



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.*

July 2023

**First United
Methodist Church**

230 E. Skyline Parkway
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*From the FUMC gardens
Photo by Doug Buell*



Our First Family

Baptized on June 18: Pearl Anne Lucille Brummer, born August 26, 2017, and her cousin Rowan Edward Frost, born May 6, 2022. Pearl's parents are Sandra Moe and Charlie



Brummer; grandparents are Carrie and Brian Moe; great-grandparents are Linda and the late Richard Peterson; sponsors are Sarah Berg (aunt) and Mike Moe (uncle). Rowan's parents are Rachel and Shawn Frost; grandparents are Carrie and Brian Moe, and Linda Frost; great-grandparents are Linda and the late Richard Peterson, and Paul Frost; godparents are Sandra Moe (aunt) and Camden Nielsen (cousin). Pearl and Rowan were baptized on their great-grandmother Linda Peterson's birthday!

To Pastor Jeanine and gang; Thank you so much for the gift card you gave me for graduation. I appreciate it so much. Thank you also for your continued prayers as I pursue the next level of my education.

~ Rhonda Montavon

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On the Journey With You

by intern Lydia Kantonen



It has been about three weeks since I started my internship here at the Coppertop. So far I have had the opportunity to participate in a Bible study on spiritual leaders in the Bible, I got to help chaperone the youth mission trip, and I got to help with the CHUM 50th Anniversary celebration. What a gift it has been to be a part of all of these! What stands out to me from these experiences are the multiple ways in which we are called by God. Through our Bible study, we read about how Moses received his calling to deliver the

Israelites from slavery when he encountered God at a burning bush. We also read about Deborah, who lived into her calling with courage and boldness as judge, prophet, and, when necessary, military strategist. Finally we read about Peter the Apostle, who was commissioned by Jesus to care for God's people. By learning about some of the spiritual leaders of the Bible, we can be inspired to listen and respond to some of the special callings we receive from God, who has uniquely gifted each of us to do good works in the world.

At the same time, we can live into our calling as God's people whenever we are meeting a need in our community. On the youth mission trip, we learned about the calling given to each of us to "care for the least of these." For a couple of days on this trip, the youth were able to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus when they cared for those in need by packing meals and working at a homeless shelter. Whenever we feed the hungry, visit the sick and imprisoned, or simply just do the next right thing, we are living into our calling to love our neighbor. Over the past couple of years, I

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have been learning more and more about our call to care for creation through small and big acts.

These past few weeks I have enjoyed seeing how people at the Coppertop are living out their callings in many different ways, and I am excited to continue learning throughout the summer! Thank you for letting me be a part of ministry with you!

Worship In July

There are three ways to participate in worship:

- 10am, live in our Sanctuary on Sundays (we hope you choose this one when you can—there is something wonderful about being in person with others, and you get a doughnut and coffee)
- 10am livestream service on Sundays as worship is taking place
- Anytime afterwards on YouTube Please make worship a summer soul destination this year!

July 2 – Holy Communion. Pastor Jeanine will continue our *Spiritual Guides* series, focusing on “The Servant Girl.”

July 9 – We will continue our *Spiritual Guides* series, focusing on “Ruth.”

July 16 – We will continue our *Spiritual Guides* series, focusing on “Deborah.”

July 23 – We will continue our *Spiritual Guides* series, focusing on “Jonah,” and there will be a baptism.

July 30 - We will continue our *Spiritual Guides* series, focusing on “Joseph.” We will be thanking and celebrating Cynthia and JoJo Coffin-Langdon for their staff ministry as they leave their staff roles.

Celebration and Thank You to Cynthia and JoJo Coffin-Langdon

Sunday, July 30 will be Cynthia and JoJo Coffin-Langdon’s last Sunday as staff members. After worship that Sunday, please join us in thanking and celebrating them for their staff ministry—Cynthia as our Youth Pastor and JoJo as our Director of Children and Family Ministries. We will have special treats in their honor. You are invited to contribute to a cash gift for them. Please bring or send your gift to the church office, where we will also have a box for your cards. At the reception in their honor, we will have an open mic for people to offer words of love and appreciation.

Youth News

Thank you!

