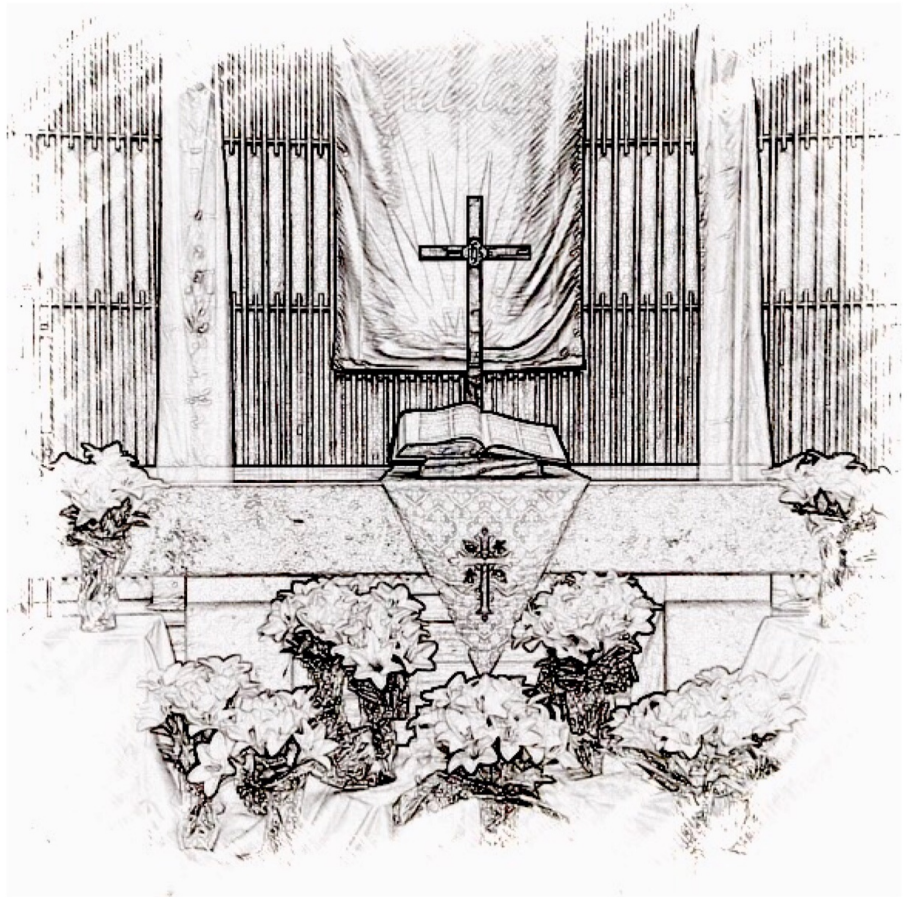




First Family

We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.

April 2018



**First United
Methodist Church**

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Easter Services

Join us at 9:00 & 11:00am

**Breakfast is served from
9:45-11:00am**



Our First Family

We would like to thank the entire extended FUMC Family for all of the support given us following Cindy's death. It was a traumatic event made manageable by your visits, food, hugs, notes, donations, invitations, memories, and love. Her memorial service was a tribute to her life—filled with friends, family, music, pictures, and stories. And so many people! She would have been impressed and embarrassed.

The Cindy Alexander Family

Thank you to each musician who gave of their time and talents to make our "Joyful Noise" concert on March 4 such a success. The music was beautiful with God's spirit woven into each musical offering. It was a wonderful afternoon. Many, many thanks to everyone who donated funds for organ repairs and refurbishment. \$2,758 was raised for our Austin pipe organ. *Velda Bell*

Our sympathies are extended to Linda Jeannette on the death of her mother, Dorothy Polk, on March 18.

