

The Growing Edge

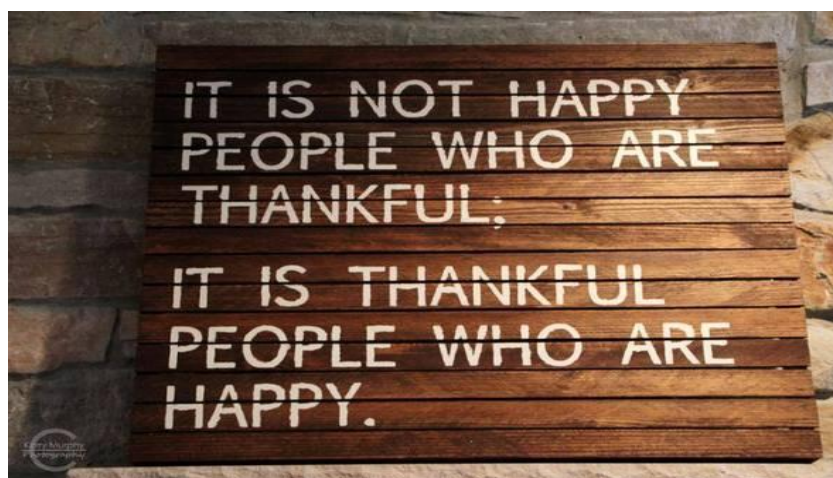
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NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

All Saints Day, Daylight Saving Time Ends
(All are invited for Communion!)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Charge Conference: 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Christ the King Sunday

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Thanksgiving Eve, Eve,
Worship Service: 7:00 PM**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Church Office is closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

All Church Decorating: 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent



Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys
and concerns:*

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



PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Greeting of gratitude for the family and friends of Fridley UMC,

There can be great complexity in history; many small things can multiply together and add up to greater events that can only be measured in retrospect – even then, our hindsight can be overwhelmed by our fatigue, fevers and the ferocity of 24/7 news cycles.

What gets remembered and reported? Who does the reporting? We see daily, that media and consumers of media are fragile and easily manipulated. Sometimes it appears that reporters only have one finger to play only one note on the melodramatic keyboard of our current crises.

In these perilous times, with poisonous divisions and distrust, there seems to be gleeful infernal players with farmer matches and full tanks of gas, looking to light up our darkening nights. Fire can spread quickly on ill winds that burn up inconvenient truths about how dependent we are on our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Do we really desire a “Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight?” If we could have honest reporting from Mrs. O Leary’s legendary cow, maybe we could hear the miserable moo; and pause the madness of barbecued civilization!

Blessed are the weary peacemakers and exhausted fire fighters. May Fridley UMC be a sanctuary from the dragons that appear to be licking their lips.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Wayne



GRATITUDE BONANZA, YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to our **Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Worship Service** at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 23rd. Bring your gratitude, friends and neighbors!

A CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on, November 22nd at 6:30 PM for Pastoral Compensation. All who are interested are invited to come and attend this short meeting.

EDUCATION



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School starts 11:30 AM.

LINKING FAITH AND LIFE CLASS is continuing this year with the book “What Are We Fighting For?” Questions? See Jennie Kratzer. This class meets in 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.

CLASS FOR WOMEN: Karin Gaertner (Lois Christie’s daughter) is leading a new deepening faith class for women in the choir room.

PASTOR WAYNE will lead a class in the back of the sanctuary.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their family. Children’s supplies (children’s coloring pages and crayons) can be found on the back sanctuary table.

ALSO (mid-week learning opportunity)

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING at 9:30 AM; zoom or come join us in the lounge.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A Men's Bible Study Group meets every Friday morning at 7:30 AM at Keys Cafe on the east side of University Avenue NE in Spring Lake Park. All men are welcome. For more information contact Bill Ekstrum.

A GATHERING FOR GUYS

Grit & Spit meets every Friday at 9:00 AM in the Lounge. Join us for coffee and courageous conversation and prayer. See you there.

MISSIONS



NOVEMBER MISSION – ALEXANDRA HOUSE

Our mission focus for November is Alexandra House. Alexandra House’s mission is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change, through education, support and advocacy.

