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

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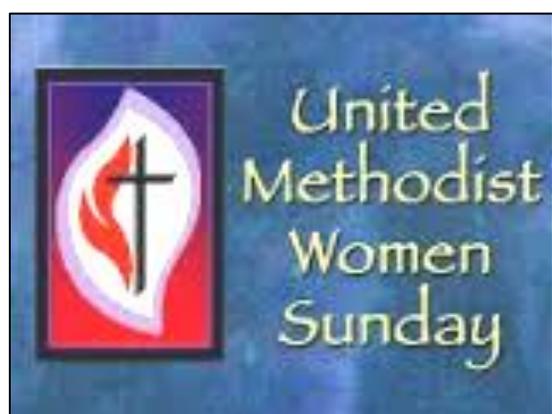


JANUARY 6, 2019
EPHIPHANY SUNDAY

Wise Men 
Seek Him Still



JANUARY 27, 2019
UMW SUNDAY



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and concerns*

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Prayer Chain:

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PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Dear Fridley Church Family and Friends,

As we launch into a new year, we are confronted by a star. Not the star that guided the Wiseman to the manger, but the star from the Star Tribune article on December 16th. This star, led readers to the stark realities of the profound culture decline in organized mainline religion in our neighborhoods. The story mentioned how Christian leaders around the state and nation are compelled, by a race against time, to plant fresh seeds of revival and experiment with new models of being the “Church.”

Our Methodist Bishop Bruce Ough was quoted, “we live in both worlds; we are trying to maintain what we have, because it maintains our financial stability, and also prepares for a future church that is not yet in focus.” Another of our Conference leaders Ben Ingebretson says, “We’re definitely playing catch up.”

I’m so thankful that Fridley UMC is taking proactive ministry measures in these uncertain times. When Christianity is at a crossroads, we look to the cross of Jesus Christ. When we are confronted by perplexities, we remember the promise of our Lord, “I will build my Church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

To our established members; to our emerging members; to the embryonic members not yet in focus; we are led by the Light of the World, to be disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world.

My New Year’s prayer, “God, you’ve given us your Son, so we have someone to give to everyone.”

Blessings, Pastor Wayne

CARING MINISTRIES

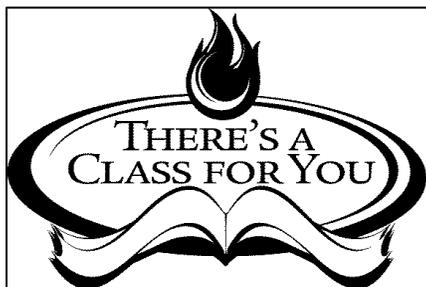


SAMARITAN’S PULSE – “Shepherding in Caring, Competency and Connection”

At Fridley UMC we are transitioning to a new format for developing and delivering caring ministry in our family of faith. This new ministry will consist of people who are committed to growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ, in their friendships with others, and in self awareness. Samaritan’s Pulse is a covenant ministry of the Pastor, extended to laypeople who desire to work with the Pastor to grow in compassion, competency and caring for one another in the body of Christ.

For those interested, join us on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 PM.
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 choir room, and bring your refreshments. 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 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. Come check us out. All are invited!

EXPLORING DISCIPLESHIP meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM. 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 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 in Spring Lake Park. We eat breakfast at Keys, take turns leading that week's lesson, guiding us through a reading of scripture, story and discussion. We share prayer concerns. All men are welcome. For more info. contact Roger Olson.

A GATHERING FOR GUYS

Grit & Spit will be on Saturday, January 5, 2019 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



JANUARY MISSION – FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise in Anoka County (FPAC) has been selected as the mission focus for the month of January. Family Promise, working in collaboration with 19 area congregations and hundreds of volunteers, provides temporary shelter, food and other services to homeless individuals within Anoka County. Family Promise gives hope during times of hopelessness, safety during times of uncertainty and dreams during a time of darkness.

Homelessness is a major concern in our community and during these cold winter months finding shelter becomes even more important. It's hard for most of us to even imagine what it must be like to be without our homes and to have to scramble every day to seek shelter from the cold and to find our next meal.

Individuals within the Family Promise program receive overnight accommodations at a local church, are given three meals a day, engaged in intensive case management, have access to a Day Center that has computers with internet access, guest phones, laundry, showers, transportation assistance to school or work, and assistance with needed social and educational services.

Due to the support from these 19 area churches, the Family Promise program costs approximately 30% less to operate than a traditional shelter. And, while FUMC may not have the resources to be a host congregation, we can still offer our financial support to help offset some of the costs of the programs provided through Family Promise. Please use the envelopes in the pews, write *Family Promise* on the envelope to make a financial contribution to continue this important work.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

The first of the six special Sundays throughout the new year with opportunities for special mission giving will be Human Relations Day on Sunday, January 20, 2019. This offering supports neighborhood ministries

through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico. This is through United Methodist Voluntary Services that work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Together we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles. Envelopes for your donations will be in the worship bulletin on January 20th. Our Minnesota Conference supports and encourages each congregation to participate.

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

Please join the United Methodist Women on the last Sunday in January as we celebrate 150 years as the largest women's group in the world. For UMW Sunday, we will be performing a skit to show how we began and evolved through the years. Then we will have cake and punch after the service. We will also be awarding the Special Mission Recognition Awards and the Children's reading program awards. Please Join Us!



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet January 11th at the church. Pat Zeglen will do devotions, Leone Olson will do the program and Marilyn Forsberg will provide treats.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on January 15th at the home of Diane Jachymowski at 1:00 PM. Co-hostess is Carolyn Doyle. Peggy Mahle will give the program and Nan Galaway the devotions. We hope to start the new year right with everyone there. If you need a ride call Evie or Jean Mills. RSVP so Diane knows how many are coming. Guests always welcome!

Thank-you to everyone that donated money for the Christmas Giving. The UMW has purchased \$1350 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards

(and whatever Wal-Mart will donate) to be given to Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools in Fridley. This will provide winter jackets, eyeglasses, food etc, to needy families in Fridley. Your kind support is greatly appreciated. Thanks from the United Methodist Women.

REPAIR FORMS

There are green repair request forms at the name tag booths. If you see a need, fill it out and put in the Board of Trustees mailbox in the office, and they will take care of it. Thank you.



THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to the 28 people who came to help decorate the sanctuary, hallways and lounge for the Advent and Christmas season. Many hands made the jobs go fast and we were done in 1½ hours. Great job and many thanks to all who helped.

On behalf of Fridley Public Schools we want to thank you for your generous support to our families during the holiday season. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness for donating the holiday baskets.

We appreciate you Fridley UMC!