



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.

June 2019

**There is SO much going on
this summer!**

**Here are a few of the
exciting events you can
find at FUMC**

Outdoor Summer Worship

Strikepoint Concerts

Rhubarb Festival

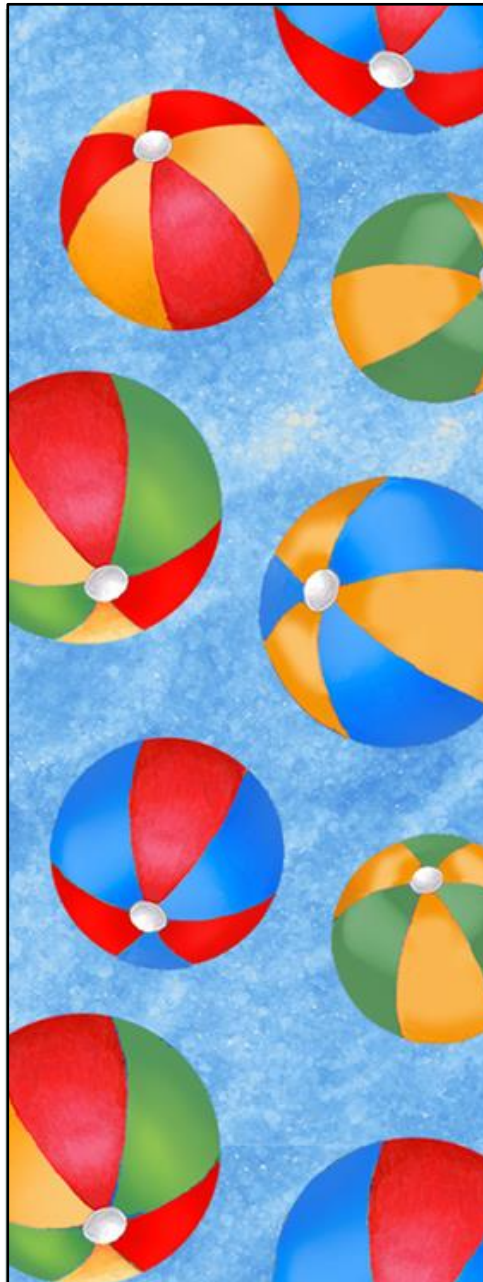
Special Music

Mission Trip

Gardening

Day Camp

Softball



**First United
Methodist Church**

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Our First Family

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

High School:

Grant Goodlet, Riley Hinnenkamp, Andrew Hulst, Rebecca Miles, Rowen Racette, Ryan Smitke, Will Smyth, KC Snyder, Noelle Stellmaker, Landen Villeneuve, Kiah Walker

College:

Jenny Sherren, Caleigh Cain, Breanna Ellison, Everett Groves, Linn Montavon, Alex Trewatha

Volunteers Are Love in Motion!

Thank You! to the supporters and volunteers of the Spring Roast Beef Dinner.

The roast beef was consumed by 780 guests in 2 ½ hours, 450 in the drive-thru and 330 in the dine-in. (Last fall 877 guests.) It's difficult to compare to last spring, as that was the day of the Husky Refinery explosion in Superior.

Thank you also to the 186 volunteers for working the cookie day, the apple crisp day, and the dinner day. For just the dinner day, there were 141 wonderful volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your prayerful and financial support. This volunteer number is record-breaking!

We also had 24 energetic students from Denfeld and Marshall School helping us as they received community service hours for working with nonprofits.

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On the Journey With You

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the past three years, it has been my joy to work in a very part-time capacity at First UMC – the Coppertop—serving in my deacon's secondary appointment as required by our United Methodist Discipline. My role has been primarily to assist in the leadership transition process between Rev. David Bard's departure in 2016, through the interim time of Rev. Rick Fossum's assignment among us, and the arrival of Rev. Jeanine Alexander in 2017.

Now, nearly two years into Pastor Jeanine's tenure with us, it is clear that the time has come for me to renegotiate this secondary appointment and step back from my weekly responsibilities at FUMC. This shift has been in the planning stages for several months, and has been completed in collaboration with Pastor Jeanine and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. As of July 1, I will no longer be a paid staff member and will fulfill my secondary appointment duties on a volunteer basis. Per the renegotiation agreement with the SPRC, I will continue with some teaching and preaching but on a reduced scale, and I will not keep regular office hours or be in worship leadership each week. This will allow me to be more present in my primary appointment as chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Superior while still keeping me well connected at FUMC.