Thank you to all for your prayers and financial support for the summer mission trip. It was a great success! You can watch the worship link on [YouTube from Sunday, June 18](#) at the 33:55 mark to see our mission trip video. Every participant gave a brief reflection of their experience, and you will get to see lots of pictures. Thank you again!



VBS Teen Counselors – July 17-21

VBS is the week of July 17-21 at the Coppertop. We need teen counselors to help play with and guide the elementary kids this week. 6th-12th graders are invited to volunteer. We will spend our mornings (9am-12pm) at the church going to stations of stories, art, games, and snacks. It’s gonna be a blast for all! Text or email Cynthia if you can help, even if it’s not the whole week.

Summer Lock-In – Friday, July 21

All 6th-12th graders are invited to our summer lock-in on Friday night, July 21. We will play duck-pin bowling at Skyline Lanes, then back to the church for games and snacks. You can stay until midnight or stay the night (7pm – 8am). RSVP with Cynthia by Sunday, July 16. We need at least eight kids to make it a go!

Happy Birthday to Leah, Atley, and Emma!

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Our celebration was a huge success!

Over 1,100 people celebrated Juneteenth in community, ate delicious food, received valuable information from community partners and resources, danced and sang, took hilarious pictures in the photo booth, won tons of prizes, got creative face painting, jumped down the inflatable slide, got fresh haircuts, shopped local BIPOC vendors, and, most importantly, celebrated Black joy and liberation!



This celebration, and much of the work we do, would not be possible without your support. Volunteers, vendors, tablers, entertainers, donors, and friends—thank you! You're so appreciated, and we look forward to lasting partnerships in creating a community where everyone can thrive.

With gratitude,
The Duluth NAACP
~Sarah Lyons (she/her),
Chair of the Juneteenth Planning
Committee

Thank you so much, members of FUMC,
for all the cards and prayers of support for
me after my fall on the ice. In Home
Therapy is helping to get me back to normal
activities. God bless,
~Phyllis Durand

We had two grandsons graduate from
high school on June 2 at 7pm. Owen
Erickson from South Ridge and Drew
Erickson from Esko. Both had 4.0 GPAs and
thus were valedictorians. We'd like to shout
it out, but will just say, "God Bless
Everyone!"
~Gloria and Larry Erickson

Thank you so much for the beautiful
prayer shawl as well as the delicious
graduate brunch. Blessings!

~Claudia Fezzey
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From Our Faith Community Nurse



Greetings all! I hope you are having a fine, safe summer thus far and can enjoy the remainder! This month I thought I'd clarify some points about generic vs. authorized generic and the commonly known brand name drugs.

Both generic and brand name drugs undergo rigorous testing by regulatory authorities like the FDA to ensure safety, the drugs' efficacy, and whether those two types of drugs work in an equivalent manner.

A statistic, from 2021 showed that using generic medications saved the US healthcare system an estimated \$373 billion. Most generics are cheaper, but recently prices have been rising even on generics that have been used for years. Pharmaceutical companies have also faced criticism when marketing brand generics to increase profits without investing that money into research and development.

There are two types of generic drugs: generic and authorized generic. By law, generics contain the same active ingredients but may have different inactive ingredients. Companies that produce these must prove that the medication works in an equivalent manner as the original brand name drug and file an application with the FDA.

Authorized generics are identical to the brand name medication, but look different and are marketed with a different name, either by the company that holds the original patent or another company which is given permission by the company that holds the patent. Since the drug is identical, it does not need any new research. These drugs may or may not be cheaper.

When a medication is prescribed, find out if it's of the generic type. Some people on Medicare D could get a better price for the brand name drug.

Generic drugs are considered to work in the same manner as the brand name drug and can be substituted. State laws allow pharmacists to substitute a generic for a brand name medication, but if your clinician wants you to have the brand name drug, it must be stipulated on your prescription. Some drugs such as seizure meds, digoxin, warfarin, and levothyroxine may need to be the brand name drug.

