

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 2022



**First United
Methodist Church**

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Our First Family



A gift to light the church for the week of December 11 was given by Marilew Barnidge in memory of her husband Bob. The gift will also benefit the church's groundskeeping.

A gift to light the church for the week of December 18 was given by the 2x2s in memory of Al Merry. Al's birthday would have been December 17. Their gift will also benefit the Sanctuary Choir.

A gift to light the church for the week of December 25 was given by Robert and Barbara Bennett in memory of Nancy Hansen. A part of this gift will go to the church kitchen for needed items.

All of Nancy's memorials were given by her family for kitchen items.

Strikepoint thanks you for your support during Minnesota's Give to the Max Day. Each year the amount donated grows a bit and allows Strikepoint to accomplish some things beyond their budget, such as replacing foam and covers on the Bell Room rehearsal tables. Stop by and see them!

On the Journey With You

So much has happened over the past couple of years, many hard things—COVID, impacts of racial injustice, inflation, deaths of loved ones... I'm sure you can add to this list. What a gift it is to now be able to be in person with each other to share more and more community together. What a joy it is to be able to do more and more ministry helping those in need. Later in the newsletter you will read all about our Advent/Christmas Project and the many ways you can choose to participate.

We are now in the season of Advent—the time of waiting and preparing. We spend this time preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ into our world. This season gives us special opportunity to remember how Jesus lived his life including all people... bringing justice where there was injustice... taking care of all God's creation... being in right relationship with others and with God... seeing with delight and appreciation all that God has done and is doing. And we, too, seek to live in that way, so that like Jesus we may bring light to places of darkness... to be light in the world. I look forward to journeying with you through Advent and celebrating Christmas together.

Soon we will finish the year 2022. As we do, I leave you with a poem by John O'Donohue in his book *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*. It is called "At the End of the Year."

At the End of the Year

*As this year draws to its end,
We give thanks for the gifts it brought
And how they became inlaid within
Where neither time nor tide can touch them.*

*The days when the veil lifted
And the soul could see delight;
When a quiver caressed the heart
In the sheer exuberance of being here.*

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*Surprises that came awake
In forgotten corners of old fields
Where expectation seemed to have
quenched.*

*The slow, brooding times
When all was awkward
And the wave in the mind
Pierced every sore with salt.*

*The darkened days that stopped
The confidence of the dawn.*

*Days when beloved faces shone
brighter
With light from beyond themselves;
And from the granite of some secret
sorrow
A stream of buried tears loosened.*

*We bless this year for all we learned,
For all we loved and lost
And for the quiet way it brought us
Nearer to our invisible destination.*

Let us pray:

God, thank you for this year... for all we have learned... for all we have loved and lost. Thank you for all the ways this year past has brought us closer to one another and you. Help us to quietly enter the new year, our eyes fixed on you and your ways, so that together we might better see each other and both find and offer hope and healing anew. Amen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You are loved!

~Pastor Jeanine

Second Saturday Project

CHUM's Second Saturday project will be making holiday cookies on December 10 from 9am-noon at Gloria Dei. The cookies will go to the St. Louis County Jail, Arrowhead Juvenile Center, St. Francis Apartments, CHUM Shelter, and the Warming Center. Sign up at tfaforms.com/5025428

Worship in December

December 4 – The 2nd Sunday of Advent – The gift of PEACE

December 11 – The 3rd Sunday of Advent – Our annual children's Christmas Pageant

December 18 – The 4th Sunday of Advent – Lessons and Carols with the Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, and Class Ring.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4pm in-person Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
(this service will be livestreamed and can be watched at 4pm and any time after)

10pm in-person Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10am in-person-only Christmas Day worship. There will not be a streamed option. This will give our Livestream Team a well-deserved Sunday off.

