

First Family

November 2024

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

Happy
THANKSGIVING!

**First United
Methodist Church**

230 E. Skyline Parkway
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Our First Family

A gift to light the church during the week of November 10 was given by Laurie Burg in memory of her mother, Mary Beth Brown and her November 16th heavenly birthday. A portion of her gift will go to the FUMC garden fund.

2024 Fall Roast Beef Dinner Thank You

"Volunteers Are Love in Motion!"

Thank you! to the Supporters and Volunteers of the 2024 Fall Roast Beef Dinner.

- 824 roast beef dinners were purchased in the drive through. (Last fall, there were 819 roast beef dinners purchased.)

- We ran out of beef one hour early. (We had 89 lbs less beef than last year. We are only able to order the beef by the number of roasts, not by the pounds. The beef comes three roasts per case, and we ordered 27 roasts, or nine cases. Unfortunately, this year the roasts were smaller than last year.)

- 98 volunteers during the two days with one volunteer cancelling due to COVID (Last fall, 100 volunteers with 10 cancellations.) There were three Denfeld and Marshall School Community Service student volunteers. (Last fall, there were seven)

Expenses:

- Cost of beef: \$4.55 per lb

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On the Journey With You

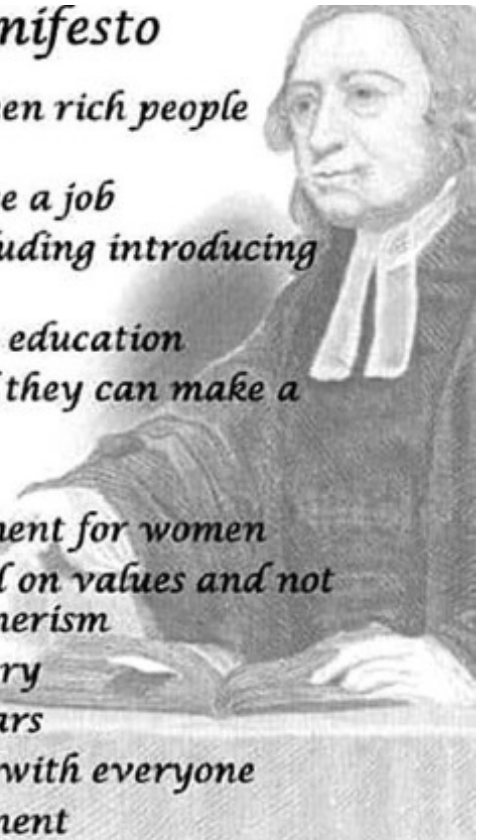
Several of you asked for this portion of my sermon from Sunday, September 29.



John Wesley, an Anglican priest and founder of the Methodist Church, in his 18th-century manifesto wrote about what it means to see all people as image bearers of God. This list, based on his writings, is on display at the Wesley Museum attached to the New Room Methodist Chapel in Bristol, England. It couldn't be more relevant for 2024:

John Wesley's Manifesto

1. *Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people*
2. *Help everyone to have a job*
3. *Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage*
4. *Offer the best possible education*
5. *Help everyone to feel they can make a difference*
6. *Promote tolerance*
7. *Promote equal treatment for women*
8. *Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism*
9. *End all forms of slavery*
10. *Avoid getting into wars*
11. *Share the love of God with everyone*
12. *Care for the environment*



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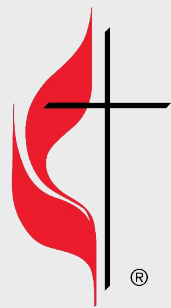
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Next First Family deadline: **November 20**
(for both December and January)

Submit to connect@fumcduluth.com

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Here is John Wesley—in his own words:

1. Be ye ready to distribute to everyone, according to their necessity.
2. Wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, 'They are poor only because they are idle... Find them work... They will then earn and eat their own bread.'
3. How many are there in this Christian country that toil, and labor, and sweat... but struggle with weariness and hunger together? Is it not worse for one, after a hard day's labour, to come back to a poor, cold, dirty, uncomfortable lodging, and to find there not even the food which is needful to repair his wasted strength?
4. Beware of that common, but accursed, way of making children parrots... Regard not how much, but how well, to what good purpose, they read... The end of education... [is to] help us discover every false judgement of our minds, and to subdue every wrong passion in our hearts... [and] to understand as much as we are able.
5. I continue to dream... [of the time when the potential of] each person can be unleashed.
6. Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?
7. May not women as well as men bear an honourable part... yield not to the vile bondage any longer. You, as well as men, are rational creatures. You, like them, were made in the image of God.
8. In seeking happiness from riches, you are only striving to drink out of empty cups. And let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are empty still.
9. Let none serve you but by his own act and deed, by his own voluntary action. Away with all whips, all chains, all compulsion!... Do with everyone else as you would he should do to you...
10. War: What further proof do we need of the utter degeneracy of all nations from the plainest principles of reason and virtue? Of the absolute want, both of common sense and common humanity, which runs through the whole race of mankind?
11. The world is my parish.
12. Lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth.