Thank you Coppertop family for the warm welcome. I am honored to be your Office & Building Manager. Blessings, *Anne Gustafson.*

On the journey with you

A friend of mine, about 10 years older than me, had a stroke not long ago. He has a lot of work in front of him to be able to walk unsupported, use his hand, and work again. About 9 years ago, this friend and I went on a weight loss program together, and we both had nearly reached our ideal weight. But both of us like to eat and are busy with work we love, and so don't take adequate time to exercise. So it didn't take either of us long to forget our new good habits and quickly gain our weight back. His stroke came about due to extremely high blood pressure—which his doctor feels was influenced by his eating and lack of exercising. I believe my friend will rally and come back all the stronger as he returns to health. He is a determined person, and when he sets his mind on a goal he accomplishes it. He has mighty good motivation now.

My friend's stroke got my attention. Fortunately my blood pressure is still fine. But I'm going to work on healthier eating and exercising now, rather than be forced to do so after a health scare. It's my Easter/Resurrection/New Life commitment.

Scripture says in I Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

Our physical bodies are all at different ages, stages, and places of health. But wherever we are, can we see our bodies as a gift, as a place where the Spirit resides, as a tool with which we can honor God? Let's give thanks for our earthly bodies, let's treat them well, let's celebrate them... and let's remember to honor God in it all.

On the journey with you,
~Pastor Jeanine

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Need A Ride To Church Easter Sunday?

Volunteer drivers will be available Easter Sunday to pick you up for 9:00 worship. If you would like a ride, please contact the church office. Plan to stay for breakfast and our friendly drivers will take you home after the meal.

Shiny Paper Ending On 4/5

Finance Committee reports that Versco Paper will be discontinuing its shiny paper collection program. Please keep bringing your shiny paper until Friday, April 5. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this project, particularly those who have made this ministry possible by helping to load and haul paper out to the mill. Watch for a creative new fundraiser soon!

You Can Light the Church

We keep the light burning on the Skyline, and you can help support that symbol. A minimum of \$40 sponsors a week of church lighting from Sunday through Saturday. Donors can designate half of their gift (\$20) to a local charity such as CHUM, Second Harvest, or Harbor House, or to a church program such as music, parish nurse, or the building fund.

You can make your gift in memory, honor, or appreciation of a person or group.

2018 Spring Roast Beef Dinner

- Thursday, April 26, 2018
- 4:30pm - 7pm
- \$13.00 adults, \$6.00 under 12
- Dine In, Drive Thru, & Carry out available

What can I do to help?

- Volunteer to help during the 3 days of preparation & dinner — sign up in church narthex
- Treat friends & family to dinner—tickets available anytime in church office
- Donate money for needed supplies for the dinner

Thank you for your support of FUMC's ministries!

**First United Methodist**
THE COPPERTOP CHURCH DULUTH, MN

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH
4:30-7:00PM

Spring
ROAST BEEF
Dinner

Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw,
dinner roll and homemade apple crisp!

ADULTS: \$13	~ DINE IN
CHILDREN: \$6	~ CARRY OUT
(UNDER 12)	~ DRIVE THROUGH



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Self-Study, Care for God's Creation

Many people have had the experience of learning and growing through the process of shared study. A group of FUMC congregants met last fall and used a course guide from the Northwest Earth Institute to examine how closely our own individual behaviors reflect our values and beliefs.

We found the experience challenging and instructive, and the insights we gained caused us to make changes in our own behaviors and to consider ways in which our church community might exercise greater responsibility for our call to care for God's creation. If there is interest, we would like to invite others to participate in the self-study process. The book which we followed is entitled, "A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World." Information is available at nwei.org or by contacting Jean Walsh at jmbwalsh@gmail.com. If you might be interested in joining this study, contact Jean and she will work to find an agreeable schedule that works for people.

Learn Sign Language

Jojo Coffin-Langdon offers Sunday evening classes:

- 5:00-5:30—babies and toddlers
- 5:45-6:30—older children and adults
- Coppertop folk get a discounted rate!

Connect with Jojo for more info.
jojjobug28@gmail.com

FUMC Is Getting Greener!

