



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.

August 2017

Your help is needed

Coppertop Communion Team

We are in need of volunteers to assist with preparing, serving, and cleaning up after Communion on the first Sunday of each month, and are developing a team of Communion volunteers to take turns with this task. This involves cutting bread, pouring juice, assisting with serving during the worship service, and putting things away afterwards. Training and support will be provided, along with a page of detailed information for your reference. If you are interested in serving in this way two or three times each year, please contact MaryAnne Korsch (deacon@fumcduluth.com or 218.343.8813) to be added to the team. Thank you!

Greeters Needed

People with a gift for welcoming others are needed each week to greet people as they arrive for Sunday worship. There's nothing like a friendly face to welcome visitors, new friends and longtime members. Look for the sign-up sheet in the nartex to reserve your date to greet worshippers.

Sunday Morning Drivers Needed

FUMC people take turns picking up folks who need a ride to church. This makes it possible for those who do not drive to join us for Sunday worship. If you are looking for a meaningful way to serve, please consider joining our team of friendly drivers.

CHUM Backpack Project

We will be assembling the CHUM backpacks on Sunday, August 6 after church. Everyone is welcome to help.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry will be held Thursday, August 17. Many people are needed to greet our guests, prepare food for distribution, and share the food with them. You may volunteer anytime between 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and can come for as little as an hour to help out.

**First United
Methodist Church**

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Our First Family

Marriages: Beth Bard & Michael Henke, July 22, 2017

Hospitalizations: Kevin Walsh, Daryl Harper and Bob Topliff

Deaths: Jeff Johnson and former member Carol Marshall

Condolences to: Diane Bean on the death of her grandson, Eric Kjolhaug on the death of his sister, Jean Seinola and Gary Groves on the death of Jean's mother, Don Gibson on the death of his brother Bob, and Heidi Cottingham on the death of her mother, Patricia Lang.

Church Lighting: gift from June Kreutzkamp in memory of her 25th wedding anniversary on August 9; shared with FUMC Capital Campaign Fund.

Worship Attendance

July 2 203
July 9 205
July 16 220
July 23 246
July 30 211

Shiny Paper Donors and

Volunteers: Coordinator Richard Gurske's goal to break \$400 was happily exceeded this month with a **4,460 pound** delivery, making \$446 for our church operating budget! Grateful thanks to all who have

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On the journey with you

Redefining what it means to be an evangelical

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I believe God has Good News of love, salvation and abundant life for all people and I am called to share that Good News. I am not saying that I am called to convert other people, or disrespect the honest faithful conviction of others where it differs from my own. But I am called to actively share about God's love.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I believe that through the Holy Spirit I can have a personal connection with God that is real and alive and impacts my daily living. I am not saying that others who don't follow the path I take are excluded from a relationship with God, just that the path of Jesus Christ connects me to God in a powerful way that I want to invite others to experience.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The way Jesus lived and died and overcame death's power provides a way to the heart of God. I believe it is God's gift, God's work that offers all people life here and life in the after. How God works in the hearts of other people isn't for me to judge. I'm only called to openly listen to (and celebrate) others' experiences and share my own.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I need to be saved over and over and over again from my own prejudices, closed mindedness, arrogance, insecurities and self-focus.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I believe with Jesus that all people are included, and welcome, in the circle of God's love and embrace. Where I see others trying to close the circle to include only people who believe like them, or look/feel/experience like them, I'm called to open wide the circle of God's love even if it requires risk and sacrifice.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I love Scripture and believe the Bible is the living, breathing Word of God with the power to change and save lives. I am not saying that I read

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Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Next First Family deadline: **August 25**
Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



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Evangelical, *continued*

the Bible as the literal, inerrant words of God – but that it is the powerful Word of God and I embrace it in its humanity and divinity, allowing it to change my heart and connect me with God and others.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I am called to Biblical obedience. Whenever I am faced with injustice and oppression I am called by God to stand against it in word and action – even when that injustice and oppression is done in the name of the church.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I am striving to love God with my whole heart, soul, strength, and mind, and seeking to love others as I love myself. That means I must be open to the stories and experiences of people different from me, and not only open to their stories and experiences, but willing to allow their heart to impact how I see and understand and relate in the world – even when it isn't comfortable for me.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I don't have all the answers, but I am willing and open to be taught by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Holy Spirit teaches me through Scripture, through the words and experiences of others, through my own experiences, through prayer Knowing that I don't have all the answers gives me a sense of humility in responding to others who also are seeking their best to know and do God's will.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that I am a beloved one created by God and unconditionally loved by the One who created me. All others are also beloved ones of God and are also unconditionally loved by God. That is how I am called to see and treat others.

When I say that I am an evangelical ... I am saying that the door of my heart is open to you, and hope that the door of your heart is open to me. And I pray that we can live together as a community of God's people – living humbly in relation to each other, doing justice together as we fight all forms of oppression, and offering each other mercy and grace as we experience God in richer ways together than we can alone.

