



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 2017

Commission on a Way Forward in the UMC

You are invited to a meeting with Dave Nuckols, a member of the Bishops' Commission on a Way Forward, the 32-member team of bishops, clergy, and laypeople around the world that is tasked with finding a way for us to stay together in the midst of the division around human sexuality that threatens to divide our denomination.

Dave will lead a conversation on the present situation of the United Methodist Church, the work the commission is doing, and possible results. We are in a time where there is going to be some kind of splitting in the UMC in less than 1 1/2 years. It is important for us to be informed and prepared.

The gathering will be Sunday, October 8 at 2 pm in our social hall. Hope you can come. Other area churches are also invited to join us for this important conversation. Please sign up on the table in the common area, or contact the church office if you are coming, as we are making scones for everyone.

Planning for 2018 Financial Stewardship

Thank You For Giving!

In October, we begin a stewardship focus as we plan for our operating budget and ministries for 2018. You will be hearing ways the ministry of our church is blessing those here, in our community, and in our world. Our giving really matters—really changes people, and even the world.

You will receive a letter in early October. In that letter you will also find a devotional to use as you reflect on the great opportunity and blessing of giving. A few weeks after that you will receive an estimate of giving card for 2018 so you can ponder how God is calling you to give.

On Sunday, November 12, at our 10am worship services we will all make our pledges. Special treats will be served after the service to celebrate our giving.

**First United
Methodist Church**

230 E. Skyline Parkway
Duluth, MN 55811
www.fumcduluth.com



Our First Family

Birth: Brooklyn Olivia Hawkins, daughter of Jessica (Goodfellow) Hawkins on September 15, 2017

Marriage: David L. Bard to Cristina Diaz, September 1, 2017

Hospitalizations: Jim Kephart, Barb Tyacke

A gift to light the church: First United Methodist Church is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a gift to light the church for the week of September 24-30. This gift from Ruthanna Davidson, in memory of Donald W. Davidson, will be shared with the FUMC Parish Nurse fund.

Worship Attendance

August 27: 232
September 3: 225
September 10: 281
September 17: 279

Card tables sought: First UMW would welcome your donation of any stable card tables, round or square traditional size, to replace some of the rickety ones we have on hand. If you have a good condition card table you no longer need, we would be glad to give it a home at First UMC.

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On the journey with you

Welcome, New Members

Patrick & Sharon Alexander: Patrick is a retired Police Officer and Sharon a retired office administrator at UMD. They have been attending the Coppertop regularly for 17+ years where they sit in the back row with Bud Hanson. They appreciate the music, message, and people of this congregation ... and they really love the pastor.

Gregg Papke: Greg spent many of his growing-up years in the Twin Cities area, including Brooklyn Center and Roseville. He moved to Duluth about six years ago, and has found FUMC-the Coppertop to be warm and welcoming. In his spare time he enjoys playing the guitar and lifting weights.

Catherine Reich (Rich): Catherine was born and raised in Maryland. She moved here with husband and 2 fur-babies about a year ago for her job. She has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and is a psych professor at UMD. In her free time she likes to cook. She has been visiting the Coppertop for about a year and really appreciates the message of inclusivity and has felt at home here.

Alex Trewatha: Alex is a junior at UWS, where he is an art therapy major and a Resident Assistant in the upper classmen dorms. He loves to hike and weight lift in his free time. His family and friends are an important part of his life. He grew up in Minnetonka and was confirmed at Minnetonka UMC. He will be teaching confirmation with Jeanine & Anne here this year. He is joining the Coppertop because it is a place where he can grow and serve and deepen his faith.

Chad & Jeri Werner: Chad teaches deaf/hard of hearing students for the School District of Superior. His hobbies are outdoor activities and sports.

Jeri is the Northern Regional Manager for the State of MN Vocational Rehab Services. Her hobbies are being a fan at the boys' activities (sports and performing arts), baking, and vacationing.

They were invited to the church by our choir director, Mike Goodlet. They are joining this church because they appreciate the church accepting them as they are—and the strong commitment to

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Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Next First Family deadline: October 27
Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



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Our First Family, *continued*

Thanks to all of you for the happily received card. It means so much to have the church praying for me. I have one last session with the physical therapist this week and see the surgeon next week. It will take another month to continue building strength and endurance but I plan to be back to church before then. Blessings to all,
Alice Marks

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with Jeff's visitation, memorial service, and luncheon. The support of our FUMC family has been so important to us at this difficult time, as it also was during Jeff's illness. We are very blessed. *Angie Johnson, Rhiannon, and Kelsey*

New Members, *continued*

follow Christ and His teachings.

