

The Growing Edge

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Our **LIVE** services are streaming at 9:15 AM and 11:15 AM every Sunday!

So, if you are ever going to miss a Sunday Service, head to our website and enjoy some amazing music and a message that relates to your life. Go to our website <http://www.fridleyumc.org/> and click on watch live service. OR

Link:

www.fridleyumc.org/worship/watch-live-youtube



Prayer Chain Information

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National United Methodist

Prayer Chain:

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PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

It is still summer, saints, but I'm noticing the lengthening of summer-time shadows. Trusting you have had getaway time to savor the splendid sights and sounds of nature in all its beauty.

This summer at Fridley Church has been a wonderful time to meet people from all over our state, country and world. Some say church slows down in the hot months, but that has not been my experience.

One of the benefits of meeting and making new friends is that you also get the chance to meet your new friend's friends. Just this past Sunday some outdoor greeter noticed Maine license plates in our parking lot. The pastor observed a new couple in our early worship service. The new couple who lived in Maine was warmly welcomed during worship. The new couple was invited to fellowship after worship. Veronica and Dean met many Fridley folk that day that went out of their way to make a connection with visitors they might never see again this side of heaven.

As they left, Veronica and Dean were overhead expressing their gratitude for the welcome and connection they experienced at Fridley UMC. Our welcome made a profound impression on them.

It all started by noticing a license plate in the parking lot. Thanks Fridley folk for noticing and making time for the "OTHERS" in our midst.

To the One who makes all things new.

Blessings, Pastor Wayne

CARING MINISTRIES



Dates for Stephen Ministers:

August 28, 7:00 PM: Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart,
Support

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

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

EDUCATION

SUNDAY EDUCATION

PASTOR WAYNE'S CLASS is a Confirmation/ Discipleship opportunity for everyone from middle school to old school. Time: 10:35 -11:05 AM in the old computer room upstairs. Bring your refreshments with you.

Mid-week learning opportunity.

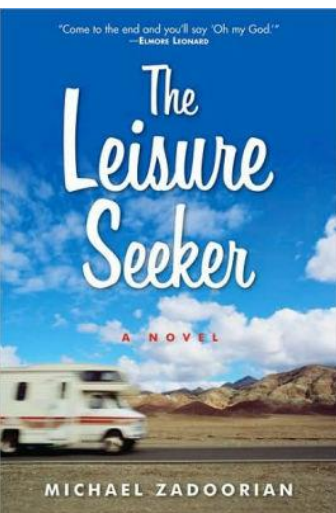
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING STUDY at 9:30 AM. All are invited!

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*. We keep an 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, August 4th 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.



BOOK GROUP

Need something to do this summer that doesn't work up a sweat? The Book Group will be meeting on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 AM-noon, and if you are interested, you may want to get started on the book that we will be discussing. The book we will be discussing is The Leisure Seeker, by Michael Zadoorian.

There was also a movie made called *The Leisure Seeker*, starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland.

You could watch it if you can find it out somewhere, but we will be following the book in our conversation.

The discussion will be led by Dawn Bushnell and Jenny Kratzer. Please see one of them if you have questions. A light breakfast will be served.

MISSIONS



Hope 4 Youth is a non-profit organization to benefit homeless youth in Anoka County. On any given night, there are 2000 homeless youth in our county, youth who have been neglected and abused. Youth under the age of 24 are eligible for a free evening meal at the drop-in center in Anoka at which FUMC provides this meal on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Hope 4 Youth connects youth with housing programs; partner with other service providers; facilitate educational opportunities and provide youth with basic items and referrals. Our lives are rich beyond measure and we often simply take our good fortune for granted. Please give generously to those youth in our community who struggle for even basic needs as you consider your gift to our August mission, Hope 4 Youth.

BACKPACK SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

At last Augusts' Family Table, we gave away 101 backpacks, only 60 of them totally filled, and many extras. **This year our goal is 100 filled bags to divide into 3 age groups!** Below is the list of suggested supplies. If you would like to help with the supply drive, but don't like doing the shopping yourself for one reason or another, **we would be happy to do the shopping for you!** This will help us out if we have an abundance of some supplies and not enough of others. Place your donation in the Missions Envelope and write "Family Table School Supplies" on the outside.

Thank you for your generosity!

Backpacks, all ages
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper, loose-leaf
Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
#2 Pencils with Erasers
3 Subject Notebooks
Antibacterial Wipes
Eraser Tops or large Pink Erasers
Pens (red, black, blue)
Solid Color Pocket Folders
24 Crayola Crayons
12 Pack Crayola Colored Markers
Glue Stick or Glue Bottle



Small Pencil Pouch or Box
Pencil Sharpener
White Copy Paper (8.5x11)
Ruler (inches and centimeters)
Fiskars Scissors, safety and pointed
Dry Erase Markers
Extra Large Boxes of Kleenex

CHURCH ALBUM



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Kate McNair upon her death.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Randall Synan upon his death.

