

The Growing Edge

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**JUNE 17, 2018
FATHER'S DAY**

"Honor your
Father as the
Lord your
God
has
commanded you"



Deuteronomy 5:16

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



Prayer Chain Information

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and concerns*

National United Methodist

Prayer Chain:

1-800-251-2468

America!

**God
Shed
His Grace
on Thee.**

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PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Finally; family and friends of Fridley UMC, we are able to squeeze into some of our summer's fashions. It seems to be that life is bursting out all over, in all different shades of green with the speckling of dandelion and lilac hues. It is like a new box of vibrant crayons has opened before our eyes. Speaking of eyes, nose and sinuses, some of us are finding our best friend, Benadryl, to be a necessary but drowsy companion. Love and life are literally "in the air." My hypersensitive immune system is not amused with all the frolicking.

All this got me to thinking about the signs of love and life that inhabit and animate Fridley UMC. Jesus spoke about manifestations of love between members of the church family. These signs of love would attract the non churched to explore and experience the church family that Jesus continues to build until he returns.

In a short while, we will be installing a new digital sign where the old sign now resides. Same place, new sign. Over 5,000 cars drive by on a daily basis. All these vehicles, all these people going here and there, so many in a hurry, so many distracted. Some will see our new sign and its vivid images. Some might even look us up and show up on Sunday to check out our church family. As they come to visit, I trust they will see a fellowship that deeply cares about one another, deeply invested in life together and deeply welcoming of the stranger that soon becomes a friend.

All of us are signs and billboards of what we love the most. All of us are in the advertising business. We may have lost of our glitz and shine. In humility, we acknowledge that God has chosen to come near us in Jesus Christ. In this nearness, we draw closer to our brother and sisters and welcome the newcomer to become family with us.

God, help us not to be allergic and immune to the awesome privilege of being followers of Jesus and welcomers on the new thing that God is up to.

Blessings, Pastor Wayne

CARING MINISTRIES



Dates for Stephen Ministers:

June 26, Support

July 24, Potluck

EDUCATION

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 and take turns leading that week's lesson guiding us through scripture, story and discussion. We also share prayer concerns. If you 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 June 2nd and July 7th 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.



Thank you to all who have helped teach classes to children, youth and/or adults. The contribution you make to FUMC is vital and most appreciated. Your dedication with weekly preparation takes time, energy and creativity. Know the education committee and your students are truly grateful!

MOVIE NOW in OUR LIBRARY

The movie, "All Saints" that was shown in our sanctuary on April 22nd is now in our library. Stop by and check it out if you have not seen it (or want to see it again). If you have questions contact Pat King, our Librarian.

MISSIONS

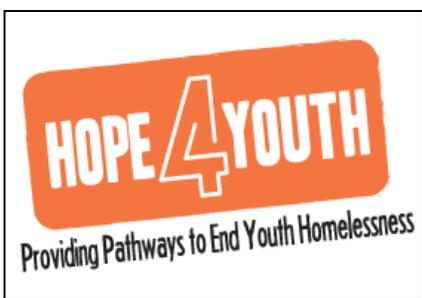


June Mission – C.L.U.E.

Our mission focus for June is Spring Lake Park Schools' program to enhance a culture that is inclusive and creates and sustains the relationship between children, families, schools and community – the program is named C.L.U.E. and it represents:

C	Connect people to each other
L	Learn about self, family, school and community resources
U	Unite as lifelong learners
E	Engage in creating positive culture

Stephanie Sandvik, a member of our church, has been instrumental in leading this promising program. Participants in the program meet at the Fridley Terrace Community Center Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. They are served a meal and then the children are engaged in crafts and games while the adults hear presentations from the community on various subjects. Our goal, with your support, is for FUMC to sponsor this program on Wednesday, June 27th. We will be purchasing, preparing & serving the evening meal for about 100 participants. We are asking for your monetary donations to purchase the food and are seeking volunteers to: (i) help prepare the meal, (ii) serve the meal, and to (iii) lead the children in a craft project. The program is also in need of craft supplies for the children's activities, sporting equipment, games, paper products, bottled water, Clorox wipes, etc. (Please see a list of items needed posted on the bulletin board.) This is a program right in our own backyard in which we can have a positive impact. Please contact Diane Jachymowski if you can volunteer in any way on Wednesday, June 27th. You can also contact Stephanie Sandvik with any questions you might have about the program. Thank you for your generous support! You can use the envelopes in the pew racks and make checks payable to FUMC. Write "C.L.U.E. Missions" in the memo line.



