



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.

March 2018



Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Children are invited to take part in a Palm Processional.

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service

- 5:30 pm Soup Supper & Last Supper/Holy Communion – Simple meal will be provided, sign up at church (this is for all ages) —feel free to arrive for supper anytime 5pm or later
- 6:30pm Last Supper & Tenebrae Service
Walking through the last days of Jesus' life, the service of the shadows
(There will be childcare during the Tenebrae portion.)

Sunday, April 1

Easter

TWO SERVICE TIMES 9 & 11am

Breakfast served 9:45-11:00am



Holy Week

**First United
Methodist Church**

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



Our First Family

A big thank you for the good wishes during my shoulder replacement, and especially for the visits from Linda Wiig and Jan Laine. The prayer shawl was a special gift! It's wonderful to have such a nice church "family". Thanks—and I'm doing well!
June Kreutzkamp

I had a special visit from Liz Taylor last Sunday who brought me your Valentine greetings. I want to thank the FUMC 2X2's for the cute Valentine card with doggie bringing the chocolate treat. You will be in my thoughts as I enjoy each bite. I also want to thank the children's program for the pretty yellow card with the yellow balloons and special greeting inside. You will be in my thoughts as I enjoy your handiwork.
Lovingly,
Char Bjostad

Birth: Alexander Thomas Barnes was born Feb. 18. He is the son of Erin Wiig and Bud Barnes

Baptism: Giovanni Kenneth Karoff, son of Jason and Myra Karoff, was baptised Feb. 11. Giovanni was born April 4, 2017

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On the Journey With You

In worship on February 25, our sermon was on Greatness Through Service. We talked about how God calls us to be great, but God's kind of greatness is defined by being a servant. The world may say that greatness comes in beauty, power, possessions, and position. But Jesus says this is greatness: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

I asked our congregation to share definitions of greatness through e-mail and Facebook, and many of you did. Thank you! Here's a sampling of what members of our church said greatness is:

- Being caring, courageous, and helpful; always offering hope to others
- Greatness is daring to be real—a true smile, a gentle touch, caring words, or just listening—letting someone know they are worth your time.
- It is about stepping up to do the right thing when no one else seems to be.
- Being able to do things you never thought you could do because God is working in you
- Accepting inconveniences, taking risks, investing sacrificially, to bring about social justice
- Greatness is shown by the ability to bring out the best in other people.
- Greatness is doing your best with your God-given talents, giving total effort.
- Greatness comes not by what others say about you, but by the self-satisfaction you feel by living a Godly life.
- Great people are more willing to "fail" and be uncomfortable and to commit to a long term process.
- Greatness isn't big and showy, but small and quiet and a continuous striving to practice love.
- Doing good but not expecting to be praised for it, instead silently spreading love

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Next First Family Deadline: **March 21**
Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com



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New Member Informational Classes

This class is for anyone who would like to learn more about FUMC—The Coppertop. It is a time with the pastors. A class is required if you intend to join. Childcare and snacks are provided. Sign up on the table in the common area, call the church office, or e-mail pastor Jeanine (pastor@fumcduluth.com).

Upcoming classes to pick from:

- Sunday, March 18, 5:00-6:30pm
- Sunday, April 22, 11:30am-1pm
- Sunday, May 20, 11:30am-1pm

New Office and Building Manager

It is with joy and excitement that First UMC introduces our new full time Office and Building Manager, Anne J. Gustafson! Anne comes to us with 18 years of experience managing National Audio Visual. She is an expert in project management and brings exceptional skills from the business world. She has been experiencing a calling to use these wonderful talents to serve God. She officially starts on March 1.

Pastor's Column *continued*

- Greatness comes with a generous sharing of the best of one's mind, spirit, and energy.
- At its best, greatness might come close to Godliness.

They're all on to something great, aren't they? Let's find small and big ways every day to serve others. Let's be great!

