



# 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.

December 2019



**First United  
Methodist  
Church**

230 E. Skyline Parkway  
Duluth, MN 55811  
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Always a lot to  
do in December  
at FUNC!

Strikepoint & Friends: A Bell Noël  
Holiday Concert, 12/7 at 7pm

Christmas Pageant & All-Church Potluck  
and Caroling, 12/8 at 10am

Festival of Lessons and Carols, 12/15, 10am

Christmas Eve Services: • Family Service,  
4pm, • Candlelight Service, 10pm

Faith Forum 12/1 and 12/8 at 9am



# On the Journey With You

## Our First Family

**Thank you** is a very simple way of expressing how UMW feels about the support we get from FUMC when we do the annual Craft, Book, and Bake Sale. A Blessing is another way to say how much we appreciate your support each time we experience the success of the day. Without your help, the day would not have occurred, as we could not do this major event alone. All of the bills have not been accounted for, but we are looking at a profit close to \$5,000. All this money all goes back to our community to support our mission to women, children, and youth. Thank you for blessing us each year with your dependable support.

*~UMW Executive Board*

**Congratulations!** to Ben Hintzman on earning his Eagle Scout Award. His Eagle Scout project included a garbage and recycling bin and two benches for the Village of Superior park.



This year 13 members of our congregation have finished their earthly journey, and we so miss their earthly presence. Many among us have lost loved ones this past year, and this will be the first Christmas without them. The world itself feels divisive, and there is much fear and unrest. As we come to the peace and joy and light of the Christmas season, some of us are feeling unease, sadness, and darkness. Rev. MaryAnne, music director Velda, and I want to help you reflect, honor the memory of your loved one, seek peace and wholeness, and have a special touch of Christ's presence which can bring light to our souls.

**We will be offering a "Blue Christmas" worship service on Sunday, December 22nd at 4pm in our chapel. Blue as in "I am feeling blue."** Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations can make the holiday season hard and even painful for many people in our congregations and communities. The service will be reflective, accepting you where you really are and holding out hope and healing.

If this is something your spirit needs, please come. Invite others who need this, and attend with them. May God use this service to bring light and hope to many who need it.

*On the journey with you, ~Pastor Jeanine*

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# Estimates of Giving

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their estimates of giving for 2020. It really helps us plan for the ministry and mission of our congregation for the upcoming year. Doesn't giving feel good? We are never more like God than when we give. Our children were given five-dollar bills to help and bless others. We're looking forward to hearing what they do with it. If you haven't turned in your estimate of giving yet, please do so as soon as you can. You can put them in the offering plate or mail/bring them to the church office. If you did not get a pledge card sent to you, you can pick those up at the church office, too.

# Christmas Pageant Special Music

Children and youth are welcome to share a piece of music during the prelude time before our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 8. If you have a song, piano piece, or other instrumental piece that you've been working on and would like to share with our congregation, please contact Cynthia Coffin-Langdon at 218-260-3114 or [pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com).

# Faith Forum

Faith Forum meets at 9am, Sunday mornings, in the Fireside Lounge. If you have an idea for an interesting topic, talk with Pastor Jeanine. Join us as often as you can! **December 1:** Mission Trip Overseas, Gina Diaz; **December 8:** Upcoming Domestic Air Travel Security Requirements, Tom Wiig.

# Family News

## Bentleyville and Gift-Wrapping Service Project

Fourth-12th graders, you are invited to an afternoon/evening of service and fun. On Sunday, December 22, from 3-5pm, we will wrap gifts for families at Harbor House Shelter in Superior, WI, and eat dinner together. Then at 5pm we will head to Bentleyville to see the lights. Parent pick-up is at 7pm. If you want to go, sign up at the church or email/text Cynthia (218-260-3114, [pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com)) by Wednesday, December 18. We will also need parents to help drive—let Cynthia know if you can help!