January 1, 2023 – 10am worship in-person and pre-recorded worship on YouTube

Blessing Bags

Hey church, we need YOU to donate to our blessing bags. We have two large black bins (decorated nicely by our children) set out in the Narthex to collect all the items you would like to donate. The items will be placed into bags and then given back to the congregation to pass out to people who are homeless in our community. We will take all kinds of donations—anything that would fit inside a brown lunch bag that you think people would like. Some examples are socks, small shampoo bottles, gift cards, a variety of snacks, neck gaiters, hats, mittens, and toothbrushes. The sky's the limit. Please give generously. Text Jojo Coffin-Langdon with questions at 218-251-4388.



RJAC to Meet January 22

The Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC) will meet on January 22 for an hour after church. Bring a snack to share. RJAC is open to anyone committed to continuing the work of racial justice in our church and in the greater community. Contact Jojo Coffin-Langdon at 218-251-4388.

From Our Faith Community Nurse



Greetings, everyone! Now is the season to be of good cheer, for I bring you tidings of comfort and joy.

But for many, the season does not bring comfort or joy. Many have suffered losses, try to overdo, become frustrated, endure family squabbles, are homeless, care for sick friends or family members, or need to quarantine again. As we

know, unpleasant things are always with us. So how do we help mitigate unpleasantness?

During this time of year when the days get shorter and darkness engulfs us, many will become sad and depressed. Joan Borysenko, a therapist, scientist, and mystic (I had the pleasure of attending one of her workshops) has said that prayers, meditations, and affirmations are needed each day of the year to nurture your Spirit. How else can you help nurture your Spirit? Let in light; gaze at the sun reflecting off the snow; go out on a crisp, cold dark night and gaze at the stars, the Milky Way, and the moon; reflect and think. Walk outside. Become mindful.

Learning to be mindful can be a very important technique to help with stress, anxiety, and depression. Your ups and downs will improve and lead you to a better mood.

Being mindful can also help with sleep, improve relationships and concentration, and increase your energy. It can also improve your immune function, lower your blood pressure and heart rate, and increase your ability to deal with illness. It has been found to increase self-compassion and self-control.

The key to being mindful is to be present, in the moment focusing on thoughts, emotions, and physical sensations. One becomes more aware, rather than reacting to a situation or choices. There are many books available to help you get started being mindful. Guided imagery is also used as a form of mindfulness, and learning breathing techniques helps to dispel anxiety. Belly breathing (also known as diaphragmatic breathing or box breathing) is a technique that you can use, and YouTube has demonstrations.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, many of us will attend gatherings where food is plentiful. Just be mindful of what your body can tell you to protect yourself from overeating. To do this, engage all your senses such as food colors, smells, and tastes; take one plateful only; savor small bites and thoroughly chew; put down your fork between bites; and when you are 80% full, quit.

Changing habits and forming new ones can be daunting. Prayer can help guide us and assist us in making and implementing our choices for better health, but we must take actions to achieve it. Identifying

a stressor in your life and deciding to take action to remedy it can lead to better health. Faith and healthy lifestyles combine to help us toward wholeness.

May you find peace and comfort during this Christmas season.

Blessings,
~Linda Wiig

Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas holiday pageant will be December 11 and is always fun!



Most of our practices will be on Wednesdays and Sundays. We will need parents to

participate this year as we tell the Christmas story through the eyes of our children.

Please reach out to Jojo Coffin-Langdon at 218-251-4388 if you have any questions.

Here are the important dates to keep in mind for the next month:

- **December 10**, from 10am-12pm – Birthday party for Jesus and practice for the Christmas pageant. There will also be balloons and cake!
- **December 11 – Christmas Pageant.** Invite your friends and family!
- **December 21-January 2** – No Wednesday programming and no Sunday school. As always, we will have fun fidget bags available during worship and kid-oriented sermon reflection notes. Enjoy the extra time with family and friends!

Bishop Lanette Plambeck Assigned to Dakotas-Minnesota Area

By Rev. Cindy Gregorson



Bishop Lanette Plambeck has been assigned as the resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota Area effective January 1, 2023. She was elected to the episcopacy at the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Before her election, she served as the assistant to the bishop and director of clergy and leadership Excellence in the Iowa Annual Conference.

