



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.

October 2014

Roast Beef Dinner



Thursday, Oct 9 4:30-7 pm

*Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy,
corn, cole slaw, roll, homemade apple pie*

Adults \$12 Children under 12: \$6 • Dine in, carry out, or drive through

Be a part of the fun!

- Sign up in the narthex to volunteer (Details at fumcduluth.com)
- 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

Tapestry concert October 12

The inaugural concert of our 2014-15 Concert Series will be presented by Tapestry on Sunday, October 12 at 3 pm. Please plan to attend this concert filled with Tapestry's inspiring and uplifting songs. You will enjoy a variety of musical styles at this concert—from folk, rock and country to blues, jazz and gospel—performed with great vocal harmonies and a strong instrumental section.

Don't miss this live concert for all ages! A free-will offering will be taken for the church's music ministries. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

Three more concerts will round out our new Concert Series:

- *Christmas Bells*, a concert given by all five of our handbell choirs on Sunday, Dec 7
- *Gospel Mass*, a choral work performed by our Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, Feb 8
- *Organ Plus*, an organ and instrumental recital, on Sunday, April 26

All concerts will be held in the FUMC sanctuary at 3 pm.

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Our First Family

Baptism: Izzabell Armonda Kruse, daughter of April and Jordan Kruse, on September 28, 2014

Hospitalizations: Alice Gurske, Bill Wolden, Marlene Berntson

Freshly baked pumpkin pies will be available in the kitchen Wednesday, October 1, priced at \$12 each to help the CHUM food shelf. CSS students under the guidance of LeAnn House will use canned pumpkin donated to the food shelf to make the pies in our kitchen that morning.

This event has raised over \$1,000 for the food shelf each of the last five years; that's even better than it sounds, because CHUM can buy food for an average of 22 cents a pound. The sale will start at 1 pm (to give the pies time to cool) and run till 5 pm or until the pies are gone.

Last chance is coming up fast to get your Christmas shopping done at our annual sale of Terry Lynn nuts and candies and Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate. Orders will be taken until Monday, September 29 and delivered in late November. Look for the order form at fumcduluth.com, the church website.

Costume Sunday and more Halloween fun are in the *continued next page*

Pastor's Pen

The Memory of God

Do you ever wonder what we are doing as the church? I don't mean do you wonder what's on the church calendar, though sometimes we ask that question.

I assure you, this church is a busy place. It is busy with our own activities of worshipping and singing and playing and teaching and learning and meeting and praying and organizing. It is busy with our dinners and our craft sales. It is busy hearing people say "I do" and it is busy having people say "good-bye" for a last time.

What's at the heart of it all? While there are many ways we could talk about the heart of the church, and the heart of Christian faith, I think the words of Joan Chittister serve us well:

God did not stay at a distance from us to toy with us. God was not close when we were perfect and far away when we were not. God was ours for the asking. God was with us. Here. Now. That was it. No questions asked. What we needed to cultivate, then, was simply the *Memoria Dei*, the memory of God. We didn't earn God. We didn't ever deserve God. We couldn't possibly deserve God. We simply had God. God was of the essence of our lives. We only had to be conscious of God and grow into the life force that already lived in us.

Joan Chittister, *Called To Question*, 39-40

This church, with its hum of activity and quietness in prayer, is a place where we want to help each other cultivate the memory of God, as we know God in Jesus Christ. We want to help each other be more conscious of God and grow into the life force that is already inside us.

And part of our deepening connection to this life force who is God is a realization that God desires lives and the world to be different, better. So we are moved to try and make a difference in the world.

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Next First Family deadline: **Oct 24**

Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



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Our First Family, *continued*

works for October 26. Wear your favorite family-friendly Halloween costume to church, then offer wrapped treats or stickers from your car in the west parking lot from 11:30–noon. When you're done with Trunk or Treat, come inside to carve the pumpkin you've brought. *And* there's a potluck dinner, too! Mark your calendar and plan to join in this family and congregational fun.

Sign-ups will begin October 29 for the children's Christmas worship service.

UMW news: On Wednesday, October 15, the United Methodist Women of First UMC will host the fall luncheon meeting of the Duluth Area UMW. For the 11 am program, Linda Riddle and Jan Magree will speak on sex trafficking and exploitation of women. Lunch will follow the program; cost is \$8. Please call the church office at 727-5021 by October 10 to make your reservation.

Memory, *continued*

What makes us different from others who are also trying to change the world for the better, and I am grateful for those others, is that we are encouraged by, inspired by, and guided by a God who embraces us in love and grace, and we want to know that.

How are we doing? Are we helping you be more conscious of God and grow into God's life force? How can we do this more adequately? How can you help us be better at this?