## Let's Go Caroling!

All ages are invited to go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 8 after church. Bring food to share for a potluck lunch at church after worship; we will head to Viewcrest Health Center at 12:30pm and then to Benedictine Health Care Center at 1pm. Wanna bake some cookies to share with the residents? Sign up at church please! See Cynthia or Jojo Coffin-Langdon with any questions.  
~Rev. Cynthia

## Children's Ministry:

**December 7 10am-12pm** Pageant practice & and birthday party for Jesus! Kids will pick out costumes, practice for the play, and have birthday cake. Parents need not stay for the rehearsal.

### December 8

Pageant (invite your grandparents to church!) Followed by all-church potluck and caroling! Children are needed!

**February 28-29** All Church Winter Family Camp. Cost is \$40 per person. Payment and registration are due February 18. Sign up in the Narthex.

For more information, contact Jojo Cofin-Langdon, 218-251-4388.



## Blood Drive!

Volunteer for the Blood Drive!  
Tuesday, December 3, 2:30-6pm  
FUMC

Contact: Linda Wiig: 218-727-5021

## Welcome Center



## New Members

Brian, Jolene, Adelynn, and Brooke Larson:

**Brian** is a Duluth native who enjoys golfing, playing with his pup, Bodee, and family time at the camper.

**Jolene** loves spending time with friends and family and enjoys camping, hiking, and scrapbooking.

**Adelynn** is eight years old and loves to play sports (basketball is her favorite). She enjoys church, camping, and exploring state parks.

**Brooke** is seven years old and loves cooking and baking (especially with her Dad), and enjoys doing arts and crafts, swimming, and swinging!

### Mary Carr

Three things about me: I enjoy hiking and exploring up the North Shore. I am looking forward to retirement in the next few years and then will have more time to explore! I am very happy to be joining the Coppertop Church and look forward to meeting church members.

### Faye Youngren

I grew up in a Minneapolis United Methodist church, and I'm returning to those roots 40 years later. My youngest daughter settled here with her family, and I was free, so I moved to Duluth in 2018. Being a larger part of my grandchildren's lives is a blessing. I love exploring Duluth. Often I simply find joy at home with a good book and a warm dog in my lap.

## Sustainability

### Have a Merry Little "Green" Christmas

Having a sustainable or earth-friendly Christmas doesn't mean taking the fun out of Christmas; it means planning purposefully. There are many ways to have a sustainable Christmas: Being mindful of gifts, parties, decorations, and using card exchanges can make a difference. Attending Christmas Eve services is the most fun part of Christmas for me... and it's sustainable.



The time between Halloween and the New Year is the most wasteful time of the year: 25 million tons of extra garbage are thrown out during this period. I try to prevent all that garbage by "pre-cycling." I avoid purchasing items that contain excess packaging or are "one-time-use." There is a big debate over which is more sustainable: an artificial tree or a real tree. I'll let you do your own research but I have an artificial tree purchased at a thrift shop and we've been using it for 25 years.

Twenty-three years ago, Rebecca and I had an "Old Fashioned Christmas," and now that I revisit that time, I realize how sustainable it was. We purchased gently-used gifts from a thrift store and wrapped them in brown paper grocery bags, which we decorated. To one of my friends, a birdwatcher, I gave a bird book (it turned out to be a sought-after birding book!). Know the persons you're gifting and how they might react to a thrift shop gift. Discover what your loved ones need for it to feel like Christmas. My father had to have lutefisk and oyster stew. My daughter loves the anticipation. She needs something in a stocking on Christmas morning.

Here's how I plan a sustainable Christmas:

- Set my intention
- Think about decorations
- Think ahead about food
- Plan how I will serve food
- Think ahead about low-waste gifts
- Plan how I will recycle or dispose of extra waste after Christmas
- Don't forget about composting

Need more specifics? I will happily visit with you.

~Naomi Yaeger, Earthkeeper, UMC  
[sun\\_dog\\_press@yahoo.com](mailto:sun_dog_press@yahoo.com) or 218-591-5277.

