



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

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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 bring a song. 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.

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Three more concerts will round out our new Concert Series:

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The Memory of God

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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.

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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 ! j ©«®š° ~ j ¥° qj ©j ©«®µ« Cfi«ÿ° + j ÿÿª ° j š® fi«ÿ° + j ÿÿª ° j²j ®ÿj - i ®j fi«ÿ° + j 'oe±ÿª ° - « - ¥ µÿj - i ®j fi«ÿ° + j 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, j š° j ÿ(« %±j ° ¥ª, 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.

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Our First Family

Baptism: H[ſ]š j i ° ° ° ® « aÿš· Ž® - j ÿš±£ª ° j ® « C° - ®ÿšª ÿ Jordan Kruse, on September 28, 2014

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Freshly baked pumpkin pies will be available in the kitchen Wednesday, October 1, priced at \$12 each to help the (fl) ! « «ÿ° ðqj 'C' ' ' - ° ±ÿjª a ° ° ±ª ÿj ®° qj £±ÿšª op « Cžjª aª 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 « C° qj š° ° ¥j µj š® ° ðš° - j²jª a better than it sounds, because (fl) ! «ª > ±µ« «ÿ«®šª 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 -šj « C(j ®µžµªª aª ±° - šª ÿ candies and Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate. Orders ° ¥j ° ššjª a ±ª ¥! « aÿšµ September 29 and delivered ¥ š° j " «²j ©j j ®ž« «šª ®° qj order form at fumcduluth.com, the church website.

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

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Pastor: Dr. David A. Bard

Next First Family deadline: **Oct 24**

Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



fumcduluth.com

Our First Family, *continued*

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–a.m. Trunk or Treat, come inside brought. and plan to join in this family and congregational fun.

Sign-ups will begin October worship service.

UMW news: On Wednesday, brought. 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.

helping you be more conscious 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: and Josh have moved back to the area so Ellen could take a position

Joshua Hill: Joshua joins along with his wife Ellen and their 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

Alice Marks: recent months. It was a place halfway between children in Bemidji lived for many years in the Twin Cities area before moving to Port and wants to be part of a church that epitomizes open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

Sam Marks: 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

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date August 31, 2014

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

All taxes are paid for 2014. Apportionment checks and some increased expenses and reduced income during the severe weather of

Fundraiser for Imagine No Malaria ends Monday

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

This year proceeds will go to end malaria in sub-Saharan or friends to join this cause by Exchange products.

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

and Joe Berini served First worked with youth, particularly in the Central Hillside area. To commemorate their work, a scholarship fund was developed in 1985 with initial awards subsequent contributions over the years, the awards are now \$1,500 each.

awarded since 1985.

To qualify, an applicant must (2) have completed at least two years of college, and (3) be pursuing a people-centered career.

and at fumcduluth.com, the must be fully completed and 3 pm on December 1, 2014. The scholarships will be awarded during the worship service on December 28.

For yourself, others, get childhood shots

your teens or young adults, especially those attending colleges?

fact saved millions of lives and complications from the disease itself.

and other vaccine-preventable illnesses. If our children are not immunized it is putting not only their health but that of many people immunizations. It is terrible to see a child go through whooping cough or die from the measles.

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. utensils, or drinking glasses, and from living in close quarters. Only 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

Please keep in mind the next blood drive will be on December 2

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

homelessness. **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

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

Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this important and **is immediate.**

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October 5 is World Communion Sunday

Christians around the world celebrate communion on the World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday is a call to the Church to be the universal and inclusive church, observed by Presbyterians a day to be celebrated by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Shortly thereafter, adopted the day in their church calendars.

This has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup 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

Bishop Bruce Ough will be visiting Duluth on Sunday, October 5, at 3 pm. If you plan to attend, or at asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com. We hope First gathering.

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

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Dress up, bring food, celebrate

Join us for a special 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 you may want to bring a salad or dessert if your last name begins with the letter S.

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'

We have asked a number of our members to tell us about a book that has inspired them. 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: 'The Way of Zen' by Alan Watts, delivered by Rev. Bruce Ough

October 12: 'The Way of Zen' by Alan Watts, delivered by Rev. Bruce Ough

October 19: Geoff Bell on 'The Way of Zen' by David Chilton

October 26: 'The Way of Zen' by Alan Watts, delivered by Rev. Bruce Ough

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

Roadside Cleanup

On Saturday, October 25, we will gather at the corner of 1st and 2nd St. to clean our stretch of highway. This is one way we can keep our community 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 23 at 7:30 pm. The movie is touching and thought-provoking. It is rated PG-13.

Based on a true story, *Shiny Paper* 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

Shiny Paper is a shiny paper collection. Our Finance Committee has been successful in raising funds 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.

Proceeds from the shiny paper fundraiser are being used for the purchase of a new printer for the church.

Notices

Our church will meet Tuesday, Oct 14 at 7 pm.

The Nominations Committee is currently reviewing nominations for church officers. All committee members are encouraged to provide input.



Coppertop Craft and Bake Sale

9am - 2:30pm Saturday, November 8

Thank you for all your donations and help in years past. Work on your own projects, national, and local mission work.

Here are some ways anyone can help:

- Bring a variety of snack mixes, candy, and preserves. Please, no alcohol.

- Bring a variety of canned soups for the luncheon. Cartons of pop may be dropped off in the church kitchen, labeled "Craft Sale."

- Bring books for the book sale. Bring them to the church office.

- Bring or mail your donation to the church office.

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

Join us for the Fall Book Read on November 12. We will discuss the book *First and Ten* by David Platt. The goal is to have an 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 it available for purchase at the church.

First and Ten

First and Ten, a group for discussion and service, is open to all men. We are also scheduled to serve a Wednesday evening meal on November 12.



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Weekly Our regular schedule

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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.

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