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The church office will be closed on
September 7, 2020.



Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys
and concerns:*

*National United Methodist
Prayer Chain:
1-800-251-2468*



PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Greetings to family and friends of Fridley UMC,

My mind meanders back to a time without the responsibilities of being a parent; newly married, no children, purchasing a new vehicle - no minivan for me.

Smitten by the sleek silhouette of a sports car, we took the plunge. I found myself driving a head-turning, adrenaline producing thrill machine.

State of the art stereo with dancing lights and throbbing base, made my ninety three mile Sunday circuit to three rural Methodist congregations a blur and a blessing.

I remember the car's antenna. It would disappear when the stereo was not in use. This added to the allure and sleekness of my driving experience.

All was wonderful until that Sunday afternoon in October. I was attentively listening to the Viking football game. I pulled into a car wash to keep up my glistening driving sensations.

Into the car wash I went. Unlike a flexible antenna that bends to the pressure, my uncompromising antenna was no match for the swirling and whirling brushes. My beautiful car was no longer pristine, (I used a coat hanger until repairs could be made.)

All that to say, that after an exhilarating two hour conversation with our District Superintendent, Dan Johnson, I succumbed to an epiphany of sorts. See if it resonates with you.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PLIABILITY ARE WITHOUT VIABILITY!

Thirty years ago I failed to read the warnings posted outside the entrance of the car wash. I was too mesmerized by the play by play announcer's voice. I learned the lesson the hard way.

Today, I will continue to lift up the foundational truths and promises that have shaped the heart of Christianity for the past two thousand years. Let us also allow for flexibility and good will to extend to sisters and brothers that emphasize the Gospel in different dimensions.

As John Wesley uttered, "If your heart is with Christ, give me your hand." Your feedback to my epiphany is highly coveted.

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CARING MINISTRIES



SAMARITAN'S PULSE-Shepherding in Caring, Competency & Connection

This ministry of our church consists of people who are committed to growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ, in their friendships with others, and in self awareness. This is a covenant ministry of the Pastor, extended to laypeople who desire to deepen their capacities in compassion, competency and caring for one another at Fridley UMC. For those interested in engaging their Samaritan's Pulse, join us on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM to see if God is calling you to be part of this ministry.

Blessings, Pastor Wayne



As we begin to safely and gradually reopen FUMC, we will be using the lounge for gathering to view the worship service and also for small group meetings. Administrative Council has approved the following protocols to be used for groups using the lounge (see below.)

We will be in further communication with you as things change.

Pastor Wayne and Administrative Council

PROTOCOLS FOR ATTENDEES AT WORSHIP AND SMALL GROUPS IN THE LOUNGE (Capacity is 15 people)

- Have your temperature taken as you enter the church and sign in for attendance before proceeding to the lounge. (For tracing purposes should it be needed.)
- Wear a mask - additional masks will be available for those who do not have one.

- Sanitize hands as you come into the building – there will be sanitization stations throughout the building.
- Sit at least 6 feet apart (on all sides) in the chairs as an individual or as a family unit.
- If you remain in the lounge after the service for prayer, continue to wear a mask and social distance.

EDUCATION

ZOOM MONDAY MORNING CONNECTED IN CHRIST! RENEW AND REVIEW at 9:30 AM, (online only.)

ZOOM WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING at 9:30 AM; for those who attend we will be following safety protocols.

1. Sanitize hands, hand sanitizer on wall in entryway.
2. Wear a mask.
3. Temperature check.
4. Sign in sheet, in entryway.
5. Social distancing.

A GATHERING FOR GUYS

Grit & Spit meets on the *1st & 3rd* Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM in the FUMC Lounge. We will be following safety protocols. Hope you all can make it.

MISSIONS



The Mission Committee has selected Alexandra House for our monthly giving. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the stressful times we are experiencing we are certain that domestic violence for our families and the community have been of real concern. Minnesotans suffer at the hands of their abusers and seek the help of Alexandra House, the one place to offer real help.

Alexandra House operates a 24-hour domestic and sexual violence emergency shelter and can accommodate up to 35 women and children. All basic needs are provided for. Advocates work closely with shelter residents with support and connecting them with valuable

community services, such as economic assistance, medical services, education and job training, housing resources and therapy services.

They guarantee that 85 cents of every dollar will directly support the services they offer. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online as with other giving as it is convenient for you. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

You can donate online at www.fridleyumc.org, change from *Current Expense* to *Missions*. Or Mail to:

Fridley United Methodist Church
680 Mississippi St NE
Fridley, MN 55432
(Check memo line “Alexandra House”)

The Mission Team!



THANK YOU for the birthday cards and phone calls. It was really nice to hear from you. Peace to you and your family. *Brenda LaBarre*

FAMILY TABLE

Thank you to for giving to the Fridley schools supply drive! \$1857 and 12 backpacks (leftover from last year) were given to the school district. The money has allowed the schools to buy in bulk for this year’s students who will need fresh supplies whether they are learning at home or in the classroom.

You may notice that Family Table is not the September Mission of the Month as it has been lately. While it may be a while before we have meal together upstairs with a salad bar again, we are continuing as a drive-up meal.

The meal is cooked in the kitchen and put together in the coffee lounge allowing for safe distance between volunteers. Guests drive into the parking lot and are stopped near the door and asked how many meals they need. Runners then deliver to-go bags or boxes of food and bottled water.

The to-go meal is a streamlined version of our sit-down menu, and this means the extremely generous amount we received last year will be plenty to see this ministry through next year. We are thankful that this means the Mission team can pick another worthy project for September's giving.

CHURCH ALBUM



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Vera Painter upon her death at home on August 4, 2020. A private burial took place on August 7, 2020 with Pastor Wayne officiating. A celebration of life will be at a later date.



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet at the church on Sept 11th at 9:30 AM. Masks and social distancing are required. No refreshments will be served. We will have devotions and prayer but mainly this will be a time for us to see our friends that we have missed for so long.

UMW BOARD will meet on Monday, September 14th for a planning meeting, at 6:30 PM. There will be no installation of officers yet. Please bring updates to the UMW Program and Membership book. This will be a one hour meeting.

RUTH CIRCLE will be meeting on September 15th at 1:00 PM, at the home of Jean Mills. As usual, we will meet in the church parking lot to carpool to Jean's at 12:30 PM. Details will follow in an email prior to the September meeting.

