



First Family

We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.

June 2015

'People, Place, Purpose - Promise for the Future'

You'll be seeing much of these bold words as we prepare for our autumn capital campaign. In addition to the theme, the steering committee has this progress to report:

The project list is coming into clearer focus as the work of gathering bids by the Trustees is nearly complete. The "Parapet Roof" project will need to commence ASAP to address the leaks from the spring weather. The Jamar Company will be completing the work this summer using a newer rubber roof system. This would be an upgrade from what was installed almost 30 years ago! Money has already been given to upgrade the sound system and integrate it into better technology for those (more and more of us) who use hearing aids.

While our official kickoff for the campaign will be in September, we ask for your prayers as we complete our preparations. Please check out the church website for updates!

For over 145 years (over 265 years when combined with the years of ministry of Chester Park UMC), we have been providing not only a beautiful place to worship God and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, but also a place for the many and varied outreach ministries of our church. Both our previous buildings, the old First Methodist Church downtown and the Chester Park United Methodist building in Chester Park, served as gathering places for church and community.

Our campaign is an opportunity to continue to serve our community as we improve our building. Thank you for showing God's love to God's people.

Garden Update

Have you noticed the church gardens in the last few weeks? Exciting new things have been added, including a new rhubarb bed on the west parking lot, along with some new tree plantings.

Check your calendar for Sunday, June 7 for after church fun in the dirt! Come worship in your work clothes, enjoy a light lunch, and help our gardens be transformed into a stunning showcase. No real experience needed, and of course, we can teach you what to do. Please bring tools to plant. We can use as many willing hands as possible to join our very active committee of gardeners.

We will greet you after church in the lower level close to the east entrance. See you then.

**First United
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Pastor's Pen

Go with God; God goes with you

Where can I go from your Spirit, O God, or where can I flee from your presence? If I head for my cabin every weekend from now until September, you are there. When I leave for vacation, going near or far, you accompany me; your guidance I treasure, though I am still taking my GPS. If I am on the golf course, even looking for my golf ball in the woods, you can find me (though the whereabouts of the golf ball may remain a mystery). Even when I sneak away to my favorite secret fishing hole, I cannot escape you, though I trust you will keep the location a secret.

Psalm 139, CNMV (Contemporary Northern Minnesota Version)

Our First Family

New Members: Andrew Janikowski, Sarah Klocke, Beth Hohenstein, Heather Boyson, Bob Boyson, Mark Guerrero, Rick Fournier

Baptisms: Andrew James Perry

Deaths: Constance "Connie" Ruth Johnson on May 14, 2015; Irv St. John on May 25, 2015

Church Lighting

- May 10-16 in memory of Iver & Vivian Anderson, sponsored by Marlene Berntson
- June 7 -13 in memory of Don Davidson to benefit FUMC music programs, sponsored by Ruthanna Davidson

Save the date! After worship on Sunday, June 24, we will have a reception in honor of Pastor David Bard's 10th anniversary at FUMC Duluth. That is also his 56th birthday. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special occasion for a very special pastor.

Dorothy Anway has been awarded the Sally Gibson Environmental Stewardship Award by the St. Louis River Alliance (SLRA). The award was based on Dorothy's amazing 45 years of advocacy on environmental issues affecting the St. Louis River and the Bay,

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Yes, this is meant to be funny. I hope you are smiling. With Memorial Day weekend, the summer season begins. So, too, begin our summer schedules – trips to cabins, visiting relatives, vacations, being outside to enjoy the weather (something we have too few opportunities to do), summer weddings.

Being together for worship is important. God is present with us in very special ways when we gather together. I trust you will want to be with us as often as you can this summer, but I also understand that summer provides us a different rhythm for our lives. Not even I will be at our church every Sunday this summer.


Being away, however, does not need to mean being disconnected. When you are gone, I hope you will check in on Facebook or on our web page (www.fumcduluth.com). I know many of you make plans to send your offering in even when you are gone during the summer, and that is much appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this.