I have an enormous amount of confidence in the leadership of our congregation. Besides Pastor Jeanine, we have very capable lay leaders in Cindy Hedlund and Jim Wheeler, and our skilled Council chairs Chuck Campbell and Scott Hedlund are also deeply committed to the mission of this church. This core leadership team, along with the chairpersons of all of our committees and work teams, demonstrate steadfast commitment to bring hope and healing from the skyline. In addition, we have an outstanding staff

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of both ordained clergy and lay persons who are extremely adept at their professional responsibilities. We are in extremely good hands.

I continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways this congregation – all of you! – have supported me on my journey into this second career of ministry. What started as a tiny seed planted nearly twenty years ago has taken me in a new direction that has proven to be fulfilling beyond my wildest dreams. You all have nurtured that seed in ways big and small, and your kindness will always be part of my story – a great gift, indeed.

Soli Deo Gloria!

~Rev. MaryAnne Korsch,
Deacon, FUMC

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The expenses increased this spring. The cost of the beef was 23¢ more per pound than last fall. FYI: 641 lbs. of beef (30 roasts) were delivered, compared to 627 lbs. (30 roasts) last fall. The cost of apples went up 5¢ per bushel. The advertising cost increased as well. The total profit was \$4,768.80 for church ministries.

What is priceless is the offering of the warmth and hospitality to the community, the outreach we all experience, and the opportunity to do something important together while we strengthen our relationships.

We thank God every day for all of you and the gifts you so graciously give to the church community.

You are loved and appreciated!
~Cindy and Scott Hedlund

Family News

Day Camp Counselors Needed for July 15-18

Want to make a difference in a young person's life? Join the team of youth counselors for Adventure Day Camp at Boy Scout Landing or Vacation Bible School at the Coppertop. Monday-Thursday, 9-3pm, you will guide kids around camp to the different stations: games, crafts, swimming, stories, and canoeing. This is a great opportunity to serve, make a difference, grow in your own faith, and hang with friends.

There is a mandatory training session on Sunday evening, July 14. CPR training included!

Contact: Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, pastorcynthiac@gmail.com, 218-260-3114

Mission Trip – June 26-28

Youth and friends entering 7th grade and up are invited to go on a mission trip to Minneapolis to participate in a variety of service projects related to poverty and homelessness. We will also find some fun things to do. What a great opportunity to grow in your faith, deepen friendships, and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cost is \$125, with fundraisers to help.

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, June 9!

Contact: Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, pastorcynthiac@gmail.com, 218-260-3114

It's United Methodist Adventure Day Camp Time Again...

And We Want YOU to Join Us!

When: Monday-Thursday, **July 15-18**

Where: Horace Johnson Boy Scout Camp, Island Lake (Busing is provided)

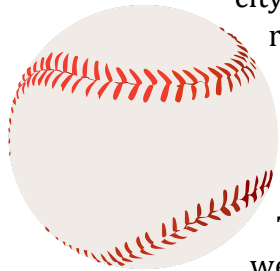
Camp is for youth who have completed Kindergarten through 7th grade. Pick up your registration form from the church office, or contact Julie Manisto, Co-Chair, at 218-393-0179 or julsmanisto@aol.com, to have a registration form mailed or emailed to you. Those youth who have completed 8th grade and are interested in serving as a youth counselor should contact Rev. Joel Certa-Werner at 715-394-9608 or pastor@superiorfaithumc.org. We are also looking for adults who would like to serve in any capacity during camp; please contact Rev. Joel as well.

Extended Care (supervised play at Hillside UMC before and after camp) will again be offered this year, in the morning from 7:30-9:30am and after camp from 3:30-5:30pm.

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United Methodist Recreational Softball.

Join Methodists from across the city in a co-ed recreational family softball league. All abilities welcome! This is a ten-week league.



Games start in early June and are typically held on Tuesday evenings at Wheeler Field (near Lincoln Park Middle School). Practices are scheduled when the majority of the players are available.