Many prayers on you as you discern your values and live them out each day!

On the journey with you!

~Pastor Jeanine

Worship in November

We worship in person in our Sanctuary every Sunday at 10am and online on YouTube every Sunday morning at 10am. The service can also be watched anytime after 10am Sunday morning.

November 3: All Saints Sunday – We will name, light a candle, and remember those from our congregation who have died this past year. We will also celebrate Holy Communion. Our sermon will be "Jesus' Way #7 – Living Peace."
Remember that Daylight Saving Time ends, so set your clock back an hour.

November 10: Consecration Sunday – You will be asked to make estimates of your financial giving to the ministry and mission of our church for 2025. You will receive a bowl of soup following worship to enjoy at church or at home (see article for more information). We will also recognize Veterans Day and the concluding sermon in our series will be "Jesus' Way #8 – Following Jesus' Way (Discipleship)."

November 17: We will learn about our Advent/Christmas Mission Project. The sermon will be "The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like..."

November 24: Thanksgiving Sunday – Our sermon will be "Making Our Way to Thanksgiving."

A Charge Conference

for the sole purpose of approving pastoral compensation for 2025 will be held at the start of the church council meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 7pm. All church members and friends are welcome to attend.

From Our Faith Community Nurse



Greetings to all! I thought I'd begin by listing agencies which are very helpful in meeting the needs of those who are thinking of transitioning from their homes or needing services in their home as they age.



Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
A Division of ARDC

The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging (AAAA) is a direct

provider of information, referral and assistance through the Senior LinkAge Line. The services of the Senior LinkAge Line are available by phone at 800-333-2433, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

The AAAA is designated by the state to address the needs and concerns of all older people at the regional and local levels in the Arrowhead Region. AAAA contracts with local service providers to deliver many direct services, such as meals, caregiver support programs, transportation, and in-home services. Planning staff at the AAAA work to address service gaps in the region, provide support to partner organizations, and provide advocacy for aging services.

AAAA serves the seven counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis in the Arrowhead region.



218-623-7800

Age Well
Arrowhead

Age Well is a provider of many services to help aging adults meet their needs while being able to remain in their own homes.

They believe that every adult has the right to age well in their own home. That is why providing resources and support is so important to them. Together, along with you and your family, they can create an action plan that will help you live safely and independently in your home.

They also believe that your loved ones should have access to education, support, and affordable care services as they walk alongside you. They pride themselves on being experts in the field of aging and are dedicated to supporting you and your loved ones every step of the way. Some of the services which can be provided include errands, homemaking, affordable transportation, companionship, dementia training, chores, and caregiver counseling.



Assisted Living Locators
Contact Kailee Olson
218-321-0030

A new service in Duluth is **Assisted Living Locators** which provides a senior living advisor at

no cost. They can assist in helping you choose care options to meet your needs by assessing those needs with you and family members.

Those needs may be met by assisted living, personal and adult care homes, memory care, in-home care, or senior apartments providing independent living.

As we approach holiday gatherings and your COVID vaccine, here is a reminder that it's time to get your flu vaccine as well (if you have not already taken care of that).

Also, there is a blood shortage, especially in the hurricane-ravaged areas. Memorial Blood Center is taking reservations for donations. An hour of your time will mean so much for many in need.

Grief and the Holidays

Many have recently lost loved ones, whether they be a family member or a close friend. With the holidays approaching, this can mean a difficult time may be coming for those who are grieving. What we must remember is that everyone grieves and copes in their own way. Emotions can intensify when you least expect. I've included a few ideas that may help those of you who are dealing with grief.

