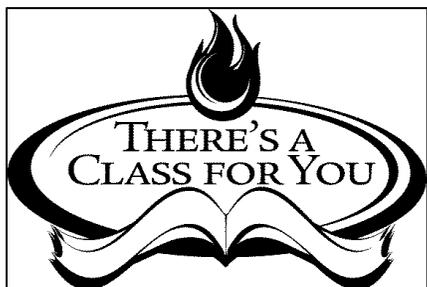
CARING MINISTRIES



Dates for Stephen Ministers:

May 22nd at 7:00 PM, Chapters 3-6; *Don't Sing Songs to A Heavy Heart*

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.

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.

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.

A GATHERING FOR GUYS

Grit & Spit will be on Saturday, May 5 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



MISSION GIVING FOR MAY – LOVE OFFERING

Each year churches in the MN Annual Conference receive a Love Offering for missions. The offering is presented during Annual Conference on Thursday morning worship, May 31st. It generally totals around \$90K which will be divided between three deserving organizations.

First: Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips commencing this summer following the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria last fall. Sixty-five percent of this year's offering for construction supplies, relief kits and VIM scholarships for Recovery Trips.

Second: Park Avenue UMC Freedom School offering a healthy head start. Freedom School is a six-week summer-day camp experience for children in the heart of Minneapolis. Twenty percent of this year's offering aims to close the achievement gap for 50 students through improved reading skills, art and cooking, music, and physical education.

Third: NUMAS HAUS provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children in New Ulm and surrounding Brown County. Adjacent to First UMC in New ULM, clients are able to stay up to 90 days while receiving counseling and access to county special services and vocational training. Fifteen percent of this year's offering will help families needing assistance for six to twelve months after completion of this program.

You can use the Mission envelopes in the pews to give support to these three important programs. Thank you. *The Mission Team*

Since last fall, FUMC has been furnishing an evening meal once a month at **HOPE 4 YOUTH**, a drop-in center for homeless youth in Anoka County, serving a nutritious, warm meal to youth and their children (yes!). This service will be provided again on Tuesday, May 15th. If you are willing to help with this outreach ministry, please contact Judy Ryan or Angela Panter.

FAMILY TABLE: Believe it or not, summer is coming along with summer holidays and vacations. Family Table is on Memorial Day weekend this year, May 26. Family Table is a ministry of food and friendship that takes place right here in our church. Many churches in the north metro participate in Family Table, and they each serve a meal in their own way and provide different extras. Our meal is served family style, instead of a cafeteria line, and we have a table host volunteer at each table. This allows for new people and strangers to get to know each other better. If you are interested in volunteering or just getting to know more about Family Table, please contact Judy Lange.

Sunday, May 27th is one of our six special Sundays throughout the year with opportunities for special giving. It will be **Peace With Justice Sunday**. Donations fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. Envelopes for your use will be in the 9:15 AM worship bulletins.

CHURCH ALBUM



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Lindh family upon the death of Everett.

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



Congratulations Pastor Bob on your graduation from Seminary! Let us celebrate with cake and punch on Sunday, May 20th after the second service. Mark your calendars!

Hello FUMC Ladies!

Women United-Together in Christ, our interdenominational ministry for women of all ages, is happy to announce that we are now taking registrations for our annual summer retreat taking place July 20-22, 2018. It will be held once again at The Inn on Lake Superior in Canal Park, Duluth. This year's title: 'The One Thing', based on the Mary and Martha story found in Luke 10. We will be learning about the importance and benefits of spending personal time with the Lord.

Brochures with registration instructions can be found at the nametag stations or by visiting www.mn-.org. Registration deadline: June 23, 2018. Every room is lakeside. The Inn is right on the Boardwalk. Along with times of worship and learning, there will be plenty of free time, too. We hope you will come along with us this year! Questions please call Holly Swanson.



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S LADIES DAY OUT

Looking for a healthy and spiritual twist on ladies night out? Please join us at the Mad Hatter Tea Room in Anoka on Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 AM for a fun day of community, a spot of tea, a little nosh, and much creative fellowship. Anoka also offers many unique opportunities for strolling and shopping for those so inclined. Seating is limited. If interested, please contact Dawn Bushnell. It will be on a first come, first served basis.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet Friday, May 11th at 11:15 AM at the church to car pool to Culvers in St. Anthony Main. Please contact Pat King for more information.

