


First Family

October 2024

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


**First United
Methodist Church**

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Our First Family

Senior Event

In September we had a lunch for seniors with about 60 people in attendance. Everyone got a swag bag, we had a slideshow of Duluth in the past, and lots of conversation. It was a great time together.



Thank you! Even though the Roast Beef Dinner may not have happened at the time you're reading this, most of the work has been done by a hundred volunteers for a successful Fall Roast Beef Dinner. Thank you for your time, talents, energy, and hospitality! What an honor to be a part of this serving church community.

Details of the dinner will be in the next issue of *First Family*.

With gratitude,
~Cindy Hedlund

On the Journey With You



In weekly worship we are in the midst of a sermon series called JESUS' WAY. We are focusing on Jesus as we find him in Scripture, along with other resources including the book, "**Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus**" by Jim Wallis.

This election season, I'm not concerned about whether you are Republican, Democrat or Independent. I am not trying to criticize or affirm your candidates or how you vote. Although this church overall leans liberal, it contains good and loving, faith-filled people along the entire theological and political spectrum. The purpose of this series is to help us all reflect on the values and loves of Jesus **SO THAT** our thoughts and actions ... our social values and political agendas ... our voting choices --- align with that of Jesus.

During my renewal leave I spent very little time on social media. It was good for me, and I am limiting my time on it now. Some of social media can be very good, can build neighborly relationships. Some of the posts are divisive and polarizing and break apart relationship possibilities rather than seeking to build a environment of neighborliness.

A member of our church who is deeply involved in politics, who has clarity about what he believes and who he supports, who is a leader in political movements, posted this on Facebook:

"I have and will always be the loudest supporter of the candidate I'm backing, no matter what race it is. I'm proud to be their cheerleader, it brings me joy to talk about their values and how they align with my own. It's easy to bash the other side, put negativity out there, and continue the spiral of hate. But if you notice, I don't post about the other side. I post things about my candidate. Have done so for years... a lot less online arguments that way. Love to you all..."

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I love this so much... and I will add that posting about what is positive about your candidate, their values and stances, taking a positive approach may change people's hearts and minds much more than bashing someone or focusing on the negative might.

This doesn't mean that we sit back and tolerate wrong behavior or attitudes, or allow ourselves or others to be abused. It doesn't mean that we don't fact check and share truth. It does mean that we are ever careful in what we say, how we present it, and how our words and opinions reflect and impact others.

Remember—each time we look into the eyes of another human being— each time we speak about or post about someone, we are looking into the eyes of and are speaking and posting about one whom God loves—a neighbor!

Worship in October

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.

Sunday, October 6: World Communion Sunday – We will have our 3-year-old and 3rd grade Bible presentation and will continue our sermon series on Jesus' Way #3 – Seeking Truth

Sunday, October 13: Continuing our sermon series on Jesus' Way #4 – Responding to Fear

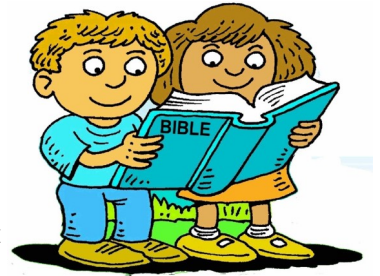
Sunday, October 20: Continuing our sermon series on Jesus' Way #5 – Understanding Power

Sunday, October 27: Continuing our sermon series on Jesus' Way #6 – Where Does Our Loyalty Belong?

Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to 3-year-olds (and 4/5-year-olds who haven't received a 3-year-old Bible) and 3rd graders (and 4th/5th graders who haven't received a 3rd grade Bible) and confirmation students on Sunday, October 6 during our 10am worship service

Please let Pastor Jeanine, pastor@fumcduluth.com, know if you would like to have your child receive a Bible. If you cannot be in worship on October 6, we will find an alternative way to present the Bible to your child.