First, you must take care of yourself — accept your feelings and let loose — cry, express anger, and feel relief as well. Remember that you can say no to gatherings or other expectations that some may want you to do. Be physical, exercise, take a walk or run, and get sleep. Journaling can be a big help to express your emotions. If you need to talk, find a support group or friend, or speak to a grief counselor. Spend time with those who make you feel comfortable, and seek out things you can laugh about. Another good idea to do is to ASK for help when you need to and help those you can.

To help you find comfort and peace,

light a candle, breathe slow deep breaths, say a prayer, and remember your loved one. May you all find peace.

A prayer for you:

"Let Your God Love You"

by *Edwina Gateley*

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you

With an enormous love,

And only wants

To look upon you

With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God—

Love you.

Blessings,

~Linda Wiig

Children's Christmas Pageant

We are excited to announce our upcoming Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on

Sunday, December 8 at the 10am worship service. All students are welcome—pre-school age through youth! We invite you to share your beautiful musical talents to tell the Christmas story on a journey to Bethlehem. Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings during Sunday School AND on Wednesday evenings (5pm, for kids 2nd grade and younger; 5:40pm, grades 3 and older). You can come to any or all rehearsals and still participate. You can even simply show up on December 8, and be given a costume to participate. Please contact Children's Music Director Beth Brophy, musickids@fumcduluth.com, or Children's Ministry Coordinator Larry Ehresman, larry@fumcduluth.com, with any questions.

Consecration Sunday, November 10

During the week of November 4, you will receive a letter with your estimate-of-giving card and a participation survey to let us know how you want to share your time and gifts through our congregation. We ask you to prayerfully fill them out and return them to church. Those worshipping in person will bring them to church on Sunday, November 10 and place them in the offering plate. On that Sunday, as a way to celebrate our giving and our life together, Paul Sapyta will have soup, and every person may eat their soup (and bread) in the social hall or leave with a bowl of soup (in a compostable container) to eat at home. For those worshipping online, you are invited to drive by church on Sunday, November 10 from 11:15am-11:30am to drop off your estimate-of-giving card and participation survey, and get your soup. You are also welcome to mail your estimate-of-giving card and participation survey, fill them out online, or bring them to the office during the week.

Please be prayerfully thinking of what this congregation means to you and others... your values... and what God is leading you to give financially in the coming year. Be blessed... and be a blessing!

How to Find Our Worship Videos

Each weekend in the weekly email, Pastor Jeanine sends you the link to the online worship service. There are also other ways you can get to our worship videos:

- Go to our [church website](http://FUMCduluth.com), (FUMCduluth.com). You will find the links to the video stream, bulletin, and Connect Card on the welcome page, and a more complete description on the "[Current Sunday In-Person and Online Services](#)" link in the sidebar.
- Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "[First United Methodist Church Duluth Minnesota](#);" our channel will come up, where you can find the Sunday service and the complete archive of all of our service videos. If you subscribe to the channel, you will receive notices and reminders, and it's easy to find us from your own YouTube account.
- Go the [FUMC Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCDuluth) (facebook.com/FUMCDuluth). There will always be a link to Sunday's video along with links to the bulletin and Connect Card.



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- Cooked 27 roasts, a total of 595.66 lbs. (Last fall, 684.35 lbs., a difference of 88.69 lbs. at \$4.31/lb)
- Cost of apples; \$81, ordered frozen and sliced. Larry Ehresman perfected the recipe for our delicious apple crisp. (30 lb bucket of frozen sugared apples, \$57.07).
- Most leftovers were delivered to CHUM. The remaining were kept and will be used for additional fundraising opportunities for FUMC ministries.
- Three large Roast Beef Dinner signs for the church lawn were purchased with donations.
- We raised \$5,316.45. (Last year was \$5,032.32.)
- Priceless—the offering of warmth and hospitality to the community, and to do this important outreach ministry fundraiser together while strengthening our relationships.

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

You are loved and appreciated!

~ Cindy and Scott Hedlund

Bibles Received

On Sunday, October 6, the following children received their Bibles from the church:

Three- and four-year olds:

Owen Busiahn
Isabelle Grace Fazzio
Sayler Ann Fox
Adelicia Rose Hanson

Third graders:

Aiden Jimmy Davis
Torsten Eric Draxten Lindquist

From the Welcome Desk

by Greg Leiviska, Director of



Greetings from the welcome desk

As I write this, I look across the lake to see the last hints of fall colors fading. It won't be long before the leaves are gone and winter settles in. I haven't heard the loons call for a few weeks, and the trumpeter swans headed off to warmer waters. It is a sad time of year when I close up the cabin for the season. It is a place where I can relax and enjoy God's beauty, a place where I belong.