Contact: Charley Korsch,
charley.korsch@gmail.com,
218-349-9190

Music During the Summer Months

Our choir, worship band, handbell ensembles, and children's music groups take a break during the summer months, but that doesn't mean that our summer services aren't filled with glorious music!

Many individuals share their talents with us by providing special musical offerings. If you would like to provide music during the summer months, please contact Music Director Velda Bell,
218-727-5021 or
music@fumcduluth.com.



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Roadside Cleanup Weather Champs



Thank you to the Roadside Cleanup Team—Lauren Carolan, Bob Krumwiede, Charley Korsch, Sarah Walker-Davis, Ava and Ella Davis, Tina Farrell, Tom and Pamela Brown, and Bill Alexander.

Even though it was 33°, windy and rainy, and the ditches were filled with water, they got the job done! Two miles of Maple Grove Road are once again beautiful.

Wednesday Outdoor Summer Worship

Weather permitting, we'll be celebrating worship outside on three Wednesday evenings this summer. Worship will begin at 6pm, followed by activities for youth at 7pm. Join us for mid-week opportunities to stay connected and grow in our faith.

- **June 12** 6pm, FUMC parking lot
- **July 10** 6pm, FUMC parking lot
- **August 21** 6pm, Park Point

Grandma's Marathon Water Station Volunteers Needed

This is for individuals and groups of all ages. Staff a water station for Grandma's Marathon to fill and set out water cups. Some volunteers will offer water cups to passing runners.

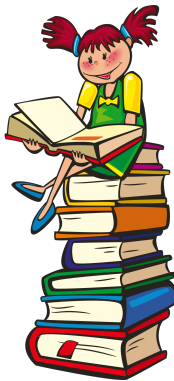
Saturday June 22, 6:30am to approximately noon
Contact: Jojo Coffin-Langdon, families@fumcduluth.com,
218-251-4388

Family Summer

Summer is around the corner! I know many of you have lots of plans of being gone camping or at the cabin. Know that your church family loves you! We have a few events I want to make sure you keep in mind.

Join us for three Tuesdays in June (11, 18, and 25) for **Story time with Jesus!** This is a great event for kids age 3 years through Kindergarten from 9:30-11:30am.

After we meet in the nursery, we will play, have a snack, read a story, be able to check out a book, do a craft, and play out on the playground! Join us!



Wednesday Outdoor Worship

June 12, 6pm, followed by an hour of fun and gathering for kids!

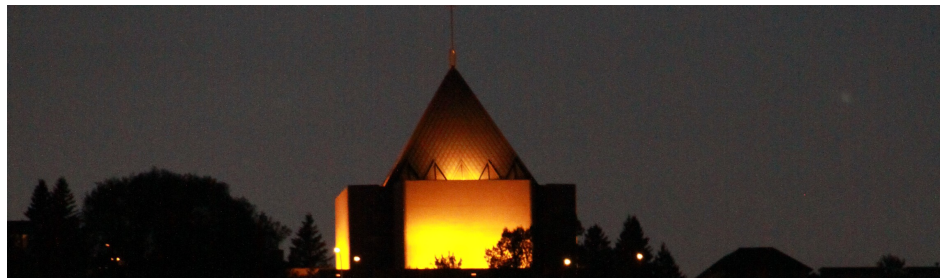
Starting June 16, **Sunday school** during worship will continue for kids 4-7 years old every other Sunday!

July 15-18 **Adventure Day Camp and Vacation Bible School (VBS)** for younger children. Sign up!

July 19, **Family Camp at Amicon**
All families, all ages invited!

Please connect with me with questions or suggestions of activities at 218-251-4388.

Living in gratitude & JOY!
~Jojo Coffin-Langdon



Church Positions Available

Deacon MaryAnne Korsch is leaving her paid staff role to move into volunteer status. So the following exciting position is opening up:

Open Position: Director of Welcome and Hospitality

- Part time: 5-10 hours/week, year-round
- Attend as many Sundays as possible and part of a week day each week (there is a lot of flexibility in when you work)
- Compensation: \$500/month

Primary Responsibilities:

- Follow up with letters, emails, and phone calls to people who visit the church
- Invite people to new member classes and attend new member classes
- Coordinate visitor lists, new member/informational folders, and new member welcome
- Help new members get engaged in the congregation
- Oversee the welcome of visitors on Sunday mornings and key special events and oversee the welcome desk
- Be the staff liaison to the hospitality team and work with them to create ways for people to feel welcome and make connections in the congregation (e.g., dinner for 8)
- Project manage special tasks with Pastor Jeanine as time allows

Requirements:

- A growing faith
- Strong interpersonal skills and relational abilities
- Strong written and oral skills
- Proven project management skills

If interested, please talk with Pastor Jeanine or send a letter of interest to her attention.