# Music Notes – *There Is Joy to Be Shared Through Music!*–

## Christmas at The Coppertop!

As we move into the beautiful and meaningful seasons of Advent and Christmas, I'm reminded of music's ability to touch our hearts. Music can often express ideas and events that the spoken word just can't quite convey. It can bring alive the Christmas story, and we can more fully experience such moments as Mary's amazement during the angel Gabriel's announcement to her and the shepherds' glee in running to see the baby Jesus. I hope our musical offerings during this holiday time will touch your heart and make this season come alive for you.

### **Strikepoint & Friends: A Bell Noël Holiday Concert**

Saturday, December 7, 7pm, adults \$20.

Invite your friends and neighbors for an evening of holiday cheer and seasonal music given by our own Strikepoint handbell ensemble. Kick off the holiday season with Strikepoint's trademark variety of festive music!

### **Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 15, 10am**

You don't want to miss our annual Lessons and Carols service, held during our morning worship service on December 15. This very special service tells the story of Christ's birth through Scripture readings and music offered by First UMC's Sanctuary Choir, Class Ring handbell ensemble, strings, flute, piano, and organ.

### **Twin Ports Wind Orchestra's Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 15, 7pm**

Please join the Twin Ports Wind Orchestra Brass and friends for a concert of inspiring seasonal favorites, warmth, and good cheer. Held in our Sanctuary and conducted by First UMC's Dr. Mark Whitlock, the TPWO brass section will perform a variety of your favorite Christmas music. While they could give you the names of all the pieces they will be doing, that would be like opening your gifts before Christmas! You'll just have to come and be surprised and inspired by their music.

## New Choral Scholar Program

The music program at First UMC is initiating a Choral Scholar Program funded by the Carol Donahue Scholarship Fund. We expect the Choral Scholar to attend the choir's weekly Wednesday rehearsals, as well as sing with the choir for Sunday morning services and special services. Depending on the Choral Scholar's interests and abilities, there will be opportunities to lead sectional rehearsals, conduct selected anthems, lead vocal warm-ups, and sing solos. There will be an honorarium of \$100 per month. If you or someone you know might be interested in this opportunity, please have them contact Velda Bell at [music@fumcduluth.com](mailto:music@fumcduluth.com) or 218-727-5021. The Choral Scholar will be selected by Mike Goodlet and Velda Bell, with priority given to college students majoring in music.

~ Velda Graham Bell, Director of Music Ministries/Organist



## Save the Date

The All-Church Winter Family Camp will be on February 28-29. The cost per person is \$40 with payment and registration due by February 18. Please sign up in the Narthex.

## Extollers

If you have ever been in FUMC's Handbell Program and will be in town on Christmas Eve, you are invited to Extollers, our reunion handbell ensemble. There will be a single rehearsal from 9:30-11am. We will then play for the 10pm Candlelight Service that evening.

If you are interested (and we hope you are), contact Bill Alexander, [bill@strikepoint.com](mailto:bill@strikepoint.com), to reserve a spot.



2018 Extollers

## Loud Laughing Ladies Booklist Now Online

Looking for a good book suggestion? Wish you could join the Loud Laughing Ladies book club but it doesn't work for your schedule? You can keep up with what the group is reading by checking the church website. Go to [www.fumcduluth.com](http://www.fumcduluth.com), choose "Adult Groups" on the Ministries dropdown menu, and scroll to Loud Laughing Ladies under "Women's Groups." The booklist shows the wide variety of fiction and nonfiction that has been read over the years. Check here for your next good read!



## Beva Lee DeGriselles Wunderlich July 23, 1929–November 17, 2019

Beva Lee, daughter of Franklin Lee and Byrdella DeGriselles, was born and raised in Pipestone, Minnesota. Growing up on the

family farm, Beva Lee learned to drive before many of the boys in her grade in a non-synchronized manual transmission truck; therefore her father would give her the keys when she was to go on an outing or date, as he considered her to be the safest driver of her peers.

