



First Family

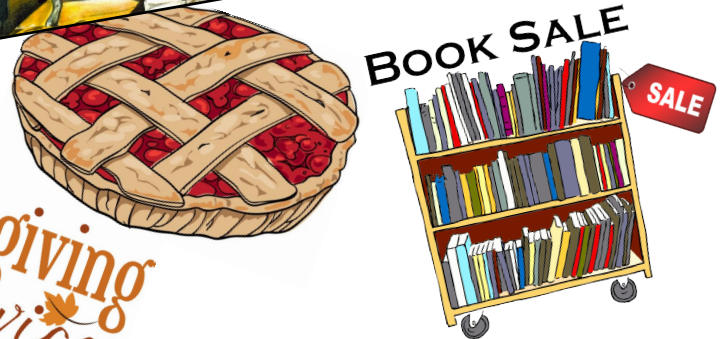
We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.

November 2018

Great Events Happening in November



Thanksgiving
Service



Coppertop Craft and Bake Sale
Saturday, November 3
9:00am-2:30pm

Silent Film
Friday, November 16
7:00pm

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 20
7:00pm.

**First United
Methodist Church**

230 E. Skyline Parkway
Duluth, MN 55811
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Our First Family

Carol Anway

Carol Anway, former member of FUMC, living in North Bend, WA, was awarded a Fellowship from the American Physical Society. This award only goes to ½ of 1% of the membership. Carol's father, Allen Anway, and grandfather, H. Wilbur Anway, are also physicists.

Roast Beef Dinner Update

Thank you for a wonderful fall roast beef dinner at the Coppertop Church. We:

- Prepared food for 900 and served 830 delicious meals. (Leftover food goes to CHUM to continue the ministry)
- Had 130 of the best volunteers ever. Everyone took ownership of their position; the dinner ran like a well oiled machine.

These numbers warm our hearts. Thank you to all of our dinner guests who were so supportive, even in our crazy weather. We pray the drive-thru crew warmed up! The final numbers will take a while as the bills come in, and we will pass on the results. Awesome night with fun, fellowship, and friends doing a great ministry. Thank you everyone! Shine on! Lo!

~Cindy and Scott Hedlund

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On the Journey With You

Consecration Sunday

November 11 at 10am worship

All of us will have an opportunity to present to God our estimates of financial giving for 2019. Our financial giving makes the ministry and mission of our congregation happen and allows us to be fully alive as we express thanksgiving to God. There will be a video in worship sharing images of the many ways our giving has had an impact this past year. Please be praying about your estimate of giving for 2019. You will receive a letter in the mail with additional information and inspiration (including a week-long devotional guide) and your estimate of giving card. Please watch for those items.

All Saints Sunday

November 4 at 10am worship

We will be honoring the memory of loved ones from our congregation who have died this past year. In addition, everyone present will have the opportunity to list first names of deceased loved ones they would like to be remembered, and we will remember them by name in our morning prayer.

Blessings, ~Jeanine

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Next First Family Deadline: **November 21**
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Thank You!

I would like to return my deepest appreciation for all the prayers and support expressed during my recent surgical event. The care and concern made the challenges easier to bear. Thanks for caring!

~Tom Wiig

Teak Bench Resurrected!

Have you noticed the beautiful wooden bench in the area at the bottom of the steps across from the bathrooms? This is the bench that was previously in disrepair sitting outside the East Entrance. After many years of being out in the elements, many believed it may have seen its last days. The bench was given in memory of Samuel Thoreson, so we really wanted to find someone with the knowledge and skill to fix it. This is where Tom Brown stepped in. Tom researched the woodworking process for rejuvenating the teak wood. Special varnish was used, and bench reinforcements were added. And now what you see is a work of art! We hope you will take a minute to sit and enjoy our teak bench. And a huge thank you to Tom for his many hours spent on making this bench a treasure once again!

Roadside Cleanup

Thank you to Terry Larson, Lisa Blanck, Tina Farrell, Mary Falk, Stacy Carolan, and Bill Alexander for their work doing roadside cleanup in our “adopted” area on Maple Grove Road.

Mark your calendars for the next pickup date on May 11, 2019.

