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# The Power of Memory

Recently I had an experience that left me feeling misunderstood and rejected (*you've been there, haven't you!*). One night soon after that, I woke up around 3:00 a.m., painful memories flooding my mind and irritating my soul. I could not get back to sleep. I could not forget.

How we wish sometimes that we could forget bad experiences and memories; just erase them from the hard drive in our brains! We would sleep better, for one thing!

But what about all the good memories we've stored? Kathy Jo's mother recently sent some old photos from years ago when our four kids were young, and we were visiting on vacation. Both of us had wonderful memories flood over us. Our hearts were lifted as we recalled those years with joy and thanksgiving. Those feelings and that gratitude would be impossible without memory.

One of God's greatest gifts to us is memory; the power to recall events, and yes, even strong feelings and emotions from the past. Memories anchor us, define who we are and give life meaning. When a loved one can no longer remember, we watch with sadness as they become disoriented and even begin to lose their sense of identity.

The word "*remember*" appears in the Bible hundreds of times. Many times God says he will remember his covenant with us (as he says to Noah in Genesis 9:15-16). Other times God tells us to remember him and his instruction ("Remember the Sabbath..." Exodus 20:8; "Remember this and consider, recall it to mind..." Isaiah 46:8).

There are times when people in the Bible cry out to God, and ask him to remember them ("Remember that my life is a breath," Job 7:7; "Remember ... what the measure of life is," Psalm 89:47).

Do you need to ask God to remember? Do you need to jog God's memory? You would answer "Of course not!" I think we ask God to remember in order to strengthen our own faith and trust—to assure ourselves that God won't forget us.

And, consider this: God chooses to remember his promises, but also chooses not to remember our sins. It doesn't mean God can't recall them once he's forgiven us—it means he has chosen never to hold anything against us again.

That's an assurance we need as well. Can God remember? O, yes! Will God remember? Only that we are his children, and he has made an everlasting covenant with us.

We are made in God's image, so maybe we should choose to remember the good things, the good memories, God's blessings and promises. Maybe—like God—we should also choose not to remember those things that are painful: those failures in our past, those hurtful things that someone did to us.

Use your wonderful gift of memory to remember who you are in God's eyes. Be thankful that you can choose not to remember those things that God has "deleted"! And if some day you can no longer remember, give thanks that God will remember that you are his—forever!



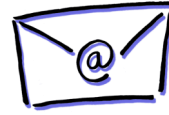
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# First UMC News June 2018

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## Ministry Sendoff!

Sunday June 3, 2018  
10:00am



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service on June 3rd for a meal and a chance to visit with Rick and Sue Frederickson. Their last Sunday at First UMC will be June 17th, and their ministry at Springfield UMC starts July 1st.

If you can come, please sign up in the lobby or reply to this email so we can get a handle on how many will be coming.

We hope to see you there!



A service to celebrate the life of Ron Meyer was held at First UMC on Saturday, May 12th. May God comfort Nancy and their family.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Memorial Day weekend  
through Labor Day weekend**

8:30am Coffee & Visiting

9:00am Worship Service



## SUNDAY JUNE 3

**NATIONAL CANCER  
SURVIVORS DAY**  
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## First Things Radio Ministry Outreach

Each Sunday at 11:30am, a message by Pastor Mike can be heard on KDOM radio. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, the cost is just \$34 for a 30 minute broadcast. As this goes to print, there are sponsorship dates available in July, August, September, October and December. Please contact the office for specific open dates. Many people sponsor them in memory or in honor of someone, or in observance of an occasion. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored First Things broadcasts; these are an outreach ministry of First UMC.



*Sound Team* help is wanted! If you love music and electronic gadgets, then this volunteer opportunity could be for you! Please let a sound person, band member, Becki Wormstadt, or the office know if you're interested.

### *June UMW Schedule*

- Circles will not meet in June.
- June 5 - Executive Meeting
- June 12—District Day Apart—Springfield UMC



## Volunteer Opportunity!

A Meals On Wheels Coordinator is needed for this August, for one time only. If you would be willing to fill in for this August (the planning is done in July), please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Becki Wormstadt to volunteer. If you would like more info on what the Coordinator does, please talk to Shirley Lyons or Marlys Christensen.



### *Recipes Wanted*

Many people enjoyed the variety of salads at our Salad Luncheon, and many recipes were requested. So some ladies came up with a great idea to make a small cookbook of just salads. We would love to include your favorites in the cookbook! Please email your favorite salad recipe(s) to Arleen Rodman at [varodman@windomnet.com](mailto:varodman@windomnet.com), or if you provide a paper copy, you are welcome to bring it to the church office. Please note that this little cookbook will contain only salad recipes.