Kelby Werner: Kelby's career as of right now is being a student at the University of Minnesota, but his dream job is to become a minister. His hobbies are performing/singing music (he has soloed here), writing, and board games. He is joining this church to continue his journey to becoming a minister in the United Methodist denomination.

Brennen Werner: Brennen is a freshman at Northwestern High School. His hobbies include baseball, basketball, football, and biking. He says he is joining FUMC because he feels like it has the same belief system as he has.

Roast Beef Dinner - Thu, Oct 12

Join the fun and help out a little or a lot with the fall Roast Beef Dinner. Child care provided that evening for those helping out. Bake cookies or make apple crisp in advance. Set up the dining room. Control traffic. Sell tickets to friends or give to clients. This is just a sampling of ways to help out. Sign up after worship or contact Cindy Hedlund (shedlund@chartermi.net).

Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 pm on Thursday, October 12. The meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll, and homemade apple crisp. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. You may dine in, carry out, or drive through. Don't miss it!

Fall New Member Classes

*Sundays, October 15 (5-6:30pm) or
November 12 (11:30am – 1 pm)*

New member classes are for anyone who would like to learn more about our congregation, our ministries, and about The United Methodist Church. It is the only class required for anyone who is interested in joining FUMC.

Both pastors look forward to getting to know you through our time together. Childcare and lunch or supper are provided. Sign up on the sheet in the common area outside the sanctuary, call the church office, or contact Pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com).

You only need to attend one class session.

Pumpkin Pie Sale - Wednesday, Oct 4

College of St. Scholastica (CSS) students will be baking and selling pumpkin pies on Wednesday, October 4 to raise funds for the CHUM Food Shelf.

Pie Sales are from 1 - 5 pm in the kitchen at \$12 per pie. Don't miss your chance to pick up your first **homemade** pumpkin pie of the season!

CSS has two community days each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. They are spending one of them with CHUM! CHUM is grateful for the students' enthusiasm and hard work.

Thank you for supporting CHUM by picking up a homemade pumpkin pie or two!

Trunk or Treat, pumpkin carving - Oct 29

Join the fun in this annual event in the West Lot. Trunk or Treat from 11:30 am til noon. Pumpkin carving, games, and lunch continue till 12:30 pm. Help still needed: decorated host vehicles, lunch preparers and servers, pumpkin carving host, traffic/safety patrol. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this fun Sunday!

Next month's Family Ministry special event will be an Advent creativity workshop on Nov 26.

Update

Capital Campaign: Promise for the Future

Remaining amount to be raised is \$68,000 by December 31, 2018.

The Trustees proceed on projects as funds become available. In 2018 they hope to address the upper triangular windows and are currently requesting bids for the project.

Remaining projects include restroom updates, organ refurbishment, parking lot resurfacing, and trustees' building endowment.

You can always make a contribution to the capital Campaign by using the offering envelopes in the pews. Mark the line "Building Fund."

World Beat Connection concert Sunday

On Sunday, October 1 at 3 pm, World Beat Connection will be performing a concert at FUMC.

World Beat Connection is a band of United Methodist vocalists and instrumentalists who volunteer their time to raise money for United Methodist and other charities.

Blending a variety of music styles from jazz to gospel to light rock, World Beat Connection presents inspiring, uplifting, and fun concerts.

A free-will offering will be taken to support Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior, WI.

FUMC Memorial Gardens

First, a big thank you to all of our garden volunteers for your wonderful work! This spring and summer we had ~30 volunteers working on weeding, pruning and deadheading our gardens. We did get lots of help with watering from Mother Nature. And thank you, too, to the congregation for your support in both appreciation and donations.

The Coppertop gardens were one of the featured sites for this year's Duluth Garden and Flower Society Secret Garden Tour. We had many individual tourists and also two busloads of folks enjoying our beautiful gardens and views. All involved were very proud to show off our church and gardens. Our tour participants were amazed with our gardens and our many garden volunteers!