Bishop Plambeck, in her pastoral service, has served as a local church pastor in four different pastoral settings, including urban, county seat, town, and country. She has experience as a college chaplain and a licensed counselor in family systems and chemical and substance abuse. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army and was deployed to Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

She says the measure of her leadership is three questions she asks herself at the end of each day: Did I glorify God? Did I point people to Christ? Did I love? She describes herself as “unapologetically Wesleyan and so in love with Jesus and his ministry marked by compassion, grace, and justice.” A gift she brings as a leader is “to inspire others to live lives of significance as we work for ‘kingdom on earth as it is in heaven’ through active discipleship as we respond to the suffering in the world. I am committed to developing leaders (clergy and laity) to grow into the very best versions of themselves so that they can be at their very best for God.”

Bishop Plambeck has one adult daughter who lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

The North Central Jurisdiction’s Episcopacy Committee is responsible for assigning bishops—a process that begins immediately after all bishops are elected. The committee includes two people from each annual conference. The announcement of the assignments of all nine bishops was made on Saturday morning at the end of the consecration service for the three new bishops. Their assignments take effect on January 1, 2023. Bishops are normally assigned for a four-year term, but this will be a shortened assignment, as the Jurisdictional Conference is scheduled to meet in its regular sequence following the General Conference in July 2024 to elect and assign bishops for the 2024-2028 quadrennium.

Here is the complete list of assignments for January 1, 2023 to August. 31, 2024:

- Dakotas-Minnesota Conferences: Bishop Lanette Plambeck

- East Ohio Conference: Bishop Tracy Smith Malone
- Illinois-Great Rivers Conference: Bishop Frank Beard
- Indiana Conference: Bishop Julius C. Trimble
- Iowa Conference: Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai
- Michigan Conference: Bishop David Bard
- Northern Illinois Conference: Bishop Dan Schwerin
- West Ohio Conference: Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer
- Wisconsin Conference: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

[Rev. Cindy Gregorson](#) is the director of connectional ministries and the clergy assistant to the bishop for the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Advent Bible Study/Meditation

Join Pastor Jeanine and others on Thursdays, December 8 and 15, from 10–11am on Zoom for a study of Advent/Christmas Scripture and a time for spiritual reflection.

No preparation needed. This is an opportunity to prepare your heart, mind, and soul for Christmas. Come to one or both of the sessions.

Join Zoom Meetings:
us02web.zoom.us/j/915188407
Meeting ID: 915 188 407

End-of-Year- Giving

For your contributions to be included in your 2022 IRS giving, they must be in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2022.

Youth News

Youth Group

There is only ONE Wednesday night Youth Group in December. Plan to come to the Youth Group Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14 from 6:30-7:30pm. Bring a treat to share, wear a Christmas shirt or sweater for the ugly Christmas sweater contest, and come play games! Youth Group is for 6th-12th grade.

Senior High Service Project

Let's give some cheer to our community this Christmas and make some Christmas cards for the homeless teens who live at Life House. We will meet at Pastor Cynthia's house on Sunday, December 4 at 6pm to make cards, eat Christmas cookies, and have fun together. For 9th-12th grade only. Friends welcome!

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

The Terri Lynn Fundraiser online store is open in December for the gourmet candies and nuts that you love and love to give away! The online store is still open. Here is the link: coppertopduluth.terrilynn.com. If you would like to order but don't have a computer, please talk to [Pastor Cynthia](#) and she will help you.

Blue Christmas Service— Making Space for Sadness

Moments Hospice, Hillside and First UMC are partnering together to offer a Blue Christmas service this holiday season to make space for sadness and gather in the midst of suffering. We will offer prayers, light candles, and remember God is near and we are not alone. This service is open to all: come if you are mourning the death of a loved one, if you are far from home, or if you are hurting or suffering in any way. God is our hope. The service will be held at Hillside United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11 at 3pm. Talk to [Jojo Coffin-Langdon](#) if you have any questions.

Church Sew-In

On Sunday, November 13, an energized group of church members gave a few hours of their time after the service to sew polar fleece neck gaiters for our needy neighbors, and during an exciting Vikings game!

