

The Growing Edge

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*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.*

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NEW WORSHIP TIMES:

Starting Sunday, September 9th

9:15 - 10:15 AM: Traditional Worship
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Move Worship



EXPLORING DISCIPLESHIP

Exploring Discipleship is a new class meeting **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:00-7:00 PM** (starting Sept. 12). Together we will explore and learn what the Bible teaches us about living as followers of God and disciples of Jesus Christ. Using the Bible as our guide, we will gather around God's stories and explore how God is still working in and through our church and our lives to send us out to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This new class will be co-led by the Pastors, and is designed for anyone seeking to deepen their faith and walk with our Lord. Come and see!



Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys
and concerns*

National United Methodist

Prayer Chain:

1-800-251-2468



PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

It was quite a marvel to hold in my hands grandson Gavin on his baptism day at Fridley Church. A day so full of promises, possibilities and fragileness. A sacred day of declaring in the water and Word, the unstoppable love of God for all of God's creation. The marking of this little boy in the name of his Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. As Gavin grows up, he will hear of his Savior and Lord that so identified with him, as to take on the vulnerabilities of becoming a little baby himself. Gavin will grow up to know that Jesus grew up from childhood to manhood. When the time came, the Son of Man willingly confronted the powers of death, even the death of the Cross. On the third day, the very one who was trampled by death, arose alive, victorious, triumphant. My prayer is that Gavin will discover in Jesus Christ, his identity and security.

Not too much later, I was with my mother Mavis, who has lived nine decades longer than her great grandson Gavin. Mom's faithful and ferocious heart for her family and friends is getting tired, much more fragile and vulnerable. It was quite a marvel to hold, to help, to assist my mom in doing the little things that she did for me during my dependent days of infancy and childhood.

It is quite a marvel to realize how fragile, vulnerable and dependent we all are, in our days upon this earth.

The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus came into our world because he knew our desperate plight. In his personhood and sacrificial love, Jesus takes us into God's promises and enduring possibilities. He makes and takes us into God's family by God's Grace,

In Jesus Christ, we can rest in the hands, the heart, and home of a loving Creator. In our conception, in our infancy, in our potency, in our infirmities, we are held by the Good Shepherd's strength, which is more than enough.

Blessings, Pastor Wayne

ADJUSTING TO THE TIMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2018

New times for our Sunday schedule

9:15 – 10:15 AM: Traditional Worship

10:15 – 10:45 AM: Fellowship

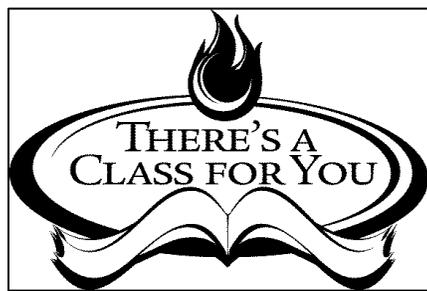
10:45 – 11:25 AM: Discipleship making
Education

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Move Worship



Special gratitude for the flexibility shown by the Move Worship Service to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world.

EDUCATION



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School starts 10:45 AM.

PASTOR WAYNE'S INTERGENERATIONAL CONFIRMATION/DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:

This is an opportunity for everyone from middle school to old school. Meet in the computer room upstairs, and 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 and crayons) can be found just outside the back sanctuary doors.

ALSO (mid-week learning opportunity)

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING STUDY at 9:30 AM.

WEDNESDAY EXPLORING DISCIPLE CLASS: 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

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*. All men are welcome. For more information contact Roger Olson.

A GATHERING FOR GUYS

Grit & Spit will be on Saturday, September 8th 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.

LEAFS (*Life Enrichment Adult Forums*)

The program consists of a variety of classes, convocation, fellowship times, and lunches are offered to residents of the metropolitan area.

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

Places: **Christ Lutheran Church;** September 10 & 24.

(641 89th Ave. Blaine, 763-784-3300)

St. Philips Lutheran Church; October 8 & 22.

(6180 HWY 65 NE, Fridley, 763-571-1500)

Registration fee: Before September 6 -\$45 for the series or \$13 per session. After September 6 -\$48 for the series and \$15 per session, (Coffee break and lunch are included.)

For further information call Ron Seekamp at 763-571-7821 or call St. Philip's Church at 763-571-1500.

MISSIONS



MISSION OF THE MONTH IS FAMILY TABLE

After months of planning, FUMC's first Family Table was held in October 2008, with 42 guests. That means we have been providing a meal for the community for TEN YEARS! Fridley United Methodist Church (FUMC) leaders developed Family Table as an outreach to help alleviate hunger in southern Anoka County. Because our now-urban community has many needs, especially among children and seniors, our Youth suggested creating a monthly dinner. Judy Lange is the planning and volunteer coordinator who made this a reality—with help from 118 individual volunteers who worked 1654 hours during the past twelve months. We are following John Wesley's challenge to "Do all the good you can."

Number of guests in the last 12 months? 950.

Cost per plate \$3.04.

\$10 provides 3.3 meals.

We are grateful for the volunteers and financial support to continue this ministry to our neighbors!

COLLECTION OF CAKE MIXES AND PREPARED FROSTINGS



During the month of September Tabitha circle is once again collecting cake mixes and prepared frostings for local food shelves. Your past support of this mission project has meant that children can celebrate their birthday with a special cake in honor of their day. If you are able to support this mission,

please place your contributions by the collection center next to the front doors. As always, thank you all for your support of Tabitha's monthly projects.

CHURCH ALBUM



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Harriet Stubbs and family upon the loss of her sister Hyla Kubat.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Al and Kellie Palmer and family upon the loss of Al's mother Shirley Palmer.

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

In lieu of the scheduled meeting of Stephen Ministers on Tuesday, August 28th at 7:00 PM, Pastor Wayne will be having an informational update meeting on the formation and re-launching of a laity based caring Ministry Team at Fridley UMC.

We give thanks for the many years of dedicated service that Stephen Ministers have provided. We pray for God's guidance going forward as we discern and develop intentional caring ministries as Fridley UMC moves forward.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Family Table is seeking a volunteer to clean parts of the church after our Family Table meal. This position would be on the 4th Saturday of every month starting at 1:15 PM. Responsibilities would include: (Sweep and mop the floors in the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Clean the two bathrooms on the main level. Vacuum or sweep floors on the main level and mop the hallways.) If you are interested or need more information, please contact Judy Lange. Thank you.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Our first Chancel Choir practice will be Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM. Every member is needed, and **we heartily welcome new singers!**

This is a spirit-filled, caring group who like to have fun as we praise the Lord! We are looking forward

to another uplifting season. Call Dave Ryan or Diane Jachymowski if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



INFORMATIONAL SPEAKER ON THE CHANGES TO THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Please join the Fridley United Methodist Women on Monday, September 10th at 7:30 PM for dessert and an informational speaker on the changes to the Medicare Advantage Plans.

Many of you may be receiving letters from your insurance plan, stating that it is going away at the end of this year. I have invited Kim Hart, a Retirement Ins. Specialist working with American Senior Benefits, to come speak about the changes to the Medicare Advantage Plans. She is VERY knowledgeable about this topic and I have learned a lot from her. She deals in Medicare-Life-Long Term Care-Annuities-MNSURE Major Medical-VA Health Plans and Dental. She has 20 years of experience advising on Medicare. If you have questions about any of this, please contact Dawn Bushnell. This is very informative, so if you have neighbors, friends or family members that would also like to attend, please RSVP to the Church Office @ 763-571-1526 or brenda.labarre@fridleyumc.org (so we know how much dessert to have on hand).

Thank you. Dawn Bushnell



KNITTING/CHROCHET GROUP RESUMES!

On September 11th and 25th at 1:30 PM we will meet in the church lounge. *Lydia Project scarf knitters* come join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Questions? Call Evie Skurich.