Blessings, ~Linda Wiig

Annual Conference Summary



The Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church recently met in St. Cloud. Participating from our church were Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Cindy Hedlund, intern Kelby Werner, intern Lydia Kantonen, Elizabeth Nelson, Cynthia and JoJo Coffin-Langdon, and Pastor Jeanine Alexander. JoJo received a blessing on her status as a licensed local pastor for her Moments Hospice position.

Here is a written summary by our conference Director of Communications, Christa Meland:

video wrap up: vimeo.com/832684979



The theme of this year's gathering was "Encounter, Transform, Respond: The Emmaus Experience." This post-resurrection story, where everything has changed and the implications still seem a bit cloudy, mirrors the time and space we are living in as a church. We, like the two disciples, are on the road, asking deep questions and trying to make sense of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. And we, too, are finding that we encounter Christ in transforming ways when we do.

Bishop's Episcopal Address: In the Emmaus Road story, the impossible becomes possible as the world is made right again through encounters with the resurrected Christ who brings healing, reconciliation, and hope. Bishop Lanette Plambeck, in her inaugural Episcopal Address, reminds us that this story for the two disciples on the road is our story too. During this challenging time in The United Methodist Church, she invited those of us in the Minnesota Conference to lean in to one another and declare that there is enough love for all of us, and she reminded each person: You are loved. You are a child of God and a person of worth. There are no exceptions.

Milestones in Ministry: Gatherees honored, thanked, and celebrated 14 clergy entering retirement; celebrated four pastors ordained as elders, two commissioned as provisional members, three local licensed pastors who completed their five-year course of study, and 13 people authorized to serve as local pastors in the congregations and ministry areas in which they are appointed.

Fresh Expressions With Michael Beck: Rev. Dr. Michael Beck is co-pastor of two Florida churches and a network of "fresh expressions" led by laity that gather in various community venues

and public spaces around shared interests and hobbies. He talked about fresh expressions as a new movement of Christian communities where people with no connection to the church are finding life and encountering Christ. Dinner church, whereby people gather to share a meal, is an easy starting point for a fresh expression, Beck said. Some of the other fresh expressions he's involved with take place in a tattoo parlor, at a restaurant, in a virtual reality space, at a dog park, and even at Tesla charging stations.

Connectional Address by Bishop McAlilly: Bishop William "Bill" McAlilly of the Nashville Episcopal Area took part in Annual Conference and reminded attendees that we are a connectional church. In his connectional address, he spoke about what it means to live with courage and boldness. This includes knowing and living our "why" as Christians, loving God and our neighbor, and leaning into the future with "holy boldness"—not knowing exactly what's in store but trusting that God is with us.

Sermon by Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink: This year's conference preacher (selected by a random drawing at the end of last year's Annual Conference) was Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink, who serves Eden Prairie UMC. She talked about her desire for an expandable table and reminded those gathered that Jesus' table was for everyone. "Perhaps the church is called to mirror the table which Jesus sets—an expansive table of belonging and community where all are welcome, where all are included and celebrated and treasured, an expansive table at which Jesus can be recognized, and where the

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kingdom of God is present and talk about God turns into encounters with the living God,” she said.

Love Offering: Conference members, on behalf of their churches, gave just over \$40,000 to the 2023 Love Offering. Sixty percent of it will fund a new grant to support churches that have partnerships with mental health services offered in local schools or communities, thirty percent will go to three Minnesota nonprofits engaged in mental health education and advocacy, and ten percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants. You may continue to [donate](#) throughout 2023.

Legislation: Hundreds of voting members in attendance at Annual Conference approved all pieces of legislation before them, including resolutions opposing assault-style weapons, addressing the Israeli detention of children, and supporting both a U.S. Regional Conference and the removal of all discriminatory policies and harmful language related to sexual orientation from the Book of Discipline.

Disaffiliating Churches: Members ratified the terms of disaffiliation agreements made between the conference Board of Trustees and 14 local churches that have discerned that their path goes a different direction from the Minnesota Annual Conference. After the vote, Bishop Lanette asked Minnesota United Methodists to keep these congregations in their hearts and to pray that, even as we part ways, they may continue to live out their faith and serve as a beacon of light and hope for all.