### Friendly Fellowship



All are welcome Tuesday, June 26th for a great potluck at noon. Howard Davis of the Remick Foundation will present a program for us. Bring some food to share, and please join us!

Also, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 10th—Friendly Fellowship will go to the Windom Wetland Management Area for our annual outing. The Youth Conservation Corps students will show us presentations of the work they are doing this summer. We'll provide a potluck for everyone. It's always a very fun outing; please join us!



The **Church Softball Team** signup sheet is in the lobby! Our team is a **family** team. Please join us, even if you can't be at all the games. Game schedule copies will be in the lobby as soon as the schedule is available.

## Congratulations!

We warmly congratulate Reverend Doctor Frederick Vanderwerf on his graduation with his Doctor of Ministry degree! We pray God's blessings on Fred and his family!



## Label Fundraiser for Busy Bees



Please save your HyVee brand labels for Busy Bee Preschool. They use the UPC symbol and the words 'Distributed by HyVee Foods' section of the label.

Please note that Campbell's Soup no longer accepts labels.

Busy Bee also collects Box Tops for Education, and gives them to teachers in Windom schools.



Thank you,  
*Missions Team*

## What Makes a Dad

God took the **strength** of a mountain, The **majesty** of a tree,  
The **warmth** of a summer sun, The **calm** of a quiet sea,  
The **generous** soul of nature, The **comforting arm** of night,  
The **wisdom** of the ages, The **power** of the eagle's flight,  
The **joy** of a morning in spring, The **faith** of a mustard seed,  
The **patience** of eternity, The **depth** of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His **masterpiece** was complete,  
And so, He called it ... **Dad**



Sharing a letter from Tom Eggum....

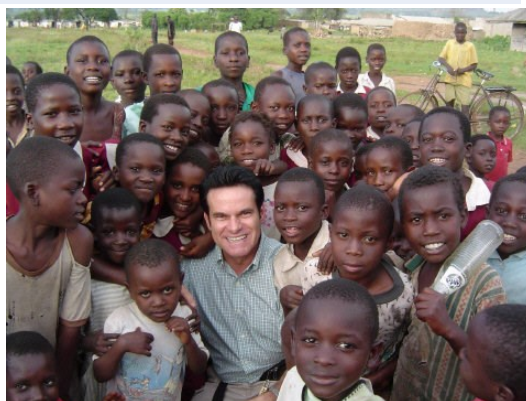


Mission Trips Child Sponsorship Water Wells Village Development  
**h4ki.org** *Restoring hope to kids & families around the world since 1973.*

Mother's Day, I love reflecting on my mother and the legacy she left. It is one that I work into my daily life, as best I can. Growing up we had very little, yet my mother always carried the love of the Lord in greater need.

This month I invite you to join me in recognizing the struggle many mothers, living in deep poverty around the world, are facing.

The struggle is real. Mothers, living in dire conditions, are doing their best to provide the basics for their children. In the Philippines, sadly many must leave their families for work abroad. Working as a domestic helper, they send money home, praying that a door will open to a better life for their children. This year, we are challenged to sponsoring 2,500 children around the world with finding 200 sponsors in 2018. Will you help us, help them?



You can open the door for families in deep poverty and give hope to a child similar to ten-year-old Frencies. Frencies was only two-years-old, when her father was brutally killed, leaving her mother, Adelita, to provide for her family. After the death of Adelita's husband, the family moved to be near her brother. Frencies' mother tries her best to provide by cleaning neighbors' backyards and doing laundry. Without an education, she is extremely limited.

The good news is that Frencies had been sponsored through H4KI's child sponsorship program. It is the best Mother's Day gift she could imagine; her prayers have been answered; but so many more children are waiting to be sponsored and to receive the gift of hope for a bright future. Will you sponsor a child today?

We have 50 Filipino children in our sponsorship program waiting for the same opportunity. I invite you to be that special person in the life of a child today. This June, the Hope 4 Kids Day Care Center, built for the poorest children in Victoria, Oriental Mindoro, will be opening. I pray you read this message and sponsor a precious child, or perhaps more, today.

We ask you to share this message with your friends and family. Let them know for only \$1 a day they can sponsor a child. Their sponsored child's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs will be met. For just \$1 a day, they will have the privilege to provide for their school tuition, school supplies, uniform, shoes, and basic healthcare. You and your friends will be opening the door to a chance to escape this cycle of poverty.

P.S. A child is waiting for a special person like you to carry the love of the Lord into their life! Don't delay - sponsor today!



# Confirmation Creed

Created by our 2018 Confirmands

## **I believe in...**

### **God the Father...**

who is the creator and ruler of heaven and earth;  
who has the power to do anything,  
    but gives us free will;  
who listens to our prayers;  
who forgives our sins;  
and who will be waiting for us  
    at our death with open arms.

