



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.

April 2015



Holy Week Worship Services

March 29: **Palm Sunday** Worship with palm parade 10 am

April 2: **Maundy Thursday** Worship, Sanctuary 7pm

April 3: **Good Friday** Worship, Three Brothers Chapel Noon

April 5: **Easter Sunday** Worship at 9 and 11 am

Palm Parade: Young and old are welcome to join in the "hosannas" on Palm Sunday, March 29. Gather in the back of the church to get a palm and join the procession near the beginning of worship.

Easter Eggstravaganza: Children and their families will gather in Room 105 for Easter fun, including crafts and egg hunts for little ones and older kids. Come anytime between 10 and 10:45 am. Muffin fellowship time will be held between services.

**First United
Methodist Church**

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Our First Family

Hospitalization: Don Whitby

Church Lighting for March 22-28 in memory of Dick Synhorst, father of a dear friend, from Connie Adamec to benefit the youth fund.

OGHSBS: Thanks to Discovery Kids for the hard work baking and selling items for One Great Hour of Sharing. Donations to the bake sale totaled \$242.35!

Special thanks to head bakers Anna Abbott and Jessie Skumatz and for the many extra hands including adults Connie Adamec, Cordy Swanson, Jesse Singer, Elizabeth Hauschildt and kids Grace & Leah Abbott, Abbi Adamec, Tommy Kishida, Macie Kratsch, Avery Martens, Prescott Nygaard, and Annika & Maya Swanson.

Check out baking photos on Facebook [First UMC, Duluth, MN (the Coppertop)].

Mary asks: "My sorority is collecting ladies underwear sizes 2 to 16 to send to help the needy in Haiti. If you can donate some by Easter please leave in a box in the office for Mary Wright to send to Haiti. Thank you."

Wellness Check: Senior St. Scholastica nursing students will be at church from 2 to 4 pm on

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Pastor's Pen

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him "Teacher." **John 20:14-16**

When you read the accounts of Jesus appearing to his disciples, including the women who were among his closest followers, you cannot help but notice the strangeness of the stories. Jesus finds his way into locked rooms. He appears suddenly and is gone just as quickly and mysteriously. Among the remarkable and somewhat baffling features of some of these stories is that those who knew Jesus best don't recognize him right away.

Here, in John's gospel, Mary hears Jesus, but apparently does not recognize his voice. She looks at him and supposes him to be the gardener. How odd. It is when Jesus calls her by name, "Mary," that she recognizes him.

Rather than simply odd features of the stories of Jesus post-resurrection appearances, these mysterious details may have something important to say to us about our lives as followers of Jesus today.

Where do we find Jesus in our lives today? Traditional answers may include: during worship, studying the Scriptures, during prayer. We may say that we find Jesus in ecstatic or mystical kinds of experiences, if we have them. What if the risen Christ is as likely to be encountered in some of the ordinary events of our day, if only we can see with fresh eyes? Might we see something of Jesus in the people we meet every day? What if every person has something of the light of Jesus inside her or him? Maybe we only see this as we open ourselves to others, to their stories. Maybe we only see this as

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Next First Family deadline: **April 17**
Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



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Our 1st Family, continued

Wednesday, April 8 to do a mini health assessment by taking your blood pressure, finding out about your diet, measuring your BMI, and seeing if you're fit. You can even ask them questions — they enjoy visiting with you.

Blood Drive is coming up Tuesday, April 21. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex; available times are 3 to 6 pm. Thanks to all of you who are willing and able to give the gift of life. First time donors welcome!

Linda says: If you have out of town family or friends attending memorial services, you may want to know that ZMC hotels offer bereavement rates. When making reservations just ask for the special rate at these hotels in Duluth: The Inn on Lake Superior, Edgewater, Days Inn-Lakewalk, Best Western in Superior, and the Downtown Duluth Motel on West 2nd Street.

Pastor's Pen, continued

we help others be the best they can be. Might the voice of Jesus be calling our names not only in experiences of worship or study or prayer, but also through the voices that ask for our attention and care?

We believe in a risen Christ, and I think that means we look for Jesus in the ordinary events and in the ordinary people of our everyday lives. The resurrection is not something simply to be believed, it is something to be lived.