On the journey with you,
~Pastor Jeanine

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Sunday, November 3
*We will name, light a candle,
and remember those from our
congregation who have died
this past year.*
Holy Communion will be celebrated

FUMC Halloween Events!
Wednesday, October 30
Dinner For Everyone
6:00–6:30pm
TRUNK or TREAT
(6:30–7:15 in the East Parking Lot)
Explore Critters with Nicole
Come in your favorite (non-violent) costume.
This is a great event to invite friends!
*Please sign up to hand out candy in your car (and decorate your trunk)
or donate candy to the church be handed out.*

From Our Faith Community Nurse



Fall, a favorite time of year for me. I love the myriad of colors in the trees, the crispness in the air, and crispness in apples! Fall also reminds me that we anticipate gatherings of family, friends, attending different events for the holidays, and attending sporting events. Doing these things means a larger gathering of people and increased chances for respiratory infections.

We must remember that vaccinations, like influenza, during respiratory disease time are important. Other vaccines are also important for those of us who can, and should, receive them.

The World Health Organization has reported that in the last 50 years vaccines have saved over 154 million lives. Vaccines are the best way to protect against preventable disease with minimal risk. If a child gets measles, that child can die from the infection. If a child gets mumps, the child could become sterile. If a child gets whooping cough (pertussis), that child could die. It isn't pleasant to see a child gasping and coughing and unable to breathe. These diseases are still present in the U.S., due to children not receiving vaccinations. We are now seeing polio in Gaza. Polio is preventable with a vaccine that gives lifelong immunity. Adults who did not receive the vaccine can contract polio but it is more common in children under five. Unvaccinated adults should also get vaccinated.

The DTaP-IPV/Hib vaccine protects babies ages 2 to 18 months from influenza type B, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, and polio.

Other vaccines are available for children and teens to protect against meningitis, human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza, and against COVID-19. The COVID vaccine is highly recommended, as is the HPV and influenza.

Consult the Minnesota Dept. of Health (MDH) for vaccine recommendations for all ages. The new COVID-19 vaccine is now more readily available. Those over 65 should all be vaccinated. Women who are pregnant, breast feeding, or trying to get pregnant should be vaccinated. Those six months of age and up should get the new 2024-2025 updated vaccine, too.

Unfortunately, the percentage of people who are up to date on their COVID vaccine is very low across our state. The vaccine over time does lose effectiveness, so keeping up to date is important. Getting the vaccine is the safer and more reliable way to help build protection, rather than getting sick from COVID and risking long COVID.

Talk to your health care provider for the current recommendations for dosage and type of COVID vaccine, whether it be Moderna or

Pfizer, as it depends on your previous dosage history. You can also consult the MDH.

It is important to get your immunizations to protect yourself and others.

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

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.

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.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. The scholarships will be awarded during a worship service at the end of December.

Thank You to Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

by Aaron Boyson

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), I write to express deep gratitude to Reverend Mary Anne Korsch for her willingness and ability to cover our pastoral needs and keep this wonderful ship cruising during Pastor Jeanine's renewal leave.

From the very beginning of the renewal leave process, we knew we were fortunate to have someone in our congregation and on staff with Reverend Korsch's talents. During the leave, her care and dedication to our congregation was remarkable, even while keeping her duties as Chaplain at Essentia Health. Reverend Korsch's presence also helped maximize the value of Pastor Jeanine's leave. We all know that it is hard to leave something—even for a little while—that you have poured your life's work into and not worry. Pastor Jeanine's confidence in MaryAnne's ability to lead our congregation helped her to truly have the leave we wanted her to have and she deserved.



Words here will fail me to express the right amount or type of thanks for the constant work of a pastor, so I close with a poem by that tall mountain of a poet, the late Mary Oliver, which is also an invitation to you all:

"Praying"

By Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Please join me in whatever ways you are able to say thanks to Reverend Korsch for taking the wheel and staying the course this past summer, and for her special brand of leadership and care for the congregation. We are lucky to have her among us.

Fall Faith Forum

Faith Forum is held on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversations or just soak it all in.

September 29: The documentary *Common Ground* 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.

October 6: Jayson Young, Development Director at the Depot Foundation, will talk about the Depot's 45th anniversary as an arts, culture, and heritage center, and its plans for the future.

October 13: Andrea Gelb leads a conversation on the *Art of Difficult Discussions*—how to talk respectfully with people who have different viewpoints.

October 20: Duluth Huskies team owner Michael Rosenzweig talks about baseball in Duluth. A fun, non-controversial subject (if there IS such a thing in Duluth)!