Church Council has adopted a resolution from the FUMC Sustainability Committee to address use of the building by our congregation and outside groups. The resolution reads:

At FUMC we care about God's creation. As part of that care, we are trying to reduce our use of Styrofoam® and plastic. We encourage our members and other groups using our facility to use durable and/or compostable goods rather than plastic or Styrofoam. If you bring plastic or Styrofoam into the building, please take any unused items with you when you leave.

FUMC now composts food and other items! Look for the green compost bins in the church kitchen and social hall. Food scraps, napkins, and compostable paper plates (like Chinex®) can all go into the bins for composting. Please keep in mind that not all paper cups, heat-proof coffee cups, or plates are compostable. More information and resources on what is and is not compostable coming soon. (This is a work in progress, so you may see non-compostable or non-recyclable items at certain events as we use up current supplies.) Thank you for your efforts!

DONAHUE MUSIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH & CONCERT



Sunday, April 15th
11:30 am—Lakeview Social Hall, Lunch
12:15 pm---Sanctuary Concert

Program

Students Performing: Nick Berglund, Gabrielle Koepke,
Zia Koepke, Tommy Kishida, Ben Fina, Parker Hinnenkamp,
Elise Hintzman

*Proceeds will be given to the Carol M. Donahue Music
Scholarship Fund of First United Methodist Church.*

New Member Classes

April 22 and May 20
11:30am-1pm
Fireside Lounge

New member classes are for anyone who would like to learn more about our congregation, our ministries, and The United Methodist Church. This is the only class required for those who are interested in joining First UMC. Childcare and lunch are provided.

Rummage Sale Saturday, May 5

The Capital Campaign Committee is organizing a spring sale. Think about what you might donate (no clothing). We don't have space to accept donations until the week of the sale, but if you think it might sell, please don't give it or throw it away. If you can volunteer, send an email to anitazager@gmail.com

More details on page 10.

Proceeds From Concert

Thank you to all the wonderful musicians who participated in the Joyful Noise Concert in March. Your music was a special blessing to all who attended.

The proceeds of the freewill offering have been directed towards the Organ Refurbishment project of the Capital Campaign. The offering was \$2758 and it was matched by generous donation of \$3000.

Celebrate Sustainable Changes at FUMC

By Naomi Yaeger

Commissioned Earthkeeper UMC, FUMC Sustainability Group member

"Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders." Job 27:14

Whenever I pass our church, I'm awestruck by the beauty of Lake Superior. It reminds me that God has given us a beautiful Earth, and that it's our job to be good caretakers.

The FUMC/Coppertop Sustainability Group has come together as concerned individuals dedicated to keeping the Earth clean. Some of us come at it from a deep faith; others see it a social covenant for the future generations.

However we arrive at it, we have some changes to celebrate:

- The Church Council has passed a resolution stating that groups who rent our building may not leave any non-sustainable supplies behind.
- You will begin to see fewer one-time use, non-sustainable utensils and dishes at church gatherings.
- You may have already noticed special cans for disposal of food waste and compostable dishes and utensils. Kudos to our Wednesday Night Meal volunteers who are keeping sustainability in mind. Durable plates and utensils are being used, and we have already begun to compost food scraps.
- A new On-Call Green Kitchen Crew will allow more of us to help reduce waste and save water. Contact the church office to sign up.

FUMC is working to use up the non-sustainable supplies we still have on hand, so you may still see some plastic at gatherings over the next few months. For me personally, it's hard to see non-sustainable items used, but I have hope. Soon these items will be used up, and future FUMC events will contribute less pollution to our beloved planet.

Our April 26 Roast Beef Dinner will utilize sustainable carryout containers. Last year we tried compostable containers, but found that gravy slurped out or leaked through them. This year we celebrate the addition of compostable, non-spill plastic bags for takeout orders. These bags are a donation from members of the sustainability group. Other sustainable changes include biodegradable/sugarcane pickle dishes and BPA-free PET plastic coleslaw cups.