In today's world that often feels fast-paced and ever-changing, there is a timeless and fundamental need that transcends the boundaries of culture, age, and circumstance—belonging. It is a word that carries with it a profound sense of connection, a feeling of warmth, and an invitation to one's heart. In life, if we are able to embrace the "sense of belonging," we find a sanctuary, a place where we can truly be ourselves, the feeling of "home" that extends far beyond the confines of brick and mortar.

Belonging is closely tied to our personal well-being and mental health. Since humans are inherently social creatures, our sense of self-worth and even happiness often stems from connections we develop. The church is not only a place to worship but also a place where we can feel that sense of belonging. A place where we can develop and foster lifelong friendships and feel truly a part of something that goes beyond physical space.

Wednesday Night Dinners for All

Dinners are served this month on November 6, 13, and 20 from 6-6:30pm in Lakeview Social Hall. Please contribute to help cover the cost of food so we can continue this service and have creativity in our offerings.

Please let Larry Ehresman know if you would be willing to provide the meal/portions of a meal so this responsibility can be shared. Also let him know if you are willing to help with clean up.

Book Sale Drop-Off Dates

Books may be dropped off starting Sunday,
November 10, in the East Lounge.

Setup will begin on November 14.

The Book Sale is Saturday, November 16

Please email anitazager@gmail.com
or let Jean Walsh know if you can help.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3

*We will name, light a candle,
and remember those from our
congregation who have died
this past year.*

Vicki Brown Boyer

Alice Bubacz

Roland Strand

Diane Bean

Mary Beth Brown

Lowell Fermeich

Oliver Houx

Holy Communion will be celebrated

Book Sale Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to set up the week of November 11. The Book Sale is Saturday, November 16 from 10am-3pm and coincides with the Duluth Fiber Guild's Fall Sale at FUMC. You can start dropping off books beginning Sunday, November 10 in the East Lounge.

**PLEASE NO VHS or cassette tapes,
magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks.**

Volunteer for an hour or two the week of the sale or day of. We also need movers the day after the sale.

Volunteer Schedule

- Monday, November 11, 9am-12pm
- Tuesday, November 12, 1pm-4pm
- Wednesday, November 13, 1pm-4pm
- Thursday, November 14, 9am-12pm
- Friday, November 15, 9am-4pm
- Saturday, November 16, 8:30-10:30am;
11:30am-1:30pm; 1:30-3:30pm

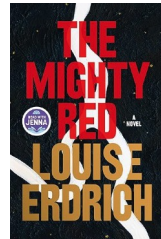
To volunteer: contact Jean Walsh,
jmbwalsh@gmail.com or Anita
Zager, anitazager@gmail.com.

Thank You to All Book Donors

Thanks to all who donate books or help at the annual sale. Profits from the book sale allow us to add more books to the church library. We would love to hear your suggestions for titles you recommend. Here are three recently acquired books:

The Mighty Red

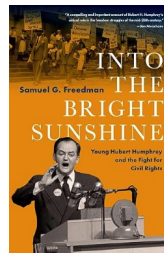
by Louise Erdrich



Just off the press from an award-winning Minnesota author, this novel is about love, family, and the effects of trauma on individuals, communities, and the land. Erdrich draws on her upbringing in the Red River Valley in North Dakota.

Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights

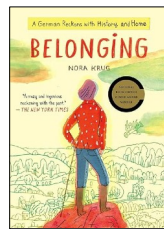
by Samuel J. Freedman.



A book that celebrates Humphrey's daring role, at the risk of his own career, in getting the 1948 Democratic Party to get civil rights on the platform. There's an NPR podcast on this, which we will listen to and discuss at Faith Forum on November 17. Join in to celebrate our Minnesota hero.

Belonging: A German Reckons With History and Home

by Nora Krug



(From the jacket) "A revelatory, visually stunning graphic memoir by award-winning artist Nora Krug, telling the story of her attempt to confront the hidden truth of her family's past in Nazi Germany, and to understand the historical and personal forces that have shaped her life."

Sustainability Updates

by Geoff Bell

Hi, all! Here are some updates from our most recent sustainability meeting held Sunday, October 13.

Our next meeting will be held after church on Sunday, December 1. We decided to combine our November and December meetings into one.