Grace, Peace and Happy Easter

David

Church council approves moving forward with capital campaign

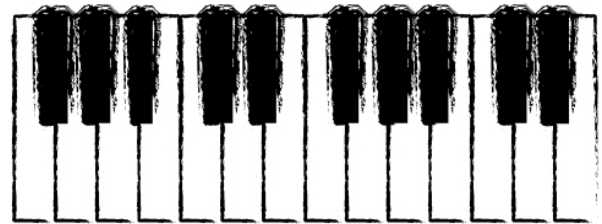
Following a thoughtful discussion, the church council voted March 10 to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota United Methodist Foundation to conduct a capital campaign. Val Walker, Executive Director of the Foundation, will be our chief campaign consultant.

The proceeds from the sale of the Chester Park UMC church building and another recent significant bequest give us a unique opportunity, as we near the fiftieth anniversary of our ministry here at the Coppertop on the Skyline, to do some necessary work for our next fifty years of ministry.

We anticipate kicking off the campaign on Sunday, April 12 and concluding with a commitment Sunday celebration on May 17. While more information will be coming to you soon, it is never too early to ask for your prayers for this campaign and for the ongoing ministry of our congregation.

Organ Plus Concert is April 26

The next and final concert in FUMC's 2014-15 concert series is an "Organ Plus" concert on Sunday, April 26 at 3 pm. This concert will feature repertoire composed for organ and a variety of instruments.



organ plus

Both of First UMC's pipe organs — our sanctuary organ built by Austin Organs and our chapel organ built by local organ builder Dan Jaeckel — will be used in this concert. Musicians involved include Velda Bell, Parker Hinnenkamp, LeAnn House, Shelley Gruskin, Jenna Mattson, Nikki Hill, Shark Kishida, Jeff Finlon, and Rebecca, Kevin, Josie, and Josh Peterson.

Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this concert!

Shiny Paper Fundraiser

First UMC continues its shiny paper collection. Our Finance Committee has been coordinating this project and thanks to all those who have helped with it. Thanks, too, to all of you who have saved your paper and brought it to the church. Keep up the good work. All proceeds from the shiny paper collection support the ministries of First UMC through its budget.

Quick Look at April

2: Maundy Thursday
worship, 7 pm

2-3: Prayer Vigil

3: Good Friday worship,
Noon, Three Brothers
Chapel

5: Easter Sunday worship
at 9 am and 11am

12: Communion Sunday
**Note the change
from the first Sunday**

14: Church council
meeting, 6 pm

15: Philippians Bible Study
begins, 5:30 pm

16: Ruby's Pantry

26: Concert Series:
Organ Plus, 3 pm

26: Faith and Film, *The
Hundred Foot Journey*

30: Roast Beef Dinner

Coming in May

3: Communion Sunday

10: Confirmation Sunday,
Mother's Day

12: Church council
meeting, 6 pm

13: Last supper for Wed
Nights

17: Back in Time
year-end event

21: Ruby's Pantry

26-29: Minnesota Annual
Conference, UMC,
St. Cloud

30: Roadside clean-up,
10 am

This month at First UMC

Evening Bible Study to begin April 15

Beginning Wednesday April 15 Pastor David will lead a Bible Study on the New Testament book of Philippians. The study will be held weekly in the Fireside Lounge from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. This will give participants time to head down for the Wednesday night meal if they choose to do so. The Philippians study will meet weekly through May 20.

April's Faith and Film brings us *The Hundred Foot Journey*, starring Helen Mirren. Mirren plays a chef at a well-regarded French restaurant who is upset that an immigrant is opening an Indian restaurant a mere 100 feet from her own. It is a film about dreams and about differences being bridged. The film is rated PG and will roll at 6:30 pm April 26 in the downstairs movie room.

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, April 14, beginning at 6 pm in the Fireside Lounge. Please note the time change for council meetings.

Ruby's Pantry this month will be held Thursday, April 16. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, prepare food for distribution, and share the food with them. You may volunteer anytime between 3 pm and 8 pm and can come for as little as an hour to help out. Ruby's Pantry Coppertop is now on Facebook. "Like" the page at www.facebook.com/rubyspantrycoppertop.