She attended Hamline College and graduated from the University of Minnesota, obtaining a masters degree in education. She married Robert (Bob) Milton Wunderlich in 1952 and is survived by one brother, five children, and nine grandchildren.

Beva Lee started married life as a Navy wife in New London, Connecticut, and after a year there, moved to Duluth, Minnesota. After a number of years raising children, she began a professional life, initially teaching at UMD and subsequently teaching family life education in the Duluth public school system for more than 25 years. During this time she took a leave of absence to serve in the Peace Corps in Botswana. After serving her two years, she was invited by the Ministry of Education in Botswana to remain an additional year and help organize educational programming for the Botswana government.

Beva Lee was involved in First United Methodist Church from 1954 up until her death. She and Bob, along with Diane and Bob Bean "and a few others," were intricately involved in the imagination and implementation that led to the construction of the Coppertop. Also of critical importance to her was the extensive community outreach in which First United Methodist has always been involved—early examples were Dr. E. Jerry Walker (FUMC) and Rev. Jim Price (Calvary Baptist Church) trading pulpits, and both churches having joint summer community picnics.

Beva Lee was an avid collector of knowledge, including first-hand experience and story-gathering which she practiced through world travel. She continued her travels through her entire life, some for leisure and some with organizations such as World Women in Agriculture, all while holding dear many friendships on many continents. She had plans to travel to the East Coast for the 2019 Christmas holiday.

As it turns out, we were happily able to celebrate Beva Lee and Diane's 90th birthdays together this past summer, which will be a precious memory.

There will be a celebration of life on the weekend of July 25-26, 2020, for both church and family.

## Downbeats Holiday Concert

On Thursday, December 12 at 7pm, the Downbeats will present a fun and uplifting concert of holiday music, featuring several members of the FUMC congregation.

## College of St. Scholastica Choirs

The CSS Choirs' "O Holy Night" concert will be held on Friday, December 13, and Saturday, December 14, both at 7:30pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, 2801 E. 4th St. Tickets are \$15, available online at [css.edu](http://css.edu) or at the door. A freewill offering will be collected for the Steve O'Neil Apartments.

## *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

Sony Pictures invited Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church to produce the faith-based study guide to accompany the movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. The film stars Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys. The discussion guide, which was written by staff from the Strategic Programming unit and the Office of Communications of Discipleship Ministries, is designed to help groups learn to process feelings, understand forgiveness, talk about hard things, seek reconciliation, and practice positive spiritual discipline.

The discussion guide, as well as a trailer for the film, is available on the film's website at: [resources.abeautifulday.movie](http://resources.abeautifulday.movie).

## Mission and Social Justice

### CHUM Assembly

It gives me great pleasure to let you know that our Fall Assembly, on November 21, was a huge success and was hosted by Hope United Methodist Church.

#### **This year, we focused on the Steve O'Neil Apartments.**

The Steve O'Neil Apartments are making an enormous difference in the lives of the families, and especially the children who live there. The Apartments would not be possible without CHUM. This was a chance to let everyone know the fruits of our collective investment, generosity, and hard work. Thank you to your entire congregation!

Literally thousands of people have helped make the Apartments possible. If you still wish to help, follow the link below to find additional information and an additional opportunity to give.

<https://forms.gle/47EVURFwjS4YZfLh9>

Thank you for all you do for Duluth!

~Lee Stuart

CHUM Executive Director



The Steve O'Neil Apartments, 115 W 4th Street in Duluth's Central Hillside.



# FUMC Christmas Wreaths and Swags

Order your Christmas wreaths and swags at the table in the Narthex. Wreaths and swags are \$25 each and can be picked up after church on Sundays from November 24 through December 15. All proceeds from the sales will go to the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund, which provides music scholarships to youth 12-18 years old.