TABITHA CIRCLE

Tabitha Circle members are meeting on Monday, May 14th, at 6:30 PM in the church lounge to discuss next year's activities. It is a Hors d'oeuvres potluck. For more information call Judy Ryan.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 15th at the church lounge at 1:00 PM for desserts provided by hostesses Peggy Mahle and Nan Galaway. Carolyn Doyle has Devotions. Our program will be provided by a special guest speaker, Linda Ryan, daughter of Peggy Mahle. She will be sharing some of her mission experiences from several countries of the world. We welcome other women to join us for this unique and interesting program. Please RSVP to Evie Skurich.

UMW TWIN CITIES DISTRICT SPRING GATHERING

All UMW are welcome to hear guest speaker Pastor Lyndy Zabel on "Reflecting Light in Dark Places," how people live meaningful lives through service. Hosted at Normandale Hylands UMC (Bloomington) on Saturday, April 28th from 8:30 AM-1:00 PM.

MISSION U and MISSION U TOO 2018

Sisters in Christ, spring is fast approaching and plans for Mission U are on schedule. We will meet again at the Kelly Inn, St Cloud, MN on July 13-15, 2018. Registration will open May 1st and Close June 22nd.

More details to come when the event gets closer.

EMMA NORTON'S ANNUAL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Please join us May 7th, as we gather in the spirit of philanthropy and community, to celebrate our past and look forward to the impact we can achieve together on the journey to end homelessness. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with the dinner and program starting at 6:15 PM at the Minneapolis Marriott Northeast, 7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. For details and registration visit www.emmanorton.org.

CREATION CARE SUMMIT

The United Methodist Summit will bring together people from congregations, annual conferences, caucus groups, agencies and organizations at all levels of the church, July 26-29 at Hamline University. For more details <http://www.umcreationcaresummit.org/>



Dearest FUMC family,

We deeply appreciate all you did to assist and support us in the Celebration of Life for our beloved Brian. Your extraordinary efforts, profound faith and sincere care were noticed by all who attended. We

received many messages about our fortune in having such an extraordinary church family. And even now, you continue to help us get through this very difficult loss. Your enduring love and support means so much to us. Special thanks to Pastor Wayne and Pastor Bob for being with us when we needed them the most. To Tammy Brice and Krystal Wee for their amazing musical contributions. To Dawn Bushnell and UMW for hosting the visitation. To Stephen Ministry for taking care of details and Prayer Shawls. To Leone Olson and the funeral committee for serving lunch. To Tim White and crew for the setting up and taking down. To all who sent cards and memorials. It warms our hearts that Brian was so well thought of by so many of you. The *Fridley Moving Forward Fund* is being established and we will provide updates as we progress. May God Bless each and every one of you for your kindness. Please continue to keep us in your hearts and prayers as a huge link of our family chain is gone. Once again, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

The Erickson Family: Sam, Nathan, Christian, Donn, Jinny, Jimmy and Dean

Thank-you everyone for making this year's Salad Luncheon such a success! It takes a lot of people to make this happen. We especially want to thank everyone for buying a ticket, inviting guests and making this our biggest fund-raiser of the year. The money all goes to mission, so we really appreciate the support.

Cindy and Dawn

Thank you to all the MONTHLY ROSTER CHAIRPERSONS who will again do the calling for bars/cookies when we serve a meal at a funeral. Most of you have helped us for many, many, years and your efforts are appreciated!

Delores Hendrick -Chairperson

A very special thank you all to Fridley United Methodist Church and other caring people who have taken time to serve God by providing a Saturday Family Community meal and other things that have provided help to others. Door greeters, haircuts, blood pressure checks, blood work, bread goods, books, cards, mittens, gloves, scarves, travel size soaps, lotions and shampoos etc., fellowship at meals, those that prepare delicious lunches, and the prepare, set up, serving, and the clean up people.

Love and prayers,

Marie Waight

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

The following people delivered Meals on Wheels the week of April 9 - 13.

Three day drivers: Jock Robertson and Kerry VanFleet.

Two day drivers: Pat King and Pat Brown; Chuck Ames with the help of Bonnie one day; Cheryl Skluzacek; and Roger and Leone Olson.

One day drivers: Carrol Rahn; Betty Harris; Marilynn Forsberg; Dianne McKusick; Earl and Donna Steffen; Jim and Diane Jachymowski; Judy Ryan and Erin Callahan; and Jim and Evie Skurich.

The next week FUMC drives will be June 11 - 15. If you can help, please call Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator.