

The Growing Edge

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

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WORLD COMMUNION

Special Sunday Offering
October 7, 2018

World Communion Sunday gives Christians a time to share in the sacrament and then to serve God by supporting scholarships for U.S. (racial and ethnic-minority) and international students. Special envelopes will be included in the worship bulletin.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Fridley United Methodist Women Harvest Dinner and Bake Sale will be on Friday, November 9, 2018.

Look for more information in the November Growing Edge.



Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys
and concerns*

National United Methodist

Prayer Chain:

1-800-251-2468



PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

I'm so grateful for the growing number of Fridley family folks who are being increasingly intentional about being disciples (apprentices) of Jesus. We have had a number of newer visitors that are quick to share the blessings and warm welcome they have received in visiting our worship and educational opportunities.

I see more and more people being shaped to look and reach out to the person they would otherwise pass by. This kind of generous and gracious relational spirit creates habits of caring and connection, that form strong bonds of friendships and identity for our Fridley family.

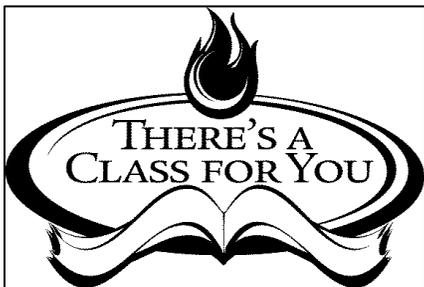
I share with you excerpts from a thank you note that beautifully contains the power of Gospel to touch and transform the human soul.

Dear Fridley Church, let me start with the superlatives of the warm welcome from the ordained ministers and all the church family ministers of all ages. I was blest by the powerful message in Scripture, Word and song, capped by hugs and tears of joy. This Sunday, I was reconfirmed in the Faith. When was the last time I was invited to participate in the prayer of confession, then given absolution . . . there is hope in redemption and the path forward has been lit by a small flickering flame. Amazing love indeed.

Thanks church for being a family where disciples of Jesus Christ are being made for the transformation of the world.

Blessings, Pastor Wayne

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, 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.

EXPLORING DISCIPLESHIP

Exploring Discipleship is a new class meeting **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:00-7:00 PM** (started 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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

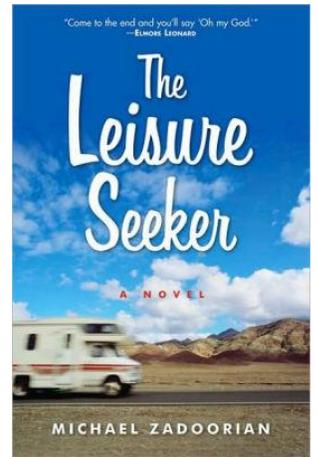
A Men's Bible Study Group meets every Friday morning at 6:30 AM at Keys Cafe on the east side of University Avenue NE near 83rd Street in Spring Lake Park. We eat breakfast at Keys. We take turns leading that week's lesson, guiding us through a reading of scripture, story and discussion. We share prayer 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, October 6 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

The Book Group will be meeting on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 AM-noon. The book we will be discussing is The Leisure Seeker, by Michael Zadoorian. The discussion will be led by Dawn Bushnell and Jenny Kratzer. A light breakfast will be served. Please bring two or three pictures of your favorite trip, with you, and call Dawn Bushnell if you have questions or if you plan on attending.



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: **St. Philips Lutheran Church;** October 8 & 22.
(6180 HWY 65 NE, Fridley, 763-571-1500)

(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



October Mission – The Tabernacle at Camp Koronis

It was back in 1922 when the Koronis Ministries in Paynesville, MN began. It started with two buildings; a 1,500-seat gathering place, or “tabernacle,” and a dormitory. Over the past 96 years, the camp expanded and thousands of men, women and children have come together to experience and dedicate their lives to Christ in these buildings – maybe you were one of those individuals.

The Tabernacle at Camp Koronis has stood for nearly a century as a testament to our faith. But, over time, needs change – what once served the needs of many now requires updating to ensure its vitality into the future. The changing needs include handicap accessibility, new technology, restrooms, heating and air conditioning for year-round use,

improved lighting, meeting spaces for both small and large groups, a dining hall with a commercial kitchen, outdoor gathering areas in which to enjoy creation, etc. The new Tabernacle, like the old one, will serve as the spiritual focal-point of the assembly grounds, inviting people to come together to worship God like they have for nearly a century.

Replacing the Tabernacle is a \$3,000,000 project and much of the money has already been raised through grants and pledges from friends of the ministry. Please consider donating to the Tabernacle at Camp Koronis as they push to raise the remaining funds necessary to complete this project of rebirth.

You can use the envelopes in the pew racks and make checks payable to FUMC. Write "Koronis Missions" in the memo line.