FUMC Rhubarb Festival Report

Our participation in the annual Rhubarb Festival had some impressive totals. FUMC production: 194 pies, 30 large crisps for the festival coffee shop, 180 frozen yogurt strawberry-rhubarb sundaes, 58 jars of jam, and 47 jars of topping. Twelve other churches or groups baked for the festival. Our new pie makers were Northeast Regional Corrections Center, a minimum security prison for adult males. They regularly participate in farm production and culinary arts. Their goal was to make 1,000 pies. Local churches also made pies, crisps, scones, jams, breads, and muffins.

Here are some additional statistics:

- Volunteers, more than 30
- Rhubarb donations from more than 20 different gardens
- 600 pounds of rhubarb were donated
- More than 100 pounds of strawberries were used
- Positively 3rd Street Bakery donated all the pie dough
- Super One Foods helped with donated ingredients
- Room At the Table Catering and Bakery helped with equipment and expertise



Thank you to FUMC staff and those who prayed for us. Thank you also to the nursery school staff for their cooperation and support.

~Pam Brown, Linda Harper, Debbi King, Paul Sapyta, and Anita Zager



Reflections on the Great Toilet Paper Challenge

It's been a couple of months since FUMC had its Great Toilet Paper Challenge, and that time has given me time to reflect on what's subsequently changed in my life. Of course Velda and I still have PILES of toilet paper left from it, which as one friend put it, "is like the early days of COVID!" But we've made a couple of significant additional changes in our lives that emerged from the Challenge.

First, we've switched tissue paper from virgin paper to tissue made from recycled paper. Again, we followed the same logic— why cut down a tree, turn it into tissue, blow my nose into it, and throw it into the garbage to go to landfill? MAYBE if I had a "serious" cold, I'd want the fancy stuff with the aloe and vitamin E, but for everyday, the recycled works fine!

Second, for years Velda and I used cloth napkins in our dining room for "fancy" use and paper in the kitchen for "everyday" use. We suddenly realized how much paper we're using to wipe our faces and then throw into the garbage. We switched to cloth napkins in the kitchen, too, and not only does it save paper but it makes meals in the kitchen seem more special.

That leads to the question: What have you learned and changed from the Challenge? Are there other changes you could make?

~Geoff Bell

Northern Lights Young Artist Recital, July 11 at FUMC

Celebrating its 20th year, the Northern Lights Music Festival is a three-week classical music performance program and music school held each summer on the Minnesota Iron Range. The festival's music school gives

opportunities to advanced high school and college musicians from around the world to study with internationally-known performing artists and collaborate with other participants in chamber groups and ensembles. For several years these stellar musicians have given a wonderful recital at First United Methodist Church, and they are returning again this summer on Tuesday, July 11 at 11am. We are happy to welcome them back and look forward to them sharing their music with us.



Northern Lights Young Artist Recital
Tuesday, July 11, 11am
First United Methodist Church
Free admission!

From the Welcome Desk

by Director of Welcoming and Hospitality Mary Giese

Hello friends;
When the COVID pandemic started, First United Methodist Church closed their doors for most events to keep the congregation safe. For the most part, it was the right decision, and now three years later we, like many other organizations, are trying to find ourselves again. We invite everyone to be part of what makes FUMC a welcoming and friendly place.

Every Sunday morning following worship, the Social Hall is buzzing with food, fun, and fellowship. Everyone—singles, couples, and families—is encouraged to volunteer to take a Sunday to help with coffee or to serve doughnuts with Richard Gurske, our Doughnut Man. Because everyone enjoys the Sunday morning fellowship, we wondered how we could expand that, and so we are hosting special events for different groups called Food, Fun, & Fellowship.

Our first Food, Fun, & Fellowship event is for newer members and prospective members. On Wednesday, July 19, 6–7pm, we invite you to come for an outdoor evening of getting acquainted or even

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Sustainability Summer Reading

The book I'm recommending for sustainability summer reading is *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy*, by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. I read the original version, but it's now been revised. This book is written from a distinctly spiritual/Christian perspective. Partly because of that, the whole emphasis is on the possibility of hope leading to change.

The book begins with three stories we tell ourselves: the story of the **Status Quo** and the story of the **Great Unraveling** (everything is falling apart), both of which lead to despair and hopelessness; and the story of the **Great Turning**—how people are beginning to see the world in a new and more hopeful way, and taking action based on that vision.