Grace and Peace as We
Journey Together,
David

Welcome, new members!

Ellen Hill: Ellen joins First UMC with her husband Joshua. They also bring with them their son Martin, who recently turned one. Ellen was confirmed here at First UMC (you knew her as Ellen Zager). She and Josh have moved back to the area so Ellen could take a position in public health with the State of Minnesota. She is delighted to be back in the area and close to her parents, FUMC members Anita and Tim Zager.

Joshua Hill: Joshua joins along with his wife Ellen and their son Martin. He was born in Boise, Idaho, where he and his family lived until very recently. Josh has worked as an information technology engineer and administrator. He enjoys hiking, road trips, photography, and computers. He and Ellen are transferring their membership from First UMC in Boise.

Alice Marks: Alice and her husband Sam moved to Duluth in recent months. It was a place halfway between children in Bemidji and the Twin Cities. Alice was born in Cheyenne, WY. She and Sam lived for many years in the Twin Cities area before moving to Port Aransas, Texas. They relocated to Duluth from Port Aransas. Before retiring, Alice owned, directed, and taught at Jack and Jill Preschool in Roseville, MN. She enjoys writing, reading, gardening, cooking, animals, and nature. Alice appreciates the music and sermons here, and wants to be part of a church that epitomizes open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

Sam Marks: Sam joins First UMC with his wife Alice. He was born in California and has lived in the Twin Cities and in Texas. Before retiring, Sam was a music teacher, and he enjoys the music here at First UMC. He has already offered his own musical gifts during worship. Music was not only Sam's vocation; it is also something that he thoroughly enjoys. Sam and Alice are transferring from Island in the Son UMC, Corpus Christi, TX. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 30.

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date August 31, 2014

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Envelope/Plate Giving	\$251,554.82	\$256,400.00
Other Operating Income	<u>99,244.40</u>	<u>126,883.05</u>
Total Income	\$350,799.22	\$383,283.05
Expense		
Total Expense	<u>\$409,770.29</u>	<u>\$385,439.08</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 58,971.07)</u>	<u>(\$ 2,156.03)</u>

All taxes are paid for 2014. Apportionment checks and some benevolences are being held. We're still running behind due to increased expenses and reduced income during the severe weather of the first quarter of 2014.

Fundraiser for Imagine No Malaria ends Monday

Place your order by Sept 29 for the annual sale of Terri Lynn nuts and candy and Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate.

This year proceeds will go toward First UMC's \$20k pledge to end malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. Invite a few co-workers or friends to join this cause by ordering Terri Lynn or Equal Exchange products.

Lennon-Berini Fund to award \$1,500 scholarships

In the 1950s, John Lennon and Joe Berini served First Methodist as staff members who worked with youth, particularly in the Central Hillside area. To commemorate their work, a scholarship fund was developed in 1985 with initial awards of \$150 each. As a result of subsequent contributions over the years, the awards are now \$1,500 each.

Sixty-five scholarships totaling \$53,690 have been awarded since 1985.

To qualify, an applicant must (1) be a member of Duluth's First United Methodist Church, (2) have completed at least two years of college, and (3) be pursuing a people-centered career.

Application forms are now available in the church office and at fumcduluth.com, the church's website. Applications must be fully completed and turned in to the church office by 3 pm on December 1, 2014. The scholarships will be awarded during the worship service on December 28.

For yourself, others, get childhood shots

Linda Wiig, Parish Nurse

Are your children immunized as they should be? Are you? Are your teens or young adults, especially those attending colleges?

Although some parents believe vaccines can cause certain disease processes such as autism, there is NO scientific evidence that this is the case. The MMR vaccine, which is one that has been blamed, has in fact saved millions of lives and complications from the disease itself.

Throughout the U.S. there have been outbreaks of measles and other vaccine-preventable illnesses. If our children are not immunized it is putting not only their health but that of many people at risk for disease-related complications and even death. Measles and chickenpox, flu and whooping cough are preventable with immunizations. It is terrible to see a child go through whooping cough or die from the measles.

Beginning in 2015-2016, all children entering kindergarten must have had their final polio dose and their final DTaP. And all students in all grades need documentation for all required vaccines. Evidence of immunizations (or of legal exemption) must be provided to the school as requested.

It is very important for teens to get their vaccines and boosters. It is especially important for 16-year-olds to get their booster shots for meningitis. Meningitis can easily spread from kissing, sharing utensils, or drinking glasses, and from living in close quarters. Only one in five people who contract meningitis survive unharmed. Ten to 15% die. This disease can cause brain damage, kidney damage, and hearing loss, among other problems.