FAMILY TABLE

Thank you to all who gave money and supplies for our backpack giveaway. Last year we had enormous demand due to a school sending too many families over for supplies, so this year was much easier to handle. Our goal was 100 filled backpacks to give away, since we gave away 60 last year plus empty backpacks and partial supply sets. This year we gave away 78 full backpacks! The children were so excited with their backpacks and also to be able to have a meal with their families before going home. The other 22 will go to our local schools to give to students who transfer midyear. Rainbow School received many of the extra supplies that we had, and the rest went to our partner school Hayes Elementary.

Thank you to the 8 volunteers who came on Friday to sort and fill the backpacks into appropriate age groups. This amazing effort was supported by Sam Annala in honor of Brian Erickson who was so inspired by last year's guests, and Dan and Krista Ambrose volunteered for the first time while their parents were out of town. We are a blessed faith community to have so many people to bless others in this outreach.

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



Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

The friends and family of Curt Dahlberg upon his death.

The friends and family of Arthur (Bill) Larson upon his death.

The friends and family of John (Jack) Roos upon his death.

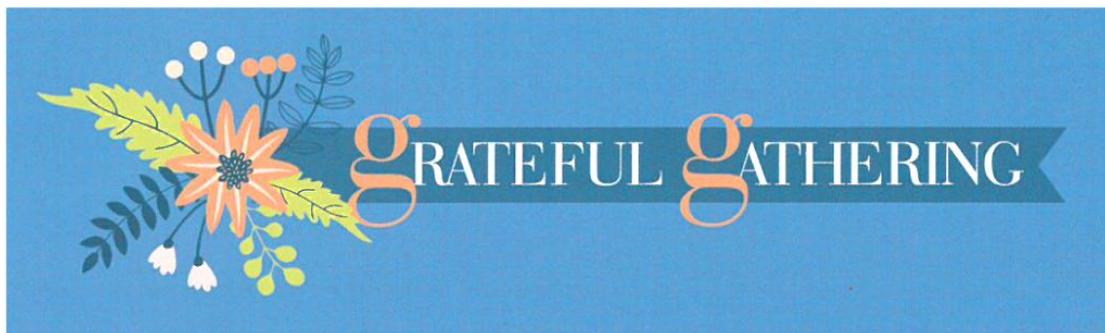
55+



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



Women United, Together in Christ, is hosting Grateful Gathering on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM.

Women of all ages are invited to a special day of brunch/ speaker/ fashion show/ shopping. We welcome guest speaker Jacquie Leveron who will present “A Matter of the Heart.” Jacquie’s passion is teaching people about the love of Christ and how to passionately pursue the God-given purpose as they walk hand-in-hand with their heavenly Father in this awesome world.

Join us at the Manitou Event Center in White Bear Lake as we start the Holiday season with grateful hearts, celebrating the things we have to be thankful for. A holiday themed fashion show will be presented, and jewelry artists and other vendors will be displaying and selling their wares. All profits go to The Dwelling Place, a Christian ministry providing healing and hope to victims of domestic abuse.

Purchase tickets online at www.wu-mn.org. Registration deadline is October 18. Seating is limited so please register early. Questions? Please call Holly Barr Swanson.



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 16th at 1:00 PM at the home of Donna Wen for our Annual Potluck Luncheon. The program will be a Planning Meeting for the year. Bring a dish to pass and ideas to share. R.S.V.P. Evie or Jean to decline or we will be expecting you.

TABITHA CIRCLE will be working at Feed My Starving Children on Monday, October 29th from 6-7:30 PM. For those who would like, we will meet at church to car pool at 5:30. Following our time at FMSC, we often stop for pie and conversation at Baker's Square! If you would like to participate in this worthwhile service project, please contact Judy Ryan. .



NAOMI CIRCLE will meet October 12, 2018 at the church at 9:30 AM. Pat King will give information about the World Thank Offering and a collection will be taken. Doris Osborne will provide the devotions. Refreshments will be served.



A heartfelt thanks to my church family for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement given to me during my recovery from surgery. Your kind and caring support is greatly appreciated!

In God's Love, *Jim Jachymowski*

Thank you,

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there; Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much, whatever the part. *The family of Shirley May Palmer*

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary. Your good wishes, cards, and congratulations were greatly appreciated. It was good to have shared our special day with you.

Many Thanks. *Donn and Jinny Erickson*

Fridley UMC,

We are so very appreciative of the donation of \$153 to Mobility Worldwide MN. This will enable us to produce over 3 carts to provide the Gift of Mobility to those in developing countries without use of their legs.

Thank you for your generosity. We could not do this without you.

Jim Conn, Executive Director, Mobility Worldwide MN – Twin Cities

Thank you FUMC for sponsoring a night at C.L.U.E.! We were so lucky to have you take part in our summer program. We look forward to our continued partnership!

Spring Lake Park Schools