Since March, 2020 we’ve all grappled with COVID-19 and we continue to do so as the number of COVID cases continues to rise once again. We were told go home and hunker down. But for victims and survivors of domestic violence, being home may not be a safe option — and the unprecedented stress of the pandemic can breed violence in homes where it may not have been an issue in the past. COVID is not over and domestic violence is at an even higher risk than it was before.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime. This equates to about 10 million (yes, MILLION) abused victims every year. About 41% of female violence survivors and 14% of male violence survivors sustain a physical injury from their abusers, and about 1 in 6 homicide victims are killed by their partners.

And it’s not just adults who are affected by domestic violence. On average, 1 of every 15 children will witness domestic violence each year.

As the needs of the community have evolved over the years, Alexandra House has expanded on its services to provide domestic, sexual, and relationship violence services to women, men, youth and families. All services are free-of-charge and include 24-hour emergency shelter, legal advocacy, support groups, housing and supportive services, youth intervention and prevention services, elder abuse services, community education and professional training, and more.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause. We are so grateful and appreciate your continued ministry to the missions of FUMC. Remember that giving is easy using the “Give Online” button on the FUMC website and then select “Missions” or mail to the church at 680 Mississippi St. NE, Fridley, MN. 55432 and write “November Mission” on the memo line. Thank you for your generous support of our mission programs!

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY, November 28, 2021

This is one of the six special Sundays of the year that we can *Do All the Good We Can in All the Places We Can*. All United Methodist congregations are encouraged to support this mission. Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students with loans and scholarships for those who wouldn't otherwise have the resources to attend college. It also allows students to continue their education and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. You can leave your donation on Sunday, November 28th, or mail it to the church and write "UM Student Day offering" on the memo line. Thank you!

REMINDER: Please bring your own coffee cup for fellowship time to help with the 3Rs of conservation: *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*. Thanks!

CHURCH ALBUM



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of past member, Gary Trull who passed away July 8, 2021. A memorial service was held on July 31, 2021 at Sabetha First United Methodist Church.

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP

All are welcome to join us on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the lounge. In November we will be meeting on the 9th. Questions? Call Evie Skurich.



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet Friday November 12th at 1:00 PM in the choir room. Leone Olson will bring treats. Pat King will give the lesson on the World Thank Offering. A collection will be taken. Each member is asked to bring a prayer or Bible verse to put in the Thanksgiving cards we are sending to the shut-ins.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 19th at FUMC Lounge at 1:00 PM. The Hostess is Bonnie Miller and the co-hostess will be Reba Moreau. Our November meeting is when we celebrate World Thank Offering. Our own Joyce Dahlberg will present the program and devotions that are part of the program. An offering will be given as our Thanks to God and to the workers who give their lives of service in His name.



Dear Friends (UMW)

McCurdy Ministries Community Center thanks you for your donation of \$150.00 on September 8, 2021 towards students who are having a hard time transitioning from in-person or virtual schooling to receive counseling support. It also made possible for our preschoolers to continue learning virtually during the pandemic. Your prayers will help support our staff and students as we work to keep our programs and our campus safe for students under 12 who can't be vaccinated yet. Thank you for blessing our students, their families, our staff, and our community with your support.

With gratitude, *Diane L. Loomis*

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! Through your financial support of \$570.00, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace, *Roland Fernandes, General Secretary*

Fridley UMW,

On behalf of Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, thank you for supporting us. Your gift of \$150.00 is greatly appreciated and so important to the services we provide for our youth, senior clients and families. Your generous support of our efforts allows us to change lives and build futures for so many who enter our doors.

In deepest appreciation, *Steve Fleming, Chief Executive Officer*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



ADVENT DECORATING: Mark your calendars!

Your help is needed to adorn our sanctuary and other parts of our church for the Advent Season. We will decorate on Saturday, November 27th at

2:00 PM. *There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway starting November 14th.* Many hands will make the decorating go fast!

POINSETTIAS - A tradition at FUMC is to use poinsettias in the sanctuary. Poinsettias will be available for order starting November 7th – order forms will be available on the name tag booth stations. The color choices are red or white. Price is \$10.00 each. Payment must accompany your order.

The last day for ordering is November 24th. Thank you!