We delivered 12 blankets and over 300 gaiters to CHUM to be distributed at the warming centers.

A huge thank you to all who donated fabric and lent sewing machines and tools. Special gratitude to the people who sewed, but also to the many who were there in spirit.



The measuring/cutting out/sewing crew: Marlene Bowen; Linda Rau; Doris Nygaard; Janet Yardley; Mardy Rodman; Carrie Boberg; Lauren Giammar; Nathaniel Bateman; Linda Wiig; Jojo, Cynthia, and Annie Coffin-Langdon; Kiki Langdon-Larson; Sarah Walker-Davis; Kirsten, Peyton, and Hadley Walker; Ava Davis; Karen Buell; Jean Walsh; Linda Harper; Barb Lindgren; and Laura Krumwiede.

Book Sale Report

The first Post-Pandemic Book Sale raised \$1,200 for the FUMC Library! The Garden Club's red geraniums transformed the East Lounge into an inviting space. Thanks to the many people who donated books they had been saving for two years, and to the hardworking group of volunteers: Anita Zager, Barb Lindgren, Laura Krumwiede, Wendy and Peter Williamson, Mark Harvey, Todd Kurth, Sarah Maddy, Liz Taylor, Pat Miller, Jeanine Alexander and her intrepid mother Sharon, Val Carolan, Helen Smith Stone, Linda Harper, Pamela Brown, and Jean Walsh.

Save the Date!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to the EVENT on Saturday, January 21 from 10-3pm at Hillside UMC. This half-day event brings together youth groups and confirmation classes from all over Minnesota for an afternoon of serving, learning, an epic group game, and a hip-hop concert! Talk to [Pastor Cynthia](#) for more info.

Warming Center Update

The CHUM Warming Center opened its doors on November 1 as an emergency



overnight drop-in for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Staff report that there is more need this year than at any time in the past: already in November an average of 60 people check in every night.

Donations are needed and can be brought to CHUM, 102 W. 2nd Street, during normal business hours. Current Warming Center needs:

- Socks (all adult sizes, cotton and thermal)
- Gently-used winter boots (all adult sizes)
- Gloves
- Coffee
- Coffee creamer
- Healthy pre-packaged snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)

Volunteers are key to the success of the Warming Center. There are two-hour shifts available in evenings or mornings to assist with food and gear distribution, cleaning, and simply being a welcoming presence for our guests.

Volunteer requirements:

- * Must be 18 years or older
- * Must attend a volunteer orientation
- * Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and able to wear a mask if mandated by the CDC

Because our work is deeply rooted in human relationships, a weekly commitment is preferred. Click the link below to register and you will receive updates about orientation opportunities.

[Warming Center Volunteer Registration](#)

Thank You for Your Generous Giving

Thank you for your gifts of time, talents, gifts, service, and witness in 2022. If you wish to check on the status of your financial giving, feel free to call the church office (218-727-5021), or email Sandy Smith, our director of operations at admin@fumcduluth.com. Thanks also to everyone who has made estimate of giving pledges for 2023 and turned in your participation survey. If you have yet to do that, we have additional pledge cards and surveys at church. Call or email us and we will get it to you. You may also make an estimate of giving online at onrealm.org/FirstUMCMN/-/form/pledge/2023pledgedgiving. Thank you for the wonderful ways you share the love of God. We are blessed to be a part of First UMC. Our community and world are better because we are here.



Christmas Eve Worship Saturday, December 24

4pm in-person Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

*Includes a special children's message.
The livestream can be watched at 4pm
and any time after*

10pm in-person Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Includes Extollers, our handbell reunion of ringers who are, or have ever been, part of our handbell ministry.

Christmas Day Worship Sunday, December 25

*10am in-person-only Christmas worship
Those wanting to worship online are encouraged to watch the
YouTube service from Christmas Eve*

New Year's Day Worship Sunday, January 1

*10am in-person-only worship.
We will participate in a Wesleyan Covenant Service
to begin a new year.*

A separate recorded service you can watch anytime will premiere at 10am on YouTube. It will include a New Year's message and music.