October 27: *Circle of Security Parenting*, presented by Sarah Walker Davis. This is a research-based framework around secure attachments, especially, but not exclusively, parent-child relationships.

Book Sale

Saturday, November 16

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

Setup will begin on November 14.

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



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The Coppertop Church on the Skyline
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Organ Rededication Concert

featuring

International Concert Organist

Isabelle Demers



Sunday, November 3 • 3:00pm

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Freewill offering

Reception following

After a substantial renovation, 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.

Pipe Organ Rededication

The renovation project of our organ is almost complete and we are now looking forward to a BIG CELEBRATION on **Sunday, November 3**. Our morning worship service will include a time to rededicate our organ and acknowledge the individuals who have helped make this renovation possible. The service will feature our organist, Velda Bell, along with our choir, Tapestry, Strikepoint, trumpeter Stacy Carolan, and oboist Erin Wiig. Featured music includes "The Lord Is My Shepherd" from John Rutter's Requiem, a composition for organ and trumpet titled "Invocation and Remembrance," and an arrangement of Moussorgsky's "The Great Gate of Kiev" for handbells and organ.

AND THEN at 3:00pm that afternoon, we will have the opportunity to hear our organ played by Dr. Isabelle Demers, a concert organist from Montreal, Canada. Dr. Demers has played around the globe, including such places as St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing.

Mark your calendars now!

Roadside Cleanup Oct. 12

First United Methodist Church sponsors one of the Saint Louis County Roadside Cleanup locations, and twice a year schedules a time to make our community a little nicer.

Our cleanup area is a two-mile stretch of Maple Grove Road, from Lindahl Road to Solway Road.

The next cleanup time will be on Saturday, October 12, from noon to 2:00pm. We always need more help to make the workload a little lighter. Please call the church office at 218-727-5021 or contact Bill Alexander at bill@strikepoint.com if you are interested.

You should dress for the weather, bring gloves, and wear footwear suitable for walking in ditches, and meet us at the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at Midway and Maple Grove. We will supply beautiful yellow vests and stylish garbage bags. Hope to hear from all of you. Thinking this through, if you are ALL going to show up, I'll need a lot more vests!

~Bill Alexander

Coming in November: The Coppertop Bazaar

The very popular Coppertop Bazaar returns this year on Saturday, November 9. Open hours will be 9am-2:30pm. More than forty area crafters will be offering a wide variety of handmade gifts, from jewelry and ceramics to holiday and home décor and our famous Cassia Bud Pickles. In addition, hot cinnamon rolls will be available at 9am and a lunch will be served beginning at 11am.

The Bazaar Committee has been working for months to organize this event. Since it is now an all-FUMC-sponsored event, your help is needed! Men, women, and youth: there are places for all of your time and talents to be put to good use. Look for signup sheets detailing the help needed in the Narthex beginning Sunday, October 13.

Cassia Bud Pickles

Pickle prep on Tuesday, October 8 at 1:00

It's time again to prepare the pickles for the Coppertop Bazaar on Saturday, November 9. These pickles are a Best Seller, but we need your help to make it possible. Men and women are most welcome to assist. The process takes two to three hours, max. For those of you who want to just slice pickles, it would be only an hour of your time.

Needed: Ten people, total: seven to slice the pickles (a sit-down job) and we hope some of these people could help fill the pint jars with the sliced pickles too.



Three additional people to put in the cassia buds and brine and to help clean up (which is minimal work).

Please call the church office, or stop in, to sign up. You can also speak with Linda Wiig or Celeste Dallman.

Thanks!

~Linda and Celeste

Children and Youth

Children in October Nursery–5th grade

Sundays, October 6 and 27 (Sunday school at 10am)

October 6: Pajama/Movie Day (wear pajamas to church) and World Communion Sunday

- Flag processional (plan to come a few minutes early for worship and have your child pick a flag).
- Bibles will be presented to 3-year-olds (and older kids who haven't yet received one), 3rd grade kids (and older kids who haven't yet received one).

Please let Pastor Jeanine know if you want your child to receive a Bible

October 27

We will learn about Moses in both nursery and elementary Sunday School

Sundays, October 13 and October 20

No Sunday School for elementary age children—Activity bags in worship.