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We Are Stewards of God's Earth

It takes effort to be a green congregation, especially in the kitchen. FUMC/Coppertop Sustainability Group is working to establish an On-Call Green Kitchen Crew, a new group of volunteers to help us dispose of compostable food waste, dishes, and utensils. This group is for those who embrace FUMC's efforts to be a more sustainable church, and who are willing to respond when help is needed for social events such as funerals, potlucks, or honor events. Activities might include set-up, clean-up, food preparation, serving, dishwashing, etc.

Help as often as you like—leave it to the rest of the crew when you are not available.

If you are looking for an earth-friendly way to serve our church, community, and world, please consider joining this crew. You will receive email notification of upcoming events. Respond with your availability. Sign up in the office, or email Sarah Maddy at info@fumcduluth.com.

Duluth UMW

The Duluth Area United Methodist Women will hold their Spring meeting on May 9, 2018, at First United Methodist Church.

Registration and Continental Breakfast: 10am to 11am,
Program: 11am. Cost: \$8.00.
Speaker: Mary Hansen, Haiti mission trip report

Reservations by May 4, to First UMC, 727-5021

Roadside Cleanup

First United Methodist Church sponsors one of the Saint Louis County Roadside Cleanup locations and, twice a year, schedules a 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 May 19 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, and meet us at the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at Midway and Maple Grove. We will supply beautiful yellow vests and stylish garbage bags. Hope to hear from all of you. Okay, ALL of you would be too many, but would look good on TV.

May 6 Is Garden Sunday at FUMC

Garden season is upon us! The FUMC Garden Committee is once again enlisting volunteers for our upcoming season. No experience necessary, as we enjoy all skill levels. Last season we had about 30 volunteers, and a fun, hardworking group we were! Our FUMC gardens were glorious and were enjoyed by many folks. Our gardens were even included in the July Duluth Flower and Garden Tour!

We really try to make your garden volunteer experience a fun, workable one. There are a variety of tasks, from shopping to planting to weeding to watering. If you are only available for part of the summer, or only on certain days, or only want to do a certain type of work... we can be very flexible. Last year our large numbers allowed volunteers to be at church only once every other week, or even once a month. Garden areas are divided up among teams, so no one has to take care of all the plants. If gardening isn't your forte, we appreciate your support in helping with casual meals on our major workdays. Finally, we are always thankful for your financial donations. Any way you choose to participate, you will be sharing in the joy and pride of our gardens!

Garden Sunday is May 6. Volunteer signup begins after worship. First Spring Cleanup is Tuesday, May 22. We'll start at 9am (rain date May 23).

Planting Day is June 5, starting at 9am (rain date June 6).

Please call one of us for more information or to sign up: Marlene Bowen, 729-6526; Mary Giese, 624-5138; Linda Harper, 724-2383; Laura Krumwiede, 728-5723; or Carolyn Schroeder, 724-3358.

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will occur on Tuesday, April 17, from 3 to 6pm.

Please sign up in the office or after church on Sundays.

Ruby's Pantry Coppertop

Distribution dates for the remainder of 2018:

All distributions begin at 5:30pm on the third Thursday.

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

Ruby's Pantry:

- FAITH based cooperation of area churches
- Pay \$20 cash donation and receive abundant groceries
- No income guidelines
- Bring your own container such as a laundry basket
- Volunteers, please arrive at 3pm

For more information call the church office, 727-5021 or info@fumcduluth.com

Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

Apr 4 No Meal—Spring Break!

Apr 11 Priscilla Circle cooking

Apr 18 Rachel Circle cooking

May 2 Coordinator & Helpers Needed

Poison Prevention Is Imperative

Poisons can kill quickly. If you have young children or vulnerable adults in your household, you should have a plan and carry it out to prevent accidental poisonings. In 2016 more than 79,000 children were seen in the ER due to unintended pediatric poisoning. More than 84% of these incidents occurred in the home and most often with these five products: blood pressure medications, acetaminophen, laundry packets, bleach, and sedatives/anti-anxiety medications.

