



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.

September 2018

DINNER and Auction 2018

Capital Campaign Dinner & Auction September 29

Buy your tickets now for our Capital Campaign dinner and auction on Saturday, September 29. Dinner will be by Paul Sapyta. The gluten-free menu offers you a choice of pork tenderloin, chicken, or vegetarian entrees. The adult ticket price is \$30, of which \$20 is tax deductible. A child's meal ticket with childcare is \$5. **Tickets must be purchased by September 24.** Seating will be in tables of six. Invite a friend or group of friends for a fun evening. Tickets are available in the Narthex after church or during the week in the church office. A live dessert auction will culminate the evening's festivities. A silent auction, refreshments, and entertainment start at 6:00, and dinner will be served at 6:30. Some of the silent auction items include a timeshare anywhere in the world, a Northwoods cabin weekend, art, crafts, and garden items. Credit cards will be accepted. Plan for a special fun evening out with an excellent dinner. To donate auction items, send an email to anitazager@gmail.com.

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On the Journey With You

In the book of Revelation, John writes letters to seven churches encouraging the believers to stand firm against the pressures that lie ahead. He encourages them to be faithful in boldly resisting evil. He reminds them that they will be rewarded for standing firm when Christ returns.

Our First Family

Church lighting for the week of August 12:

A gift to light the church was given by the United Methodist Women in appreciation of Lee Ball, for all she has done for First United Methodist Church, the state Conference, and the national United Methodist Church.

One of my favorite verses in this book is Revelation 3:20:

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him/her, and he/she with me.”

Powerful, inviting words. This is usually seen as a picture of Jesus knocking on the door of an unbeliever’s heart. But remember, this is a letter to the church, a letter to believers. Jesus is knocking at the door of those who already proclaim to be followers... he is urging them to let him into their lives.

Opening the door of our hearts to Christ and inviting him in is about having a relationship with him, allowing his priorities to be our priorities, his vision to become our vision which guides everything we do.

Have we opened the door of our lives to God’s Spirit? Have we personally made a decision to follow Christ, or are we “secondhand” Christians?

In his book *Dear Mr. Brown*, Harry Emerson Fosdick writes about secondhand Christians. He puts it like this:

"So many church members are secondhand Christians. Their Christianity is formal, not vital. They have inherited it from their families, borrowed it from their friends, married it, taken it over like the cut of their clothes from the fashion of their group... Their churchmanship is not hypocritically professed, they believe it after a fashion—but the profound experiences of

Kevin and Jean Walsh send their deep appreciation for all your prayers and loving support. Again and again we are reminded by your kindness and care that we are never alone, that we are all related and all together on the journey, and we give deep thanks.

Save the Date

Thursday, October 11

Fall Roast Beef Dinner

Volunteer sign up begins on Sunday, September 9, 2018 in the Narthex.

CHUM Food Shelf Needs YOU!

More volunteers are needed to support CHUM's Food Shelf operations at both locations. Client interviewers and client packers are needed at the West Food Shelf, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-2pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4831 Grand Ave. AND at the East Food Shelf, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-1:45pm at 120 N 1st Ave W.

Please consider spending some

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the soul which transform character, sustain strength and courage, dedicate life, and make God intimately real, they have not known first hand. They are Christians by hear-say.”

Let’s not be content with a secondhand Christianity. Let’s intentionally open the door of our hearts and lives to God’s Spirit in Christ as we welcome God through prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship, and service—that we might become better aware of God’s mind and heart and vision, so that we can adopt it as our own.

Right this minute Jesus is knocking at a door. It’s my door. He’s speaking to my heart.

Right now Jesus is knocking at your door.

He wants to come in.

Can you hear him knocking?

Will you open the door?

On the journey with you,
~Pastor Jeanine

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time and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors! To sign up or for more details, please contact Terri at 218-727-2391.