UMCOR Sunday is March 11

Together we reach children, families, and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion, or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

UMCOR Sunday Treat Sale, March 4

Mmm! Did you smell that wonderful aroma on Sunday? That was evidence of families baking cookies and preparing irresistible treats to offer at the annual UMCOR Sunday Treat Sale. Treats will be offered in the hope that you will make a donation to UMCOR. UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief – is the disaster relief and recovery arm of the United Methodist Church. 100% of donations to the treat sale will go to the UMCOR Sunday offering, ensuring that this phenomenal organization will continue to be one of the first disaster relief agencies at disaster sites.

Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 5

The Capital Campaign Committee is organizing a spring sale and asks you to think about what you might donate (no clothing). We will not be able 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. Items can be dropped off Monday-Friday before the sale. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, contact Anita Zager at anitazager@gmail.com

Winter Women's Retreat March 2-4

Experiencing God's Presence in Our Faith Journey, presented by Pastor Jeanine Alexander.

Sign up today for the annual FUMC women's retreat at Camp Amnicon. Meet the group at camp for all or part of the weekend.

Options:

- Full weekend (2 nights, 5 meals): \$100
- 1 night (with 3 meals): \$60
- 3 meals (no overnight): \$45

Plan now for this fun, inspiring, and laughter-filled time of renewal. Please sign up in the office as soon as possible.

Questions? Call Anne Miller at 525-1555.

Empty Bowl Painting at Pottery Burn, March 10

Coppertop youth, kids, and families meet at Pottery Burn on Saturday, March 10, from 10-11:30am. Paint a bowl to keep or to donate to Empty Bowl, a fundraiser for Northern Lakes Second Harvest Food Bank. If you donate your bowl, it will be displayed and sold at Empty Bowl on April 17. If you keep your bowl, the money from purchasing your unpainted bowl will go to Empty Bowl. Invite your friends to come!

Shiny Paper Collection Dates

- June 16, 2018
- September 15, 2018
- November 10, 2018

Help on these dates is always appreciated.

"Share the Love" Toy Drive, March 18

Caring for others was certainly modeled by Jesus. Individuals, teens, kids, and families have the opportunity to care for those who have less by sharing gently used books, games, puzzles, toys, and outdoor play equipment. Bring your toy drive offering to church on Sunday, March 18. We will pile up the items, and pastor Jeanine and Reverend MaryAnne will bless them. The donations will be taken to Damiano Center and possibly other local agencies to be given to families in need.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Sunday, March 4, 3pm
First UMC Sanctuary

Fundraising Concert for Pipe Organ Repairs & Refurbishment. Open to All. Free Will Offering.
Featuring all the FUMC musical ensembles:

- Tapestry and Sanctuary Choir
- 4 Handbell Choirs: Strikepoint, Cast in Bronze, Class Ring, Ringtones
- JAM & The Peanut Butter Band
- Organ, piano, brass, strings & more!

The concert will feature a variety of music, from traditional choral anthems to recent contemporary Christian compositions. You'll hear such favorites as "How Can I Keep From Singing," "On Eagle's Wings," and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," as well as brand-new compositions. Don't miss this live concert for all ages!

MUSIC AT THE COPPERTOP

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MARCH 4 - 3:00 pm

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Volunteers Needed

Contact Laura Stahl; 727-5021 or
families@fumcduluth.com

Ruby's Pantry: (third Thursday, March 15) Give an hour or more to this food distribution ministry. Options include unloading truck, traffic control, registration, bulk food repackaging, distribution, recycling, clean up, and transporting leftovers to local agencies.

Fabric/Needle Artists: to stitch small labyrinths

Doll Doctor: to repair joint in hand-made jointed doll

Scrap Wood Pieces: 6-8 inches long, 4 inches wide, shallow depth

Sunday Morning Greeters
Needed. Sign up!

"Alone we can do
so little; together
we can do so
much."