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

THE LYDIA PROJECT

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in Minneapolis in 2020. The organizing committee for this conference would like to give each participant – clergy and laity – a purple scarf. They are asking the Minnesota congregations to produce 10,000 scarves for “The Lydia Project”. Lydia was a woman in the Bible who was a seller of purple cloth – a rare commodity. Our church is participating in this project. So far 20 people have indicated their willingness to help produce hand-knit or hand-crocheted scarves made of acrylic yarn (it’s washable) with the dimensions of 6-7 inches wide and 60 inches long not including any fringe which is optional. Scarves are to be made of purple yarn – think Vikings purple (violet, dark orchid) – NO lavender or variegated yarns. It is of great importance that the parameters of this

project be adhered to for consistency of the final product. If you are interested in helping make some of these scarves, please talk to Sharon White, who is coordinating our church's project, for specific information and sample patterns. Sharon can be reached at 763-413-7017, email twhitemvr@aol.com or at church on Sundays.



FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

REMINDER: UMW Board Members planning meeting will be Monday, August 13th, at 6:30 PM at the church. See you then!



THANK YOU to all who helped with the hot dog stand at the Fridley 49er parade! We cleared a \$575.00 profit to benefit 'Hope 4 Youth', a local non-profit supporting housing and necessities for homeless youth in Anoka county as well as backpacks for Fridley students. Again, if you worked or if you supported our efforts with a purchase/purchases or a free will donation, we sincerely thank you!

Tabitha Circle

THANK YOU everyone for the prayers, cards and calls during my hip surgery. Everything went well and I am on the mend, but only because I have such a loving church family (and husband that has been a great nurse) that cares deeply about me. I know that all the prayers are very healing. Have a wonderful summer and I will see you soon.

Dawn Bushnell

THANKS SO MUCH for your prayers, cards and hugs after Curt's two recent hospitalization and my hip surgery. You keep us going.

Curt and Joyce Dahlberg

THANK YOU!!!!

It was a joy to serve a meal at the C.L.U.E.—a wonderful program led by Stephanie Sandvik to help build a strong community at Fridley Terrace Trailer Park. A big, heartfelt “thank you” to the **many** people contributed in a variety of ways to make this meal for approximately 100 people possible! Many busy hands prepared fruit and baked bars and cookies. Others did heavy lifting, transporting food and supplies, and we had a great group who served the meal. The smiling faces of those we served was truly rewarding! All leftovers were given to grateful families. We were blessed with gift cards from Bob’s Produce (\$50) and Sam’s Club (\$40). Marsden Company generously donated \$200. We are thankful for all members of FUMC who donated funds and for all those who prayed and supported this exciting program!

Gratefully, Your Mission Commission

THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks for all the cards, prayers and good wishes from so many of you for our 50th wedding anniversary. We have been richly blessed by you: by worship and prayer, by the opportunity to speak the language of music, by adult classes, by Tuesday morning and Friday morning breakfasts, and by so much more. Thanks for all who attended our open house, and who have done so much for us over the years. We love you all!

Margaret and Bill Ekstrum

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The following people delivered Meals on Wheels the week of June 11 - 15.

Three Day Drivers: Barb & Fred Severni.

Two Day Drivers: Marilynn Forsberg, Pat Brown & Pat King, Jim & Evie Skurich and Cheryl Skluzacek.

One Day Drivers: Jean Mills, Carrol Rahn, Dianne McKusick, Al & Sue Madison, Roger & Leone Olson, Earl & Donna Steffen, and Chuck & Bonnie Ames.

The next week that FUMC drives will be August 13 - 17. I would love to add your name to this list.

Questions, please call Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator, 763-780-5694.

Fridley UMC,

Thank you so much for the donation of \$1,669.50 that you made to the Meals on Wheels program. This donation shows that you care about the importance of this program as much as we do.

With the help of caring people like you, we hope to continue serving people in need in our area for many years to come.

Thanks again, from the Board of Directors and staff.

Ginger Pogainis, Board Secretary

Dear FUMC,

Thank you for your generous gift to Minnesota FoodShare. We received your gift of \$1,669.50 on 6/28/2018. By virtue of your gift you are joining with thousands of others to raise hunger awareness and improve access to healthy foods for all Minnesotans. At Minnesota FoodShare, we believe access to healthy food is crucial-not just for good health-but for the stability of families and communities. Our hope is that one day MN. FoodShare will no longer be needed when every child, senior citizen, and individual will have access to the food they need to live healthy, productive lives.

Sincerely,

Summer Anthony, Program Manager