Family News

Welcome Children & Family Ministry Staff

We are trying a new and exciting way of staffing our children’s and family ministries and have hired the following interim staff as we explore this new ministry direction:

- Director/Overseer of Children and Family Ministries – JoJo Coffin-Langdon.

JoJo will supervise all children/family ministry staff and volunteers and all programming. She is the key face of our children/family ministry, ensuring our college staff has the training, resources, and skills to carry out vibrant ministry with our kids/families.

- College Students/Part-time workers – Jana Picotte & Jenny Sherren (we are still in the process of hiring one additional student). They will lead Sunday/Wednesday programming for kids and assist the director/overseer in the overall ministry.

- Change to be aware of: Starting on Sunday, September 9, Sunday School for grades 5 and under will take place during the worship hour (children will attend worship with their families through the children’s message and will then have the opportunity to attend Sunday school for the rest of the service).

Introducing JoJo Coffin-Langdon

Hi, everyone! I am so thrilled to be the New Children & Families Minister. What perfect change for me! I look forward to talking to all of you and getting to know you and your kids even better. A little about me: I was a public school teacher for special needs children with emotional disturbances for 13 years. For the past 18 years I have taught in the Department of Education at UMD. I have two masters degrees: one in Social Work and another in Theology. I have an amazing wife who also works in ministry, nine children (four of whom are still at home), and three grandchildren—YIKES! My hobbies include anything outside by the water (camping, walking, skipping rocks, kayaking, picnicking), reading, engaging in social media, and journaling.

Look forward to some big changes in Family Ministry! The Coppertop is the place to be on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings for all children, youth, and their parents. One of the biggest changes to our Family Ministry is that we’ll have a team approach. I will be your fearless director and will be working primarily with families and with the children’s ministry team members to help them have all the tools they need to lead our children well.

Fall Kick-off Sunday is **September 9**. We would love to pack the house with all the children who call the Coppertop their home

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Back-to-School Backpack Blessing Sun., September 2

All children are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a special backpack blessing during the children's message. Start off your school year with the entire church praying for you, your teachers, your family, and a great school year!

Wednesday Night Meal Volunteers

Each month in First Family a listing of the groups who have volunteered to prepare, serve, and do clean-up will be listed. All church groups are encouraged to volunteer and can sign up in the church office or call 727-5021. A three-ring binder is at the front desk, listing the Wednesday dates when meals are needed. Copies of the dinner guidelines along with sample meal suggestions are available. Pizza is always an option, especially on the first Wednesday of the month.

Volunteer groups are needed beginning with **October 10**. Questions? Call or email Mike Donahue at mpcmdonahue@aol.com; 879-3456 or 343-3767, or Linda Wiig at 340-3343.

Wednesday Night Meal Volunteer Groups:

- Sept. 12: Linda Wiig & Friends
- Sept. 19: Hospitality Team
- Sept. 26: SPRC
- Oct. 3: Music Groups

Open 2018 Wednesday Nights:

- Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19.

Mission and Social Justice



United Campus Ministry (UCM) is an outreach to the UMD college community. It is funded entirely through donations, supporting a part-time campus minister and several ongoing programs. Its mission is to guide and support spiritual growth in the academic environment at UMD while valuing our Christian tradition, diversity, peace and justice, community, and interfaith dialogue. It is the single progressive Protestant voice on the campus and a place for students to turn when they simply don't know what to believe!

A working Board made up of representatives from several churches (including Hope and Hillside United Methodist, Peace Church, United Church of Christ, Lakeside Presbyterian, and The Coppertop) support the campus minister through fundraising and assisting with various programs. Karen Buell has been serving as your representative on the Board. With the recent addition of Pastor Jeanine and the new pastor at Hope United Methodist Church, a newly inspired Board is beginning a new school year enthusiastically by hiring Joanne (JoJo) Coffin-Langdon to fill the campus minister role. Due to UCM's financial constraints, she will be contributing only 10 hours a week as compared with the previous 15 hours per week served by Cynthia Coffin-Langdon. Cynthia has been the campus minister for the last seven years, but recently resigned following her appointment as half-time pastor at Hillside United Methodist Church. With her degree in theology, we look forward to the counseling and leadership roles JoJo will provide.