On the journey with you,
Pastor Jeanine

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date June 30, 2017

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Envelope/Plate Giving	\$195,319.35	\$202,977.75
Other Operating Income	<u>107,816.07</u>	<u>105,891.63</u>
Total Income	\$303,135.42	\$308,869.38
Expense		
Total Expense	<u>\$307,076.37</u>	<u>\$295,824.06</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 3,940.95)</u>	<u>\$ 13,045.32</u>

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

Our First Family, *continued*
donated shiny paper, and to our enthusiastic team of sorters and haulers.

Afternoon at Brighton Beach

August 6, 1-4:30 pm

Coppertop families, friends, and individuals gather for an afternoon of kid-friendly Lake Superior fun on beautiful Brighton Beach. Sunscreen and water shoes are suggested.

First United Methodist Church is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a gift for the Memorial Gardens. This gift from Eliot & Naomi Haycock is made in memory of former FUMC pastor Dr. Winfield S. Haycock and his wife Harriet.

Cards of Thanks

There is power in prayer and we thank everyone for your ongoing prayers and concern for our grandson-in-law, John, who was injured in a power line accident on March 7. We thank our good Lord for all the blessings that came from this near tragedy. Prayers have been answered and he was able to return to work on July 18 on a light duty restricted basis while therapy continues on his arm. Please continue to hold John, Heather and their 3 little ones close in the months ahead.

With our love and gratitude,
Kent and Mary Giese

As we close our books on the previous school year and prepare for the fall, I'm reminded of your generosity and what it means for our students. Thank you for your donation, and for all you do for Hamline University. *Carrie Albers*

Strikepoint Tour 2017

On July 14, our concert handbell ensemble, Strikepoint, began their 33rd major concert tour. This trip sent them from Minnesota, through Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, playing 9 concerts and one worship service in 10 days.

Strikepoint is well known throughout the handbell world for their dynamic and innovative style, difficult but accessible music, playing without a conductor, and using only 11 musicians.

These tours, while physically demanding, are not without adventure and fun, which included Colorado Springs, a nice dinner out, a trip to the Garden of the Gods, a factory tour of Celestial Seasonings Tea, shopping and dining in the mountain setting of Georgetown, and a guided tour of the Zoo in Omaha.

Bill Alexander, director of Strikepoint, now in his 38th year directing handbells at FUMC, remarked, "This was one of the most artistically satisfying tours we have done. We played very well, audiences were impressed, and there was a level of professionalism that is hard to achieve in an ensemble like this. I'm quite proud of how Strikepoint represented themselves, our church, and our city."



Music at First for Fall

Join us! There's a place for you!

FUMC's music groups are gearing up for a great fall. We're always looking for new people to join our music groups. There is joy to be shared through music!

- **JAM & the Peanut Butter Band and JAM Junior.** Cynthia Coffin-Langdon leads two fun-with-music groups for our youngest kids. JAM & the PB Band (1st-3rd graders) meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm and JAM Junior (ages preschool- 5) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.
- **Handbells.** Our handbell program is a graded, comprehensive program led by Bill Alexander. There is room for new ringers. The individual choir schedules are:
 - Ringtones (grades 3-7), Wednesday at 5:15 pm
 - Class Ring (grades 7-12), Wednesday at 7:45 pm
 - Cast in Bronze (adults), Wednesday at 6:45 pm
 - Strikepoint (concert ensemble)
- **Tapestry.** Tapestry is a contemporary worship band with both instrumentalists and singers. Led by Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Tapestry rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30.
- **Sanctuary Choir.** Mike Goodlet leads our Sanctuary Choir which provides music for worship in a variety of styles from classical to gospel. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm. They welcome new members, including high school and college students.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 6 for Tapestry and the Sanctuary Choir and Wednesday, Sept. 13 for the JAM groups and handbell choirs.

For more information, please contact the director of the individual choir or Velda Bell, our Director of Music Ministries.

Velda Bell: 218-727-5021 or music@fumcduluth.com

Cynthia Coffin-Langdon: 218-260-3114 or tevyjr@aol.com

Bill Alexander: 218-729-8434 or bill@strikepoint.com

Mike Goodlet: 218-409-3479 or mgoodlet69@gmail.com

It's not too soon to think about dates

for the Fall Roast Beef Dinner.

Thursday, October 12, 2017, 4:30-7:00 pm

Apple Crisp Day (a change—no pie, so no crusts needed):
Wednesday, October 11, at 9 am

Cookie Baking Day: Sunday, October 1, at 8 am

Volunteer sign up begins Sunday, September 10, in narthex

New bell choir!

Our handbell program is gearing up to start a whole new batch of young and beginning handbell musicians this fall. If you have one or more of these aspiring ringers in your family, we want to hear from you!