It is especially important to remember that being away does not disconnect you from God. While I had a lot of fun writing the Contemporary Northern Minnesota Version of part of Psalm 139, it does have a serious point. We really cannot get away from God. While I believe God is present in a wonderful way when we gather together in the name of Jesus, I also believe there is no place where God is not. I know you know that too.

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Our First Family, *continued*

first with the League of Women Voters of Superior and most recently with the SLRA.

Sara Hill was one of eight Duluth school district educators named as semifinalists for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Sara teaches kindergarten at Piedmont Elementary and came to FUMC from Chester Park.

Card of Thanks: Thank you for your good wishes and cards following my hip surgery in April. Thank you especially to Pastor David and Linda Wiig, who visited me in the hospital. I know how it feels when a church supports its members! —*June Kreutzkamp*

Faith Friends Sunday: Faith Friend adults and students are encouraged to volunteer to help with June 14 worship or to do a community service project that week. Sing, usher, read scripture, acolyte, greet, play an instrument, clean worship space, or think of your own creative ideas to serve the Lord. Contact Laura Stahl.

Camp Week, with Adventure Camp, Preschool VBS, and My Family Camp for toddlers, is coming up July 27-30. Save the date!



Are you ready for some rhubarb?

The rhubarb is up, and the CHUM Rhubarb Festival is counting on FUMC to make LOTS of pies, LOTS of scones, and even rhubarb-chocolate candies!!! We are planning to have LOTS of fun and laughter in the kitchen.

Ways you can help:

- **Help make pies.** Work days are Tuesday, June 9; Thursday, June 11; Tuesday, June 16; Tuesday, June 23; Thursday, June 25; and Friday, June 26; from 9 am - 2 pm. Feel free to come and go as it fits your schedule. No previous skill in pie-making is required.

- **Help make scones** (and box pies) on Thursday, June 25 from 1 - 6 pm.

- **Help make candy** on Tuesday, June 23 from 1 - 5 pm.

- **Bring rhubarb!** Fresh rhubarb (cleaned and chopped if you can) can be left in the church refrigerator for up to a week before any of the work days. Frozen rhubarb can be left in the church freezer any time, although we'd prefer you bring it after June 18. We need LOTS of rhubarb!!

- **Donate sugar or berries**--raspberries, strawberries, or blueberries. It's helpful to have frozen berries in the church freezers by June 9. Pint or half-pint jelly or jam jars are also welcome.

- **Buy pies!** Buy lots of rhubarb goodies of all kinds at the Festival on June 27!

Sign up after church for the work of your choice, or e-mail LeAnn House at lhouse@css.edu

Some 8,000 people are expected for the 11th annual Rhubarb Festival on **Saturday, June 27 from 9 am to 4 pm**. In addition to rhubarb culinary delights, a stage show and silent auction have their own charms. Plan to get to 11th Avenue East and London Road pretty early if you want a rhubarb burrito. Although **the Rhubarb Festival** is CHUM's biggest fundraiser of the year, admission is free!

Go with God; God goes with you, *continued*

So I want to encourage us all, when we are away from the gathered community, to make sure we take some time to be aware of God's presence wherever we are. When you are at the cabin, find some quiet time for reflection. When you are outside, give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and for the ability to enjoy it. As you are experiencing new places, remember the adventuresome nature of God's Spirit. Say grace before meals, even if your grace is a moment of silence.

I look forward to seeing you this summer when you are here. I also trust you to God when you are away, and trust that the God of joy and delight will be with you all.

Grace and Peace,

David

Wednesday Evening Bible Study to continue

At the final session for our Philippians Bible Study, participants agreed that they would like to continue over the summer months. A Bible study will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 pm in the Fireside Lounge **beginning June 3.**

Rather than study a book over the summer, we will be choosing from the Bible passages offered as weekly readings for worship. We will pick a passage and use a process of reading through it a few times with new questions for each round of reading. This process is sometimes known as *lectio divina*. Anytime you wish to attend, you are welcome.