Thanks to the many of you who contribute financially to our drives and make this program possible, we will be able to continue to provide leadership and counseling services and sustain Monday Night Dollar Dinners, exam goodie bags, and other campus ministry activities. Priorities are to reach and disciple as many students as possible, to creatively engage the campus by witnessing to the love of Jesus, to create a spiritual culture where Christian students can thrive and to nurture and equip future leaders for the local church and the world. In fact, two of the

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college students working with our young people this next year at FUMC have come to us through the campus ministry outreach.

How can you help?

- Financial donations are of course always needed. You can send a check to United Campus Ministry, c/o Karen Buell, 201 Bluffs Ridge Ct, Duluth, MN 55811.
- A 50¢ Sale will be held on September 29, at Hope United Methodist Church. Your donations of household items, decorations, and even games would be greatly appreciated! Also, help in setting up for this sale on Friday, September 28, will be needed.
- Twice a year our church is asked to provide the Monday Night Dollar Dinner. This involves helping to prepare and serve a meal for about 25 UMD students at Hope UMC. It takes three or four of us to do this, and we do have a good time. Please let me know if this is a way you could contribute.

~Karen Buell

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Fall Book Study

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat

Join Pastor Jeanine and Rev. MaryAnne for this fall's new small group book study: ***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*** by John Ortberg. During this six-session study, we will consider what God is calling us to do and be, and where God may be leading us individually and as a congregation.

Books are available at church for a \$10 donation. There will be two sessions to choose from, depending on what fits best in your schedule. This is an interactive study involving teaching, video, and group discussion. Mark your calendar for an opportunity to learn and grow together!

Session #1:

Wednesdays, from 10 to 11:15am

September 26, and October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Session #2:

Tuesdays, from 6 to 7:15pm

October 2, 9, 23, 30, and November 6, 13

Lydia Project

If you were to stop in to FUMC's monthly Prayer Shawl gathering some Wednesday morning, you would notice that most of our stitchers are working on similar projects – long, narrow scarves made of solid purple yarn. This group is participating in the Lydia Project, a one-year initiative across both the Minnesota and Dakotas Annual Conferences in preparation for our General Conference, which will be held in Minneapolis in May of 2020.

General Conference is the official decision-making body of the United Methodist Church. For two weeks every four years, delegates and visitors from all over the world gather to consider legislation together, worship together, and chart the course for the future of our denomination together. The Minneapolis gathering is expected to draw thousands of delegates, dignitaries, and visitors – and as the host Annual Conference, we in Minnesota are doing everything in our power to provide a warm and hospitable welcome to these guests. Part of that welcome is providing each delegate, alternate delegate, bishop, and visiting dignitary with a tangible symbol of welcome: a warm, hand-stitched, purple scarf, which serves not only as wonderful souvenir but also as practical solution to overly drafty, air-conditioned spaces in the Minneapolis Convention Center. This initiative has been dubbed the Lydia Project, commemorating Lydia in Acts 16, who was well known for her hospitality and her beautiful purple dyed cloths.

Knitting and crocheting groups across the two conferences have joined in this effort, and the response has been terrific! Our Prayer Shawl team has committed to providing over 200 scarves toward this effort and will be a big part of helping the host committee meet their goal of 5,000 scarves by June of 2019. More information about this project is included on the Minnesota Annual Conference's website: www.minnesotaumc.org/lydiaproject.

Even if you don't knit or crochet, you are welcome to participate by providing financial donations toward the purchase of yarn. Contact MaryAnne Korsch if you'd like to participate in this way. Or, if you'd like to stitch on your own at home, the website includes directions and patterns that you can use. Join us in welcoming United Methodists from all over the world to Minnesota!