Always use and re-seal child safety caps, including those on liquid nicotine.

- Lock up household cleaners, laundry pods, and medicines. Keep them out of sight and out of reach of children.
- Keep medicines in their original child resistant containers.
- Never call medicine “candy.”
- Don’t take medicines in front of children—they tend to imitate adults.
- Keep the poison hotline number nearby— 1-800-222-1222.

Since this article is about poison, let’s not forget carbon monoxide is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Accidental, non-fire-related carbon monoxide poisoning is associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used, or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and fireplaces. Make certain your carbon monoxide detectors are functioning in your homes—these should be placed within 10 feet of sleeping rooms or actually in them.

As camping season and vacations approach, remember—do not use portable heaters or lanterns while sleeping in enclosed areas such as tents, campers, and other vehicles. This is especially important at high altitudes where the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is increased.

See a doctor if you or a member of your family develops cold-or-flu-like symptoms while camping. Carbon monoxide poisoning, which can easily be mistaken for a cold or flu, is often detected too late.

The Northland Community Wellness Day is being held on Sat. April 14, 10am to 2pm. Check out the website northlandcwd.org. There will be demonstrations, over 80 exhibitors, activities for the kids, and workshops. Mayor Emily Larson will speak at noon.

May you grow in your heart and let God guide you during this Lenten Season.

~Blessings, Linda Wiig, FUMC Parish Nurse

Family Ministry

For Your Calendar App - April Schedule

Sunday Mornings – Weekly

- 09:00 am Child care for infants, toddlers, twos
- 09:00 am Discovery for preschool (age 3-Kinders) *
- 09:00 am Family Bible Study & Stations*
- 09:00 am High School Hangout*
- 09:00 am Faith Forum*
- 10:00 am Wee Wonder for preschool and Kinders (year-round)
- 10:00 am Bible Playtime for infants, toddlers, twos (year-round)

Sunday Morning – Third Week

- 09:30 am Little Disciples for toddlers, twos and, parent(s) (year-round)

Wednesday Night Small Groups

- 04:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- 05:00 pm JAM
- 05:30 pm JAM Jr.
- 05:30 pm Explorers (gr. K-2)
- 06:45 pm BTwixt (gr. 3-5)
- 06:30 pm Youth Group (gr 6-12)

*April 1 – Discovery, Family Bible Study, High School Hangout, and Faith Forum will not meet for Easter Sunday

The Christian season of Easter is a 50-day period beginning on the eve of Easter and ending on Pentecost (sometimes called the Birthday of the Church). During the Easter season, Christians not only remember the resurrection of Jesus but also focus on living as faithful disciples of Christ.

Easter Sunday for Families – April 1

Easter Mini-Scramble for Families is from 9:30-10:30am in Room 105

This Drop In-Drop Out family event is great for those who come to 9 am worship and want to stop by afterwards, or for those who come early to 11 am worship. Parents/grandparents and kids will explore the Easter events through games, crafts, and a flashlight egg hunt. Stay for as long as you have time.

—Continued

Wee Wonder 2nd Service Only

Kids ages 3 years through kindergarten are welcome to Wee Wonder during the 2nd service on Easter Sunday.

Camping Sunday and Adventure Day Camp Reunion Pool Party– April 15

Join in the fun of Camping Sunday during worship on April 15, and then head to Superior Inn, 525 Hammond Ave., for snack lunch and swimming from noon until 3pm. Catch up with other campers from last summer and make plans for 2018.

Geoff Bell Receives Morse Award

Geoffrey G. Bell, Management Studies, Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), will receive the 2017-18 Horace T. Morse Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.

The award will be conferred on April 17 at the McNamara Alumni Center on the U of M Twin Cities campus. Morse Award recipients will also be introduced to the Board of Regents at the Regents' May 10-11 meeting.

Those who receive the Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award become members of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers (ADT) and are invited to participate in ADT events and activities. Each winner also receives a one-time \$15,000 award, which may be used for research or professional development.