Music Notes

*This is just a sampling of the wonderful concerts being offered in our community during the holidays.
'Tis the season!*



Tuba Christmas

Sunday, November 27 at 3pm

First Lutheran Church, Duluth

What a concert to kickoff the holiday season. 50-plus low brass players join in playing holiday music!

Holiday Concert

Arrowhead Chorale and Strikepoint

Saturday, December 10, 7:30pm and Sunday, December 11, 3pm

The Duluth Depot Great Hall

The Arrowhead Chorale presents their annual Holiday concert featuring J.S. Bach's Cantata 140, *Wachet Auf*, Dan Forrest's recent setting of "Silent Night," and other songs and carols representative of the Germanic holiday tradition. Our own Strikepoint will be joining them on several pieces and will have a good portion of the concert with their own selections. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, and \$10 for students with ID and ages 17 and under. Visit arrowheadchorale.com/tickets.php to purchase tickets.

Twin Ports Wind Orchestra's Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 11, 7pm

First United Methodist Church

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. A free-will offering will be taken.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18, 10am

First United Methodist Church

You don't want to miss our annual Lessons and Carols Service, held during our morning worship service on December 18. 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 choir, Strikepoint, soloists, piano, and organ.

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Tapestry Seeking Pianist

Maintaining a flexible schedule for musicians in an ensemble is much more difficult than most people would imagine. The behind-the-scenes work that gives us the seamless-appearing magic of Tapestry is no exception.

The group is looking to add at least one additional pianist to their roster to make their lives a little easier.

If you have even a little interest in seeing if you would be a good fit, please call, text, or email Cory Hulst at 218-428-5520 or rockinhduluth@gmail.com

Extollers Are Back

Extollers, our reunion handbell ensemble, will again be reuniting to play at the 10pm Christmas Eve service. There will be only one rehearsal from 9:30-11am on December 24.

If you are currently in one of our adult ensembles or have ever been part of our handbell program, we hope you will contact Bill Alexander (218-340-4100) or billstrikepoint.com to reserve your spot.

Want to Join Youth Handbells?

Deciding to join any organization is always difficult... so much to consider. We hope to make the prospect of joining FUMC Handbells a little less daunting.

We have openings in both youth groups and would love to see you there. Please contact Bill Alexander (bill@strikepoint.com or 218-340-4100) to see how easy, low-stress, and fun it can be.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE COPPERTOP



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 18, 2022
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, Strikepoint, and Class Ring handbell choir.

From the Welcome Desk

by Mary Giese, director of welcoming and hospitality

Where do we find our joy?

I have been watching and listening for joy, and I welcome your additions to this list.

- The greatest joy is Christmas when we welcome the baby Jesus. That is true "JOY to the world."
- A new church directory! That will be a real joy for many when it arrives.
- An email with the subject line "A Voice From the Past" and a message from friends that have been out of touch for a few years. Truly a welcome joy!
- An early morning picture from the "littles" in your life on their way to school brings joy.
- Have you ever felt joy when you find something you put away and forgot about?
- Welcoming someone at church who is back in person for the first time since COVID. Joy!
- The joy of seeing family after three years apart is wonderful joy.
- Decorating the Christmas tree and remembering a loved one or friend who gave us a special ornament can bring a quick tug of "missing you," replaced with the joy of memories.
- Hearing about friends' first grandchild. Incredible joy!
- Pileated woodpeckers are back! Might the cardinals come too? Joy on dreary winter days!
- A loved one with dementia who can't speak but giggles aloud at a special picture from the past. Intense joy!
- When kids, now grown, come home for Christmas and bring their kiddos to church... it brings delightful joy.
- And to finish this up, Kent had an office sign that said:
"Everybody brings joy to this office
Some when they come, and some when they go!"

Wherever and whenever joy finds you, welcome it and carry it with you to share with others. Bring it to church with you and invite others to come and share the JOY!