FUMC Gardens— Save the Dates

The FUMC garden crews hope you have been enjoying our church's many gardens this year. Once again, thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers who have been working hard to keep our church grounds looking great. Thanks also goes out to our faithful lawn-mowing folks!

We have some opportunities coming up for all to join in. Please save these dates to come and help in the Fall garden activities.

•**Friday, September 28** at 9am: Geranium Retrieval (dig and pot for overwintering inside). Rain date is Wednesday, October 3 at 9am.

•**Tuesday, October 16** at 9am: Garden Clean-up (trim and clean up gardens for winter). Rain date is Friday, October 19 at 9am.

Blessings and gratitude to all!
~Linda Harper

50¢ Sale

Do you have stuff lying around that you don't want or need anymore? Do you have books that need to go to a new home? United Campus Ministry at UMD would love donations for their annual 50¢ Sale and Book Sale happening on Saturday, September 29, from 9am-1pm at Hope United Methodist Church. Toys, books, games, office supplies, crafts, jewelry, bags, linens, furniture, CDs, movies, tools, household décor, etc...! anything except for clothes and shoes. You can drop off your items at Hope any time the week of the sale, (September 24-28). Talk to Joanne Coffin-Langdon (jojobug28@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

From Our Parish Nurse

Dementia forums to take place in October

Through the Wilderness of Alzheimer's is the story of a journey into Alzheimer's that Reverend Robert and Anne Simpson share with us. It offers families accurate, firsthand information about the disease, as well as support and practical help for both those who have Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Bob had the disease and Anne was the caregiver. They began their book while living in Grand Marais to "lift the shroud of secrecy and ignorance" and to have people be better equipped to go through the journey.

Alzheimer's can be a very scary thing. Many don't want to talk about it, and many don't know what it is. Often it is the lack of knowledge that increases fear; we don't understand it, we don't know what to say, we don't know what the person afflicted with the disease needs, and we don't know what is needed by the caregivers.

A learning opportunity is coming your way in October on three consecutive Sundays at 11:30am, beginning on the 21st. Gina Diaz and I will hold 60-90-minute sessions on dementia (of which Alzheimer's is one form). We will be using the book as a resource to help us understand one family's blessings and stories as they made the journey.

The first week (**October 21**) will be informative: what is normal aging, what is dementia, what is Alzheimer's, what are the early warning signs, and how to clear up misconceptions.

The second session (**October 28**) will cover living with dementia: the challenges, what people need, and a time for sharing.

The third session (**November 4**) will focus on communication, spiritual needs, a guide to caregiving, and resources.

Come and join us for these sessions in the stage end of Lakeview Social Hall. If you would like to buy the book, I will be placing an order in the latter part of September. If you plan to attend and if you would like a book, there is a sign-up sheet in the Office.

Blessings, ~Linda Wiig

Upcoming Forums Sponsored by UWS and Alzheimer's Association

- 10:30 to noon at the United Presbyterian Church, 229 N 28th St, Superior.
 - September 12: Effective Communication Strategies
 - October 10: Caregiving Through the Holidays
- Walk to End Alzheimer's
 - Sept. 8, DECC, 10am, registration at 8:30am

National Creation Care Summit

By: **Christa Meland, Minnesota Annual Conference**

More than 100 United Methodists from 17 states and the Philippines gathered in Minnesota last week to discuss environmental stewardship and explore specific ways in which they are called to care for the planet.

The Creation Care Summit is an annual event for clergy and laity, and it moves to a different city each year. At the 2018 gathering, which took place July 26-29 at Hamline University in St. Paul, attendees listened to a panel discussion on what they're called to offer the world at this moment, heard from Dakotas-Minnesota Area Bishop Bruce R. Ough and Jim Bear Jacobs of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, and engaged in action planning around topics they are passionate about.

