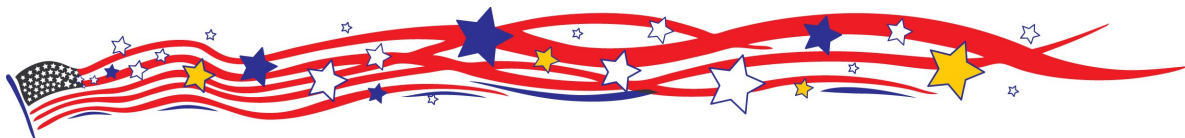


The Window



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Pastor Michael McInnis



What Do You See?

It's summer. So I know the LAST thing most of you are thinking about is "church stuff".

Hey, me too, believe it or not!

I'm thinking about the fact that my kids are coming from Japan on July 1st ... and all the stuff we're going to try to pack into the month that they're here!

It's summer. So you're thinking about vacation or getting to the lake or summer sports or working on the house/yard/car/hobby/you-name-it...

"Church" is way down on that list. I GET it! And Old Testament prophets, like Zechariah (who?) are not even registering—ever! But in that little Old Testament writing named after one of those old, forgotten prophets—in Zechariah chapter 4, God asks Zechariah a question that's so vital, it's still relevant for us today...

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, "What do you see?"
—Zechariah 4:1-2a

Several times in Zechariah, the Lord (through an angel or messenger) asks Zechariah, "*What do you see?*" He asks him enough that, finally, Zechariah starts observing much more carefully; he starts really noticing things, and without the angel asking, he simply says, "I see..." and he often follows this with "What is it?" or "What does this mean?"

It's an important question for you and me today. "What do *you* see?" In other words, "What are you focused on? What are you paying attention to? What has priority in your field of vision?"

So even in the midst of summer, even when you may have checked out of "normal church life" for a season—what do you see? Are your eyes still focused on the things that are relevant to your spiritual life, your journey with Jesus, your "walk in the Spirit?"

The most natural thing in the world for us is to stop seeing the things that matter and start viewing the world around us—including those we bump up against every day—with limited vision.

It's so easy to look at your kids, and all you see is how tired they make you! How much time and energy (and MONEY) they require! Have you stopped seeing their hearts? Have you stopped seeing their potential to grow and mature and take their place in the world? What do you see?

How about your job? (I know; if you're on vacation you don't want to think about it!) Are you going through the motions? Are you just there for the paycheck? Is someone you work with really starting to bug you? Or do you see the potential for your work to add value to the company—to even make your boss look good? (Trust me, they notice!)

I know you're doing lots of other "stuff" this summer. But don't forget God's question to Zechariah, because he's also asking you and me: "What do you see?" Are you seeing God at work in you and through you—even though it's summer? He can—if you pay attention!

Let him bless you and bless others through you because you heard him ask, "What do you see?"



Pastor Mike

First UMC News July 2019



Summer Schedule

Through Labor Day weekend

8:30am Coffee Time
9:00am Worship Service



The church will be closed
Thursday and Friday, July
4th and 5th for
Independence Day.

Regular office hours are
Monday - Friday
9am - noon & 1—4pm.

Church Family News



Barb Hunter

has a new address!
The Maples #206
201 S County Road 5
Springfield MN 56087



Congratulations to Steve & Laura Fresk on the birth of their granddaughter Gabrielle Edith, who was born to Jessica & Adam DeRosier on May 30th. She is welcomed home by brothers Alex and Gavin. She is truly a blessing and gift from God!



Thank You for your words of caring, prayers, cards, and hugs after the passing of my sister. I appreciate being part of such a loving and supportive church family.

Laura Williams

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UMW News....

UMW Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, July 2nd.

Circles will not meet this summer.

Mission U Friday July 12 through Sunday the 14th at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud

Mission U Too Saturday July 27 at Asbury UMC in Duluth

Looking ahead...

Wednesday, August 14 there will be a **Unit Meeting**, all women of the church are invited.



Friendly Fellowship Outing

Our **Friendly Fellowship** potluck and program will be at the Federal Wetland Management Area Tuesday, July 9th at noon. Please bring food to share, your beverage, and table service for yourself. We will share our lunch with the summer student workers. Please remember to bring a serving utensil if your food will need it.

The summer student employees will provide information to us regarding what they are working on this summer.

We'll meet at the Wetland Management Area, which is located at 49663 County Road 17 in Windom. Drive east about 1 mile past Lakeview Cemetery, and it is located on the right.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to carpool from the church, please let the church office know.

Please join us for a great time!

Church Softball!

New players are always welcome on our church softball team. This is a fun family activity!

If you would like to play on our team, just come to a game.

Game schedules are on the info wall, or can be sent to you.

Come out & play or cheer our team on!

- July 7 Bergen Field 8:00p
- July 14 Eagle Field 6:45p
- July 21 Bergen Field 5:30p
- July 28 Eagle Field 6:45p

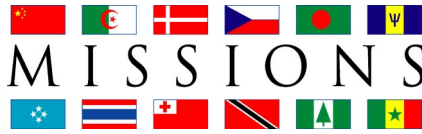


AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give blood. Help save lives.



Wednesday, July 10 1:30—6:30pm
Windom Community Center
You can make a difference in others' lives!



Thank you to our VBS families for raising \$110.87 for this year's VBS mission, which is World Vision's *The First 1,000 Days of Life* organization. These funds will help moms and babies to get the brightest beginning they can throughout the African country of Zambia.