**First United Methodist Church**  
**230 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN**



## CHRISTMAS WREATH AND SWAG ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Round Wreath (22 Inch diameter) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Door Swag (27 inches long) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check (Circle)**

**Wreath Pick-up Dates: Sunday, November 24, 11:15am—12pm**

**Sunday, December 1, 8, and 15, 11:15am—12pm**

*All proceeds to Carol Donahue Music Scholarship Fund of First United Methodist Church. Contact: 727-5021 Return order to church office.*

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### Receipt order form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check (Circle)

Wreath: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Swag: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact number: 727-5021 *Return order form to the church office.*

## United Methodists decry "red-tagging" of church council

By Gladys P. Mangiduyos

Nov. 15, 2019 | MANILA, Philippines (UM News)

United Methodists are defending The National Council of Churches in the Philippines after the organization was labeled as a "front organization of local communist terrorist groups" by the Department of National Defense of the Philippine Government.

The Philippine council was among 18 organizations "red-tagged" during a congressional briefing Nov. 5. The list was presented by Major General Ruben Basiao, deputy chief of staff for intelligence for the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines is an ecumenical fellowship of mainline Protestants, of which The United Methodist Church in the Philippines is a member. Its main mission is "to be a channel for united witness and common action by being in solidarity with the people in the struggle for justice, peace and integrity of creation." United Methodist Bishop Rodolfo A. Juan of the Davao Area, who currently serves as vice chair of the National Council of Churches, lamented the labeling. "I am bent on defending the council, which I believe is faithfully carrying out its prophetic role to proclaim the truth," he said. "On behalf of The United Methodist Church, I urge faithful disciples to stand firm during these trying times. We will continue to be a check and balance of the government."

The United Methodist Church in the Philippines has condemned extrajudicial killings and other human rights abuses in the country, as well as protesting the treatment of indigenous people. The church has worked both alone and through ecumenical groups like the National Council of Churches.

United Methodists joined thousands of interfaith participants rallying in February to call attention to human rights violations. A district superintendent and pastor said police intimidated and threatened them for offering sanctuary to human rights workers at Dangay 3000 United Methodist Church in Roxas, Philippines.

In addition, the church offered shelter to farmers in 2016 after Philippine government security forces fired on the farmers' peaceful demonstration for rice. Bishop Ciriaco Q. Francisco, who was at the time leader of the Davao Episcopal Area, opened the Spottswood Methodist Mission Center to the starving families. That action put him in danger, and he was threatened with arrest.

Last week the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA released a statement in support of the Philippines council. "We stand by our NCCP sisters and brothers, and pledge to remain vigilant on behalf of their safety and security and to raise our voices on their behalf."

The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries also released a statement standing in solidarity with the council, "as it withstands yet

another attempt to discredit its prophetic witness."

The statement noted that, "This tactic has been employed previously against persons and organizations that dare to protest the indiscriminate killings of thousands in President Rodrigo Duterte's 'war against drugs.' The goal is to discredit those who dare to uphold human rights and publicize unjust actions and abuse of power, causing untold suffering, especially among the poor and the powerless in Philippine society."

The Rev. Olav Fykse Tveit, top executive of the World Council of Churches, also expressed alarm and grave concern over the allegations.

"In the context of current Philippine politics, such 'red-tagging' gives a green light to harassment and deadly attacks against those listed," Tveit said. He appealed to the Philippine government, "to end the war on drugs, to take measures to hold accountable those who have carried out extra judicial killings, and to respect and protect the human rights and equal God-given dignity of all people in the Philippines."

To read the entire article, go to <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/budgeting-for-an-uncertain-future?>

**Gladys Mangiduyos**

is a communicator from the Philippines.