Our conversion to the new LED lighting is proceeding... slower than one might like but proceeding. Tom Brown (THANK YOU, Tom!) has been examining some of the fixtures

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Children and Youth

Children in November Nursery-5th grade

Sundays, November 3, 10, 17, and 24 (Sunday School at 10am)

- Nursery/Sunday School (five years old and under) is open 8:30am through worship (kids can start in the nursery and then come up for the children's message—or start in worship and then go to the nursery)
- Elementary Sunday School – takes place after the children's message in worship
- November 3: Pajama/Movie Day (wear pajamas to church) Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends November 3—move your clock back an hour.

Kid's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 8 in the 10am worship. Kids will be practicing both Wednesdays and Sundays all through November.

Wednesday, November 6

- 5:00-5:30pm – JAM Jr. Music (nursery through 2nd grade) including Bible lesson – Chapel
- 5:00-5:40pm – Ringtones (3rd-5th grade) – Bell Room
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- 5:40-6:05pm – JAM Music (3rd-5th grade) singing and drumming – Chapel
- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner

Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 13

- 5:00-5:30pm – JAM Jr. Music (nursery through 2nd grade) including Bible lesson – Chapel
- 5:00-5:40pm – Ringtones (3rd-5th grade) – Bell Room
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- 5:40-6:05pm – JAM Music (3rd-5th grade) singing and drumming – Chapel
- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner
- 6:45-7:30pm – Tweens (3rd-5th grades)

Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 20

- 5:00-5:30pm – JAM Jr. Music (nursery through 2nd grade) including Bible lesson – Chapel

- 5:00-5:40pm – Ringtones (3rd-5th grade) – Bell Room
- 5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- 5:40-6:05pm – JAM Music (3rd-5th grade) singing and drumming – Chapel
- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner

Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 27

No Children's Programs or Dinner (Thanksgiving Break)

Please bring money to contribute toward Wednesday suppers, as you are able, so we can keep them going

Friends are always welcome—Text Larry Ehresman with any questions (218-260-9577)

Youth in November 6th-12th Grade

Wednesday, November 6

- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner – Come anytime
- 6:45 – Confirmation Class**
Youth who are not in Confirmation may hang out in the Youth Room
- 7:45-8:45pm – Class Ring – Bell Room

Saturday, November 9

Confirmation Retreat – 10:30am-4pm

Wednesday, November 13

- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner – Come anytime
- **6:45pm – Youth Group**
- 7:45-8:45pm – Class Ring – Bell Room

Wednesday, November 20

- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner – Come anytime
- **6:45pm – Youth Group**
- 7:45-8:45pm – Class Ring – Bell Room

Wednesday, November 27

No Youth Programs or Dinner (Thanksgiving Break)

*Friends are always welcome
Text Pastor Jeanine with any questions
(763-443-0570)*

HELP WANTED

Seeking a **Congregational Ministries Coordinator** with a wide variety of skills. Must have experience working with children, staff members, and volunteers. Coordinate the Sunday School and Wednesday night activities for children and youth, including curriculum development; manage the kitchen area when members and outside groups utilize the facilities, including cleaning and disposing of broken or unneeded items; repair broken equipment as needed and able. 20 hours a week that are flexible and fluid—may be more hours one week than another and dependent on church seasons. Seeking someone with a variety of skills in order to serve a large church and become a team member.

Currently the experimental position that we have evaluated is filled by Larry Ehresman, who has actively served in the position since March. Larry has kept detailed notes of hours and tasks and met periodically with Maryjane Burdge, Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Vice Chair, for updates to the flow of work assignments and church needs. He has attended staff meetings in order to keep up to date on church happenings and support activities taking place.

After a Spring, Summer, and partial Fall experimental employee position, the SPRC has determined it is time to move forward with a **Congregational Ministries Coordinator** to staff the church with a 20-hour weekly position that requires lots of flexibility in time, talents, and responsibilities. If you are interested in such a position and can rearrange your time easily for seen and unseen needs, please send a cover letter and résumé to the church office by **November 5.**

FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811; or Sandy Smith, admin@fumcduluth.com.

Review of materials will begin on **November 6, 2024.**

Faith Forum for November and December

Faith Forum takes place before Sunday's worship service. Try one of these fascinating sessions and you'll probably go back for more. They run from 9–9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Come late, leave early, all are welcome!