Sunday, October 13

Nursery kids (5 years and under) will learn about Abraham & Sarah

Sunday, October 20

Nursery will be open for 5 years and under (MEA weekend)

Wednesday, October 2

- 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
- 5:30-6:00 – 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, October 9

- 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
- 5:30-6:00 – 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
- 6:45-7:30 – Tweens (3rd–5th grade)
Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 16

No Children's Programs or Dinner (MEA Break)

Wednesday, October 23

- 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
- 5:30-6:00 – Supervised play time for 2nd grade and under
- 5:40-6:05pm – JAM Music (3rd-5th grade) singing and drumming – Chapel
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Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 30 – Halloween Events!

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- 6:30-7:15pm – TRUNK or TREAT (in the east parking lot) and Explore Critters with Nicole

**Come in your favorite (non-violent) costume.
This is a great event to invite friends!**

Nursery care available 5:00-8:00pm

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 October 6th-12th Grade

Sunday, October 2

- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner – Come anytime
 - 6:00-6:30pm – Youth who are not in Confirmation may hang out in the Youth Room
 - **6:45pm – Confirmation Class**
- Parents, please come to this confirmation class session with your student**
- 7:45-8:45pm – Class Ring – Bell Room

Thursday, October 3

Help with the Roast Beef Dinner, anytime from 4:14-6:30pm (Let Pastor Jeanine know you can help)

Wednesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 16

No Youth Programs or Dinner (MEA Break)

Wednesday, October 23

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Wednesday, October 30 – Halloween Events!

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- 6:30-7:15pm – TRUNK or TREAT (in the east parking lot) and Explore Critters with Nicole (Youth, decorate a trunk and help younger kids. We need you! It will be fun! Feel free to wear a costume.)

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



Trustees Tidbits

submitted by Sue Marquardt

Happy fall! There have been several projects that your Trustees have been working on this summer.

Through a generous gift by the Greystone Foundation, we were able to replace the carpeting in the Three Brothers Chapel. If you haven't had a chance, stop in and take a look.

We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the installation of a water fountain near the Nursery/Toddler Room and a water fountain/bottle filler for Lakeview Social Hall. We hope to have the installation completed during 2024.

The LED Lighting Project is ready for the next phase. All the fixtures have been cleaned and we are ready to begin bulb installation. A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to clean all of the fixtures. There is already a noticeable difference in brightness in the rooms!

The west door on the lower level has been replaced and primed and will be painted soon.

Ash trees have been treated for emerald ash borers. And, THANKS to Tim Zager, the pines in front of the church have been trimmed away from the building to help protect the roof.

Two of our most urgent concerns are the Sanctuary windows and roof. The windows were replaced in 1998 and there have been multiple leaks in the past couple of years. There are also concerns about the integrity of the roof. In July, several members of the Trustees met with an architect from Widseth, an architecture, engineering, environmental, and surveying firm in Duluth. We examined the exterior of the windows and lower roof and are awaiting a report from Widseth before moving forward.

FYI: Our church structure, dedicated in November of 1966, is recognized locally, nationally, and internationally as an architectural landmark. The first sight visiting ships to the Duluth Harbor see is First United Methodist Church. It rises 150 feet from grade facing Lake Superior and 124 feet to the tip of the cross from the front main floor elevation. The poured concrete shell of the sanctuary is 40 feet high and from the floor of the nave to the peak, the rise is 88 feet.

EarthKeeper

by Naomi Yaeger, *EarthKeeper*

Vampires in Your Home: Energy Vampires

As October rolls in, it's time to talk about something spooky—vampires in your home. The United Methodist Church may not have an official stance on them, but I can assure you that electrical energy vampires are real.

Vampire energy, also known as phantom energy or standby power, refers to the electricity consumed by devices when they're turned off but still plugged in. Common culprits include electronics with built-in clocks or digital displays, though other appliances can contribute, too.

When I visit her, sometimes my daughter, Rebecca, drives me nuts by unplugging unused devices. I prefer devices ready to go, but she's on a tight budget and wants to save money. Estimates from the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) suggest that vampire power costs households about \$165 annually, totaling \$19 billion nationwide.

If you could save \$165 a year, would you? I often leave my computer on overnight, but I know it would save energy to turn it off completely.

