



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.

November 2016

Let it shine!

In two weeks, on November 13, 2016, we will mark the 50th anniversary of the Coppertop, our home on the Skyline. But the story of how we got here starts well before November 13, 1966.

As early as 1946, a Future Building Committee was formed to address major problems with the old church at 3rd Street and 3rd Avenue West. Built in 1893, the impressive brownstone building had a beautiful cherrywood interior and could seat 2,200. But it was a church designed to be walked to, and as the congregation moved farther out and up the hill, parking became an issue. At first the committee looked at options for renovations and off-street parking, but it soon became clear that just bringing it up to code and doing absolutely necessary repairs would cost over half a million dollars.

The focus switched to building, and a long search began for a site in keeping with the church's commitment to the downtown area. In 1959 a group of 25 members bid on a seven-acre site on Skyline Drive, which had been held in conservation by St. Louis County, and donated it to the congregation. The congregation accepted the challenge, and a million-dollar building drive began, spearheaded by four millionaires then in our congregation, including two Congdons.

Another big piece of the pie came from the women of the UMW, who pledged an astonishing \$10,000. They held monthly luncheons of great appeal to downtown workers, and met, then exceeded their goal. At the groundbreaking, UMW president Lee Ball suggested that the foundation of the new building was built on meatballs.

As the money came in from the UMW and others, it was invested at 4% interest. By April 1963 pledges totaled \$560,000. Bids were opened on 1964, building proceeded on schedule, and the cornerstone was laid on October 9, 1966.

You can read stories about the meatballs, the bid for the church site, and more on our "Let It Shine" webpage, under News & Events at fumcduluth.com. You'll also find a gallery of pictures from those days and the 50 years since.

We'll mark our anniversary on November 13 with a spectacular celebratory worship service and program attended by several former pastors, and a program where Bishop David Bard will be the featured speaker. And you're invited to a catered luncheon. On the menu—meatballs, of course (vegetarian and gluten-free options provided).

**First United
Methodist Church**

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Our First Family

Death: Ralph Ehresman, father of Larry Ehresman, on October 15, 2016

Hospitalizations: David Swanson, John LeFaive

Baptism: Torsten Eric Draxten Lindquist, son of Christian and Jennifer Draxten Lindquist & grandson of Gayle and Mary Draxten on October 30, 2016

Used Book Sale Saturday, Nov. 5 - Please drop off used books (**no** magazines, encyclopedias, VHS or cassette tapes) in the library.

Cards of Thanks

Thank you for supporting CRC with the gift of space to hold pro-bono mediations and conflict resolution trainings. We deeply appreciate it!

—Annalisa Peterson, Conflict Resolution Center

• On behalf of the Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service and Social Justice, I would like to thank you for your generous gift to Hamline University. As a recent alum, I have grown as a leader and truly enjoyed my time with the Wesley Center. Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Sofia J. White, '16

[We make a monthly "gift" to Hamline as part of our apportionments.]

For What It's Worth

Grateful in November

It's already November! Soon, the elections will be over. Do I hear a 'Thank you, Jesus'? The Vikings might be 11-0 (update: 10-1). The Fiftieth Anniversary of our building will soon be celebrated. The snow might be flying . . . let's not talk about that one! The last Sunday of November will mark the beginning of Advent. And the Thanksgiving turkey will be on the menu in a few weeks.

November! We have a lot to be thankful for. It's a wonderful month.

Erma Bombeck, the late humorist and newspaper columnist, was a cancer survivor. Every time she forgot to feel grateful to be a survivor, she would hear the voice of an eight-year-old named Christina, who also had cancer. When Christina was asked what she wanted for her birthday, she thought long and hard and finally said, "I don't know. I have two sticker books and a Cabbage Patch doll. I have everything!"

Christina was right.

We are blessed. Personally, I thank God daily for my family, the church, my friends, my health, a warm home, and food on the table. I thank God for the ability to discern right from wrong, good from evil. I thank God for staying with me and helping me during those dark times of life when doubt, grief, and despair have surrounded me. I thank God for the assurance of knowing that this life is only a prelude to another, better life to come.

I am grateful for our nation. We are far from perfect. Yet, what other country gives us the right to vote, speak our minds, attend worship services of our choice, own a weapon, and the many other freedoms we enjoy.

I am grateful for Duluth First UMC. Yes, we have a nice building and a nice location, but more importantly, we have a church full of dedicated and faithful people. I am grateful for the members and friends of this wonderful church. There is a hymn called *We Are the Church*. The first two verses describe FUMC:

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Next First Family deadline: **Nov 25**

Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



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Trunk or Treat

Another fun year of Trunk or Treating in the west parking lot is planned for Sunday, Oct 30. This is a fun and safe way for your child and others to trick or treat. Trunk or Treat runs from 11:30 am to noon with Pumpkin Carving to follow. We encourage church families to bring their own pumpkin.