Preferred ages are 3rd grade through 6th grade, but motivated 2nd graders are welcome. Knowing something about music is helpful, but not necessary. We will teach music notation, rhythm reading, and always move toward working together, responsibility, trust, and musicality.

Contact Bill Alexander at 218-729-8434 or the church office at 218-727-5021.



Youth to Canal Park

Mark your calendars, all fifth through 12th graders, for some Canal Park fun! Wednesday, August 9 from 3 to 5 pm we will ride the crazy bikes and eat ice cream, all while hanging out with Pastor Jeanine. She is super excited to get to know you better!

Meet at the Canal Park DQ at 3pm, bring some cash for a DQ treat, and plan to be picked up at 5pm from the DQ. If it's a hot day bring your suit and towel and jump in the lake! Contact Cynthia at tevyjr@aol.com for questions or if you plan to join us.

Stay in your home or move?

from Linda Wiig, Parish Nurse

Greetings and Salutations! I hope that you are enjoying our very pleasant summer thus far, and I hope you can get out doors and enjoy the season!

I have two important dates in August coming up and if you can help out on either of these two days many will appreciate your assistance.

The first date is Thursday, August 10— our annual communion service at 11 am and luncheon at 12:15 pm for all those people who aren't able to attend church regularly or not at all. Your help between 11 am and 1:15 pm in setting up, serving the meal, or transporting people to church and back home will be appreciated. Call me or the office to minister in this way.

The second date is August 15, Tuesday —our summer Blood Drive from 3 to 6 p.m. Memorial Blood Center will have the bus parked in our parking lot for your convenience. Many people are in need of blood and this is a way you can help. New donors are much appreciated. If you have questions call me. There is a sign-up sheet in the office and I will be taking names for the remainder of the open slots on one more Sunday. Donating takes about 45 minutes, but this time is cut down if you answer your registration questions on the DAY of Donation at mbc.org under the I DONATE drop down menu.

For those of you seniors who have questioned whether or not you should move from your home, all people interested in entering a housing facility with services which include assisted living quarters should call the SLL (single point of entry) at 1-800-333-2433 prior to signing a lease, advise the MN Board of Aging and The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging. People calling the Senior Linkage Line (1-800-333-2433) can learn more about all their options. The staff is very helpful in that they will look at your current situation, consider your risk of needing services, and help you find services, learn about financing options, and work your way through Medicare. Some of these resources may help pay for any needed services.

An online resource called Live Well at Home (mnlivewellathome.org) has a number of helpful guidelines and information to help you make a decision stay in your own home or move.

Blessings to all, Linda

50 Cent & Book Sale, Bake Sale

Once again United Campus Ministry and Hope UMC are joining together for a day of fundraising and fun. The annual 50 Cent, Book & Bake Sale will be held Saturday, September 23, from 9 am-2pm at Hope United Methodist Church. So, there's still lots of time to go through your things and put a box together for the sale!

As you do your summer cleaning we invite you to think of supporting United Campus Ministry with your items. This sale raises much needed funds to continue the campus ministry in Duluth.



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Weekly Our regular schedule

Sundays

10:00am Worship - S
Wee Wonder - 105
3:30pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

Mondays

Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St
3:00pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
4:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC

Tuesdays

4:00pm Farmer's Market - East Lot
6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - St
6:00pm Moms' Yoga - TBC

Wednesdays

5:30pm Bible Study - FSL

Thursdays

9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
(except 8/17 CW)

Fridays

8:00am Men's Study Group - FSL
9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

Day by Day Monthly & one-time

**For information on Meet & Greets
contact the office at 727-5021*

Tuesday, August 8

2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL
6:00pm Hospitality Committee - FSL

Thursday, August 10

11:30am Homebound Worship &
Luncheon - TBC, N
6:00pm Church Council - FSL

Tuesday, August 15

3:00pm Blood Drive - East Lot
6:30pm Meet & Greet
Tim & Anita Zager

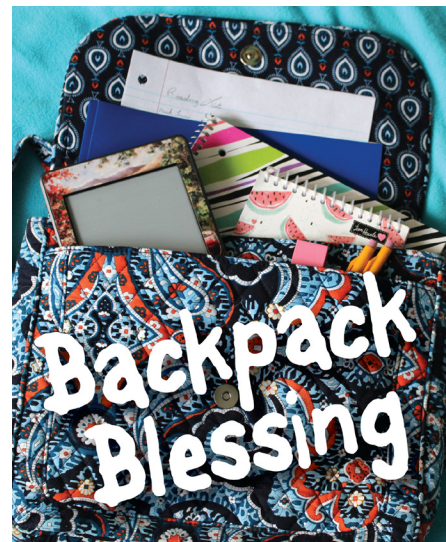
Thursday, August 17

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

Thursday, August 24

5:00pm Finance Committee - FSL

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



CHUM Backpack Blessing August 13