Congrats to Musicians!

Tapestry, our worship band, was selected to play for a worship service at Annual Conference.

Strikepoint will start its annual summer tour with a "blessing of the fleet" concert in Bayfield, WI and will perform at Walt Disney World and other stops on the two-week tour. Don't miss their home concert on June 24!

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date April 30, 2015

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Envelope/Plate Giving	\$141,461.82	\$127,193.00
Other Operating Income	<u>62,289.85</u>	<u>56,889.64</u>
Total Income	\$203,751.67	\$184,082.64
Expense		
Total Expense	<u>\$195,137.10</u>	<u>\$189,945.60</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 8,614.57</u>	<u>(\$ 5862.96)</u>

All apportionments, taxes, benevolences and payables YTD have been paid.

Graduation Recognition Sunday

During worship on June 7 we will recognize and celebrate our graduates from First United Methodist Church. High school graduates will be asked to come forward during the worship service. Other graduates will be asked to stand and receive our congratulations. Please let the office know if you have graduations in your family so that we might celebrate them with you.

• Class Of 2015 High School Graduates, Duluth Denfeld

Keara Ballavance will attend University of Minnesota-Duluth in the fall to study Civil/Structural Engineering

Nikki Hill will attend University of WI-Superior to study Violin Performance with Erin Aldridge

• 2015 College Graduates

Nathan Anthony, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Now working for Foster, Jacobs & Johnson in Canal Park.

Charyse Diaz, Chicago Medical School-Rosalind Franklin University, Doctor of Medicine. Will start 3-year program in July as Pediatric Resident for Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children in Honolulu

Johanna Gruskin, New England Conservatory, Master of Music. Performing in Tanglewood, MA summer festival, will attend pre-professional school in the fall. Filling in as maternity leave sub for Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra in New Orleans, January to April and auditioning for permanent jobs

Elsa Lee, University of MN-Duluth, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Piano Performance minor. Now working for the Minneapolis School District as a Special Education Assistant and considering graduate school

Mary Kate Wheeler, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies. Will take Masters of Physician Assistant Studies at MCPHS University, Boston.

Meredith Whitlock, Iowa State University, Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry this month will be held Thursday, June 18. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, prepare food for distribution, and share the food with them.

You may volunteer anytime between 3:30 and 8 pm and can come for as little as an hour to help out. Ruby's Pantry Coppertop is now on Facebook.

Faith Forum After Hours

The 9 am Adult Faith Forum has gone wonderfully this year. Thanks to Dick Carlson and those who have been part of the advisory group on this. Faith Forum will resume in the fall. Watch future newsletters for more information.

As we did last summer, we will have *Faith Forum After Hours* beginning Sunday, June 7. You are invited to come to the Three Brothers Chapel and discuss the morning's sermon with Pastor David and others. Inserts with key points and questions will be included in the morning bulletin.

If you ever felt there was more to say about the morning sermon, this is your chance. All sessions will end no later than noon.

Special giving opportunities this summer

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, along with many other agencies, continues to respond to the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal this spring. If you would like to contribute to UMCOR's response to Nepal, you may at any time write a check to UMCOR and write "Nepal #982450" on the memo line.

During the summer months we will also be providing opportunities for you to consider giving to two United Methodist denominational offerings, an offering supporting Native American ministries and an offering supporting Peace with Justice ministries. Watch the bulletins and our on-line outlets for more information.

Sizzlin' Summer Safety Tips

from Linda Wiig, Parish Nurse

Isn't it wonderful? Summer is here! Grass is green, flowers are blooming, people are out walking, our flowering trees and shrubs are becoming beautiful, many birds have returned to sing their songs, and our lakes are calling us. Yes, God's world is miraculous. We like to enjoy that environment, so let's heed a few safety tips this summer to make our experiences SAFE.