### **Jesus Christ...**

who is the Son of God;  
who came to earth;  
who taught us how to follow God;  
who was crucified and died on the cross  
    for our sins so that we could be forgiven.

### **The Holy Spirit...**

who along with the Father and Jesus, is God;  
who connects us to God;  
who lives inside us;  
who guides us through life and in our  
    daily choices of right and wrong.

### **The Bible...**

the word of God that teaches us about creation;  
teaches from the past lives of those who knew God;  
tells of the disciples and their witness to Jesus;  
helps us learn about Christianity and how to live today.

### **The human condition...**

There is evil in the world because of our choices  
    and because of the temptations of the devil;  
this means life can be horrible and hard,  
    but it can also be good.  
We have the freedom to choose right and wrong,  
    yet choosing to do what is right is often hard.



### **Forgiveness of sins...**

Jesus died on the cross so that God will forgive our sins.

We all need this forgiveness.

Prayer is a way to talk to God about our needs,  
ask for and receive forgiveness,  
and receive his comfort and love.

### **Salvation...**

Because Jesus came to earth  
and suffered and died for us, we can be saved.

Jesus is the connection between earth and heaven,  
and will bring us to heaven after death.

### **The Church...**

The church is the gathering of believers  
who praise God, learn about Jesus, and grow in faith.

The church is different than the world,  
therefore it is important for Christians  
to connect and belong to the body of Christ  
with other believers.

### **The kingdom of God...**

The kingdom of God is created by God,  
and is part of our lives now  
as something sacred and worthy,  
but will also someday be  
a place of perfection and paradise.

### **The resurrection...**

Jesus was the first to be raised from the dead  
after he was killed for our sins.

If we are children of God,  
we will be like him some day  
in new, pure bodies like his.

### **The life of the world to come...**

It will be the place of God's presence and kingdom,  
a place of perfect peace and wonder.

There will be no pain, only love;  
where we will grow and experience happiness forever.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## & Youth News

JUNE 2018

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Shipwrecked!**  
Sunday, June 3rd– Thursday, June 7th from 6:00-8:30 each night.
- **Parents & Church Family,** please join us for the **Sail Away Sendoff** on Thursday, June 7th at 8:00. We will have a special treat for everyone following the Sendoff.



Softball schedule is in the church lobby! See you all out on the field!

## WE HAD A GREAT END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR :

### SHIPWRECKED:

Rescued by Jesus!  
June 3rd-7th from 6:00-8:30 each night.  
Open to kids in Pre-school through 5th grade.



What a great year!! We ended our Sunday school year with teacher appreciation, awards and senior recognition breakfast on May 20th.

One last THANK YOU to our dedicated Sunday School teachers and volunteers! They are;

- Rachel Raverty
- Becki Wormstadt
- Rhonda Elston
- Renee Green
- Sarah Smith
- Jody Derickson
- George Bramstedt
- David Derickson
- Kathy Jo McInnis
- Tom Christenson
- Tami Vesey
- Missy Edmundson
- Erin Thiessen
- Miranda Schunk
- Peggy Roll
- Dana Krumrey
- Dane Nielsen
- Lisa Ambrose
- Tara Torkelson
- Shaina Johnson
- Briana Visker
- Shaina Johnson
- And thank you to the students!!

Many Blessings... Robin Snyder

At *Shipwrecked* VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. *Shipwrecked* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life— something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear this phrase A LOT! Kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that will provide seeds for families in Haiti to grow food. Hope to see all the kids at VBS!



Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

## CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

All United Methodist churches are connected through shared mission and ministry and united in their efforts to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. Check out these news tidbits from the Minnesota Annual Conference, which serves all 360 United Methodist churches in the state.

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- **Reach! event will equip you to make disciples:** Oct. 5-6, 2018, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If you have ever wrestled with how to make disciples or are curious about reliable, tested methods to reach new people in your community, a first-of-its-kind Reach! conference coming to the Dakotas-Minnesota Area is for YOU! The event costs just \$35 if you register before June 15 and features: five keynote speakers from across the nation, nine breakout sessions (with follow-up tracks) led by innovative leaders, and four excellent pre-conference workshops. Come learn and become equipped to be 'Great Commission' people in your community and culture. Bring a team from your church! Learn more and register: <https://reachumc.org>.
  - **ELI Project welcomes interns:** Four college students exploring a call to vocational ministry will spend two months this summer participating in the Exploring Leadership Internship (ELI) Project. Each student intern will be assigned to a host church, paired with a clergy mentor, and given an opportunity to lead and try out ministry firsthand. Please pray for these interns as they learn and discern, and consider applying next year to host an intern at your church for the summer!