Helen Keller

*Volunteering can be an
exciting, growing, enjoyable
experience. It is truly
gratifying to serve a cause,
practice one's ideals, work
with people, solve problems,
see benefits, and know one
had a hand in them."*

~Harriet Naylor

Next Faith Forum

March 4 MaryAnne Korsch-Honoring the Sabbath: A Time to Rest
March 11 Geoff Bell-Breaking the Spending Habit:
What Matters Most?

Theme II: On Living a Christian Life

March 18 Karen Alseth
March 25 Jeanine Alexander
April 8 Linda Wiig

Family Ministry

For Your Calendar App—March Schedule

Sunday Mornings—Weekly

09:00 am Child care for infants, toddlers & twos
09:00 am Discovery for preschool age, 3 thru 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 & 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-1-2)
06:45 pm BTwixt (gr 3-5)
06:30 pm Youth Group (gr 6-12)

NOTE:

*Mar 4 Little Disciples will not meet

*Mar 28 No Wed. Night Kid Groups, plan to come on Thursday!
*The Christian season of Lent is a time when we focus on living
our lives to honor Jesus and show the values Jesus taught.
Family Ministry activities during Lent focus on ways to show
God's love to the world. Families of all types are welcome to
join in these Lenten activities.*

Holy Week Activities for Families

Palm Parade – Sunday, Mar 25

Individuals, teens, kids, and families: Join the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with a palm processional at the beginning of worship on Sunday, Mar 25. Meet at the entrance to the sanctuary/narthex before worship to get your palms.

Sign Language Interpreter

As part of our commitment to inclusion, we have a sign language interpreter in worship twice per month. You can expect to see them on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 10am services. Please pass this on to our friends in the Deaf community.

Ardath Gibson Scholarship

Ardath Gibson was a longtime member of this church to whom education was very important. As part of her will, she requested that First United Methodist Church administer a college or university scholarship to a student studying in the Natural Sciences (including Health Care) or Business. This scholarship is open to members of FUMC and their immediate families. The committee administering this scholarship will accept applications from now through March 25, with the recipient to be announced this spring, for use next fall. Applications are in the office. If you have questions, please talk to committee members Dorothy Anway, Geoff Bell, or Carleen Maynard.

Our First Family *continued*

Hospitalizations:

(some now at home)

Barb Carlson, Joe Jeannette, Linda Sherman, and Tom Wiig

Church Lighting: Feb. 11-17 from Bailey Olson, to benefit the organ refurbishment fund

Prayer Vigil

Matthew 26:40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

This year our overnight prayer vigil will once again take place beginning after services on Maundy Thursday (March 29) and ending at noon on Good Friday (March 30), just before that service. You are encouraged to sign up for one hour of prayer to be held in the chapel or at your home. There will be prayer guides and prayer petitions for you, and there will be a system for unlocking the door throughout the night. Sign-ups will begin March 4. Please see Cindy Hedlund or Mike Goodlet with questions.

**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
CHILDREN: \$6
(UNDER 12)

DINE IN
CARRY OUT
DRIVE THROUGH



Come back in the Fall!
October 11, 2018

230 E SKYLINE PARKWAY (218) 727-5021 WWW.FUMCDULUTH.COM

2018 Spring Roast Beef Dinner

THURSDAY, April 26, 2018

4:30-7:00pm

Sign up to volunteer after/before worship beginning Sunday, March 11, 2018

Tickets will be available for sale and/or to take & to sell

Opportunities to help:

Sunday, April 15, Before and after worship from 8am-noon (Cookie Day)

Bake chocolate chip cookies to sell during the dinner

Also, we need cookie dough made before baking. Chocolate chip cookie recipe available to take home: make a triple batch, bring the dough on Sunday, April 15, and leave in kitchen refrigerator to bake

Wednesday, April 25, 9am-noon (Apple Crisp Day)

Peel apples

Set tables

Bake apple crisp (9am-2pm)

Thursday, April 26, (Dinner Day)