Sun: Even if it's cloudy remember to wear sunscreen at least SPF 15. Make sure it says it is Broad Spectrum UVA/UVB. Use it, don't let it just sit in your car or pocket.

Heat: If you are planning a trip south where it can actually be HOT remember you are not used to it! It may be that you'll need to acclimate to the heat for a few days before doing any strenuous exercise.

You want to prevent heat exhaustion, so if you plan to exercise in the heat drink at least 16 ounces of water each hour even if you are not thirsty. If you sweat a lot, a sports drink will help you to replace the sodium you lose.

Helmets: When using bikes, skateboards, roller blades, or skis, remember to wear your helmet. Adults riding with your children, you need helmets just as much as your kids. Be sure the helmets are the proper size, that they fit level not back of the forehead, and are snugly strapped. Please remember to ride with the traffic, not against it.

Water: Boating and swimming are some of our favorite pastimes. If you are an inexperienced boater, take a boat safety class. Completing an online boaters education course approved by the U.S. Coastguard will get you a lifetime boaters education certificate, or a permit if you are 12 to 17 years old.

If you are boating or an inexperienced swimmer, wear a life jacket that fits. Parents should insist that children wear a life jacket any time they are around water. *On June 18 Essentia Health will be distributing and fitting life jackets in the Kohl's parking lot from 4 to 5:30p.m.*

Did you know that drowning does not look like someone is drowning, with splashing, waving arms, and calling for help? **Drowning can be quiet and undramatic.** Drowning people usually can't call or wave for help. Their mouths alternately sink below the surface and reappear above the surface. They remain in an upright position with no leg kicking and may struggle only 20 to 60 seconds before going under.

Please have a safe summer and let's remember to watch our kids around the water. It only takes seconds for an accident to occur.



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Weekly Our regular schedule

This calendar includes only those events open to Church members or the general public. Other events are scheduled but not listed.

Sundays

- 9:50am Prayer Team - TBC
- 10:00am Worship - S
Wee Wonder - 105
- 3:30pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
- 11:00am Faith Forum After Hours - TBC

Mondays

- Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC

Tuesdays

- 8:00am Men's Study Group - FSL
- 6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - St

Wednesdays

- 5:30pm Summer Bible Study - FSL

Thursdays

- 9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
- 9:00am Zumba - LSH we
- 6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

Fridays

- 9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

- 9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

Day by Day Monthly & one-time events

Wednesday, June 3

- 5:30pm Summer Bible Study begins

Thursday, June 4

- 5:00pm Finance Committee - St

Sunday, June 7

- 10:00am Communion; Grads honored
- 11:00am Faith Forum After Hours begins

Monday, June 8

- 4:00pm FUMC Foundation - FSL
- 6:00pm SPRC - Lib

Tuesday, June 9

- 8:00am Rhubarb Pie Baking - K
- 2:30pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL
- 7:00pm Church Council - FSL

Wednesday, June 10

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL

Thursday, June 11

- 8:00am Rhubarb Pie Baking - K

Tuesday, June 16

- 8:00am Rhubarb Pie Baking - K

Thursday, June 18

- 4:00pm Ruby's Pantry - LSH, S

Monday, June 22

- 5:00pm Trustees - FSL
- 6:30pm Capital Campaign Com - Lib

Tuesday, June 23

- 8:00am Rhubarb Pie Baking - K
- 2:30pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Thursday, June 25

- 8:00am Rhubarb Pie Baking - K
- 5:00pm Finance Committee - St

Friday, June 26

- 8:00am Rhubarb Pie Baking - K

Saturday, June 27

- 9am - 4pm CHUM Rhubarb Festival
1100 London Road

Coming in July

- 5: Communion Sunday
- 16: Ruby's Pantry
- 20: FUMC serving meal for Wild Fire Youth Camp from Faith UMC, Superior
- 27-30: Adventure Day Camp and Vacation Bible School
- 31: Youth Group Event - Feed My Starving Children/
Twins Baseball