The authors of the book develop the "spiral model," which while describing the Great Turning is also a great model for worship! (If you read the book, see if you can see that!). The model has four stages:

- **Coming from gratitude.** Rather than coming from fear, our journey of transformation is rooted in gratitude. One quote I really loved says, "When we come from gratitude, we become more present to the wonder of being alive in this amazing living world, to the many gifts we receive, to the beauty we appreciate."
- **Honoring our pain for the world.** Often we recoil from pain and see it as undesirable. Instead, the authors point out that when we feel pain for the world, it's a step to seeing the world through new eyes.
- **Seeing with new eyes.** In this section, the authors describe different elements of seeing our world anew: moving away from selfishness and individualism ("affluenza"), and then becoming aware of our interconnectedness and community with each other and the world around us, developing a "long view" of time and developing a new vision of what our world could be.
- **Going forth.** This arises from our new vision, coming to believe that change is indeed possible, and realizing that you don't need to—and shouldn't try to—change the world on your own.

Overall the book is a delightful antidote to the overwhelm my students and I often feel when we think of the magnitude of change needed to right our world. I highly recommend it as an uplifting summer sustainability read!

~Geoff Bell

Nursery Attendant Needed:

We are looking for someone to love our youngest members, play with them and keep them safe, schedule volunteers, and create a safe and welcoming nursery environment.

Primarily Sunday mornings and Wednesday late afternoons/evenings. \$20 per hour. Please talk to Pastor Jeanine if you or someone you know is interested.

Get Ready— Rummage Sale August 25–26

First United Methodist Church, will be having a rummage sale, Friday, August 25, 3–6pm and Saturday, August 26, 8am–2pm, with a bag sale the last hour on Saturday. Proceeds will go towards FUMC trustee projects. **Donation drop-off begins after worship on Sunday, August 20.** Sorry, we cannot take any items before that date.



Donations Accepted:

Sports equipment, furniture, artwork, Christmas items, kitchen items, tools, household items, jewelry, glassware, toys, vases, most books, accessories, and children's clothing (to size 6 only)

Donations NOT ACCEPTED:

Adult clothing, electronics, VHS or cassette tapes, mattresses, textbooks, encyclopedias, and dirty or broken items

Help is needed during that week to receive and organize items each day. On the day of the sale, we will need cashiers, help with the check-out, and help with clean-up and hauling away at 2pm.

Please email Anita Zager at anitazager@gmail.com to volunteer.



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**The Coppertop Church on the Skyline
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**SUMMER PARKING LOT CONCERT SERIES
AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



MONDAY, JULY 17

(raindate July 18)



6:30 - 8 PM

Chairs available, or bring your own!

**Freewill donation (proceeds benefit CHUM's 50th
Anniversary Fund and FUMC Summer Parking
Lot Series)**

Room at the Table food trucks beginning at 5:30

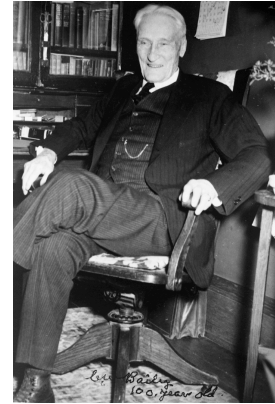
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reconnected with others. Hosted by Pastor Jeanine and me, we will serve pizza, veggies, watermelon, and lemonade for supper in the east parking lot near the triangle garden. You are welcome to bring a friend with you. There will be fun for the kids under the supervision of our summer interns, Kelby Werner and Lydia Kantonen. This is a rain-or-shine event, and we will meet in the Social Hall if need be. Your RSVP is requested by Sunday, July 9; you can call the church office (218-727-5021) or send an email to info@fumcduluth.com. Please save this date and come and join us.

This fall we will be hosting a Food, Fun, & Fellowship lunch event for our seniors, so stay tuned for more information. Also in the plan is a Food, Fun, & Fellowship event for singles. Just imagine, some people might be able to come to more than one event! Do you have an idea about a Food, Fun, & Fellowship event? We will consider all ideas, so please reach out and share that with me at welcome@fumcduluth.com.