Weekly confirmation classes for eighth and ninth grade youth continue each Sunday morning at 8:45 am in Club Wesley. Sunday, April 26 will be for the ninth grade students only. David and Julie Bard are the teachers. Confirmation Sunday will be May 10.

The First and Ten Men's Group will meet on April 13 and 27. First and Ten is a group for discussion and service, and is open to all men. In April we will consider summer service opportunities as well as spend time in good conversation.

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date February 28, 2015

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Envelope/Plate Giving	\$ 67,236.50	\$ 62,671.50
Other Operating Income	<u>26,379.08</u>	<u>27,519.82</u>
Total Income	\$ 93,615.58	\$ 90,191.32
Expense		
Total Expense	<u>\$ 98,837.44</u>	<u>\$ 94,972.80</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 5,221.86)</u>	<u>(\$ 4,781.48)</u>

From the Parish Nurse: Water is Life

This month I will be volunteering at the third and fourth grade health fair, being held in the Social Hall during the week of April 20. My partner and I will be responsible for the International Health Awareness area so I thought it would be good to talk about the importance of clean water and access to it.

Every March 22 is United Nations World Water Day. This day marks the need for new infrastructure to help ensure efficient delivery and access to clean and safe water as water demands continue to grow across the globe.

While clean water is essential for a healthy human life, 1.1 billion people lack access to water. By 2025, it's anticipated that two-thirds of the world's population may be facing water shortages.

Water is at the core of sustainable development. Water resources, and the range of services they provide, form the basis of poverty reduction, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. From food and energy security to human and environmental health, water contributes to improvements in social well-being, affecting the livelihoods of billions.

Each American uses 7,500 liters of water per day—mostly for food. One liter of water is needed to irrigate one food calorie. Inefficient water use can mean 100 liters are used to produce one calorie. Irrigation takes up to 90% of water withdrawn in some developing countries. Globally, agriculture is the largest user of water, accounting for 70% of the total withdrawal.

Pressure on fresh water sources will continue to increase as we face climate change, increased urbanization, increased food production needs, increased need for energy. Our current practices for energy production, and food production are unsustainable.

Please take time to think how precious our water is and what can be done to keep it as clean as possible. *Linda Wiig, Parish Nurse*

ON AN **ADVENTURE** WITH GOD!

Join us this year at Adventure Day Camp as we go on an Adventure with God! We will be discovering what an Tree-mendous adventure we are on right now and what Tree-mendous tools God has given to us to help us along this adventure!

Children in grades Kindergarten to 7th grade are invited to join us July 27-30 at Adventure Day Camp as we continue our Adventure with God!



How
can I
help



In September, UMW will need workers, housing

FUMC United Methodist Women will be hosting the Big Waters fall district meeting here at FUMC. This is a big undertaking for us, and we are asking you to set Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 aside if you will volunteer your assistance.

This event has approximately 100 attendees. The largest meal will be luncheon on Saturday. This event will require servers, kitchen help, and dishwashers. We are impressed with the churches that have men serving women's events.

The other area we are asking for your help is in providing bed and breakfast for the executive board, which will consist of 20 women who will be coming on Friday.

Please consider this event, and if you will be willing to help, watch for future announcements as we get closer to the dates. We have begun planning and already see these needs, hence the early request.

Contact Marilew Barnidge at 724-0839 or randmbarnidge@aol.com if you have questions.

FUMC Fall Roast Beef Dinner

Thursday, April 30, 2015, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Be a part of the fun!

- Sign up in the narthex to volunteer
- Buy your tickets in the church office or at sign up table on Sundays
- Sell tickets to your friends or family or treat them to a dinner

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

◊ Something for everyone ◊ All ages can participate ◊ We have a job for you!
(Child care provided from 4-9 pm)

Cookie Day: Sunday, April 26, after worship until 3 pm

Make cookie dough - chocolate chip cookie recipe available to take home. Use our recipe to make a triple batch and bring the dough to church on Sunday, April 26. Leave in church kitchen refrigerator. Bake chocolate chip cookies after worship to sell during the dinner.