7:30-9:30am —trim beef, and wash dishes

9:30-11:30am —prepare coleslaw, gravy, and coffee

Noon-4:30pm —set the tables with pickles and bread; fill coleslaw cups and butter; prepare the drive-thru serving area with bags and rolls; fill waters and coffee pots

2-4:30pm —cut apple crisp and put on tables

2-7pm —meat cutter, potato maker, gravy maker, corn maker, dishwashers

4-8pm —driver from MN-DOT parking lot to FUMC (for volunteers); valet park

4-7pm —dining room servers, plate fillers, carry-out/drive-thru runners and fillers, cooks, dishwashers, traffic controllers, greeters, and youth runners

6-9:30pm —2nd shift for drive-thru and serving line, begin clean up

7-9:30pm —clean-up crews in dining room, drive-thru area, pie room, kitchen and dishwashers, sweeping and mopping of all floors, putting away decorations, tables

If you show up at different times, we will find a job for you!

Other ways to help out:

Sell dinner tickets —take 10 tickets and sell to family, friends, and co-workers or treat your staff or your helpful neighbors

Flyers —post flyers around your work (available at volunteer sign-up table)

Facebook/email —invite friends to dinner via Facebook and email

Prayers —pray for God-filled successful event

This is a fundraiser. Please purchase a ticket in advance or at the door, and enjoy the meal before or after your shift. (Youth enjoy the dinner compliments of FUMC.)

Something for everyone —ALL ages can participate!! **Childcare provided** from 4-9pm (Sign up at volunteer sign-up tables.) (All volunteers-please **park on the day care side of building or at the MN DOT parking lot during shuttle service (4-7pm)** We will be glad to valet park your car. Thank you!

Reminder Postcard

When signing up to volunteer, you can bring a reminder postcard home or have one mailed to you. You can fill out the postcard with your address and bring a stamp (or money for one), and we will mail it closer to the date.

Donation Needed: 9 dozen Corningware white coffee cups, 100-cup coffee pot, anti-fatigue mats for kitchen, paddle for potato maker, cookie scoops, table knives, and knives to trim meat. If interested please contact Cindy Hedlund (218 348-2634) or write a check to FUMC with “for roast beef dinner”, and put in offering plate or give to the church office. This will cost about \$400.00.

Thank you! Cindy Hedlund —218 348-2634 (cell) or schedlund@gmail.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

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

Mondays

- Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 3:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
- 7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC

Tuesdays

- 5:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we
- 6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 6:00pm Mama Yoga - TBC

Wednesdays

- 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

Thursdays

- 9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
- 6:00pm T'ai Chi - LSH we

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—

Thursday, March 1

- 5:00pm Trustees - FSL

Sunday, March 4

- 3:00pm Make a Joyful Noise concert - S
- 5:00 pm ASL class - 106

Tuesday, March 6

- 6:30pm Capital Campaign Rummage Sale meeting - Lib

Thursday, March 8

- 6:30pm Amateur Radio Operators - LSH

Sunday, March 11

- 5:00 pm ASL class - 106

Monday, March 12

- 7:00pm Priscilla Circle - FSL

Tuesday, March 13

- 2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL

Wednesday, March 14

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL

Thursday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 18

- 5:00 pm New Member Class - FSL
- 5:00 pm ASL class - 106

Monday, March 19

- 10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL
- 5:30pm Ruby's Pantry Committee - FSL

Wednesday, March 21

- 9:00am Naomi Circle - FSL
- 9:00am Scrabble - Lib

Thursday, March 22

- 5:00pm Finance Committee - FSL

Sunday, March 25

- 5:00 pm ASL class - 106

Monday, March 26

- 6:30pm Monarch Buddies - Lib

Tuesday, March 27

- 2:00pm Loud, Laughing Ladies - FSL
- 6:00pm Northern Lights Machine Quilters - LSH se

Thursday, March 29

- 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Holy Communion
- 6:30pm Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service - S

Friday, March 30

- 12:00pm Good Friday Worship Service - TBC

Calendar may change—check www.fumcduluth.com for updates.