Family News

For the Children

The Children’s Ministry Team is having a great time with your children. Thanks for sharing them with us. In November, our curriculum is called MAD Props, as we discover using crazy props to discover God. Make sure you check the bulletin each week for questions that you can ask your children about what they have been learning in Sunday School.

- For November we will continue to have Sunday School during church (about 10:15-11:00) with dismissal right after children’s time for children 4 years old to 5th grade. Younger children can play in the Nursery during that time. Remember to come down and pick up your younger children.
- We will also be practicing most every Sunday and Wednesday for our Christmas pageant, which is December 9. Everyone who wants to be involved can be!

For the Parents

November 2, 7-9pm Parents’ Time Out at Bent Paddle. Parents: let’s get together as a faith community and support one another outside of church!

Looking ahead

December 2, 9-10am Advent Workshop . Open to everyone! Let’s get our hearts (and homes) ready for the Christmas season.

December 8, Christmas pageant practice 10am-12pm, followed birthday a party with cake for Jesus!

December 16, Shop ‘Til You Drop Event. Leave the kids with our Children’s Ministry Team and Youth Group while you shop. Suggested donation: \$25 for one child, \$35 for two or more. Contact Jojo Coffin-Langdon, 218-251-4388 or Families@FUMCDuluth.com

United Campus Ministry

UCM is a ministry at UMD that represents the Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ denominations. If you know a college student in need of a faith community, UCM is there for you. Please have students connect with Jojo Coffin-Langdon (218-251-4388). UCM meets twice a week on a regular basis: Monday nights for Dollar Dinners, and Thursdays at noon for Coffee & Christ, where we meet for coffee, prayer, conversation, and a mid-week devotional. We ask that you prayerfully consider a monetary gift to keep the ministry of UCM vibrant. We also would appreciate any donations of Keurig pods (coffee, hot chocolate, or tea) for our Coffee & Christ times. You should see the cardboard box designated for your donations. As always, your prayers are needed and appreciated. Any questions, please connect with Jojo, UCMDuluth@gmail.com.

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FUMC College Ministry

November 3, 8pm. Old Fashioned Lock-in! Movies, popcorn, games, worship by candlelight! Invite your friends—it will be a good time!

November 4, Coppertop loves our college students! Join Pastor Jeanine and Jojo on the first Sunday of the month for a FREE lunch right after church! This is a time to get to know each other, support one another, and be a faith community to each other. This month after worship we will be going to Toppers for amazing specialty pizza! Mac and cheese pizza, anyone?

Living in gratitude and JOY!

~Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Interfaith

Thanksgiving

Service at FUMC

Plan to attend the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service which will be held this year at our church on Tuesday, November 20 at 7pm.

This meaningful and inclusive service involves about 10 area faith communities. Several choirs from these communities sing an anthem, and we always end the service with a mass choir anthem. An offering will be taken for CHUM.

CHUM Rhubarb Festival Report

For this year's CHUM Rhubarb Festival held last June, the FUMC kitchen produced: 407 pies, 570 scones, and 48 jars of jam. The festival raised over \$60,000 for the work of CHUM. Thanks to everyone who donated rhubarb and other ingredients. Thanks to everyone who purchased something either before or at the festival. Thanks to the 38 members and 11 non-FUMC members who worked in the kitchen. Thanks to those who volunteered to work at the festival itself, including several who were in charge of various areas. And special thanks to FUMC kitchen "leaders," Debbie King, Anita Zager, Paul Sapyta, and LeAnn House.

For those of you who may not know, CHUM is an interfaith coalition of 40 faith communities. It is Duluth's primary safety-net organization, where people who are homeless or who have very low incomes can come for assistance and a welcoming, safe community. CHUM operates Duluth's largest food shelf and provides emergency shelter and supportive services for homeless individuals and families. They help people find housing and employment, access public benefits, and receive basic medical care.

~ LeAnn House

Coppertop Youth Group

YOLO "You Only Live Once!"

We only get one life on this earth. How do we live it to the fullest? Our fall series will be wrapping up with the topics of dealing with our family and keeping it real. Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the Club Wesley Room (just past the pop machine). We always start with worship, do a check-in, have snacks and hot drinks, and then dive into our topic and games for the night.