Pie Day: Wednesday, April 29

9 am-noon: Peel apples, Set tables 9 am-3 pm: Bake pies

Dinner Day: Thursday, April 30

7:30 am - 9:30 am: Trim beef, wash dishes

9:30 am - 11:30 am: Prepare coleslaw, gravy and coffee

Noon-4:30 pm: Set tables with pickles, bread, fill coleslaw cups, butter, prepare drive thru serving area with bags and rolls, fill waters and coffee pots

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Cut pies and put on tables

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Cut meat, make potatoes, gravy, and corn, wash dishes

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Dining room servers, plate fillers, carry out/drive thru runners and fillers, cooks, dishwashers, traffic controllers, greeters

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: 2nd shift for drive thru and serving line and clean up in those areas after 7:00

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Clean up dining room, drive thru area, pie room, kitchen and dishes, sweep and mop all floors, put away decorations and tables...

If you show up at a different time, no worries, we will find a job for you!

Reminder postcard: When signing up to volunteer, you can take home a reminder postcard or have one mailed to you. Just fill out a postcard with your address and bring a 49¢ stamp and we will mail it the week before the dinner.

Parking: Please park on the day care side of the building.

Tickets: Please purchase your ticket in advance or at the door and enjoy the meal before or after your shift. (Youth volunteers *only* enjoy the dinner compliments of FUMC.)

OTHER WAYS TO HELP OUT

Sell dinner tickets: Take 10 tickets and sell to family, friends, and co-workers or treat your staff or your helpful neighbors

Flyers: Post flyers around your work (available at volunteer sign up table)

Facebook/email: Invite friends to dinner via Facebook and email

Thank you for signing up to help. We could not do this without you!

Faith Forum – What a Character

This Winter/Spring's Faith Forum series is entitled, "What a Character." Each week a different presenter will share something of the story of one of the characters from the New Testament. More than a history lesson, the task of the presenter is to use that character's story to discuss contemporary issues of faith and life.

April 5: Easter Sunday, no Faith Forum

April 12: Brian Kunder on Timothy

April 19: Kevin Walsh on Zebedee

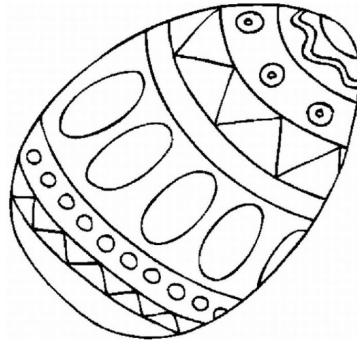
April 26: Anita Zager on Mary

May 3: Mark Whitlock on Mark

May 10: Dick Wallin on John the Apostle

May 17: Mary Anne Korsch on Martha

May 24: Bob MacLean on Pontius Pilate



CHUM Easter Basket Project

Thanks to the generosity of First UMC children, families and congregation, this spring CHUM Food Shelf clients will have the opportunity to create Easter baskets for their children. We'll collect and bring the components needed to make this hands-on project happen, and food shelf clients can use their choice of the plastic eggs and grass, candies, and stuffed bunnies to create Easter baskets for their children.

This is a project by First UMC children, families and congregation. We're aiming to have enough items for 70 baskets. *Place your donations in the Easter basket at the Welcome Center by Monday, March 30.*

We'll need

- 33 bags of Easter "grass"
- 33 bags of wrapped candy
(8 oz bags or we can re-package larger bags)
- 52.5 dozen plastic eggs (Oriental Trading Co eggs not recommended. They don't close well.)
- 0 baskets thanks to generous donors
- 53 small stuffed bunnies or chicks – new ones, please!