November 3: *Common Ground, Part 2:* We continue the documentary *Common Ground*, which shows us a pathway to transform our unhealthy industrial agricultural food system into an ecological way of growing food to restore our health, our communities, and our climate.

November 10: Helen Smith Stone shares her back story, which led to her recent designation as Minnesota Quilter of the Year. Enjoy a few of her quilts on display in the Fireside Lounge.

November 17: Did you know Hubert Humphrey was a key player in the passage of the Civil Rights laws? Mark Harvey leads us in discussion of a fascinating podcast on Humphrey's early years, based on the book *Into the Bright Sunshine*. Special guest Chris Julin, NPR editor, will share how the book became a podcast. The book is available in the church library.

November 24: Psychologist Charlie Orsak shares his insights on the effects of social media on kids.

December 1: Composting and recycling confusing? Emma Pardini, Environmental Program Coordinator at WLSSD, will demystify the process. Bring your curiosity and questions.

December 8: What book had such an impact that it changed your thinking, maybe your life? Anne Miller will coordinate our discussion. Come with your stories.

Attention College Students

by Terry Wallin

The **Lennon-Berini Scholarship** Committee has changed back to December for awarding the scholarships. Some logistics played a roll in the decision and I personally know Mr. Joe Berini enjoyed handing out the awards around Christmastime.

The criteria for applicants are:

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

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EarthKeeper

by Naomi Yaeger, EarthKeeper

Composting Confusion: What Goes Where? It Depends



Do you ever find yourself staring at a food container, wondering if it's destined for the compost bin or the recycling? You're not alone! The truth is, it depends. Whether something is compostable or recyclable often depends on where you live and the whims of your local composting or recycling program.

Let's break it down. If you're composting in your backyard, most food scraps are fair game. But when it comes to non-food items labeled as compostable, things get a bit tricky. Many of these products won't break down in a backyard pile or even a fancy vermicompost setup. However, if it's uncoated paper and you chop it into tiny bits, you might just get away with tossing in an occasional paper plate—just not your entire stash of takeout containers!

Now, if, like our church, you're sending stuff off to a large-scale composting facility, (First United Methodist Church is sending to WLSSD), that's where certification comes into play. Only items approved by the Biodegradable Products Institute should make the cut. Some facilities might even have their own rules, so it's worth checking.

Terms like "biodegradable," "bio-based," and "made from plants" are not synonymous with "compostable." Biodegradable, for example, might refer to photodegradable products that contain an additive that needs sunlight to break it down. Sunlight won't penetrate your compost pile, so plastics with these additives are not actually compostable.

So, the next time you're faced with a disposal dilemma, remember: it's all about local guidelines. And hey, when you visit a friend in a different town, you might discover they can recycle something you can't! Who would have thought that waste could lead to such an adventure?

If you get frustrated, just know that it is an ongoing journey. The members of the sustainability committee are trying to keep up to date and guide you. Everyone will make mistakes, and that's OK.

Naomi is a commissioned EarthKeeper with the United Methodist Church. Contact her at sun_dog_press@yahoo.com or 218-591-5277.

The Coppertop Bazaar

The Coppertop Bazaar will take place at FUMC on Saturday, November 9 from 9am-2:30pm on the lower level. The Bazaar, a very popular event in Duluth, will feature over 40 area crafters offering a wide variety of handmade gifts and crafts. There will be jewelry, ceramics, and holiday and home décor. There will also be hot cinnamon rolls available at 9am and lunch will be available beginning at 11am.

FUMC is heavily involved in this huge event. Not only do we host the Bazaar, we are selling our famous Cassia Bud Pickles and assorted baked goods. This is where we need your help.

Baked Goods Needed for the Bakery and for Lunch: Please bring uncut bars or cake, or cookies, for the lunch to the church kitchen on Friday, November 8 before 7pm. Bars for the bakery should be cut and packaged for sale. Small trays are being provided to use in packaging; you may pick them up in the church kitchen. Please label your baked items with the name, whether it contains nuts, if it is gluten-free, and any other helpful information. Thank you for helping the bakery.

We hope you are able to help, and also get a chance to attend. It's an experience!



Help Wanted at Bazaar

The 2024 Coppertop Bazaar (Craft and Bake Sale) is a church-sponsored event to benefit the missions of First United Methodist Church. Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Sign up at church or call the church at 218-727-5021 to volunteer.