Immunization charts and other info can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Health at www.health.state.mn.us/immunize. Handouts are available in the church office, too.

Please keep in mind the next blood drive will be on December 2 from 3 to 6 pm. Thank you for the great response last time!

'The need is now' for CHUM gift registry to furnish Steve O'Neil Apartments

The Steve O'Neil Apartments are under construction and will provide housing for fifty families who have otherwise experienced homelessness. **The plan is for the first families to move into their apartments in December.** To furnish these apartments, a gift registry has been established.

The registry is designed in the manner of a wedding or shower gift registry, where anyone can access the website to select and purchase a gift. Individuals or groups could furnish entire rooms or apartments, or purchase lamps, tables, beds, flatware, and the like.

You can also contribute to the on-going costs of construction.

Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this important and significant community effort. **The need is significant and the need is immediate.** You'll find the registry link at chumduluth.org.

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MUSIC AT THE COPPERTOP



October 12 TAPESTRY

Sunday, October 12, 2014

3:00pm

Light Refreshments To Follow

First United Methodist

2014-15 Concert Series

Free Will Offering – All proceeds to benefit FUMC Music Ministry

Tapestry /'tæpɪstri/ - a colorful and complicated situation

Come listen and experience the oral Tapestry of sound: a rich blend of voices and instruments woven together to present to you songs to inspire and uplift! Folk, Rock, Country, Blues, Jazz, Celtic and Gospel will be presented for your listening pleasure.

October 5 is World Communion Sunday

Christians around the world celebrate communion on the first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday is a call to the Church to be the universal and inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, and was adopted as a day to be celebrated by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Shortly thereafter, the Methodist, Evangelical, and United Brethren churches adopted the day in their church calendars.

This has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On this day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers.

Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. Our worship committee has planned a special worship service that will remind us of the world-wide nature of our faith.

Bishop Bruce Ough to visit Duluth October 5

Bruce Ough, the United Methodist Bishop of the Dakotas-Minnesota Area, will be visiting Duluth on Sunday, October 5.

Asbury UMC is hosting a "Meet the Bishop" open house at 3 pm. If you plan to attend, please RSVP through our office or at asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com. We hope First UMC is well represented at this gathering.

For our 50th distribution, 'Ruby's Pantry Day in Duluth'

What a wonderful celebration we had for our fiftieth Ruby's Pantry distribution in September! We distributed nearly 300 shares and had over 100 volunteers. Mayor Don Ness proclaimed September 18, 2014 Ruby's Pantry Day in Duluth.

Ruby's Pantry for October will be Thursday, October 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 facebook.com/rubyspantrycoppertop.

Dress up, bring food, celebrate

Following the morning worship service on October 26—a worship service to which you are invited to come in Halloween costume—we will celebrate our life together with a potluck meal.

Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own plates and flatware. You may bring anything you like, but if you are stumped, you may want to bring a salad or dessert if your last name begins with A-L, and a hot dish if your last name begins with M-Z.

This is also the day for Trunk or Treat and BYOP Pumpkin Carving. Watch the bulletins, web site, and Facebook page for more information as the date nears.

Faith Forum: 'Faithful Reader'

For this fall's Faith Forum series, entitled "Faithful Reader," we asked a number of our members to tell us about a book that has made a significant impact on their lives.

Faith Forum meets at 9 am in the Fireside Lounge. You are welcome to come any week to this drop-in series whether or not you have attended before.

Here is the schedule for the next several weeks:

October 5: Allen Anway on *The Feynman Lectures*, delivered by Richard Feynman. Science has been a life-motivating factor for Allen.

October 12: Ron Yardley on *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

October 19: Geoff Bell on *The Wealthy Barber* by David Chilton, a storybook on personal financial planning.

October 26: Mark Whitlock on *Acres of Diamonds* by Russell H. Conwell, a motivational speech that Mark's father made him read.

November 2: Anita Zager on *Man's Search for Meaning* by Victor Frankl. His story of surviving a Nazi concentration camp gives lessons for therapy and life.

Find it online: Get the full schedule at www.fumcduluth.com under Ministries > Adults.

Roadside Cleanup

On Saturday, October 25, we will gather at the corner of Maple Grove and Midway Roads to clean our stretch of highway. This is one way we can keep creation more beautiful.

We will gather at 10 am and typically are done with our work well before noon.

We welcome newcomers and road clean-up veterans alike.

Faith and Film

October Faith and Film will be Sunday evening, October 19. We will meet at 6:30 in the Fireside Lounge to view the film *Philomena*.