You can read the entire article at www.minnesotaumc.org/news.

Confirmation Begins Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-7:30pm

Important orientation for all students and parents. Please attend one of these orientation meetings:

- **Sunday, September 9, 9-9:45am (Lakeview Social Hall)**
- **OR Wednesday, September 12, 6:30-7:15pm**

Confirmation at First UMC/The Coppertop is a two-year spiritual exploration with the purpose of providing our young people a safe, nurturing environment to connect with God, the church, each other, and themselves. It is a time for them to build a spiritual foundation for their life. For some it is the beginning of a journey of faith; for others it is a continuation of that journey. It is an opportunity to actively think about what they believe and why. It is a time of questioning and discovering. I am looking forward to spending time with you as we travel this journey together!

Over the two years, students will reflect on key Biblical stories and teachings. The youth will look at how Scripture is both human and divine, explore science and Scripture, and talk through social justice issues. Young people will discover how to connect their faith with their daily life. Additionally they will explore what it means to be a United Methodist Christian.

- **1st year Confirmation is for all 8th Grade Students.**
- **2nd year Confirmation is for all 9th Grade Students AND any high school students who haven't been confirmed.**

You will receive additional information by e-mail and in the mail. Contact Pastor Jeanine if you have questions.

Kick-Off Sunday September 9, 10:00am

- **Worship with our band, bell choir, and sanctuary choir.** We'll be kicking off the year of "Lo" with a gift for everyone that will help in your faith journey.
- **Sunday School for grades 5 and under will take place during the worship hour** (children will attend worship with their families through the children's message and will then attend Sunday School for the rest of the service).

CHUM Adopt-a-Backpack Project

Thanks to the generous donations from the FUMC family, we filled and blessed 103 backpacks. Many online donations increased our backpack total to more than 120. These backpacks filled with school supplies will help give local children a successful start to the school year.

The Duluth School District Back-to-School Fair was held on August 23 at Congdon Park, Laura MacArthur and Myers-Wilkins elementary schools and was open to all Duluth public and charter school students in grades K-12. 1200 backpacks were given out. The Adopt-a-Backpack project is sponsored by CHUM, ISD #709, local churches, businesses and individual donors.

Look for another opportunity next summer to provide local children with the supplies they'll need for a successful school year.

Check Out "Chuck Knows Church"

Chuck Knows Church consists of two online video series that help interpret complex subjects and issues in a fun, yet informative, way. Each series features "Chuck" who helps us learn more about our church while inviting us to have deeper conversation with our pastor or priest.

Topics include: "Pulpit vs. Lectern", "Sign of the Fish", "Clergy Fashion", and "Candles". To find out what this really is, visit chuckknowschurch.com

Conversation on "A Way Forward" for the UMC

Bishop Bruce Ough

Tuesday, September 25, 6:30-9:00pm, FUMC

At General Conference 2016 the bishops were instructed to organize a commission to study and make recommendations for a way forward in the UMC in the midst of our differences concerning human sexuality. The commission has finished its work and submitted three possible plans to the Council of Bishops. The Council decided to recommend a specific plan—**the One Church Plan** (go to this website for more information on this plan: www.minnesotaumc.org/newsdetail/bishops-recommend-one-church-plan-11355712)—to the special session of General Conference, which will meet Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis.

This fall, Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the area to continue the conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference. One of them will be hosted at our church on **Tuesday, September 25, 6:30-9:00pm.**

Members of the Minnesota Conference delegations to the special session of General Conference will assist Bishop Ough in hosting the gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for the delegates to listen to and talk with participants.

Attendees will receive information about the proposals that will go before the delegates to the 2019 General Conference, and the gatherings will also provide a setting in which to share resources and tools for how to facilitate dialogue and build resiliency in local churches.

In preparation for the gatherings, Bishop Ough encourages individuals and congregations to read *Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute and *God Unbound* by Elaine A. Heath.