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

A Stack of Books and a Fascinating Life Story



Recently, a gentleman visited our church office with a stack of books and a fascinating story. The man's great-grandfather, Dr. Charles W. Bailey, was a Methodist minister and district superintendent in eastern Kansas from 1887 until 1938.

Charles Bailey was born in Watertown, Wisconsin in 1848. His family moved to western Wisconsin,

STRIKEPOINT

2023 Summer Tour Our 40th Year!



July 29 - Mt. Iron, MN, 7 pm
Messiah Lutheran Church

July 30 - Ashland, WI, 7 pm
Saron Lutheran Church

July 31 - Rochester, MN, 6 pm
Peace United Church of Christ

August 1 - Lanesboro, MN, 7 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

August 2 - Maplewood, MN, 7 pm
Path of Grace United Methodist Church

August 3 - Minneapolis, MN, 7 pm
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

August 4 - Northfield, MN, 7 pm
Bethel Lutheran Church

August 6 - Rice Lake, WI, 7 pm
Bethany Lutheran Church

August 7 - Duluth, MN, 7 pm
First United Methodist Church



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where they worked cutting timber and running a sawmill. When Charles was 15, he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment and went off to fight in the Civil War. He was wounded twice while fighting in Ulysses S. Grant's army at the Battle of Vicksburg. At 17 he returned home and spent time working as a lumberjack, cutting trees and floating them down the Mississippi. Looking for a different life, he intended to join a wagon train headed for Oregon but ended up staying in Kansas. His early Kansas years were spent as a cowboy, riding the Chisholm Trail herding longhorn cattle from Texas to Dodge City, Wichita, and Kansas City. Bailey did not smoke, chew tobacco, drink alcohol, or swear, which earned him the nickname of "Preacher" from the other cowboys. He married in 1877 and settled down on a farm, eventually having nine children.

Living up to his "Preacher" nickname, Bailey served as a substitute minister at funerals and other events when an ordained minister was not available. The local Methodist minister urged him to continue his education at Baker University, a Methodist school that was the first four-year university in Kansas. Bailey was 33 at the time and 39 by the time he graduated and was ordained. He went on to serve churches in seven communities across Kansas and retired in 1916. When the U.S. joined World War I, Bailey was asked to serve two churches temporarily, and he ended up remaining with one of them until he finally retired in 1938 at the age of 90. Most of this information comes from a 1948 newspaper profile of Dr. Bailey, as he celebrated his 100th birthday. At the age of 101, he took his first airplane ride, from Kansas to California, where he baptized his great-grandson, doing the service from memory.



That great-grandson, the man who walked into the church office last month, now lives in Duluth. The stack of books he brought belonged to Dr. Bailey, and he wanted to return them to a Methodist environment. The books include three commentaries on the New Testament (published in 1866, 1871, and 1875), *Elocution: The sources and elements of its power* (1870), and *The Life of John Wesley* (1906). An 1887 *Hymnal of the*

Methodist Episcopal Church with Tunes includes some of the hymns we still sing today. And there is *The Story of Methodism Throughout the World from the Beginning to the Present Time; Tracing the Rise and Progress of that Wonderful Religious Movement, Which, Like the Gulf Stream, has given Warmth to Wide Waters and Verdure to Many Lands; and Giving an Account of its Various Influences and Institutions of To-day*, published in 1889. Church staff are trying to determine what is the best eventual home for this historic collection. In the words of Dr. Bailey's great-grandson, "I appreciate that these books will return to their Methodist roots and be treasured for the faith of those who have cared for them over the significantly more than a century since they were first published."

Legislative Advocacy Pays Off



Legislative advocacy pays off with \$100 million for shelter capital.

In partnership with the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless (MCH) and the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC), the CHUM community really stepped up to engage in advocacy throughout the session with letters to the editor, countless phone calls, and hundreds of letters and emails. Focus on the Pathway Home Act impressed Minnesota lawmakers and the session closed with \$100M budgeted for Shelter Capital and funding for Emergency Services Provision to provide adequate staffing. Funding for shelter capital means CHUM can apply for a grant to repair and expand the shelter, along with the capacity to hire enough staff to run it.