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# From Our Faith Community Nurse

## Faith Community Nursing in the Ukraine

Peace to all! Since the Ukraine is in the forefront these days, I thought I'd share some information about Faith Community Nursing (FCN) in the Ukraine from a recent article in the *Journal of Christian Nursing*, April/June 2019, written by Mary Martin and Pam D'Andre. Pam is an FCN coordinator to the Ukraine who moved to Kiev in 2001. She is there through an ongoing partnership between the Association for Christian Nurses and Volunteers Welfare Organization.

As we know Ukraine is a country in turmoil since they became an independent country after the fall of communism in 1991. This country has endured many invasions and war and corruption. The country was known as the Breadbasket of Europe and produced 25% of all agricultural output in the former Soviet Union. According to information from the 2009 *CIA Fact Book*, a rental room—not an apartment—rented for \$145 per month and a nurse's salary was \$177 per month. For years, money for health care was siphoned off to benefit corrupt intermediaries. Medical care was and continues to be in shambles. People have been killed and displaced due to ongoing war. But there is new hope in the election of a new leader to fight corruption and the invasion by Russia.

Functioning within this uncertain climate, Pam has managed, with the help of the aforementioned organizations and Archpriest Fr. Nicholas Ilnytsky, to train FCN and establish Bank of Hope ministries in several cities.

Pam's greatest joy is seeing teams of nurses and volunteers from different walks of life and different denominations discuss how better to serve and minister to so many marginalized people.

Hospice care is not widely accepted, as the people believe that the ill are not to be told of their illness or that they are dying. Now, through education, more and more people are accepting that dying is a part of life, and dying with dignity is to be striven for.

Upon caring for anyone, the salutations "peace to you" and "let's pray," have opened doors to help so many people in need. But there are still many who have been left behind, cast out by their families and society. Some people have not been responsive to their ministries, but through hands-on care, they continue to demonstrate how the love of Christ can provide help and serve their needs. FCN provide more hands-on care than we do in the United States. If they didn't provide that care, these people would receive no care at all.

As these nurses demonstrate, when we minister to others, we do so as if we are ministering to Jesus. As it says in Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brother, you did it to Me.'"

As we have entered Advent, let us take this to heart.

Peace be to you.

~Linda Wiig



## Strikepoint & Friends

### Present: A Bell Noël

Saturday, December 7, 7pm, FUMC

Strikepoint is beginning a new holiday tradition of a special fundraising concert on the first Saturday in December. Invite your friends and neighbors for an evening of seasonal celebration as Strikepoint is joined by Velda Graham Bell on the organ and other musical friends. Tickets will be available at the door: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age ten and under. Kick off the holiday season with Strikepoint's trademark variety of festive music!



## Carol Donahue Music Scholarship

The wreath and door swag sale will continue until December 15. This year's proceeds from the sale currently funds four youth:

Saige Mattson from FUMC, studying the French Horn; Ben Fina studying both the piano and organ, and a member of Peace Church (Duluth); Ronin Syring, a student at Ordean, studying piano; and Sam Brenner, a student of Cloquet High School studying organ, and a member of Zion Lutheran of Cloquet.

Thank you for your musical education support through the Carol Donahue Music Scholarship of FUMC.

**STRIKEPOINT**  
*& Friends*  
 present  
*A Bell Noël*  
 a holiday fundraising concert

*Saturday, December 7 at 7pm*

*First United Methodist Church*  
 230 E. Skyline Parkway ☩ Duluth, MN

*Tickets available at door*  
 Adults \$20; Children age 10 and under, \$10

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**CHRISTMAS AT THE COPPERTOP**

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**FESTIVAL OF  
 NINE  
 LESSONS  
 AND CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
**10:00 am worship service**

Discover the beauty of this traditional service of nine lessons and carols during the morning worship service at First United Methodist Church. The story of Christ's birth will be told through scripture readings and music offered by First United Methodist's Sanctuary Choir, Class Ring handbell ensemble, strings, flute, piano and organ.