Roast Beef Dinner Volunteers Needed

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY—Sunday, April 15

- Prepare cookie dough at home—recipe provided (original recipe is tripled)—bring Sunday morning April 15 and leave in kitchen
- Bake cookies (8am-noon)

APPLE CRISP DAY—Wednesday, April 25, 9am

- Peel apples (9am-1pm)
- Bake apple crisp (9am-2pm)
- Roll silverware and/or set tables/put foil in to-go containers (9am- ~noon)

DINNER DAY—Thursday, April 26

- Trim beef (7:30-9:30am)
- Morning Kitchen Helpers (9:30-11:30am)
- Morning Dishwasher (9:30am-noon)
- Early Afternoon Dishwasher (noon-4pm)
- Volunteer Directors (5pm-Clean up, around 9pm)
- Dining Room Prep (noon-4:30pm)
- Apple Crisp Platers (2pm-4:30 pm)
- Afternoon Kitchen Helpers (2-7pm)
- Steam Table Platers (Two shifts: 3:30-6pm and 6-10pm)
- Food Runners (4:15-7pm)—*Youth & community helpers help deliver food, too!*
- Coleslaw/Pickle/Roll Servers (4:15-7pm)
- Table Servers (4:15-7pm)
- Apple Crisp Servers (4:15-7pm)
- Table Busser/Resetter (4:15-7:15pm)
- Scrape off dirty dishes (4:15-7:15pm)
- Late Afternoon Dishwashers (Two shifts: 4-6pm and 6-10pm)
- Coffee Makers—take out garbage, & dirty dishes to kitchen (4:30-7pm)

Take-Out/Drive-Thru Orders (3:45-7pm)

- Runners (youth) (3:45-7pm) *Youth Director has list of where help is needed and will assign jobs!*
- Take-Out/Drive-Thru Servers (3:45-7:pm/clean-up)
- “Cooler”—Help in Drive thru (3:45-7pm)
- Restock food & supplies in the drive-thru (4-7pm)
- Direct drive-thru traffic (4-7pm)
- Drivers—from MN DOT parking lot to the church for volunteers (4-8pm)
- Valet Service—move cars from church parking lots to MN DOT parking lot (4-5pm)
- Clean-Up Crew (7-9/10pm-until finished)
- Apron Cleaning (day of event)
- Leftover Food—Relocate the leftover food to non-profits
- Food Scraps—Relocate the food scraps to WLSSD. Pick up and return WLSSD containers.
- Recycling—Leader/Educator of the scrapers

• Prayer Crew (every day though April 26) Unable to attend, but will send prayers for a God-filled successful event, making new friends, serving delicious food, delightful weather, and raising lots of money for our church ministries. Even if you are attending the event, praying for a successful event! **Sign up at church or contact Marlys Wolden, 218-728-3024 or 218-391-4970 (mobile); Cindy Hedlund, 218-348-2634 or schedlund@gmail.com; or Deacon MaryAnne Korsch, at church.**

Roast Beef Dinner Donations Needed

- For purchase of 100-cup coffee pot
- For student volunteer dinner tickets

Please contact Cindy Hedlund for details. schedlund@gmail.com

Aaron Boyson

Aaron Boyson is a recipient of the annual UMD Outstanding Advisor award. One award is presented annually to a member of each academic unit, and given based on advising duties above and beyond normal expectations. Congratulations, Aaron!

Did You Know?

Ask the UMC—Where Is the Church Headquarters?

United Methodists tend to think more heads are better than one. That means United Methodists make decisions together while in conference, or conversation, and prayer with other church members. We have never had one central headquarters or single executive leader with authority over the mission and ministries of the whole church.

Conferences provide the primary groupings of people and churches for discernment and decision-making. John Wesley described Christian conferencing as a spiritual discipline through which God's grace may be revealed. "The conference is the signature form of United Methodist polity and politics.