We also want to thank you for your financial support of the gardens. Remember, too, you can give financial gifts to the Memorial Gardens throughout the year. Many of our funds come through memorials for loved ones when they pass. A Memorial Gardens Giving Form is available in the church office. You can also just designate "Memorial Gardens" on the memo line of your check.

As we come to an end of our gardening season, there is still some work to do. On **Saturday, October 30**, starting at 9:30am, we will be doing the final Fall cleanup of our gardens. Many hands make light work! Bring your shovels, trimmers, rakes, etc. to help out.

Blessings! FUMC Garden Crew

Bible Playtime - new and improved!

Developing literacy and hitting milestones are important to your child, and your church wants to support you in that. Toward this effort Early Childhood teachers will have new Bible Playtime stories and activities for toddlers and twos after Children's Time each Sunday. They will use the made-for-toddler Frolic First Faith Bible and theme books to engage your child in stories of faith.

"Read To Me, Do With Me," green book cards with monthly listings of stories, can be found at the Family Worship Resource Table, and theme books can be borrowed as available from the Early Childhood Team in the Toddler Room. First UMC supplies Frolic Bibles to infants, toddlers and twos. Contact Laura Stahl if your child does not have one yet. Parents may want to order their own theme books from frolicfirstfaith.org.

Third-graders to receive Bibles Oct 8

Families with children in third grade or older elementary newcomers, plan to attend a workshop in preparation for Bible Presentation Sunday on Oct 8. The workshop will be held on Sun, Oct 1 at 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Pastor Jeanine and Laura Stahl will lead the workshop to help students learn about their new Bibles and how to use them. If you have a third grader or older newcomer, please check that he/she is signed up for this Milestone Event.

Deep cleaning the church

We're holding a fall deep cleaning day on Saturday, October 14. From 9am to 2pm we will be doing floors, windows, dusting, and woodwork touch up.

Lunch is provided. Bring rags and rubber gloves.

Email anitazager@gmail.com to sign up.

'Simple Tools'

District Superintendent Susan Nienaber is offering a mini-workshop for any interested clergy and lay leaders on "Simple Tools to Talk about the Tough Stuff." This 3-hour training session will be held Sunday, October 29 at 1pm in Lakeview Social Hall.

Faith Forum

"Service Above Self - What's Happening in Duluth?" is the theme for the Fall 2017 Faith Forum Series at FUMC.

Faith Forum meets weekly at 9:00am Sundays in the Fireside Lounge. Adults and older teens are invited to attend any or all sessions.

Speakers and dates for October are listed below.

Oct. 1, Yusuf Abdi, on Minnesota's Refugee Services; **Oct. 8**, Lynn Gerlach-Collard, on The Center for Changing Lives; **Oct. 15**, Captain Teri Ellison, Salvation Army: A New Leader Takes Over; **Oct. 22**, Adele Yorke, on Sex-Trafficking in Duluth - An Update; **Oct. 29**, Mayor Emily Larson, Public Service: A Mayor's Perspective.

Everybody's favorite topic

from Linda Wiig, Parish Nurse

"Ye ugly, creepin, blastit wonner/Detested, shunn'd by saunt an sinner." —A poem by the Scot, Bobby Burns, in 1786 describing the louse he sees on a prim and proper lady's bonnet in church!

So, you must know that I will share a few things now about head lice since we have begun a new school year. Head lice continues to be one of the most communicable maladies among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever and wherever children gather.

First of all, head lice are not body lice. Head lice need your head to stay alive and they must eat every two hours. A louse can lay 10 eggs a day and it takes 7 to 10 days to be "born" and another 7 to 10 days to lay eggs. Many children do not have a reaction to them like itching. Did you know that the lice cannot live more than 12 hours off a head and they can hold their breath for 2 hours!

Since there is less reporting of head lice in the classroom parents should be checking children's hair. The lice like clean hair as they can grab hold easier.

If your child comes home with lice and nits, you need to remove them by combing with a special metal lice comb. The "terminator comb" is recommended. You need to section the hair and be thorough in combing small sections. Insecticides, especially Lindan should not be used, as this may be very toxic to children. Lice are becoming resistant to pesticide products like these and can cause problems for children. Treatment by combing is very effective and in combination with more natural products yields a good result. Shampoos with mint are a deterrent too as the lice do not like peppermint!

If you can't bring yourself to do this or you can't seem to get rid of the detested little wonners, you can schedule a time at the Lice Lounge and let their personnel do the treatments. In Duluth, the Lice Lounge is located at 113 N 2nd Ave W.