Thank you all for your prayers, persistence, and commitment to care for our neighbors' needs, both in Duluth and throughout the state through advocacy for a more just and compassionate community. Shout out to Sen. Grant Hauschild (co-author of the Pathway Home Act), Sen. Jen McEwen, Rep. Alicia Kozlowski, and our champion in the House, Rep. Liz Olson, for their tireless work this session to provide funding for shelter capital and emergency services to our Minnesota neighbors struggling for basic needs. Please reach out to thank our elected officials for the incredible effort they invested in successful negotiations and for seeing them through the legislative process.

Lennon-Berini Scholarship

Attention College Students:
The 2023 FUMC Lennon-Berini Scholarship is here!

In the 1950s two young men, John Lennon and Joe Berini, served as First Methodist staff members and worked with Duluth youth, particularly in the Central Hillside area. To commemorate their work, a scholarship fund was developed in 1985.

Subsequent contributions have helped to sustain the fund and have allowed for the presentation of 110 scholarships totaling \$130,190. The Lennon-Berini Scholarships for 2023 will be \$2,000 each.

The criteria for qualifying as an applicant are:

- 1) Be a member of Duluth's First United Methodist Church
- 2) Have completed two full years of college
- 3) Be pursuing a people-centered career

Application forms will be available on the church's website July 1, 2023. **They must be fully completed and turned in by 4pm on July 22.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants will need to compile all materials (including completed application form, transcripts, recommendations, and candidate statements) into a single electronic file and send to Terry Wallin, Chair/Trustee of the Lennon-Berini Scholarship committee, at teto62@charter.net.

The committee members are planning to award the scholarships during the August 27, 10am Sunday worship service at First United Methodist Church.

Persons interested in contributing to the Lennon-Berini Scholarship Fund, please seek out Terry Wallin, MaryAnne Korsch, or Marilew Barnidge.

[Link to 2023 Lennon-Berini Scholarship Application:](#)

The Ardath Gibson Scholarship

The Ardath Gibson Scholarship Selection Committee is inviting all eligible students to apply.



The scholarship, established in 2012 for individuals who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate level degree in health care, the physical sciences, or business is \$1000 and will be awarded on August 27.

Ardath Gibson (1915–2012) practiced her faith as a United Methodist, ultimately making First United Methodist Church in Duluth her home. As a business professional, she recognized the importance of higher education, establishing this scholarship for individuals pursuing degrees in business or the sciences.

To be eligible for the Ardath Gibson Scholarship, one must be a member of First United Methodist Church or have family who are members. The applicant must be pursuing at the undergraduate or graduate level a degree in health care, the physical sciences or business. The Ardath Gibson Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee will have discretion in determining if the applicant's studies meet these criteria. To apply, one must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The completed application may be submitted with all documentation between July 17, 2023 and August 17, 2023:

- through the First United Methodist Church website at fumcduluth.com
- mailed to FUMC, 230 E Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811, or
- mailed to Keith Ball, Chair of FUMC Memorial Committee, kjball45@aol.com

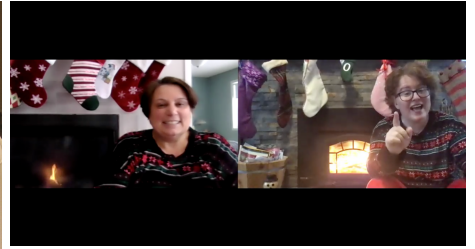
Required Documentation

- A brief statement about how you see your education benefiting the community
- High School or College Transcript
- Two letters of recommendation from unrelated adults who know you well

Pastor Jeanine is Recognized for 30 Years of Ministry

On Sunday, June 25, Pastor Jeanine was recognized and celebrated in church for reaching her 30th year of ministry. While we can't claim all 30 of those years, we are grateful and honored to be among those churches fortunate enough to have grown together with her.

The first few photos are from Sunday's service (Jeanine is in the red t-shirt) and the remainder are from the past six years with us.