Distribution date is **Wednesday, April 1** (no foolin'!) from **10 am to 1:45 pm. Volunteers are welcome!**

The Steve O'Neil Apartments

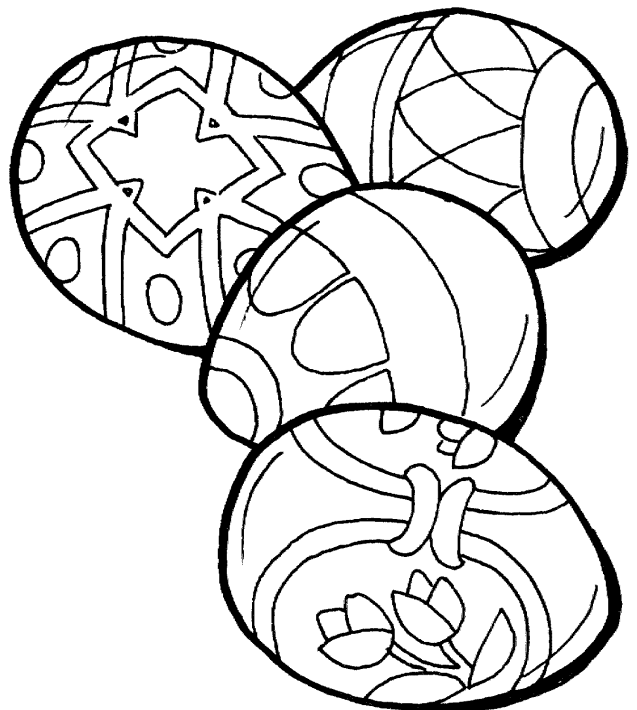
The Steve O'Neil Apartments have begun to provide housing for families who have otherwise experienced homelessness.

When fully operational, the apartments will include 44 units of permanent supportive housing and six units of emergency family shelter.

This project involves CHUM, One Roof Community Housing, and Center City Housing Corporation.

CHUM will operate the emergency family shelter and provide supportive services to those in permanent supportive housing.

These apartments will also offer volunteer opportunities. You can find out more about these at the CHUM web site www.chumduluth.org.





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Weekly Our regular schedule

Sundays

8:45am Confirmation - CW except 4/5
9:00am Faith Forum - FSL except 4/5
9:00am Discovery & Exploration - LL except 4/5
9:50am Prayer Team - TBC except 4/5
10:00am Worship - S except 4/5
Wee Wonder - 105 except 4/5
3:30pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

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 (except 4/8)

4:45pm 5Guise - BR
5:15pm Ringtones - BR
5:15pm JAM - EL
5:45pm Supper - LSH se
6:00pm Tapestry - S
6:30pm Cast In Bronze - BR
6:30pm Youth Group - CW, 112
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir - EL
7:40pm Class Ring - BR

Thursdays

9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
(FSL 4/23 & 4/30)
9:00am Zumba - LSH we
(TBC 4/23 & 30)
6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
(CW 4/16 & TBC 4/23 & 30)

Fridays

9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

Day by Day Monthly & one-time

Wednesday, April 1

9:30am UMW Board Meeting - Lib

Thursday, April 2

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship - S

Friday, April 3

Noon Good Friday Worship - TBC

Sunday, April 5

9:00am Easter Worship - S
10:00am Eggstravaganza - CW, 112
10:00am Musicians' Hospitality - LSH we
11:00am Easter Worship - S

Wednesday, April 8

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir - TBC

Thursday, April 9

1:00pm Deborah Circle - FSL

Saturday, April 11

9:00am Community Reiki - TBC

Monday, April 13

4:00pm FUMC Foundation - FSL
5:30pm SPRC - Lib
7:00pm First & Ten - St
7:00pm Priscilla Circle - FSL

Tuesday, April 14

2:30pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL
6:00pm Church Council - FSL

Wednesday, April 15

9:30am Naomi Circle - FSL
3:00pm Senior Wellness Program

Thursday, April 16

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

Saturday, April 18

9:00am Birth & Baby Fair - LSH

Monday, April 20

10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL
5:30pm Ruby's Pantry Committee - Lib

Tuesday, April 21

3:00pm Blood Drive - East Lot

Thursday, April 23

5:00pm Finance Committee - St

Sunday, April 26

11:30am RBD Cookie Baking - K

Monday, April 27

5:00pm Trustees - FSL

Tuesday, April 28

2:30pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Wednesday, April 29

9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep

Thursday, April 30

9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep
4:30pm Roast Beef Dinner