Rummage Sale Information

We are getting closer and closer to your chance to collect items for the Capital Campaign Rummage Sale. Extra drop off days have been added.

Drop-Off Schedule:

- Sunday, April 29 after church until 2:pm
- Monday & Tuesday, 9am-1pm & 4-6pm
- Wednesday, 4-8pm
- Thursday, 9am-1pm & 4-6pm
- Friday, 9am-noon

Sale Hours:

Saturday, May 5, 8am-2pm

Donations Accepted:

Sports Equipment, Furniture, Artwork, Christmas, Kitchen, Tools, Household Items, Jewelry, Glassware, Toys, Vases, Books, Accessories, Children's Clothing (to size 6 **only**)

NOT ACCEPTED:

Adult Clothing, Dirty or Broken Items, Mattresses, Electronics, Textbooks

Help Needed:

Receivers, Organizers and Pricers (each drop-off day), Pickup Trucks (on Saturday at 2pm to take remaining items to Goodwill), Shopping Bags, Clean-up (at 2pm), and Cookies or Bars (for resale)

We are sorry we cannot take any donations in advance. All rooms are used the previous week.

If you can help, please send an email to anitazager@gmail.com or call 724-5577.

Sustainable Changes, from page 5

"We are more conscious about being Earth-friendly," says Cindy Hedlund, Roast Beef Dinner organizer. She also says there is a learning curve for what works well for large food gatherings. "As time goes on, we get better at what we are doing."

Sustainability Group welcomes you to our next meeting—check upcoming announcements for the date. Because our actions grew out of our study of the workbook, "A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World," we encourage all who are interested to start a new simplicity study. For guidance, contact Jean Walsh at jmbwalsh@gmail.com.

On behalf of UMC Earthkeepers, I encourage you to stop and consider God's wonders. Please pray and think about what you personally can do to observe Earth Day and keep the Earth clean. Blessings, ~Naomi

Busy Season for Strikepoint

Strikepoint, our touring handbell ensemble, will be heading out on the road in the coming weeks and months, and playing right here at FUMC.

So, here's what's going on with Strikepoint:

Besides having played for the Maundy Thursday service on March 29, the group will be holding their annual "Camp Strikepoint" workshop on April 6-7. While this isn't generally open to the public, if you happen to be in the building, stop down and see what's happening. You may find them in the middle of concert preparations, a press photo, a group class, or quite likely enjoying each other's company with a meal or snack break.

On April 8 they will be playing for the Sunday service, and on April 10 they will be performing in Moose Lake at 7pm at the high school. On April 22 they will be in Minneapolis playing for the worship service at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, where internationally famous organist Paul Manz served. They will also be playing a concert that afternoon, which will include a couple of Paul Manz organ transcriptions. In May Strikepoint will be playing at our worship service on the 20th. And finally, June will bring the annual Strikepoint tour, this year heading to New York, Niagara Falls, Canada, and Michigan, concluding with a homecoming concert in Duluth at FUMC on July 1.

"It's a lot of work, but a lot of fun with 13 fantastic people." says director and player-coach Bill Alexander. To keep up with what Strikepoint is doing, visit their Facebook page or their website at Strikepoint.com.

How Can I Help?

CHUM Needs

CHUM is requesting donations of dressers for the families living at the Steve O'Neill apartments. If you have one to donate, please contact Liz at 720-6521. They can also use vacuums. These can be brought to the CHUM administrative office at 102 W 2nd Street. It might be nice to let them know you are from FUMC. We hope to do more furniture assistance in the future. Thanks!

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry is the third Thursday (April 19). Give an hour or more to this food distribution ministry. Task options include unloading the truck, traffic control, registration, bulk food repackaging, distribution, recycling, clean up, and transporting leftovers to local agencies.

Sign up or contact Laura Stahl, families@fumcduluth.com or 727-5021.

Save Lives—Donate Blood

The FUMC Blood Drive is on Tuesday, April 17, from 3 to 6pm. Please sign up in the office or after church on Sundays, call the church office (727-5021), or see Linda Wiig for assistance.