Here is our November schedule:

- Wed. Nov 7 First Wednesday Worship in chapel-then downstairs for games
- Wed. Nov 14 Regular youth group-YOLO-dealing with your family
- Wed. Nov 21 NO YOUTH GROUP (Thanksgiving break)
- Wed. Nov 28 Regular youth group-YOLO-keeping it real

"Coffee Shop Talk"

Beginning in November, Pastor Cynthia invites any senior high youth for a morning "Coffee Shop Talk" at Beaners in West Duluth, 7:45-8:30am on Tuesday mornings. Coffee or tea will be on the house as we gather to talk about life and have a short inspirational devotion. If this takes off, we could offer another time on the east side of town. Text Cynthia if you are interested. (218-260-3114)

Give to the Max

Thursday, November 15, is MN Give to the Max Day. Visit GiveMN.org as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of Minnesota's giving holiday. (Strikepoint and First United Methodist Church of Duluth Foundation are registered on the GiveMN site.)

Used Book Sale

There will be a used book sale on November 3 in conjunction with the Coppertop Craft and Bake Sale. You may drop off your gently used books in the church library. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, VHS tapes, or cassette tapes.

Created Here

On Thursday, November 8 at 5pm, the AAUW's annual scholarship fundraiser recognizes and celebrates local women artists. The presenters this year include our own Ann Gumper, along with Ivy Vainio and Karen Sunderman. Music will be provided by The Fish Heads and pianist Linda Turpening.

- Registration: 5pm with dinner at 5:30pm, Northland Country Club.
- Tickets: \$40, Contact Marilyn at 218-724-5078.

New Member Class

• **November 18, 11:30am-1pm**
Learn more about our congregation, our ministries, and about the United Methodist Church. This is the only class required for those interested in joining FUMC. Childcare and snacks are provided. Sign up in the Narthex for upcoming classes.

Save the Dates

Nov. 3	UMW Craft and Bake Sale, 9am-2:30pm
Nov. 4	Dementia Forum 11:30am-12:30pm, Lakeview Social Hall
Nov. 6	Election Day
Nov. 16	Silent Film <i>For Heaven's Sake</i> , 7pm
Nov. 20	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7pm at FUMC

Wednesday Night Dinner

The schedule for the Wednesday night meals follows. Any church group is welcome to prepare and host a meal; just sign up in the church office or contact Mike Donahue at 879-3456 or mpcmdonahue@msn.com. December 12 is in need of a host group, and there are many open dates for 2019.

November 7	Finance Committee
November 14	2 X 2's (Potato Bar)
November 21	No Meal, Thanksgiving Eve
November 28	Sustainability Committee (Pizza Night!)

Capital Campaign Update

The Dinner/Auction fundraiser was a success and raised an additional \$7,500. We are very close to completing the fundraising portion of the campaign. Please study your recent giving statements, and if corrections are needed, please let Anne Gustafson know. She is making every effort to clean up giving records. The Capital Campaign pledges were made to be completed by Dec. 31, 2018. Thank you to everyone who has given and participated in this campaign! If there's a balance remaining on your Capital Campaign pledge, we hope you will be able to finish it by December 31. If you need to stretch into 2019, please know we will be happy to receive it in 2019. Projects: We will be reviewing various approaches to address the upper triangular windows and hope to have a plan for 2019. The parking lot project will be completed in 2019. The estimates for the parking lot have been much higher than estimated 3 years ago. The FUMC Foundation has pledged a major gift to this project. The Administrative Council has designated FUMC's proceeds from the sale of Lester Park be directed to the Trustees and the Capital Campaign for building repairs and updates. The closing date is getting closer and may happen in November. Watch for a more detailed capital campaign report in the December First Family.

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COPPERTOP CRAFT & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 230 E SKYLINE PARKWAY, DULUTH

BAKERY

GOURMET FOODS

BOOK SALE

OVER 60 AREA CRAFTERS OFFERING HANDMADE GIFTS
Jewelry • Woodcraft • Stained Glass • Soaps & Candles
Hats & Mittens • Home Décor • Linens • Doll & Baby Clothes • Much More!