This issue also affects businesses; standby energy accounts for 1% of global carbon emissions—44 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in the U.S. alone.

Here are some reasons vampire energy might be lurking in your home:

- Continuous Displays: Ovens, microwaves, TVs, and thermostats with screens draw power even when not in use.
- Internal Clocks: Devices that keep time consume energy when plugged in.
- Temperature Monitoring: Appliances that need to monitor temperature can be energy vampires.
- Signal Reception: Even when turned off, devices like TVs and gaming consoles can still receive signals from remotes.
- Light Activation: Devices that sense light, such as automatic night lights, also draw phantom power.

So, as we embrace the spooky season, let's also consider how to banish these energy vampires from our homes!

*Joke: Why did the ghost break up with his vampire girlfriend?
Because she kept draining all his energy!*



Churches focus on kindness through 'Do Unto Others' campaign

By Christa Meland

Our world is consumed with division—often typified in the colors red and blue, especially as we approach the presidential election in November. But the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) challenges us to engage in conversation and seek to create common good with those who we might consider to be on the “other side” politically and ideologically.

Some churches in the Minnesota Conference are intentionally seeking to live into the “purple space”—where we cultivate compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another—through a [“Do Unto Others” kindness campaign](#) this fall.

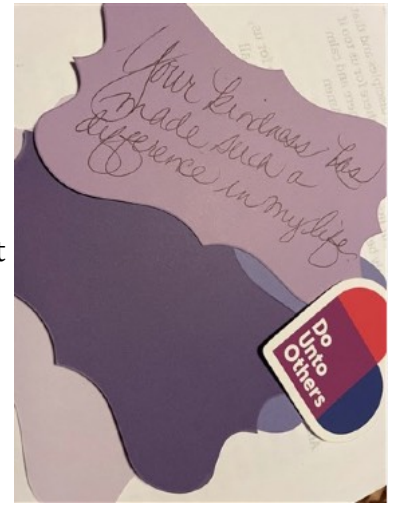
“Regardless of our personal convictions, our culture has festered with toxic rhetoric toward one another,” said Rev. Kali Christensen, who leads Communities of Faith Parish and Peace United Church in central Minnesota. “We hope to hold space for the differences, while being open to conversation, respect, care, and value in and for one another.”

“Do Unto Others” is a grassroots movement launched by Resurrection, a United Methodist Church in the Kansas City area, to encourage people to be intentional about treating one

another with kindness, even those with whom we disagree. Resurrection has T-shirts, yard signs, and downloadable resources for churches to purchase and use—and well-known worship consultant Marcia McFee has created a [complementary five-week worship series](#).

Rev. John Mitchem, who serves First UMC in Worthington and Adrian UMC, sees the campaign as an opportunity to live into Jesus' call to heal a broken world, but he noted that a side benefit has been increasing his churches' visibility in their communities.

“Regardless of where we stand theologically, we can all agree that kindness is needed and biblical,” he said. “Even a sign makes a powerful statement about who we are.”



By all accounts, the campaign has been both effective and well-received by the Minnesota churches that have engaged in it. They have brought the campaign to life in a wide variety of ways:

- Many have done or plan to do a sermon series incorporating the theme, to help folks think about what it looks like to choose and live the Golden Rule. Messiah UMC in Plymouth will have its “Do Unto Others” sermon series during the four weeks immediately prior to the election.
- Throughout its sermon series, Messiah UMC will engage in an all-church bible study (carried out through individual small groups) called “Cultivating Kindness” that aligns with the sermon topics; this will give



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FALL ROAST BEEF DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

4:30-6:30PM

*Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy,
corn, coleslaw, dinner roll, and a
homemade apple dessert!*



**\$15
Per Meal**

DRIVE-THROUGH PICKUP ONLY

people an opportunity to share their thoughts and learnings in safe spaces.

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forward

- Many churches purchased and distributed yard signs. Rev.

Lauren Hauger, who serves Hubbard UMC, said members of one church family awoke one morning to discover that people had added painted rocks and other mementos around their “Do Unto Others” sign with phrases like “Kindness matters,” “Be kind,” and “Love.” Rev. Tami Luckhardt, who serves Messiah UMC, put a sign in her own yard, and noticed that many of her neighbors—whose color-changing lights stay up year-round—have turned their lights purple. “I’d like to think they are doing this as a reminder to our neighbors to be kind,” she said.

