

The Growing Edge

(A Monthly Publication of Fridley United Methodist Church)

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

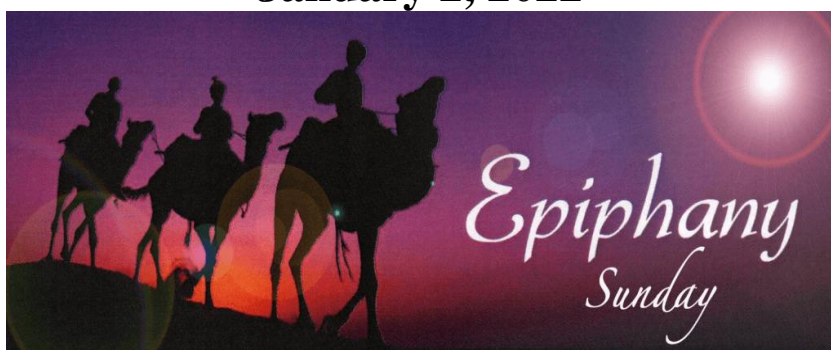
January 2022

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

From the Pastor	2
Church Album	5
Education	2
Events & Opportunities	5
Missions	3
UMW News	6
55+ Singles Breakfast	5



January 2, 2022



January 9, 2022



**Baptism
of the Lord**

January 30, 2022
UMW Sunday



Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys
and concerns:*

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



PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

FUMC Family and Friends,

As those who desire to be credible Christians, we find ourselves living under growing political/social polarizations and personal pressure. Conflicts and dangers often multiply under these circumstances, when culture seems confused by confusion and chaos.

As we approach the new year of 2022 it is my hope that amidst all the complexities that confront us, we will be challenged to find our true center in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In seeking a closer walk with Jesus, let us continue to be a welcoming church family. Welcoming others into our faith family in similar fashion to the way Jesus welcomes us into his Church Family, for the Glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

We have a new addition in our home of a four legged variety. Izak named our little golden doodle "Dude." Please pray for patience for Penny. She doesn't quite know how to welcome this new addition of chubby fluff. Penny also struggles with the protocols for now having to share her toys.

Puppy, Protocols, Penny, People, Perplexities, People of God; what a time for us to welcome the center of reality; to be part of the Body of Christ, the Church that Jesus is building.

The Scripture declares in Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

That question was posed over 27 centuries ago. I believe that some question is profoundly pertinent for us today!

May the Gospel of Good News continue to make us new in the New Year of 2022.

Pastor Wayne

EDUCATION



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School starts 11:30 AM.

LINKING FAITH AND LIFE CLASS meets in the computer room, see you there.

SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets in the far corner of Fellowship Hall, all are invited.

CLASS FOR WOMEN: Karin Gaertner is leading a deepening faith class for women in the choir room, check us out.

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

Children are welcome to attend worship with their family. 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

Meets every Friday morning at 7:30 AM at Keys Cafe in Spring Lake Park. All men are welcome. For more info. 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



January Mission – The Division of Indian Work

Our mission for the month of January is The Division of Indian Work (DIW) located in South Minneapolis. This organization has been serving the urban American Indian community in Minneapolis since 1952. They were affiliated with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), for 65 years before becoming independent in 2018. Today they are an American Indian led organization serving the Urban American Indian community. Services are provided free-of-charge to over 3,000 people annually.

The strength of the Division of Indian Work's (DIW) Mission is that programming focuses on culturally based education, traditional healing approaches, and youth leadership development.

Offering a wide range of programs, staff work to foster healthy families; end family violence and address hunger issues, all with a focus on culture.

Louis Flammond, a (DIW) youth worker shared that young people

are in survival mode if their families are hungry. But if they're fed with nutritional foods, rather than commodities as they were in the past, our youth can take advantage of the programs we offer. Donations are used to purchase food for Horizons Unlimited, a culturally sensitive food shelf. The food shelf has always served a population in great need and that need continues to grow. It makes such a difference to obtain foods from a resource which is local and run by an American Indian staff. Families feel comfortable and understood. To tell people we don't have food is horrible. We shouldn't have to do that.

DIW staff use a curriculum called "The Family Spirit," developed by American Indians for American Indian families. The Family Spirit Program lines up well with DIW's mission to empower American Indian families through culturally based education.

The program uses a home visiting service model with up to 52 (hour long) visits beginning for new parents as early as 2-3 months before the birth of a child. The use of individual and group culturally sensitive communication has been shown to reduce instances of abuse and neglect as well as addressing behavioral and mental health issues for parents and their children. Children who participate in the program have been shown to have greater social and emotional development, which ultimately lead to greater success rates throughout their lifespan.

By strengthening American Indian Family Circles, the Division of Family Work provides support through home visits, support group meetings, anger management groups, supportive housing and family violence prevention services to teens, adult American Indian mothers, fathers, and expectant parents.