Warm Cinnamon Rolls at 9:00
Nam Lee's Egg Rolls
Sloppy Joe Lunch begins at 11:00

Park at MNDOT and enjoy our free shuttle service!
Brought to you by the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church
All proceeds benefit ministries to women and children in Duluth and worldwide
For more information, please
Call the church office at 727-5021

Upcoming Holiday Concerts and Special Music Services

Friends of the Felgemaker

Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 2, 3pm, Sacred Heart Music Center, 201 W. 4th St., Duluth. This concert features talented young musicians from our community, including our own Class Ring handbell ensemble and young organists playing the Felgemaker pipe organ.

Twin Ports Wind Orchestra's

Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 9 at 7pm, First United Methodist Church. The brass from the TPWO will present a holiday concert called "Happy Holidays from Around the World." FUMC member Dr. Mark Whitlock directs.

Arrowhead Chorale Concert with

Strikepoint, Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 16 at 3pm, The Duluth Depot Great Hall. The Arrowhead Chorale teams up with Strikepoint for a holiday concert called "Holiday Traditions: A Scandinavian Christmas."

Lessons and Carols Service,

Sunday, December 16, 10am worship service at First United Methodist Church. The story of Christ's birth will be told through scripture readings and music offered by FUMC's Sanctuary Choir, Tapestry, and Cast in Bronze, as well as a variety of instruments.



From Our Faith Community Nurse

Yes, singing Happy Birthday twice when washing your hands with soap and water is about the right amount of time to reduce your chances of getting all sorts of illnesses. And at this time of year, we are most concerned with prevention of the flu.

Influenza is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by flu viruses. These viruses constantly change and induce illness that can lead to death. Each year the vaccines are changed to help match what virus may cause the next round of flu.

Flu vaccinations are the best way to protect yourself and your children. Everyone six months and older should receive the vaccine. Many children and adults have health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, chronic lung problems, heart disease, weak immune systems (which can be caused by cancer treatment), etc., which puts them in a high risk category for developing more severe illness if they should contract the flu.

Therefore, getting vaccinated can help protect not only your children and other family members but other children and adults whose health may be compromised.

There are some people who should not get the vaccine; if you have any severe, life-threatening allergies or if you have ever had Guillain-Barre Syndrome. If you don't feel well, get your vaccination later.

Flu symptoms can include cough, fever, sore throat, headache, chills, stuffy nose, vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, and not wanting to get out of bed.

Flu can be spread by sneezing, coughing, or touching droplets of flu virus and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Remember to catch your cough in your elbow or use a tissue that can be thrown away, then wash your hands. Please remember, if you are feeling like you have the flu, stay home, rest, and drink water. Call your health provider, as an antiviral drug could be given to prevent serious complications like pneumonia. These drugs work best when given as early as two days into the illness. Children and women who are pregnant can take antivirals for the flu. (Please remember that antivirals are not antibiotics.)

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If you do get the flu, you should not return to work or school until your fever *without medication* is below 100 degrees.

The time is now to get your vaccinations. Do yourself a favor and others around you. Blessings, ~Linda Wiig

For Heaven's Sake
1926 Silent Film

Featuring Aaron David Miller
Playing FUMC's Austin pipe organ



Friday, November 16
7:00pm
First United Methodist Church
(the Coppertop)
230 E Skyline Parkway

\$15 Adults • \$10 Students (ages 13-18) • \$5 Children
Co-sponsored by First United Methodist Church and the
Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Silent Film Showing at FUMC



On Friday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church and the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Harold Lloyd's silent film *For Heaven's Sake*, accompanied on First United Methodist's pipe organ by world-renowned concert organist Aaron David Miller.

This 1926 comedy stars well-known silent film actor Harold Lloyd. Lloyd ranks alongside Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton as one of the most popular and influential film comedians of the silent film era. *For Heaven's Sake* was one of Lloyd's most successful films and the 12th highest-grossing film of the silent era.

Organist Aaron David Miller will be improvising a soundtrack on First United Methodist's 55-rank Austin pipe organ. Miller is known for his highly imaginative and creative style, found in his performances, improvisations and compositions. He has been a prize winner of several prestigious competitions and his performances have taken him across the country. He is particularly known for his improvisatory skill. Jazz great Dave Brubeck states that "Aaron has one of the most vivid musical imaginations I've heard. His improvisations are nothing short of spectacular.... Any musician, classical or jazz, will find Aaron's creativity breathtaking."