Help Wanted: Traffic Control Volunteers

We have all seen Karl Lindgren, coordinator of traffic control, and his crew effectively directing traffic at our events. Karl could use four to five new volunteers for the Bazaar in addition to his regular crew. The job includes directing traffic and finding available parking spots. The scheduled work times are between 8:30am and 1pm. Sign up for one or two hours and identify your available time. Karl provides on-the-job training.

Help Wanted: East and West Entrance Greeters

Karen Morgan is this year's new East and West Entrance coordinator. She needs 12 volunteers for one-hour shifts. The volunteer job includes welcoming customers at the door and providing information on locations from a floor map you will receive from Karen. Times needed at the doors are in one-hour blocks from 8:30-9:30am and 12:30-1:30pm.

Help Wanted: Dining Room

Hosts are needed to direct people to the dining areas, supervise the setup of the two dining rooms with placemats and napkins, and the resetting of the areas after people leave. Two volunteers are needed from 10:30am-1:30pm, and one volunteer is needed from 12:30-1:30pm.

Dear Beloved Community,

In these weeks leading us to and through the election, we turn to the wisdom of John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. In an article series, we are exploring how Wesley's rules and our theological heritage can shape our thoughts, words, and actions, particularly when we encounter differing perspectives or face our own disappointments. My hope is that these teachings will ground us in our Christian witness, helping us to engage in the public square in ways that reflect the heart of Christ.

This week, I encourage you to [read this article](#) written by Rev. Hope Hutchison, a deacon in the Minnesota Conference who serves as executive administrative assistant to the bishop.

Alongside you on the journey,

Bishop Lanette Plambeck

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Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area
The United Methodist Church

Ardath Gibson Scholarship

The Ardath Gibson Scholarship Selection Committee is inviting all eligible students attending college or university in the United States to apply! The scholarship, established in 2012 for individuals who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate level degree in health care, the physical sciences, engineering, or business, is \$1,000 and will be awarded on Sunday, December 29.

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 Ardath Gibson Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee will have discretion in determining if the applicant's studies meet these criteria.

To apply, candidates must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The application packet must include:

- The completed AGS application form.
- A brief statement about how the candidate believes their education/career choice would benefit the community.
- High school and/or college transcript(s).
- Current letters of recommendations from two parties, unrelated to the applicant, who know the applicant well.

The application form should be downloaded from the First United Methodist Church website (fumcduluth.com), filled out, and submitted with all documentation between November 1 and November 22, 2024:

- by mailing or delivering to FUMC, 230 E Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811, or
- by emailing to Pamela Brown, Treasurer of FUMC Memorial Committee, pr.brown1906@gmail.com

Questions may also be submitted to Pamela Brown by email, pr.brown1906@gmail.com.



First United Methodist Used Book Sale

Saturday, November 16, 10-3

230 E Skyline Parkway

The event coincides with the Duluth Fiber Guild's Fall Sale at FUMC.



COPPERTOP BAZAAR

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024
9:00am - 2:30pm

More than 40 area crafters are offering handmade gifts!

Jewelry	Ceramics	Holiday Items	Home Décor
Woodcrafts	Novelties	Stained Glass	Knitted Items
Baked Goods	Pickles	Linens	Sewn Items
Children's Items	Doll Clothes	Accessories	And Much More!

Hot Cinnamon Rolls at 9:00am
Lunch begins at 11:00am

For more information, please call the church office at 218-727-5021

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. . . . is You!

Editor's Note:

Well, there appears to be a very small Bill Alexander in one of these photos. Can you find anyone else we might know? This would be around 1960.

One more coming next month.



Application forms will be available on the church’s website on November 1, 2024. They will need to be fully completed and turned in by 4pm on Friday, November 22.

Applicants will need to compile all materials (completed application form, transcripts, recommendations, and candidate statement) into a single electronic file and send to Terry Wallin at teto62@charter.net. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Previous scholarship recipients are expected to provide letters of recommendation that have not been previously submitted. The Lennon-Berini Scholarships for 2024 will be \$2,000 each.

The scholarships will be awarded during a worship service at the end of December.

Where Does Your FUMC Mission Money Go?

by Geoff Bell

Have you ever wondered where the money you give to FUMC for missions actually goes? I did, and asked Pastor Jeanine if she had a list of recipients. Frankly, I was blown away by the number of organizations and, through them, people that our mission giving helps. Here’s the list Pastor Jeanine gave me:

Local, State, National, and Global Organizations

- Arrowhead Jail Chaplaincy
- CHUM
- Companies to Classrooms
- Duluth free store
- Damiano Center
- Harbor House
- NAACP
- Stepping on Up
- Twin Ports Pride Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- State/National/Global ministries
- CHANCE4KIDS
- Dignity Center
- Feed My Starving Children
- Minnesota Reconciling Network
- National Reconciling Network
- UMCOR

I, for one, am amazed at this list, and I bet you are too!