THE LYDIA PROJECT

FUMC has 24 people currently knitting and crocheting dark purple scarves for the 2020 UMC General Conference. Funds have become available to purchase yarn for this project. Skeins of yarn are available at the donation station. Completed scarves can be placed there also (include your name with the scarf.) If you can't knit or crochet but want to help, monetary donations can be made to help buy additional yarn. Questions contact Sharon White.

"HANDS ON" MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SACA (Southern Anoka Community Assistance) has a Food Shelf and a Thrift Store, at 627 38th Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421. We at Fridley UMC have donated food for the Food Shelf and clothing and small household items for many years. They also need volunteer workers in several areas for individuals, couple and groups of any age. These opportunities are:

Truck Driver - make regular visits to local stores to pick up donations - 6 AM to 10:00 AM 1-4 days per week.

Warehouse Workers - stock shelves and sort food during the morning and/or afternoons - various shifts available.

Client Shopping - help clients pick out food during morning and/or afternoon - various shifts available.

Thrift Store - sort donated clothes and run the register - various shifts available.

Donate - SACA accepts gently used clothing and household items to sell in the thrift store. Items are sold at garage sale prices and 100% of the funds are recycled back into the food shelf.

If you have a few hours to work at SACA, please contact Dave Rudolph, Director at 763-789-2444, Email: sacafs@juno.cpm or website: <http://www.sacafoodshelf.org>. Facebook: Southern Anoka Community Assistance. Questions: See Gary Boyer of our congregation who is a Warehouse Worker and delivers our food contributions to SACA from our church grocery cart weekly.

Let's help our neighbors - Mission work can be close to home.



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will be having their Installation of Officers meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:30 PM. Feel free to join us, or come later for dessert and a program- an informational speaker on the changes to the Medicare Advantage Plans at 7:30 PM. Please watch the OCL for more details. If you are interested in joining UMW, please contact Dawn Bushnell.

TABITHA CIRCLE

During the month of September Tabitha Circle is collecting cake mixes and prepared frostings for local food shelves.

NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet September 14, 2018 at the church at 9:30 AM. We will have a short memorial service for Kate McNair. All are invited who wish to share their memories of Kate. Pat King will provide refreshments.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

To all the helping hands that helped with the Randall Synan funeral. You, who helped with setting up, serving the food, donating bars, cookies, laundering kitchen table cloths, dish towels, take down, re-set for Rainbow School and Family Table. Thank you Doris Osborne and Joyce Dahlberg the monthly Service Roster co-chairs. Everyone's help was sincerely appreciated. *Jinny Erickson, Leone Olson, Funeral Reception Committee.*

Thank you so very much for the lovely cards you sent as I recover from surgery. I especially appreciate your prayers, hugs, and phone calls.
Judy Schuldt

A Big Thank You to everyone for their prayers, good wishes, cards and phone calls during my recent knee replacement surgery. It went well and my recovery is progressing nicely thanks to good medical care and my husband's good nursing. Also a special thank you to Jinny and crew for very ably handling Randall Synan's Funeral Lunch on the day of my surgery. God is Good! *Leone Olson*

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your gift received on 7/26/18 of \$195 is supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters. Giving through the Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us to "Be Hope" to those who desperately need it.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer, General Board of Global Ministries
Russell Pierce, Executive Director of Communications, Advance & Fundraising, General Board of Global Ministries

Thank-You Volunteer Drivers

The following people delivered Meals on Wheels the week of August 13 - 17.

Three Day Drivers: Ron Newport and his friend Wally.

Two Day Drivers: Jim & Evie Skurich; Al & Sue Madison; Barb Severni; and Kerry VanFleet and Jock Robertson.

One Day Drivers: Marilyn Forsberg; Bob & Sandy Locker; Jim & Diane Jachymowski; Jean Mills; and Carrol Rahn.

There are less names this time due to one less route. Client numbers in the summer are always lower. The next week we deliver will be October 15 - 19, and hopefully the numbers will be back up and Route 2 will be back on. Thanks to those of you who offered to deliver that Route if it would have been needed.

Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