Tickets may be purchased at the door. Prices are \$15 Adults; \$10 Students (ages 13-18); \$5 Children.

For more information, please contact Velda Graham Bell at (218) 727-5021 or music@fumcduluth.com

Pies for Silent Film—Just in Time for Thanksgiving

please call the church office. If you would like to help make pies any time between 10am and 2pm (no prior experience necessary), please sign up in the office or contact LeAnn House: lhouse@css.edu.

On Friday, November 16, there will be pies for sale in the Atrium before and after the showing of the silent film *For Heaven's Sake*, accompanied by our pipe organ. All proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign Organ Fund—our pipe organ's electrical components are over 50 years old and in need of replacement. There will be pumpkin, strawberry-rhubarb, rhubarb, and apple pies made fresh in our kitchen for \$15 each. If you would like to pre-order,

On Tuesday, November 20, it's the annual CHUM Pumpkin Pie Sale. Using excess pumpkin donated to the food shelf, we are raising money to buy needed items for the food shelf. There will be pumpkin pies for sale in the Atrium before and after the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**. If you would like to pre-order or volunteer to make pies (between 10 and 3pm), please call CHUM or the FUMC church office.



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Our Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays	
9:00am	High School Hangout - CW
10:00am	Worship - S
10:15 am	Sunday School - TBC, Classrooms
11:30am	Strikepoint - BR
3:30pm	T'ai Chi - LSH we
7:00pm	Eating Disorders Anonymous - Lib
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	
4:15pm	Child Care - Lower Nursery
5:00pm	JAM & PB band - TBC
5:15pm	Supper - Kitchen and LSH
5:30pm	JAM Jr. - TBC
5:30pm	Ringtones - Bell Room
5:45pm	Sanctuary Choir - EL
6:00pm	Bible Study
6:30pm	Confirmation and Youth Group - FSL
6:30pm	Tweens - 112
6:45pm	Cast in Bronze - Bell Room
7:30pm	Tapestry - Sanctuary
7:45pm	Class Ring - Bell Room
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

This calendar includes only those events open to church members or the general public. Other events are scheduled in the building, but not listed.

Saturdays	
9:00am	T'ai Chi - LSH we
One Time & Day by Day	
Thursday, Nov 1	
5:15pm	Trustees - FSL
Friday, Nov 2	
7:00pm	Parents Time Out at Bent Paddle
Sat, Nov 3	
9:00am	Craft & Bake Sale
Sunday, Nov 4	
11:30am	Homebound Communion Dementia Forum - LSH
Tuesday, Nov 6	
10:00am	Election Day
6:00pm	Writers Group - Lib "Walk on Water" Book Study - FSL
Tuesday, Nov 7	
9:30am	UMW Board Meeting - Lib
Thursday, Nov 8	
1:00pm	Deborah Circle - FSL
6:30pm	Amateur Radio Operators -LSH
Monday, Nov 12	
7:00pm	Priscilla Circle - FSL
Tuesday, Nov 13	
10:00am	Writers Group - Lib
2:00pm	Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL
6:00pm	"Walk on Water" Bible Study - EL
Wed, Nov 14	
9:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL

Thurs, Nov 15	
4:00pm	Give to the Max Day
6:00pm	Ruby's Pantry Blue Star Mothers - FSL
Friday, Nov 16	
7:00pm	"For Heaven's Sake" Silent Film -S
Sunday, Nov 18	
11:30am	New Member Class - FSL
Monday, Nov 19	
10:00am	Rachel Circle - FSL
Tuesday, Nov 20	
7:00pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service -S
Wednesday, Nov 21	
9:00am	Scrabble - Lib
9:30am	Naomi Circle - FSL
Thursday, Nov 22	
	Thanksgiving, church closed
Monday, Nov 26	
5:30pm	Ruby's Pantry Steering Committee - FSL
6:30pm	Duluth Monarch Buddies - Lib
Tuesday, Nov 27	
2:00pm	Loud Laughing Ladies - FSL
6:00pm	Quilters Guild - LSH

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