A quiet sustainability hero!

by Geoff Bell, FUMC Sustainability Committee

Some of you may have had the opportunity to see the new carpet in the Chapel, and it is BEAUTIFUL! As Sandy will tell you, replacing our old and sad carpet was made possible with generous memorial donations. THANKS to all of you! What Sandy will NOT tell you (but SHOULD) is she’s one of our “quiet sustainability heroes.” If you look carefully at the

new carpet, you’ll see it’s not carpet at all, but rather, carpet tile. The difference? Carpet comes in large rolls, while carpet tile generally comes in 2’X2’ squares. Why is this more sustainable? Well, because if a small section of carpet is damaged, either by wear (think traffic near the doors) or staining, rather than replacing the entire carpet, we can simply replace that tile with another one! They are patterned such that any tile can go next to any other, so new ones will look great next to old ones. Therefore, we will have to replace the entire carpet less frequently, and we’ll be sending less trash to the landfill! An added side benefit is carpet tile is good financial stewardship, because we won’t have to pay to replace carpet in the entire Chapel. So if you see Sandy, say thanks to her, too. Very quietly, she’s making us better stewards of God’s resources!

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and switches in Lakeview Social Hall. Apparently this will require more electrical work than we’d hoped, but we’ve got it sorted out and will be working on the changeover soon.

Speaking of that, Sandy is working with a group of folks on the conversion. This includes not only Tom, but also Dave from the Trustees and Sandy’s husband, Joel (who was deeply involved in a similar project at St. Luke’s). A BIG THANK YOU to all these people!



If there’s anything you’d like to have sustainability think about, or if you’d like to join our group, please let Sandy in the office know, or email Geoff at ggbell@d.umn.edu.



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The Coppertop Church on the Skyline
230 E. Skyline Parkway • Duluth, MN



Organ Rededication Concert

featuring

International Concert Organist

Isabelle Demers



Sunday, November 3 • 3:00pm

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230 E. Skyline Parkway • Duluth, MN 55811

Freewill offering

Reception following

*After a substantial renovation and expansion,
First United Methodist Church rededicates its
Austin pipe organ with this concert by
Dr. Isabelle Demers, Associate Professor of
Organ at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.*

FUMC Celebrates Refurbishment of Pipe Organ

A special concert by an internationally-renowned organist will highlight the completion of our Austin Pipe Organ project.

The church's pipe organ was installed in 1968, two years after the church was built on Skyline Parkway. Funds for the organ were given as a memorial to Chester and Clara Congdon by their children and grandchildren. The Congdons were active members of the First Methodist Church.

After more than 50 years of regular use, the organ was becoming increasingly unreliable because of failing leather parts and electrical problems. The resulting unpleasant noises emitting from its depths at random moments during worship services made it clear that something had to be done!

After significant donations from church members, work began on repairing the organ, as well as improving it. The renovated and expanded organ includes over 3,300 pipes. The sounds produced by many existing pipes were modified, and new pipes were purchased, including a set of 69 new pipes that are attached to the back balcony wall. Some say the striking design of these pipes resembles the waves on Lake Superior. The organ also benefits from new technology, with the ability to record and play back music, and to transpose hymns written in higher keys to an easier register for most church singers.

To celebrate the organ's renovation, the church is hosting Dr. Isabelle Demers in concert, playing works by J.S. Bach, César Franck, Bedřich Smetana, and more. Isabelle Demers' playing is described as having "bracing virtuosity" (*Chicago Classical Review*) and being "fearless and extraordinary" (*Amarillo-Globe News*). She has enraptured critics, presenters, and audience members around the globe. Her latest CD, recorded at Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel, was released in January 2020. A native of Québec and a doctoral graduate of the Juilliard School, Dr. Demers is Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University (Montréal, Québec).

Dr. Demers will perform a rededication concert at **3pm on Sunday, November 3.**

The concert celebrates the completion of the church's recent renovation and expansion of our Austin pipe organ.

Admission to the concert is free, with a freewill offering to be taken.





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