Brushes can be popped into a plastic bag and put in the freezer overnight and the lice will be dead. Bed linens can be washed and dried in a dryer for at least 30 minutes and the lice will be dead. You don't need to clean your whole house, but you do need to check all family members. Pets are excluded as the louse only likes humans.

So don't have a lousy night, have a good night and rid yourself or family members of those detested little creatures.

October 18, 2017 will be the Senior Expo at the DECC from 9am to 3pm. Free tickets are in the church office. Seniors, soon-to-be seniors, or anyone caring for a senior will be able to get information from many vendors, enjoy entertainment, and attend information sessions.

Peace to all, Linda



Shiny paper team needs yours

The Shiny Paper team thanks you for your continued support. Kent Giese and Charley Korsch have improved our storage and we are ready for more paper. Bring your shiny paper in any container and put it in the carts located in the hallway between the kitchen and Lakeview Social Hall. Team members will sort, pack, and stack into the required white bags from Verso.

We are close to reaching our goal for 2017 of \$1,200 for the church budget with another trip to Verso of at least 5,000 lbs. We will keep you posted in the Sunday Bulletin.

Roadside Clean-up

First United Methodist Church sponsors one of the Saint Louis County Roadside Cleanup locations, and twice a year, schedules time to make our community a little nicer.

Our cleanup area is a two-mile stretch of Maple Grove Road, from Lindahl Road to Solway Road.

The next cleanup time will be on October 21, from noon to 2 pm. We always need more help to make the workload a little lighter. Please call the church office at 218-727-5021 or contact Bill Alexander at bill@strikepoint.com if you are interested.

You should dress for the weather, bring gloves, and wear footwear suitable for walking in ditches. Meet us at the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at Midway and Maple Grove. We will supply beautiful yellow vests and stylish garbage bags.

FUMC Scholarships to be awarded in 2017

In the 1950's two young men, John Lennon and Joe Berini, served as First Methodist staff members who worked with Duluth youth, particularly in the Central Hillside area. To commemorate their work, a scholarship fund was developed in 1985.

Subsequent contributions have helped to sustain the Fund and allow for the presentation of 81 scholarships totaling \$73,190. The Lennon-Berini Scholarships for 2017 will be \$1000 each.

The criteria for qualifying as an applicant are:

- Be a member of Duluth's First United Methodist Church;
- Have completed at least two years of college; and
- Be pursuing a people-centered career.

Application forms will be available in the church office as well as on the church's website on November 1, 2017. They will need to be fully completed and turned in by 4 pm on November 24.

Applicants have two options for submitting materials: 1) print all materials and submit in hard-copy form in the office; or, 2) compile all materials (including completed application form, transcripts, recommendations, and candidate statements) into a **single electronic file** and send it to Selection Committee Chair Terry Wallin (teto6@charter.net).

Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Scholarships will be awarded during the worship service on December 31, 2017.

Why grape juice?

In the history of the church, wine has been the normal drink for Holy Communion. In the 19th century, Methodists and other denominations were persuaded that the unfermented juice of the grape was an important witness to the grace of God and of the church's resistance to the abuses of alcoholic beverage.

This Holy Mystery, the official statement on communion, says, "Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and many Protestant denominations have always used wine in the Eucharist. During the movement against beverage alcohol in the late nineteenth century, the predecessor bodies of The United Methodist Church turned to the use of unfermented grape juice. This continues to be the position of the denomination."

The United Methodist Book of Worship explains, "Although the historic and ecumenical Christian practice has been to use wine, the use of unfermented grape juice by The United Methodist Church and its predecessors since the late nineteenth century expresses pastoral concern for recovering alcoholics, enables the participation of children and youth, and supports the church's witness of abstinence."