Remember we are the church with a welcome for everybody, always!

~Mary

EarthKeeper

by Naomi Yaeger, a commissioned United Methodist EarthKeeper.

Got Green? There's an App for That



Earlier this month, my daughter, her boyfriend, and about 30 others met at Wild State Cider in Lincoln Park to learn about a new app called GetGreen. This app-launch party was coordinated by Ecolibrium3, a nonprofit organization operating in Lincoln Park. Its mission is to inspire change toward an equitable and sustainable future.

We each received a wooden token to exchange for a drink. I acted like a traditional teetotaling Methodist and ordered a mango kombucha, and so did Rebecca. Matt ordered a hard cider.

While enjoying the company of other environmentally-minded citizens and sipping drinks, we learned about the app. It is a pilot project developed by Emerald Technology Group, PBC, and touted as a sustainability solution in your pocket. It gamifies behavior modification incentives while it tracks progress towards monthly and other goals. In addition, using it teaches you about new sustainable products and actions you can take.

"I'm really tickled," said Mayor Emily Larson during the event. She explained that this app would allow Duluthians to measure the citizens' progress and give data to challenge the Public Utility Commission to go further.

According to Ecolibrium3, "GetGreen is a mobile app that helps individuals make an impact on the climate crisis." The app will aid individual and collective action by providing sustainable options and alternatives to everyday tasks to create a daily habit of climate stewardship.

It works like a digital journal. Take an action and record it on the app—you earn at least one green leaf, sometimes several. And your smartphone lightly chimes with animated images of leaves dropping.

Currently, on the GetGreen app, I have 19 points, equivalent to the emissions of 190 loads of laundry.

To learn more, visit GetGreen.eco and Duluth Citizens' Action Plan at ecolibrium3.org/duluthclimateaction.

First UMC Advent/Christmas Mission

Five Joyful Ways to Address Homelessness

Blessing Bags



FUMC Youth are distributing Blessing Bags filled with items a person experiencing homelessness can use: Snacks and socks, candy and candles, wash cloths and water bottles, gloves and goodies... whatever you might want if you were standing outside. Pick up some bags in the Narthex to keep in your car and then offer with a smile when you see someone in need.

Advent Gift Drive



Bring items for CHUM Street Outreach to church to celebrate the season. Do a little holiday shopping for people who live outdoors. Collection boxes will be in the Sanctuary from November 27 through December 18. Items needed: Reusable water bottles, bandages/Band-Aids, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash, warm winter socks, waterproof hats and gloves, hand warmers, blankets, bath towels and wash cloths, household cleaners, dish soap, sewing kits, pillar candles, gas cards, wallets, solar lights, tents, sleeping bags, and tarps.

Christmas Offering



Stepping On Up and Mary Johnston Hospital in the Philippines will share in the Advent/Christmas financial giving. One half will go to church operations, the other half will be divided, 2/3 to Stepping On Up, and 1/3 to the Mary Johnston Hospital solar panel project. Please give from your heart to these vital mission projects. *Please make checks payable to FUMC and note "Advent/Christmas" on your offering envelope or memo line.*

FUMC Steps Up Fund



We want to be ready when Stepping On Up Duluth calls on congregations for financial support. This fund has been established so that FUMC can respond quickly when a specific need arises. A \$1,000 matching gift has been given. *A portion of the Christmas offering will go to this fund but additional donations can be made anytime. Please make checks payable to FUMC and note "Stepping On Up" on your offering envelope or memo line.*

CHUM Street Outreach



Interesting fact: Sixty dollars covers the cost of street outreach services for one month for one person living outdoors.

Options for giving:

- Give through the church. Put your check payable to FUMC in the offering plate or mail it to the church. *Please note "CHUM Street Outreach" on your offering envelope or memo line.*
- Mail your gift directly to CHUM, 102 West Second Street, Duluth, MN 55802. *Checks payable to CHUM, memo "Street Outreach."*
- Monthly or one-time gifts can be made via PayPal or credit/debit card at chumduluth.org.



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