Complete Wednesday Night Schedule

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| • 5:00-5:30 | JAM | • 6:30-7:30 | Tweens |
| • 5:15-6:30 | Dinner served | • 6:30-7:30 | Youth Group & Confirmation |
| • 5:30-6:00 | JAM Jr. (with Parents) | • 6:45-7:40 | Cast in Bronze |
| • 5:30-6:00 | Bible Explorers | • 7:30-8:30 | Tapestry |
| • 5:30-6:15 | Ringtones | • 7:45-8:45 | Class Ring |
| • 5:45-6:45 | Sanctuary Choir | | |
| • 6:00-7:00 | Bible Study | | |

The FUMC Sustainability Group Will Resume Meeting on Sunday, September 16

The Sustainability Group will meet in the Library right after the service on September 16. All are welcome. We will share a simple soup meal and set goals for the year. Come and see what this fun, enthusiastic group is all about.

We are always seeking ideas/solutions to engage our congregation in caring for God's creation. Last winter the Church Council passed a resolution to reduce or eliminate the use of Styrofoam™ and plastic. One area of concern to is how to serve meals (such as the Roast Beef Dinner or funerals) in a clean, attractive dining area without using plastic tablecloths and dinnerware. Please give your suggestions to staff or the Sustainability team.

Are you interested in meeting together with other members to discuss ways in which we may seek to live more responsibly in our use of materials that have the potential to harm the earth? We will meet briefly after church on Sunday, September 23 to introduce the study guide, *A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World*. Interested persons will decide on a meeting schedule that works for the group. Questions? Contact Kevin Walsh at 218-591-6597 or kjbwalsh@gmail.com

church. Children three and under are welcome to be in the nursery during the worship service. Children four years old through 5th grade should come to church with their families. We will have our regular Children's Message in worship, and then (hold on to your seats), all children 5th grade and under will follow me to the Three Brothers Chapel, where we will meet the rest of the Children's Ministry team!

Every Sunday after the children's Message we will have a dynamic, fun, and interactive Bible-based Sunday School program while parents are in church. We will begin our time together always with a short children's worship time with music appropriate to get up and dance to, and a group Bible story that will engage children and set the theme for the morning. After 15 minutes as a whole group, we will divide into two age groups to meet the needs of Coppertop kids. Ages 4 through 1st grade will be in one group and 2nd through 5th grade will be in another, with enough flexibility to move between the groups as is appropriate for your child. After church 1st grade and younger children will be ready to be picked up downstairs in Lakeview Social Hall. During our time together they will sing, hear a Bible story, and do a relevant physical activity or art project. Movement, fun, and engagement in a spiritually-rich environment will be what Sunday mornings are about for your children!

Meet the Rest of the Children's Ministry Team

Jenny Sherren: "I am a student at UMD, working toward a degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Geology. I love to be outside, especially near the water. Looking for cool rocks or sea glass is always a good way to spend an afternoon. While being a part of the children's ministry, I look forward to getting to know the youth, having a goofy fun time, and being a part of the wonderful community at the Coppertop."

Jana Picotte: "I am one semester away from having an undergraduate degree in Communications with a minor in Psychology. I love singing, playing sports, and getting crafty! I am looking forward to teaching children about God's love and just getting to have fun with them!"

Wednesday Night Programing Will Start on September 12

Our Children's Ministry Team promises to make a fun-filled evening. Many kids will have been in school all day, so we will be up, singing, moving, and learning about God's love!

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Here are the opportunities available:

- 5:00-5:30—JAM: 1st-5th grade kids' choir
- 5:30-6:00—JAM Jr: Birth-kindergarten kids' choir (with parents)
- 5:30-6:15—Ringtones: for children 2nd-7th grade who are interested in playing handbells
- 5:30-6:00—Bible Explorers: 1st & 2nd graders
- 6:30-7:30—Tweens: 3rd-5th grade
- 6:30-7:30—Youth Group & Confirmation: 6th-12th grade

Dinner will be served from
5:15-6:30

Save the Dates

October 14

3rd Grade children get their very own Bible!