Open Position: Morning Custodian

We are looking to hire a custodian to work weekday mornings at church.

Hours: The current hours are 7-10am but there is some flexibility in that schedule. **Training is provided.**

If you're interested, please contact the Director of Operations Anne Gustafson at 727-5021 or admin@fumcduluth.com.

Summer Mowing Ministry

Do you love outdoor lawn care? Join our team of mowers, who volunteer on a rotating schedule, for weekly grass cutting and weed whacking. No experience required, but it is helpful if you have some familiarity with a riding lawnmower! The bonus is an opportunity for coffee and goodies after the work session. Contact Anne Gustafson, admin@fumcduluth.com, 218-727-5021.

Garden Care

A team of gardeners works throughout the spring, summer, and early fall to beautify our church grounds while enjoying the camaraderie of accomplishing a fun and rewarding task together. If you like putting your hands in the dirt, watering, weeding, or just being outdoors, you are welcome to join in the fun! Summer dates are as follows:

- Geranium Planting Day - June 1
- General Planting Day - June 4
- General Watering, Weeding, and Deadheading – times and frequency to be determined by need
- Fall Garden Cleanup Day - yet to be determined

Work days may need to vary based on parking lot improvements scheduled for completion this summer

Help with casual meals is also needed on these work days.

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Laura Krumwiede, lkrumwiede@chartermi.net, 218-728-5723;

Mary Giese, maryjgiese@gmail.com, 218-624-5138

From Our Faith Community Nurse

June Is National Safety Month



Injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 44. With summer coming, we are all a little more active and usually have a lot more going on: children

home from school, little ones underfoot, vacations, etc. The good news? Everyone can get involved to help prevent injuries.

Poisonings: Nine out of ten poisonings happen right at home. You can be poisoned by many things, like cleaning products or another person's medicine. Don't share your meds, and make sure they are somewhere inaccessible to children.

Transportation safety: Doing other activities while driving – like texting or eating – distracts you and increases your chance of crashing. Almost one in six crashes where someone is injured involves distracted driving.

Please remember water safety: Have properly fitting life jackets and wear them. Young children should have them on at any time they are near the water or on a dock.

Slips, trips, and falls: More than one in four older adults fall each year. Many falls lead to broken bones or head injuries. Do exercises to improve your balance and leg strength. While standing make sure you provide a solid base, i.e. stand with your feet almost shoulder width apart. If you feel dizzy, it could be from a medication you are taking, so find out about side effects and talk to your health care provider. Tai Chi, Yoga, and practicing heel-to-toe walking all help to improve balance.

Slip, Slop, Slap: Avoid those penetrating UV rays. Your skin will thank you as you age. **Slip** on a UV-protective shirt, **slop** on a broad-spectrum sunscreen (at least 30 SPF) and reapply every two hours if in water, **slap** on a hat, and wear sunglasses. Check your skin for any changes. All ethnicities can be affected by UV light and can develop skin cancer. Each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung, and colon.

Remember to stay hydrated. Water is used by your body to help your brain to think, your blood to flow, and your muscles to move. Take water with you every time you are doing physical exercise or relaxing outside in your favorite chair.

Please stay safe and take care of your body this summer!

~Linda Wiig

CHUM Rhubarb Festival

Join in the fun of making rhubarb pies, jam, and scones for CHUM's biggest fundraiser of the year! Volunteers are needed for chopping rhubarb and helping to make these tasty treats. There are signup sheets in the Narthex beginning in May.

- Monday, June 10, 1-4pm (chopping)
- Tuesday, June 11, 9am-1pm (making pies)
- Friday, June 14, 9am- pm (making jam and baking some pies)
- Tuesday, June 18, 9am-1pm (making pies)
- Monday, June 24, 1pm-4pm (chopping)
- Tuesday, June 25, 9am-1pm (making pies)
- Thursday, June 27, 9am-7pm (making/baking pies and scones)
- Friday, June 28, 9 am-noon (baking pies)

Can't Make It to General Conference June 18-20?