Grateful, continued

*The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.*

*We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.*

As we know, with our freedoms come responsibility. We have an obligation to maintain our heritage and pass it on to the next generations. Like faith, if we fail to teach our children about the many freedoms we enjoy and the responsibilities that go along with those freedoms, than one day we might be missing them.

I pray that during November, you will find time to examine your life and count your many blessings. Perhaps, every November day should be a day of thanks-giving.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" —Psalm 100

Together with you in Christ,
Pastor Rick

RB Dinner: Cindy says 'thanks'

To the Supporters and Volunteers of the Fall Roast Beef Dinner:
THANK YOU!

The beef was consumed by 900 guests in 2 ½ hours, 500 in the drive through and 400 in the dine in. This ties the number of last fall, our largest ever. We closed the drive through 30 minutes early because we only had beef scraps left.

Thank you to all of you--all 153 volunteers who worked the cookie day, the pie day, and the dinner day, plus the prayer crew. This is another record-breaking number.

We had ten international students from Marshall School helping us as they receive community service hours for working with nonprofits.

The cost of the beef was 20¢ less per pound than last spring. We are hoping to have around \$5,000 for our church ministries, which is the same as last spring.

What is priceless is the community enthusiasm and the outreach we all experience. I thank God every day for all of you and your gifts you so graciously give to the church community. Thank you and bless you!

Cindy Hedlund

Please save the date for the spring roast beef dinner, Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Faith Forum digs in

"Digging into the Old Testament" is the theme for this fall's Faith Forum. Each week a new presenter links biblical themes to life in today's world. Faith Forum meets on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Fireside Lounge. Adults and older teens are welcome to attend any or all of the presentations.

Here's the schedule for November.

Nov. 6: Diane Bean We'll consider the mystery of unintended consequences and the power of family loyalty. Gen. 37 to 45, *Joseph and his brothers*

Nov. 13: Brian Kundinger Today's topics: Freedom from bondage, The Ten Commandments and the Power of Celebration. Exodus 2 & beyond, *Moses, Aaron and Miriam*

Nov. 20: Anita Zager On seeking truth and peace. The Promised Land becomes a reality. Help can come from unexpected sources. Joshua 1, 3, 14, and 24, *Joshua and Rahab*

Nov. 27: Mark Whitlock What can we learn about our love/hate relationship with authority and the meaning of a personal covenant? 1st Sam. 9, 15, and 18, *Samuel, the reign of King Saul and let's not forget Jonathan.*

Music, scones and more Nov 20

After church this November 20, please plan to stay and hear the Donahue Music Scholarship recipients perform!

Paul Sapyta's famous scones, locally-made jewelry and seasonal crafts will be for sale to benefit the Donahue Music Scholarship, named for longtime organist and teacher of FUMC Carol Donahue.

Some former and current recipients include Tommy Kishida, Alex and Grant Goodlet, Josie and Josh Peterson, and Gabrielle and Zia Koepke.

Your support for this wonderful scholarship is much appreciated! See you in the Three Brother's Chapel and atrium at 11:15 AM on Sunday, November 20.

Holiday Concert at Sacred Heart

A holiday concert December 4 will include organists and handbell ringers from FUMC. Sponsored by the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the concert features the AGO's organ scholarship students (including our own **Parker Hinnenkamp** and **Josh Peterson**), East High School Sterling Strings, **First UMC's Class Ring handbell choir**, the Twin Ports Wind Orchestra brass, and a carol sing-along. The concert will begin at 3 pm Sunday, December 4 at Sacred Heart Music Center, 201 West 4th Street, Duluth. Proceeds of a free-will donation will go to the Felgemaker Organ Maintenance Fund.

Coppertop Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov 5
9 am-2:30 pm



- More than 60 area crafters
- Bakery and gourmet foods
- Used book sale
- Nam Ly's egg rolls
- Sloppy Joe lunch

Parking at Mn/DOT with shuttle services



Proceeds benefit mission projects

Sponsored by FUMC United Methodist Women

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date September 30, 2016

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Envelope/Plate Giving	\$299,976.18	\$297,241.61
Other Operating Income	<u>114,888.12</u>	<u>118,921.38</u>
Total Income	\$414,864.30	\$416,162.99
Expense		
Total Expense	<u>\$436,333.78</u>	<u>\$436,746.41</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 21,469.48)</u>	<u>(\$ 20,583.42)</u>

All taxes, apportionments and payables YTD have been paid.

Lennon-Berini Scholarship

This scholarship of \$1000 to each recipient is for First United Methodist Church members only. Application forms are available in the church office and on the FUMC website. Applicants must have completed two years of college and be pursuing a people-centered career. Fully completed applications must be in the church office by 3:00 p.m. on November 28. Successful candidates will be presented their scholarship checks on December 25 at the morning worship service.