Calendar • October 2017

Weekly

Our regular schedule

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

- 9:00am Faith Forum - FSL
- 9:00am Family Faith Formation - 112, 105, 106, Lib, CW
- 10:00am Worship - S
Wee Wonder - 105
- 11:30am Strikepoint redearsal
- 3:30pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 4:00pm Farmers' Market - East Lot
- 5:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
- 6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 6:00pm Moms' Yoga - TBC

Wednesdays

- 4:15om Childcare
- 4:30pm *Bible Study - FSL
- 5:00pm *JAM & PB Band - TBC
- 5:15pm *Supper - LSH se
- 5:30pm Explorers - 112
Ringtones - BR
*JAM Jr. - TBC
- 5:45pm Sanctuary Choir - EL (10/11 S)
- 6:30pm *Youth Group - CW
Confirmation - LSH we (10/11 FSL)
- 6:45pm BTwixt - 112
Cast in Bronze - BR
- 7:30pm *Tapestry - S
- 7:45pm Class Ring - BR

*(except 10/11)

Thursdays

- 9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL (10/12 TBC)
- 6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we (10/19 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

Sunday, October 1

- 9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Cookie Baking - K
- 3:00pm World Beat Connection Concert - S

Tuesday, October 3

- 6:30pm Making Sense of the Bible - LSH we

Wednesday, October 4

- 8:00am CHUM Pie Baking - K
- 9:00am UMW Board Meeting - Lib
- 7:30pm Making Sense of the Bible - LSH we

Thursday, October 5

- 10:00am Making Sense of the Bible - LSH we
- 5:00pm Trustees - FSL

Sunday, October 8

- 2:00pm Commission on the Way Forward - LSH

Monday, October 9

- 9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep - K, EL, 112
- 5:30pm Priscilla Circle -K

Tuesday, October 10

- 9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep - K,112, LSH
- 2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL
- 6:30pm Making Sense of the Bible - EL

Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep - K, 112, LSH
- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL

- 7:00pm Making Sense of the Bible LSH we

Thursday, October 12

- 9:00am Roast Beef Dinner Prep - K,112, LSH
- 10:00am Making Sense of the Bible - FSL
- 12:00pm Roast Beef Dinner Prep - K, EL, 112, LSH
- 1:00pm Deborah Circle - FSL
- 4:30pm Roast Beef Dinner - Lower Level

Saturday, October 14

- 9:00am Cleaning Day - Upper & Lower Levels
- 9:00am Community Healing Circle TBC
- 9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

Monday, October 16

- 10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL

Tuesday, October 17

- 6:30pm Making Sense of the Bible - LSH we

Wednesday, October 18

- 9:30am Naomi Circle - FSL

Thursday, October 19

- 10:00am Making Sense of the Bible - LSH we
- 4:00pm Ruby's Pantry - LSH, S
- 2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Monday, October 23

- 6:30pm Priscilla Circle -K

Thursday, October 26

- 5:00pm Finance Committee - FSL

FUMC Operating Budget

Year-to-Date August 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Envelope/Plate Giving	\$257,203.59	\$269,870.35
Other Operating Income	<u>138,587.10</u>	<u>122,924.95</u>
Total Income	\$395,790.69	\$392,795.30
Expense		
Total Expense	<u>\$402,384.71</u>	<u>\$394,431.95</u>
Net Income	<u>(\$ 6,594.02)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,636.65)</u>

All apportionments, taxes and payables YTD have been paid.





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Christmas wreath & swag sale for capital campaign, scholarship fund

Don't miss this opportunity to benefit two important projects and add some cheer to the coming holidays. Carol Donahue and friends will be decorating wreaths and swags that you can hang on your front and back doors, garage doors, or maybe even your neighbor's door.

All proceeds will go to the **Capital Campaign** and the **Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund**.

Use this order form to purchase Christmas wreaths or swags. Please place your orders ASAP. Take some forms to work or school and see if we can reach a goal of selling 100+.



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CHRISTMAS WREATH AND SWAG ORDER FORM



Name(s) _____

Phone (home) _____ Cell # _____

Round Wreath (22 Inch diameter) Quantity _____ @ \$25 ea. _____

Swag (27 inches long) Quantity _____ @ \$25 ea. _____

Total \$ _____

Date: _____ Payment Received: \$ _____ Cash or Check (Circle)

Wreath Pick-up Dates: Wednesday, November 22, 29, 5:00—7:30 PM

Sunday, December 3, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

All proceeds to: FUMC Capital Campaign & Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund of First United Methodist Church. Contact: 727-5021

Receipt order form

Name _____ Date: _____

Payment Received: \$ _____ Cash or Check (Circle)

Wreath: Quantity _____ Swag: Quantity _____

Wreath Pick-up Dates: Wednesday, November 22, 29 5:00—7:30 PM

Sunday, December 3, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Contact number: 727-5021