October 28

Trunk or Treat! Come dressed in costume! We will serve a light lunch for trick or treaters.

Journeying with you,
~Jojo

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Music Potluck

Our Music Department is planning a potluck dinner to help kick off the season on **September 5, from 6:30-7:30** in the Atrium.

All FUMC musicians are invited to attend and to bring a dish to share. There will be a few groups rehearsing that night to prepare for Kick-Off Sunday on September 9 at 10am.



Music at First

Join us! There's a place for you!

FUMC's music groups are gearing up for a great fall. We're always looking for new people to join our music groups. There is joy to be shared through music!

JAM & the Peanut Butter Band and **JAM Junior**: Cynthia Coffin-Langdon leads two fun-with-music groups on Wednesdays. JAM & the Peanut Butter Band (1st-5th graders) meets at 5pm, and JAM Junior (babies-K, with parents) meets at 5:30pm.

Handbells: Our handbell program is a graded, comprehensive program led by Bill Alexander. There is room for new ringers. The individual choir schedules are:

Ringtones: (kids starting at 2nd grade), Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Class Ring: (grades 7-12), Wednesdays at 7:45pm

Cast in Bronze: (adults), Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Strikepoint: (concert ensemble), Sundays at 11:30am

Tapestry: Tapestry is a worship band with both instrumentalists and singers. Led by Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Tapestry rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Sanctuary Choir: Mike Goodlet leads our Sanctuary Choir which provides music for worship in a variety of styles from classical to gospel. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:45pm. They welcome new members, including high school and college students.

For more information, please contact the director of the

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individual choir or Velda Bell, our Director of Music Ministries.

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Cynthia Coffin-Langdon: 218-260-3114 or tevyjr@aol.com

Bill Alexander: 218-340-4100 or bill@strikepoint.com

Mike Goodlet: 218-409-3479 or mgoodlet69@gmail.com

World Drums for Children's Music

Thanks to the generosity of Jeff Johnson's family, we have used their memorial gift to purchase World Drums for our children's music program. Starting this fall, children will be using these drums during their Wednesday music rehearsals. World Drums are part of an ensemble drumming curriculum that has been used very successfully at Duluth's Myers-Wilkins Elementary School, amongst other places. We are very excited to add these drums to the Coppertop's already strong children's music program led by Cynthia Coffin-Langdon.

Many thanks to Jeff Johnson's family for their gift in memory of Jeff.

We would love to have your child be a part of the children's music program. There are two children's music groups: JAM and the Peanut Butter Band for 1st-5th graders meets on Wednesdays at 5:00pm, and JAM Junior for babies-K (with parents) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Both groups meet in the Chapel. If you have questions, please contact Cynthia Coffin-Langdon at tevyjr@aol.com or 218-260-3114.

Victory Chorus

I am reaching out to you and your faith community in hopes of discovering folks who would like to participate in the soon-to-be established Victory Chorus in Duluth. Our website describes the chorus and its goals for both elders coping with mild to moderate dementia, their care partners and volunteer helper singers.

As people of faith we come to community with generous spirits and inclusive hearts. Being part of the greater good gives added meaning to our lives. I hope that many in your congregation will look forward to being part of this amazing new musical journey. Please contact me at VictoryChorus@thevictoryfund.org

With gratitude, ~Karen Bauman, Music Director, Victory Chorus

Duluth-Superior Pride Festival

Join members and friends of FUMC as we demonstrate our commitment to inclusion at the annual Pride Festival. Help with staffing our festival booth Saturday afternoon, September 1 or march in the parade on Sunday, September 2 after worship. For more information, see Anne Gustafson in the church office, 727-5021 or admin@fumcduluth.com

Want to know more? Here is contact information for Twin Ports area LGBTQ groups: **LSS Together for Youth** (LGBTQ youth ages 14-20), Wednesdays 4-6pm, 218-529-2224

Openings in Handbell Groups

It has been said that handbells are about so much more than music. Those involved develop skills that are used throughout many other aspects of their lives. They also develop friendships thought to be akin to family. Handbell musicians have a sense of group dependence, yet an individual sense of responsibility.