Based on a true story, *Philomena* tells of a reporter and a woman who search for her child, whom she had offered up for adoption years before. The movie is touching and thought-provoking. It is rated PG-13.

Shiny Paper

First UMC continues its shiny paper collection. Our Finance Committee has been coordinating this project; 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.

Until the end of the year, proceeds from the shiny paper fundraiser are being used for Imagine No Malaria.

Notices

The FUMC Church Council will meet Tuesday, Oct 14 at 7 pm.

The Nominations Committee will begin its work at 6 pm Monday, Oct 20, in the Fireside Lounge. A notice will be sent to all committee members.



Coppertop Craft and Bake Sale

9am - 2:30pm Saturday, November 8

Thank you for all your donations and help in years past. Working together again, let's make this another great day! All proceeds of this United Methodist Women (UMW) event go to world, national, and local mission work.

Here are some ways anyone can help:

- **Donate baked goods** for the Gourmet and Bakery Room. Snack mixes, candy, and preserves are also popular. Please, no machine-made bread. If you don't bake, consider donating flour, sugar, butter, or chocolate chips.
- **Donate pop** for the luncheon. Cartons of pop may be dropped off in the church kitchen, labeled "Craft Sale."
- **Donate books** for the book sale. Bring them to the church library by November 4, marked "UMW Sale." Please, no textbooks, magazines, or old encyclopedias.
- **Donate cash.** Bring or mail your donation to the church office marked "UMW Craft Sale."

Finally, mark your calendar and come to the bazaar on Saturday, November 8, 9am - 2:30pm.

This is a great hands-on ministry of our church. Plan to be a part of this long and successful tradition.

Fall Book Read

Our Church Council would like us all to read together Adam Hamilton's book, *Making Sense of the Bible*.

Adam is the pastor of Church of the Resurrection, the largest United Methodist church in the United States. The book invites honest conversation about the Bible, with the goal of helping people rediscover its power to shape our lives and deepen our relationship with God.

Pastor David will preach two sermons in November based on some of the themes of the book. We hope that it will be widely discussed in the church.

We will take orders for the book beginning October 12 and plan to have books available by October 26.

First and Ten

The First and Ten Men's Group will meet on October 13 and 27. First and Ten, a group for discussion and service, is open to all men.

We will be working our way through Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible*. We are also scheduled to serve a Wednesday evening meal on November 12.



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Weekly Our regular schedule

Sundays

- 9:00am Faith Forum - FSL
- Discovery & Exploration - LL
- 9:50am Prayer Team - TBC
- 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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 5:15pm Ringtones - BR*
- JAM - EL
- 5:45pm Supper - LSH se
- 6:15pm Tapestry - S
- 6:30pm Cast In Bronze - BR*
- Youth Group - CW, 112*
- 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir - TBC
- 7:40pm Class Ring - BR*
- *No bells 10/15

Thursdays

- 9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
- 9:00am Zumba - LSH we
- 6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we (CW 10/17)

Fridays

- 9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

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

Day by Day Monthly & one-time

Wednesday, October 1

- 9:00am Pumpkin Pie Baking - K

Sunday, October 4

- 11:00am Cookie Baking - K

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep
- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL
- 6:00pm SPRC - Lib

Thursday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 11

- 9:00am Reiki Healing - TBC

Sunday, October 12

- 3:00pm Tapestry Concert - S

Tuesday, October 14

- 2:30pm Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL
- 7:00pm Church Council - FSL

Wednesday, October 15

- 9:00am UMW Luncheon Prep - K, LSH
- 9:30am Naomi Circle - FSL
- 10:30am UMW Luncheon - LSH, K
- No handbell rehearsals

This calendar includes only those events open to Church members or the general public. Other events are scheduled in the building, but not listed. For more listings, see the Building Use Calendar at www.fumcduluth.com under News & Events.

Thursday, October 16

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

Monday, October 20

- 10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL
- 4:00pm FUMC Foundation - FSL
- 5:30pm Ruby's Committee - Lib

Tuesday, October 21

- 11:00am Beef Dinner Meeting - FSL

Thursday, October 23

- 5:30pm Finance Committee - St

Saturday, October 25

- 9:00am Birth & Baby Fair - Lower Level

Sunday, October 26

- 11:00am Trunk or Treat, Pumpkin Carving, Potluck Dinner

Monday, October 27

- 5:00pm Trustees - FSL
- 6:00pm Prayer Team - St

Tuesday, October 28

- 2:30pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Notice

Charge Conference: On Tuesday, November 11, just prior to the Church Council meeting, the Council will meet together as a Charge Conference, the purpose of which is to approve pastoral compensation for 2015.

Another notice of this meeting will appear in the November *First Family*.