- Some churches ordered and distributed “Do Unto Others” T-shirts and stickers. For four weeks, the people of Hubbard UMC intentionally wore their T-shirts everywhere to spread the message of kindness across the community.

- Communities of Faith Parish and Peace United Church made purple note cards available to parishioners and encouraged them to write and share messages of kindness or gratitude. “How can we be vessels of love and light in our community, knowing we are all important to each other and each a child of God?” Christensen said. “One focus for us is to think of the others we impact. Now personalize it: your child, your grandchild, your person...Is this the way you want someone to treat you or them?”

- Communities of Faith Parish and Peace United Church Sunday School is using a “Do Unto Others” curriculum, and a Vacation Bible School the churches will host at the end of September has a kindness theme.

- Hubbard UMC has given cards to church members, encouraging them to pay it forward. They have used the cards to spread kindness and distribute related messages such as ““We just paid for your order—we hope it blesses your day!” and “Please enjoy this random act of kindness.”

- In the days just before the November 5 election, Messiah UMC will host a “We the People Potluck” where folks are invited to wear purple and bring a dish to share. They will vote on their favorite dishes and play a trivia game based on American history.

The campaigns have resonated beyond the churches’ walls. Neighbors and community members have asked for yard signs, and Hubbard

UMC has sent many signs home with Minnesotans from other cities who have come to vacation in their community.

Various versions of Resurrection’s “Do Unto Others” campaign have been around for some time—but many Minnesota clergy say it’s more relevant now than ever before.

“It is my hope that this series will be a reminder for our folks that kindness is the most important behavior we can exhibit as we seek to de-polarize our community and love our neighbors,” said Luckhardt. “My prayer is that we can extend the love of Jesus into our community and world through acts of kindness and compassion.”

Hauger echoed that sentiment. Her hope is for the people in her community who see the “Do Unto Others” message “to join us in a movement of kindness, to be able to see Christ through us, especially in the most contentious of times.”

Christa Meland is director of communications for the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

FALL BULB & PLANT SALE



3,000 bulbs and 31 varieties of specialty tulips, narcissi, hyacinth and allium, this year now including garlic.

Assorted house plants, succulents, demonstrations & expert advice.

Saturday, October 12
Salem Lutheran Church, 4715 Hermantown Road
10 am to 1 pm

 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



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	<i>And Much More!</i>

Hot Cinnamon Rolls at 9:00am

Lunch begins at 11:00am

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

**LENNON-BERINI SCHOLARSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Purpose and Guidelines

The purpose of the Lennon-Berini Scholarship is to support student members of the First United Methodist Church who are pursuing a people-centered career. **Applicants must have completed at least two years of college. The 2024 awards will be \$2,000 per recipient**

Applicants must fill out this form and return it along with the required attachments to the Lennon-Berini Scholarship Committee Chair Terry Wallin at teto62@charter.net. Applications must be in by **4pm CST on November 22, 2024**. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ Birthdate _____
Email address _____

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When completing this application, please consider items marked with ** to be especially important to the Selection Committee.

** How long have you been a member of First United Methodist Church? _____

** List church-related groups in which you have been active

** What positions of church leadership have you held at local, district, or national

** List other special church projects in which you have participated

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High school _____ Date of graduation _____

Number of students in class _____ Your rank _____

Educational honors and awards

Post High School Education:

Current year in college _____ Undergraduate year of graduation _____

College attending _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Current GPA _____ Graduate year of graduation _____

** List college and/or community activities

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- Special talents or skills

- Hobbies/recreation

- What national or international problems interest you most?

- Briefly describe your employment during the past two years. Include approximate hours worked per week

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Required Attachments

- **Statement of approximately 100 words relative to your choice of a people-centered career.**
- **Current college transcript.**
- **Recommendations from two non-relative adults who know you well (one of which must be from a current collegiate advisor and/or professor).**
- **Year of graduation if applicable _____**
- **Previous scholarship recipients are expected to provide letters of recommendation that have not been previously submitted**



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