Volunteers Needed

To help, sign up in the narthex or church office.

April 1	Easter Mini-Scramble, 9:30-10:30 am
April 23-26	Roast Beef Dinner
May 2, 9, 16	Wednesday Night Meals
May 5	Spring Rummage Sale

For Help Volunteering:

Laura Stahl, 727-5021 or families@fumcduluth.com
Cindy Hedlund, 525-2469 or schedlund@gmail.com
Church Office, 727-5021 or info@fumcduluth.com





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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

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

Saturdays

- 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 Rehearsal BR
- 3:30pm T'ai Chi - CW
- Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 3:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
- 7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC
- 5:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
- 6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 6:00pm Mama Yoga - TBC
- 4:15pm Child Care - L.Nur.
- 4:30pm Bible Study - FSL
- 5:00pm JAM & PB Band - TBC
- 5:15pm Supper - LSH se
- 5:30pm Ringtones - BR
- Explorers - 112
- JAM Jr. - TBC
- 5:45pm Sanctuary Choir - EL
- 6:30pm Youth Group - CW
- Confirmation - LSH we
- 6:45pm Cast in Bronze - BR
- BTwixt - 112
- 7:30pm Tapestry - S
- 7:45pm Class Ring - BR
- 9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
- 6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
- 8:00am Men's Study Group - FSL
- 9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC
- 9:00am T'ai Chi - LSH we

Day by Day

—*Monthly & one-time*—

- Sunday, April 1st**
See Easter Events
- Tuesday, April 3**
6:30pm Capital Campaign Rummage Sale Meeting- Lib
- Wednesday, April 4**
9:30am UMW Board Meeting- Library
- Spring Break—No youth or music activities
- Thursday, April 5**
5:15pm Trustees- FSL
- Friday, April 6**
6:00pm Camp Strikepoint- LSH, Lib

- Saturday, April 7**
10:00am Camp Strikepoint- LSH, Lib
- Sunday, April 8**
12:00pm Roast Beef Dinner Cookie Baking- K- 5:00 pm ASL class - 106

Monday, April 9
11:30am Friends of Felgemaker- Lib- 7:00pm Priscilla Circle- FSL

- Tuesday, April 10**
2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL
- Wednesday, April 11**
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL
- Thursday, April 12**
6:30pm Amateur Radio Operators - LSH

- Friday, April 13**
6:00pm Confirmation Retreat- 5:00pm Perko- Kutzler Rehearsal

Saturday, April 14
9:00am Community Healing Circle- TBC- 9:00am LGBT Elders- Lib

- 3:30pm Perko- Kutzler Wedding- S

- Sunday, April 15**
9:30am Little Disciples- L. Nur- 11:30am Donahue Scholarship Lunch- LSH
- 12:15pm Donahue Scholarship Concert- S
- 5:00 pm ASL class - 106

- Monday, April 16**
7:00pm Rachel Circle - FSL

- Tuesday, April 17**
3:00pm Blood Drive- East Parking Lot- 7:00pm Church Council- East Lounge
- 6:00pm Northern Lights Machine Quilters – LSH se

- Wednesday, April 18**
9:00am Naomi Circle - FSL- 9:00am Scrabble - The Pines

- Thursday, April 19**
4:00pm Ruby's Pantry - S, LSH- 6:00pm Blue Star Mothers - FSL

- Sunday, April 22**
11:30am New Member Class - FSL- 5:00pm ASL class - 106

- Monday, March 23**
5:30pm Ruby's Pantry Committee - FSL

- Tuesday, April 24**
2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL- 5:30pm Finance Committee- Library

- Thursday, April 26**
4:30pm Roast Beef Dinner

- Saturday, April 28**
5:00pm Confirmation dessert & rehearsal

- Sunday, April 29 (Confirmation Sunday)**
5:00 pm ASL class - 106

- Monday, April 30**
6:30pm Monarch Buddies - Lib

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