Reconciling Ministries Playlist

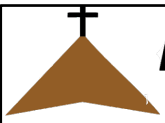
Celebrate Pride with tunes from the Reconciling Ministries playlist

Submitted by Sarah Maddy

- I'm Coming Out – Diana Ross
- We Are Family (1995 Remaster) – Sister Sledge
- Express Yourself – Madonna
- Celebrate Good Times (Come On) – Funktown America
- Same Love (feat. Mary Lambert) – Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- Respect – Aretha Franklin
- Brave – Sara Bareilles

- This Is Our Moment – The Afters
- Raise Up – Semler
- Me Gusta (with Cardi B and Myke Towers) – Anitta
- Fun Tonight (Pablo Vittar Remix) – Lady Gaga
- En El Olvido – Omar Apollo
- Soy Tu Payaso Papi 3000 – Blue Rojo
- Smile – Shea Diamond
- You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real) – Sylvester
- Love Yourself – Billy Porter
- All Good – Liz Fulmer





SAVE THE
DATES

Summer Fun at First

Bible Study on the 10 Commandments

Sundays, June 4, 11 and 18 • 9-9:45am (before worship)
Led by seminary intern Kelby Werner

Big Wave Dave and the Ripples Concert

Monday, July 17 • 6:30pm (Raindate: Tuesday, July 18)

Join us for a rockin' concert in the parking lot! Big Wave Dave was such a hit last year that we asked them to come back again. Two "Room at the Table" food trucks will be on site beginning at 5:30. Chairs provided, or feel free to bring your own.

Outdoor Social for Newer Members and Prospective Members

Wednesday, July 19 • 6-7pm

If you've joined in the past three years or are considering being a part of FUMC, this is the event for you! We'll have the opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying pizza, veggies, and drinks in the parking lot. Children welcome.

Strikepoint Concert

Monday, August 7 • 7pm

Welcome our own Strikepoint handbell ensemble home from their annual summer tour. Admission is free, but a \$15 donation is suggested. You'll have a rollicking good time!

Outdoor Worship Service


Sunday, August 13 • 10am

Our worship band, Tapestry, will lead morning worship in our parking lot, overlooking our glorious lake.

New Member/Information Class about FUMC

Sunday, August 20 • 8:45am (before worship)

Join us if you are interested in joining the church or simply want to know more about FUMC. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Led by Pastor Jeanine and Director of Welcome Mary Giese.



Look for details about all events in
First Family and Pastor Jeanine's
weekly emails closer to summer.



Fun for Kids & Teens



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Youth Mission Trip – June 13-15

Youth entering 7th grade and up and FRIENDS are invited to go on a mission trip to Minneapolis. We'll participate in a variety of service projects related to food scarcity and racism, while still including time for fun at Valley Fair! What a great opportunity to grow in your faith, deepen friendships, and serve. Cost is \$150 with fundraisers to help. Contact: Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon (pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com or 218-260-3114)

Grandma's Marathon Water Station Volunteers

Saturday, June 17 • 6:30am - approximately noon

A fun activity for individuals and groups of all ages! Help staff a water station for the Grandma's Marathon runners. We'll fill and set out water cups, and some volunteers will offer cups to passing runners. Contact: Jojo Coffin-Langdon (families@fumcduluth.com or 218-251-4388)

BBQ Picnic and Playdate at Lester Park Playground

Wednesday, June 21 • 5:30pm

The church will provide meat and chips, you bring something to share!

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday, July 17-21 • 9am - noon

Kids entering K-5th grade will spend the morning getting closer to God and to each other through Bible stories, games, crafts, food, and music. Contact: Jojo Coffin-Langdon (families@fumcduluth.com or 218-251-4388)

Vacation Bible School Teen Counselors

Monday - Friday, July 17-21 • 9am - noon

Want to make a difference in a young person's life? Join the team of youth counselors (6th-12th graders) for VBS. You'll help kids with different stations: games, crafts, and stories. This is a great opportunity to serve, grow in your own faith, and hang with friends. On the last day, plan to stay late for something fun just for YOU! Contact: Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon (pastorcynthiacl@gmail.com or 218-260-3114)

Looking for more camping experiences?

Camping Ministries offers a plethora of opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families. A complete booklet of experiences from which to choose is at the Welcome Center or in the church office.



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