We are fortunate to have one of the top handbell programs in the country right here at FUMC, led by internationally recognized handbell instructor and conductor Bill Alexander.

If you are interested in being part of this program, we may have a place for you. Contact Bill at 218-340-4100 or bill@strikepoint.com.

There are openings in:

- **Ringtones** (grade 2 and up, primarily beginners): We will teach music notation/reading. (Rehearses Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15)
- **Class Ring** (grades 7-12): Need to be able to read music. We will teach all aspects of handbells. (Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45)
- **Cast in Bronze** (Adults): Need to be able to read music. Handbell experience is helpful. We will teach all aspects of handbells. (Rehearses Wednesdays from 6:45-7:40)
- **Strikepoint** (auditioned): This is a touring concert ensemble, one of the top groups in the country. There are occasional openings. If you or someone you know would be interested in being on the list, please let us know.



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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.

Our Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 9:00am High School Hangout - CW
- 10:00am Worship - S
- Sunday School
- 3:30pm T'ai Chi - CW
- 7:00pm Eating Disorders Anonymous - Lib (beginning 9/9)

Mondays

- Noon Gamblers Anonymous - St
- 3:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
- 5:00pm Downbeats - EL
- 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

- 6:00pm Bible Study - FSL

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

Saturday, September 1

- 11:00am Bayfront Pride Festival

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

Sunday, September 2

- Noon Pride Parade

Monday, September 3

Labor Day/Church Closed

Tuesday, September 4

- 10:00am Writers Group - Lib

Wednesday, September 5

- 9:30am UMW Board Meeting - Lib
- 6:00pm Bible Study - FSL
- 6:45pm Music Potluck - Narthex

Thursday, September 6

- 5:15pm Trustees - FSL

Sunday, September 9

- Kick off Sunday
- 9:00am Faith Forum: Faith and Being Prepared
Tom Wheeler - FSL
- 7:00pm Eating Disorders Anonymous - Lib

Monday, September 10

- 4:30pm Hillside UMC Meatball Dinner
- 7:00pm Pricilla Circle - FSL

Tuesday, September 11

- 10:00am Writers Group - Lib
- 2:00pm Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL

Thursday, September 13

- 1:00pm Deborah Circle - FSL
- 6:30pm Amateur Radio Operators - LSH

Sunday, September 16

- 9:00am Faith Forum: Faith and Grand-Parenting
Carol and Mike Donahue - FSL

Monday, September 17

- 10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL

Tuesday, September 18

- 5:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

- 9:00am Scrabble - Lib
- Naomi Circle - FSL
- 3:30pm Mission & Social Justice Meeting - Lib
- 7:00pm Council - EL

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

AA Round Up

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Sunday, September 23

- 9:00am Faith Forum: Faith and Aging
Cindy Hedlund - FSL
- 11:30am New Member Class - FSL

Monday, September 24

- 5:30pm Ruby's Pantry Steering Committee - FSL

Tuesday, September 25

- 2:00pm Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL

Tuesday, September 24

- 6:00pm Quilters Guild - LSH se
- 6:30pm Bishop Ough, A Way Forward - S

Wednesday, September 26

- 10:00am Walk on Water Book Study

Thursday, September 27

- 5:00pm Finance Committee - Lib

Saturday, September 29

- 6:00pm Silent Auction Dinner - LSH

Sunday, September 30

- 9:00am Faith Forum: Faith and Personal Artistry
Karen Buell - FSL