Coming Up

50th Anniversary Celebration Sun, Nov 13

Join in special worship, catered meal, and celebration of the 50th anniversary of the church building.

Advent Creativity Workshop Sun, Nov 27

Prepare for advent and Christmas as a family on this special day. Create advent wreaths, Christmas cards, ornaments, and other decorations.

Christmas Worship Led by Children and Youth Sun, Dec 4

Plans are underway to schedule rehearsals for Christmas Worship.

Family Ministry Event Sun, Dec 11

Nativity in a Box: Decorate a set of cookies representing the people from the nativity.

Help for caregivers

from Linda Wiig, Parish Nurse

Greetings! Here it is November and I would like to let you know that this month among other items focuses on National Family Caregivers.

Did you know that family and friends provide the majority of support needed by older Minnesotans? Only 10% of Minnesota's long-term care is provided in facilities. This unpaid care is valued at \$8.2 billion in Minnesota alone.

"Caregiving" is simply helping another person who needs care or support due to a chronic condition or disability. Caregiving can come on suddenly or gradually and either can cause a heightened amount of stress. There are resources available to help.

Our Arrowhead Agency on Aging is a great resource at 218-722-5545 or 800-232-0707. They have a staff of counselors, aging services planners, a community living specialist, health promotion activities, and other support staff.

If you are an older adult and need help or you are a family member or friend wanting information to help care for an individual, the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 can answer your questions and help you find resources too.

- **Caregiver education** and training can help you acquire new information and skills to care for yourself and others. This training is called Powerful Tools for Caregivers which can give you skills to take better care of yourself as well as the one you care for. Call 218-529-7531 for info.

- **A caregiver consultant** can help you assess your situation, set goals, and develop an individualized plan so you can live your own life while caring for another person.

- **Support groups** can help you find emotional support as you share your experiences with other family caregivers.

- **Other services and supports** such as meals, home modification and emergency response systems can make your caregiving easier.

A new service called "Age Well Arrowhead" can provide services such as snow shoveling, light home maintenance, grocery shopping, visiting, and local transport. This agency serves Duluth, Proctor and Hermantown. For information you may contact Becky Perrett at 218-481-3150.

The Welcome Center will have flyers that include further information about this topic.

Let us remember that God is our ultimate resource, whom we can choose to call on to forgive, to deliver, to give strength, and to provide hope.



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Weekly Our regular schedule

Sundays

- 9:00am Faith Forum - FSL
- 9:00am Family Faith Formation - 112, 105, 106
- 9:50am Prayer Team - TBC
- 10:00am Worship - S
Wee Wonder - 105
- 3:30pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

Mondays

- Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 4:15pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
- 5:00pm Young Adults - Lib
- 7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 4:45pm 5Guise - BR
Kids' Club Art - L Nur, MR
- 5:00pm JAM & PB Band - TBC
Parent2Parent - St
- 5:15pm Ringtones - BR
- 5:30pm Bible Study - FSL
Dinner - LSH se
Explorers - St
JAM Jr. - TBC
- 5:45pm Sanctuary Choir - EL
- 6:30pm Youth Group - CW, 112
Kids' Games - L Nur, MR
- 6:45pm Cast in Bronze - BR
- 7:30pm Tapestry - S
- 7:45pm Class Ring - BR

Thursdays

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

Fridays

- 9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

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

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

Day by Day Monthly & one-time

Thursday, November 3

- 4:00pm Men's Sloppy Joe Making - K
- 5:00pm Trustees - FSL
- 6:00pm 50th Anniversary Mtg - FSL

Saturday, November 5

- 9:00am Coppertop Country Fair & Bake Sale - LL

Tuesday, November 8

- 7:00am Election Polls - LSH
- 2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Wednesday, November 9

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL

Thursday, November 10

- 1:00pm Alzheimers Caregivers - Lib
- 1:00pm Deborah Circle - FSL
- 5:30pm SPRC - Lib
- 6:00pm Church Council - FSL

Saturday, November 12

- 9:00pm Community Reiki Circle - TBC

Sunday, November 13

- 11:00am 50th Anniversary Luncheon

Monday, November 14

- 7:00pm Priscilla Circle - FSL

Tuesday, November 15

- 5:15pm De-Beefing Meeting - FSL

Wednesday, November 16

- 9:30am Naomi Circle - FSL

Thursday, November 17

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

Sunday, November 20

- 11:00am Donahue Scholarship Fundraiser - TBC, A

Monday, November 21

- 10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL
- 4:00pm FUMC Foundation - FSL
- 5:00pm Ruby's Pantry Committee - FSL

Tuesday, November 22

- 2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Thursday, November 24

- Building closed for Thanksgiving holiday