



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.



Up for an adventure? Feed My Starving Children plus Minnesota Vikings vs Houston

You are invited to join the Coppertop Youth Group in this adventure on Friday, August 9.

We'll be driving to the Twin Cities to pack meals with Feed My Starving Children, an organization whose mission is feeding God's starving children, hungry in body and spirit. After helping out there from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, we will stop at a park to eat our packed dinner (bring your own, required).

Then it's off to the Minnesota Vikings game for their Faith and Family Night. Tickets have been reduced to \$20 for youth groups for seats in the upper level. The game is scheduled to start at 7pm.

While this is a youth group activity, it is also open to anyone who wants to go with us. Families are welcome, and anyone else in the congregation who is a Vikings fan is invited to sign up and join us.

Please register with Sarah in the church office or send an email to Brianna, Youth Director, briannaostoff@gmail.com. Registration and payment must be in by July 9 because registrations for tickets are filled on a first come, first served basis.

If you would like to donate to Feed My Starving Children to help fund the meals that we pack, we would be happy to bring your donations with us. Each meal costs 22 cents to produce. For more about Feed My Starving Children, visit their website, fmsc.org.

Last chance: Register *by Monday* for Adventure Day Camp, Vacation Bible School! Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

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Our First Family

Memorial service for Eleanor Wren will be held Saturday, July 27, at 11am.

Rhubarb Update: Wow! Our pie-baking superstars made 138 pies before 1pm in just one of their work days last week. Don't forget to attend the rhubarb festival on Saturday for music, jams and other rhubarb treats.

Imagine No Malaria: We continue to move toward our three-year \$20,000 goal in support of the United Methodist initiative Imagine No Malaria. All summer long you will see a small crib in the narthex with pipe-cleaner mosquitoes in it. These mosquitoes don't bite, and they can be purchased with a donation to Imagine No Malaria.

Camp Scholarships: The Habicht Fund offers support for First UMC United Methodist Camp attendees under the age of 19, allowing a maximum of \$75 per camper. Families of campers attending United Methodist Camps, Adventure Day Camp or Vacation Bible School are encouraged to apply. Deadline for application is Monday, July 8.

Pastor's Pen

A deep breath of summer

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
...*

I come into the peace of wild things...

I come into the presence of still water....

I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry, from "The Peace of Wild Things"

Summertime, at its best, affords us some opportunity to break from the hectic pace of our daily lives. I know that may not be true for everyone, but for many of us our summer schedules are not as busy. At church we schedule fewer evening meetings. Some of my community responsibilities lighten, as do some of my denominational commitments.

If I am smart, and I am not always, I will find time during the summer to come into the peace of wild things. For me that can include more walks, and I love that daylight extends later into the evening. It can mean enjoying the outdoors in other ways, finding the presence of still waters. It can mean an occasional round of golf. It can also include connecting with the wild things inside – letting my mind roam, my imagination take flight.

This summer I will make time to rest in the grace of the world. In the grace of the world, I connect in deeper ways with the grace of God. May you find some of the peace of wild things this summer.

Grace and Peace,

David

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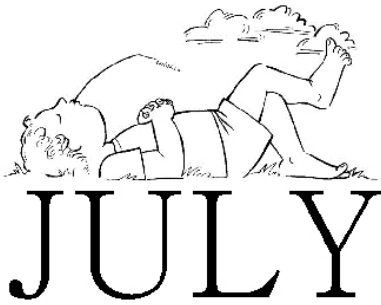
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Two ways to help with church expenses

The Finance Committee has been discussing two fundraising ideas for our congregation and would like your help and input.

Shiny Paper: New Page offers the opportunity for organizations to recycle shiny paper and to make some money in the process.

For First UMC to participate, it would take a small group of people who are willing to help monitor shiny paper collection and transport the paper to New Page when we had collected a sufficient amount.

If you would be interested in helping FUMC work with this, please speak with the finance chairpersons, Jean Seinola or Mary Hansen, or with Pastor David.

Tall Ships: The Duluth Tall Ships festival is the fourth week of July, with the Parade of Ships on the afternoon of July 25. Last year, our church parking lot had a significant number of visitors watching this parade of ships.

The Finance Committee thought we might offer ice cream novelties and water to those in our parking lot on the afternoon of July 25. Would you be willing and available to help with this fundraising project?

Again, please speak with Jean Seinola, Mary Hansen, or Pastor David.

Still Sticky

Summer sermon series continues

Thank you for the suggestions thus far for my summer sermon series on “sticky Scriptures,” Bible passages that create difficulties, confusion, or head scratching. Here is how the series will continue in the coming weeks:

July 7: II Samuel 8:1-2, Joshua 8:18-19, violence

July 14: Revelation 13;11-18, 22:18-19; 21:1-7, 22:1-5. What’s up with this book?

July 21: John 1 and Genesis 1 and 2, selected verses. Discerning “fact” and “myth”

July 28: Romans 8:31-39: The heart of Christian faith, the heart of God

There are still Sundays available for other sticky Scriptures.

Music Scholarship and Sale: When Carol Donahue retired in 2012, a music scholarship fund was established in her name for her years of service as organist and Director of Music. This fall, three such scholarships will be awarded to students 12-18 years of age who have studied music for a minimum of three years. Application forms are available in the church office and at the Welcome Center.

To build the music scholarship fund, a sale of old piano, vocal, and instrumental music books will be held after worship on June 30. Stop by and check it out—you could find an Antiques Roadshow collectible! Direct contributions to the Carol M. Donahue Music Scholarship Fund of FUMC are also always welcome.

Ruby’s Pantry this month will be on Thursday, July 18. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, prepare food for distribution, and share the food with them. This meaningful community outreach touches many lives, and makes a difference, not only to those who come for food, but also to those volunteering.

Summer is a great time to help with this wonderful outreach. We are also hoping to increase the numbers of people who participate in the program. If you know of persons or families who would benefit from stretching their food dollars, please encourage them to come and purchase a share of food.

Wildfire Meal: Wildfire is a youth mission opportunity offered through the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church and coordinated by Faith UMC in Superior. Youth groups from around the upper Midwest come to the Duluth-Superior area to help with a number of community projects.

For many years, the local United Methodist congregations have helped provide evening meals for the Wildfire youth and their adult counselors. First UMC will be helping out by providing a meal on Monday, July 22. If you are willing to help with this wonderful project, please contact Pastor David.



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EVERY WEEK

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

Sundays

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Thursdays

9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we (CW 7/18)

Fridays

9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

CHANGES and ADDITIONS

Thursday, July 4

Building Closed for Independence Day

Wednesday, July 10

6:30 pm Garden Committee - FSL

Monday, July 15

5:30 pm Ruby's Committee - FSL

Thursday, July 18

5:00pm Ruby's Pantry - S, LSH

Monday July 29 - Thursday, August 1

9:00am Vacation Bible School
Hillside UMC

10:00am Adventure Day Camp
Boy Scout Camp Horace
Johnson, Island Lake

Mission: Family Fun

Join First UMC families and their friends for family-friendly outings with a dash of mission outreach. Contact Laura Stahl for information or to register for an event.

Tuesday, July 2

Enger Tower Scavenger Hunt

Bring your own sandwich & beverage. Fruit, chips, cookies provided.

> Mission: CHUM Backpacks

Saturday, July 13

Kings' Farm - sheep and lamb interaction

Lunch at Thirsty Pagan in Superior

> Mission: Animal Allies – cleaning supplies, dog Kongs, or stickers

Wednesday, July 17

Packing Food Boxes at ...

> Mission: Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank

Kids must be 10 years or older; maximum 20 participants