Connect via live streaming:

Again this year, many events from annual conference sessions will be live streamed—meaning that you can watch them in real time on your computer from anywhere.

Events live streamed include: Bishop Ough's Episcopal Address, Rev. Mark Teasdale's teaching sessions, and worship services. Visit the live streaming page on the conference website for streaming information:
www.minnesotaumc.org/2019aclivestreaming

Strikepoint Collaborative Concert,

Strikepoint, our concert handbell ensemble, and Bells of the Lakes, from Minneapolis, are preparing a joint venture. These two nationally renowned handbell ensembles were invited to play this prestigious closing concert for this year's National Handbell Directors Seminar in St. Louis, MO. The groups will be playing pieces custom-designed for two ensembles but will also play individually. The theme for the concert is water. Oh, the possibilities! Two sneak-peek concerts will be presented, the first in Duluth at FUMC on Saturday, **June 15, at 7pm**. The second will be at Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church in Minneapolis on Sunday, **June 16 at 4pm**.

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present

Shall We Gather?:
a collaborative handbell concert

Saturday, June 15 • 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
230 E. Skyline Parkway • Duluth

Sunday, June 16 • 4 pm
Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
511 Groveland Avenue • Minneapolis

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Our Regular Weekly 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

10:00am Worship - S
10:15am Sunday School - TBC, Classrooms
Every other week beginning 6/16
11:30am Strikepoint - BR
3:30pm T'ai Chi - 104
7:00pm Eating Disorders Anonymous - Lib

Mondays

Noon Gamblers Anonymous - Lib
3:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
5:00pm Downbeats - EL
7:00pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC

Tuesdays

5:00pm T'ai Chi - 104
6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - Lib
6:00pm Mama Yoga - TBC

Thursdays

9:00am Faithfully Fit - EL
6:00pm T'ai Chi - 104

Fridays

8:00am Men's Study Group - FSL
9:00am Alcoholics Anonymous - TBC

Saturdays

9:00am T'ai Chi - 104

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

One Time & Day by Day

Saturday, June 1

9:00am Geranium Planting Day

Sunday, June 2

11:30am New Members Class - FSL
12:30pm Donahue Recital - S

Tuesday, June 4

9:00am Planting Day
10:00am Writers Group - Lib
5:30pm Hospitality - FSL

Thursday, June 6

5:15pm Trustees - FSL

Saturday, June 8

10:00am Monarch Festival

Sunday, June 9

11:30am Sustainability - Lib

Monday, June 10

1:00pm Rhubarb Chopping - K

Tuesday, June 11

9:00am Rhubarb Pies - K
9:30am Story Time with Jesus - 106 & Lib
10:00am Writers Group - Lib
5:30pm Hospitality - FSL
5:30pm SPRC - Lib

Wednesday, June 12

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL
6:00pm Summer Worship - Parking Lot
7:00pm Youth & Kids' Activities

Thursday, June 13

6:30pm Amateur Radio Operators - LSH

Friday, June 14

9:00am Rhubarb Jam & Pies - K

Saturday, June 15

7:00pm Strikepoint Concert - S

Tuesday, June 18

9:00am Rhubarb Pies - K
9:30am Story Time with Jesus - 106 & Lib

Thursday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 22

6:30am Grandma's Marathon Water Station

Monday, June 24

1:00pm Rhubarb Chopping - K
5:30pm Ruby's Pantry Steering Committee Meeting - FSL

Tuesday, June 25

9:00am Rhubarb Pies - K
9:30am Story Time with Jesus - 106 & Lib
6:00pm Quilters Guild - LSH

Thursday, June 27

9:00am Rhubarb Pies & Scones - K
5:30pm Finance Committee - Lib

Friday, June 28

9:00am Rhubarb Pies - K
6:00pm Bard/ White Rehearsal - S

Saturday, June 29

3:00pm Bard/ White Wedding - S

S	Sanctuary
CW	Club Wesley
BR	Bell Room
Lib	Library
TBC	Three Brothers Chapel
EL	East Lounge
LSH	Lakeview Social Hall
FSL	Fireside Lounge