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. Due to other responsibilities, we will not be serving in either June or July but beginning August 14th, we will always serve a meal at the drop-in center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We leave from the church parking lot by 3:45 PM, serve from 4:30 until 5:45 PM (sometimes a bit earlier if we're ready), returning to FUMC by 6:30 PM. Thank you to the many who have already participated. Angela Panter and Judy Ryan (lead organizers) hope you will consider continuing your volunteer outreach in this on-going need and we look forward to new participants and, of course, new menu ideas! Thank you!!

THE GARDEN TABLE

The Garden Table returns this summer! Many Fridley UMC friends and members keep a garden during the summer and need a place to give away extra produce. You may also have flowers you wish to share. The table

will be up on Sunday mornings in the hallway with a basket for donations that will go to funding Family Table. We also will have a garden table on Family Table meal days for guests to take home for free along with the books and bread. Please bring those items on Saturday morning before the meal. If you are inspired, maybe plant an extra row just to give to Family Table!

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



Please do NOT drop off ink cartridges as there is no one to recycle them!

CHURCH ALBUM



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Betty Harris and family upon the death of her son Jim, father to James Harris and brother to Karen Harris.

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

FAMILY TABLE VOLUNTEER PICNIC

Save the date for June 7th at 6:30 PM! We will have our volunteer appreciation potluck at the Lock Park pavilion. Whether you've volunteered once, many times, or are just considering it, you and your household is welcome! Bring a dessert, salad, or other dish to share! The pavilion is covered and has access by sidewalk from the parking lot for those uncomfortable getting around on lawns. Beverages and paper products will be provided. If you need a ride, contact Judy Lange. See you at the park!

Tabitha Circle will be hosting the hot dog stand for Fridley Forty Niner Days on Thursday, June 14th. Plan to join us for a light supper, the proceeds which will benefit meals provided by FUMC at the drop-in center at Hope 4 Youth. We will serve from 5:30 PM to the end of the parade or until we run out of food! This is a very fun project and we look forward to seeing YOU!

We are excited to celebrate our parents' (Margaret and Bill Ekstrum) 50 years of marriage, and want to invite you to stop by during our "open house" style gathering on Sunday, July 1st from 12:00-3:00 PM at FUMC!
Karen (Ekstrum) Evenson and Kristen (Ruesges) Evenson and family.



WOMEN UNITED-TOGETHER IN CHRIST, our interdenominational ministry for women of all ages, are taking registrations for our annual summer retreat taking place July 20-22, 2018. It will be held 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. Registration instructions can be found at the nametag stations or by visiting www.mn-.org. Registration deadline: June 23, 2018. Every room is lakeside. 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

MISSION U and MISSION U TOO 2018 - Sisters in Christ, plans for Mission U are on schedule. We will meet again at the Kelly Inn, St Cloud, MN on July 13-15, 2018. Registration closes on June 22nd.

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/>.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped us with Everett Lindh's Memorial Lunch on Monday, April 23rd by contributing food, or helping with setup, serving, cleanup, reset and tablecloth laundering. We appreciate it very much!

Leone, Jinny and the FUMW Funeral Reception Committee

Many thanks for all your prayers and concern for us as Curt completes radiation.

Curt and Joyce Dahlberg

Thank you to everyone who helped at my son's Memorial Service, this includes the kitchen staff, the Steven Ministers and everyone else who was kind to me and my family.

Forever grateful, Betty Harris

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped us with Jim Harris's Memorial Lunch on Saturday, May 5th by contributing food, or helping with setup, serving, cleanup, reset and tablecloth laundering. We appreciate it very much!

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We appreciate the visits that Char has received since being in White Pines Assisted Living, thank you. Char has moved to another facility. The new location is: The Sanctuary at Brooklyn Center, room? 6121 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Center MN 55429. We would appreciate more visits at her new home. We are thankful for all the prayers, concerns and best wishes received from our members. This congregation has the most caring people that anyone could want.

Thanks again! The Ken Swanson Family

Thank you for the many hands that helped on the all church spring clean up day on Saturday, May 12, 2018. For the many hands that helped, we couldn't have done it without you. There is more to be done later. Helping hands made the job easier!

Thank you, The Trustees.

Many thanks to all of you who blessed me with prayers, hugs, cards & calls during the time of my surgery and recovery. I'm home and ready to get moving again.

Mary Young