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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

- 9:00am Faith Forum - FSL
- 9:00am Nursery - Rm 106
- 10:00am Worship - S
- 10:15am Sunday School - Rm 105 & 112
- 11:30am Strikepoint - BR
- 3:30pm T'ai Chi - Rm 104

#### Mondays

- Noon Gamblers Anonymous - Lib
- 3:30pm Spirit Yoga - TBC
- 5:00pm Downbeats - EL
- 5:30pm Whole Birth Yoga - TBC
- 6:30pm Sinfonia - LSH
- 8:00pm Eating Disorders Anonymous - Lib

#### Tuesdays

- 5:00pm T'ai Chi - Rm 105
- 6:00pm Gamblers Anonymous - Lib
- 6:30pm Mama Yoga - TBC

#### Wednesday Evening Activities

- 4:15pm Child Care - Rm 106
- 5:00pm JAM - TBC
- 5:15pm Dinner - LSH
- 5:30pm JAM Jr. - TBC
- 5:30pm Bible Explorers - Rm 105
- 5:30pm Ringtones - BR
- 5:45pm Sanctuary Choir - EL
- 6:30pm Tweens - Rm 112
- 6:30pm Confirmation - FSL
- 6:30pm Tapestry - S
- 6:45pm Cast in Bronze - BR
- 7:45pm Class Ring - BR

**Calendar may change—check [www.fumcduluth.com](http://www.fumcduluth.com) for updates.**

#### Thursdays

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

#### Fridays

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

#### Saturdays

- 9:00am T'ai Chi - Rm 104

### One-Time & Day-by-Day

#### Tuesday, December 3

- 10:00am Writers Group - Lib
- 2:30pm Blood Drive - Parking Lot
- 4:00pm Foundation Meeting - FSL
- 5:30pm Hospitality - FSL

#### Wednesday, December 4

- 10:00am UMW Board Meeting - Lib

#### Thursday, December 5

- 5:15pm Trustees - FSL
- 6:00pm Blue Star Mothers - EL

#### Friday, December 6

- 2:30pm Altrusa Club Cookie Event - EL

#### Saturday, December 7

- 9:00am Hmong New Year Celebration - LSH
- 10:00am Pageant Practice - S
- Birthday Party for Jesus - N
- 7:00pm Strikepoint & Friends Holiday Concert - S

#### Sunday, December 8

- 10:00am Christmas Pageant - S
- 11:30am Potluck & Caroling - LSH
- 11:30am Organ Committee Meeting - Rm 104
- 11:30am Sustainability - Lib
- 11:30am Memorial Committee Meeting - FSL

#### Monday, December 9

- 7:00pm Priscilla Circle - FSL

#### Tuesday, December 10

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

#### Wednesday, December 11

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - FSL

#### Thursday, December 12

- 6:30pm Amateur Radio Operators - S
- 7:00pm Downbeats Concert - LSH

#### Saturday, December 14

- 8:00am Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa - LSH
- 7:00pm Arrowhead Chorale Concert with Strikepoint - Depot

#### Sunday, December 15

- 10:00am Lessons & Carols Service - S
- 3:00pm Arrowhead Chorale Concert with Strikepoint - Depot
- 7:00pm Twin Ports Wind Orchestra Holiday Concert - S

#### Monday, December 16

- 10:00am Rachel Circle - FSL
- 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting - Lib

#### Tuesday, December 17

- 7:00pm Council - EL

#### Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00am Scrabble - Lib
- 9:30am Naomi Circle - FSL

#### Thursday, December 19

- 4:00pm Ruby's Pantry

#### Friday, December 20

- 3:00pm UNS Holiday Concert - LSH

#### Sunday, December 22

- 4:00pm Blue Christmas Service - TBC
- 3:00pm Youth Gift-Wrapping & Bentleyville

#### Monday, December 23

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

#### Tuesday, December 24

- 9:30am Extollers - S
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service - S
- 10:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - S

#### Wednesday, December 25

*Christmas Day—Church Closed*

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