- **Resource Center for Churches is here to help:** Which topics is your church or small group discussing or interested in learning about? The Resource Center for Churches (RCC) can help! Gathering the wisdom of various member judicatories, the RCC recommends and shares excellent and carefully curated web, video, print, curriculum, and other resources for all areas of church life. All Minnesota United Methodist churches have access to the RCC, funded through apportionment dollars; its staff are there to listen, find resources that meet the specific goals of individual congregations, lend resources from the RCC library, and suggest creative ways to use various tools. Learn more: <https://rcc-mn.org>.

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### BRIGHT SPOTS IN OUR MIDST

- **Little Prairie UMC youth offer blessings:** Throughout January and February, Little Prairie UMC's youth group studied discipleship and what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Each Wednesday, students read the words of Jesus and explored the idea that "when you do it unto the least of these, you do it unto me." As a result, they wanted to do a hands-on mission project so they raised more than \$500 from the congregation and the communities of Northfield and Faribault. Then in March, they had an overnight experience where they went without food for 12 hours, assembled 147 "blessing bags," slept in cardboard shelters, and took a trip to Simpson Shelter in Minneapolis to donate the bags and make 100 bag lunches for Simpson guests.
- **Iglesia Pedra Viva reaches new people:** This multi-cultural church plant in South Minneapolis, which started weekly worship last fall, had nine professions of faith in March—one youth and eight adults! Additionally, two adults professed faith in Jesus Christ at the church's Easter service on April 1. Thanks be to God!

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### STAY CONNECTED!

"Like" the Minnesota Annual Conference on Facebook, follow the conference on Twitter and Instagram (@MinnesotaUMC), and sign up (at [www.minnesotaumc.org](http://www.minnesotaumc.org)) for e-newsletters. For more information about any of the items listed above, visit [www.minnesotaumc.org](http://www.minnesotaumc.org).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 8:30 Summer Coffee 9:00 Summer Worship 10:00 Ministry Sendoff for Fredericksens 11:30 First Things 6:00p VBS Starts Church Softball	<b>4</b> 6:30p VBS	<b>5</b> 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 6:00p Service Broadcast Cable Ch 3 6:00p VBS	<b>6</b> 10:30 Sogge Communion 6:00p VBS	<b>7</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees 6:00p VBS Last Day 8:00 VBS Finale	8	9
<b>10</b> 8:30 Summer Coffee 9:00 Summer Worship 11:30 First Things Church Softball	11	<b>12</b> UMW Day Apart – Springfield 12:30p Missions 6:00 Service Cable Ch 3	<b>13</b> 7:00 Trustees Mtg 7:30 Finance Mtg 7:30 SPRC Mtg	<b>14</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	15	16
<b>17 Father's Day</b> 8:30 Summer Coffee 9:00 Summer Worship 11:30 First Things Church Softball	18	<b>19</b> 6:00p Service Broadcast Cable Ch 3	20	<b>21</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	22	23
<b>24</b> 8:30 Summer Coffee 9:00 Summer Worship 11:30 First Things Church Softball	25	<b>26</b> 12:00p Friendly Fellowship 6:00 Service Broadcast Cable Ch 3	<b>27</b> 10:30a Remick Ridge Bible Study & Lunch	<b>28</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	29	30

# 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Additions? Corrections? Please let the office know.			Black = Birthday Blue = Anniversary	1 Brenda Larsen Wayne & Becki Wormstadt	2 Sara Zamzow
3 Nick Espenson Curt & LuAnn Giese	4 Mary Franz	5	6 David Derickson Laura (Becky) Meyers George & Carolyn Paulson Jacob & Missy Edmundson	7 Juane Elston Perry Olson Chris & Stacia Hetterich	8 Hannah Buresch Vay Rodman Deann Steele	9 Darrel & Janet Bramstedt
10	11 Peggy Pfeffer	12	13 Dennis & Priscilla Bonde	14 Tatum Bramstedt Zach Wormstadt Marv & Margaret Grunig	15 Karson LaCanne Joel & Shannon LaCanne Pat & Phyllis Woodcock	16
17 Stella Ferguson Melissa Pletcher John & Jan Duscher	18 Audrey Youngren Darrel & Joyce Stevens	19 Darris Snelling	20 Mick & Barb Christians	21 Emily Steen	22 Millie Burton George Bramstedt Ron Visker Pastor Art & Sherry Miller #50 Keith & Pauline Buresch Vay & Arleen Rodman	23
24 Marcia Smith Walt & Jan Falk Jordan & Sarah Smith	25 Kaylan Donchez	26 MaKenzie Berghorst Paulette Hayenga Duane & JoAnn VanNorman	27	28 Madison Green Zach Steen	29	30