Finally, Division of Indian Work offers a Youth Leadership Development Program which encourages well-rounded success by providing youth with a wide variety of learning opportunities through academic support via after-school tutoring, cultural enrichment, and recreational, environmental, and artistic activities.

Please consider supporting this worthy cause through a monetary gift. Donations can be made by selecting the "Give Online" button on the FUMC website and then selecting "missions." Or mail your donation to FUMC, 680 Mississippi St., Fridley, MN 55432. Write "January Mission" on the check's memo line. Thank you for your generous support of the Division of Indian Work serving the South Minneapolis American Indian Community.

More information on Division of Indian Work is available through the following videos.

<https://vimeo.com/440077701> Length: 2min 16 seconds - Focus on Division of Indian Work

https://youtu.be/3DLfe_27IJU Length: 2min 52 seconds - Focus on The Family Spirit Project

FAMILY TABLE

Thank you for completing the Family Table volunteer questionnaires this fall; the drive-thru guests were also asked similar questions while waiting in line. The Family Table leadership team is continually evaluating if, when, and how to return to indoor sit-down meals. While the indoor meal blesses all by meeting the need of creating community and connections with others, right now the leadership team recognizes that now is not the right time to return to indoor dining. Volunteers and guests are still concerned about safety, and the drive thru meal is meeting the needs of convenience for guests and delivery of meals to shut-ins. The leadership team decided to continue the current meal through April 2022. This gives us time to re-envision how to serve an indoor meal, or possibly a hybrid meal service. Please keep our guests and Family Table's new opportunities in your prayers.

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY, January 16, 2022

Six Special Sunday Offerings are received from United Methodist churches each year. Human Relations Sunday is a special offering which helps church-based community developers' work in racial and ethnic minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico. The offering also ensures a second chance for youth offenders. We celebrate this offering on the Sunday before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. You can leave your donation on Sunday, January 16, or mail it to the church and write "Human Relations Day offering" on the memo line. Thank you!

CHURCH ALBUM



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Moore family upon the death of Vern.

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.

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. The next dates we will get together are January 11th & 25th.



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 1:00 PM in the FUMC lounge. We are celebrating the New Year. Joan Jagunich has the Program, as we learn about the "Environment." How can we be better stewards of our lands to protect them for future generations? Reba Moreau will share Devotions and Jean Mills and Diane Jachymowski will be our co-hostesses. We welcome members of the Naomi Circle to join us since they will not be meeting in January.

NOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: In January, Naomi Circle will not meet at the regularly scheduled time. Instead, we will join Ruth Circle on January 18th at 1:00 PM in the church lounge. Please note this change.



Thank You!

Many thanks to all who came to decorate our church for Advent. Thanks to Dave and Judy Ryan, Cindy Doerr, Jennie Kratzer, Nancy Nehring, Karen Smith, Jan Anderson, Chuck Ames and Tim White. Your help is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sharon White

Fridley UMW,

Healing Flats' mission is to provide affordable accommodations for out-of-town oncology patients getting treatment at the Mayo Clinic – Rochester. Your generous contribution of \$150.00 enables us to provide hope, comfort, and to help families stay in a fully furnished home that provides a safe, relaxing and quiet living where they can focus on their personal well-being as they undergo long term medical treatment and procedures.

Thank you for your donation; it was such a lovely surprise.

Chen Mellema, Co-founder

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

The following people from FUMC, delivered Meals on Wheels the week of December 13 - 17.

Three day drivers: Fred & Barb Severni; and Janet Fossum with Tim's help two of the days.

Two day drivers: Mike and Jody Lee; and Evie Skurich with the help of Jean Mills one day, and Katherine Otten's help the next day.

One day drivers: Jeff & Janet Mondloh; Gary Boyer; Al & Sue Madison; Jan & Mary Wright; Chuck & Bonnie Ames; Jim & Diane Jachymowski; and Dave & Judy Ryan.

This time I had five spots I could not fill. If you have ever thought about giving this mission a try, now is the time I really need you. FUMC delivers the Fridley and Spring Lake Park routes. You pick up the food at Unity Hospital and it takes an hour or less to complete the deliveries and the directions are very good. A partner makes it more fun. Find a friend, family member, a neighbor or someone from church to go with you. I know when Evie and Jean got done delivering they went out to lunch, making it a fun day for them. Feel free to call me with any questions; I would love to talk to you. I have not received a 2022 schedule yet, but I believe our next week is February 7 - 11.

Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Dear FUMC,

We have received your donation towards the work of racial reconciliation through Christ here in South Africa. Your partnership with us over the past several years is greatly meaningful to us, and we are thankful to continue this ministry relationship with you.

You and your ministry are also in our prayers. May our Lord Jesus continue to bless you in your worship of and service to Him.

*Stephen and Gayle, Charis and Micah Burgstahler,
World Partners Missionaries to South Africa*