Our congregation serves Meals on Wheels for the month of August! Typically, teams of two people deliver meals for one week of the month. If you are willing to help, or if you have questions and just want to get more information, please contact Marlys Christensen. This is a great opportunity to serve others.



July 23, 2019

We served our third monthly meal at The Dinner Table in June, and the next date we serve will be Tuesday, July 23rd. At this event, a free meal is served to anyone in the community who will join us at the Presbyterian church (a central location). There is no sign-up needed, and everyone is invited to come and check it out, and to enjoy a meal. Serving begins at 5:30pm. Come for a meal, and/or to volunteer.

Baseball Mission



The church is collecting good quality used baseball gloves and good quality baseball shoes with rubber cleats for teenage boys and young men. When Don Olson was in Cuba with Glen Francis and Tom Eggum, he noticed how the Cubans love to play baseball, but they lack equipment. If you have them to donate, there is a collection box in our church lobby.

Okoboji Bible Conference

*Saturday, August 3 – Sunday August 11
Arnolds Park, Iowa*

This year's conference kicks off with a concert August 3rd by Christian contemporary band *I Am They* in concert is at 7:15pm. It's always a good idea to get there a little early, as there are no reserved seats. No tickets are needed; a free will offering is taken each night.

For all of this year's conference schedule, pick up a booklet in our church lobby, or find it online at okobojiconference.org. Come and go as it works for you, there are no registrations or fees.

Make plans now to experience the Okoboji Bible Conference!

OKOBOJI

Bible Conference

August 3-11, 2019



Open to the Public | Everyone Welcome | 712.322.2883 | okobojiconference.org

Okoboji Bible Conference Weekday Mornings

A group from our church will take the church van to the Okoboji Bible Conference for Bible Study and adult workshops the first week of August. The dates are...

Monday August 5
Tuesday August 6
Thursday August 7
Friday August 8

We'll leave our church parking lot at about 7:45am, and will return to Windom after lunch.

We invite you to join us; please contact the church office by Thursday, August 1 to reserve your seat in the vehicle for the morning Bible studies.

Information on the Bible teacher and the adult workshops can be found in the OBC programs in the lobby.

Christian Education

July 2019



Thank you to Everyone who helped with
ROAR! Life is Wild, God is good!—2019

Keith Schroeder

Emma Snyder

Sarah King

Margaret Grunig

Darla Deutchman

Terri Jones

Jody Buresch

George Bramstedt

Rhonda Elston

Kathy Jo McInnis

Jeremiah O' Brien

Courtland Peterson

Lisa Ambrose

Jerry Ambrose

Saydie Raverty

Rachel Derickson

Jody Derickson

Laura Williams

Pastor Mike

Julie Donchez

Jason King

Everyone who donated snack items!

Miranda Schunk

Kaylan Donchez

Sami Bartelt

Tammy Crowell

Delaney Smith

Su Jeffrey

Keegan Cenzano

Mary Franz

Madison Green

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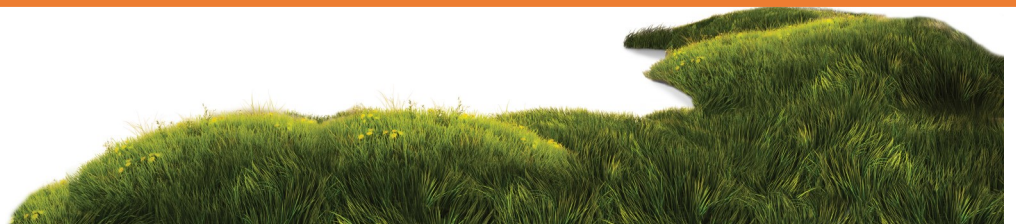
Nyah Visker

Barb Torkelson

Upcoming Dates!

July 14th: Summertime activities for everyone on the patio after worship.

July 28th: All youth activity after worship. Meet in the youth room after the service.





**ROAR!
LIFE IS WILD,
GOD IS GOOD!
2019**



**24 hours to invest in yourself Unplug,
Reconnect & Recharge!**

Who this event is for: Any man who wants to grow in his connection with God. Men are also welcome to bring sons / grandsons / mentees who are in Senior High (grades 9-12).

Speaker: Rev. Fred Vanderwerf

Check-in: Friday, August 23, 5 pm. Supper served from 5:30 -7 pm. Service at 7:30 pm.

Conclusion: Saturday, August 24, 3 pm. Optional Paintball follows, 3-5 pm.

Location: Prairie River Camp, Bricelyn, MN

Cost: \$45 covers one-night lodging & three meals. Payment is non-refundable, but transferable. (\$30 for commuters)

Highlights include:

Three teaching sessions with District Superintendent Fred Vanderwerf
Evening campfire
Time to unplug and reconnect with God
Lot's of good food
Time to make and deepen friendships
Closing communion service
Optional Paintball after closing

Questions: Hope UMC, (507) 526-2144. hopeumc@bevcomm.net

Note about facilities: The accommodations are comfortable, simple dorm style rooms and cabins. The camp is NOT handicapped accessible. Participants will need to be able to navigate steps, uneven terrain and walk 100 – 200 yards between buildings.

What to bring: A Bible and notebook. Bedding (sleeping bag, sheets / blankets, pillow), towels and toiletries. An open mindset. If you have one, your C-PAP machine! Ear plugs if you still want to like the guys in your room. No weapons, fireworks, smoking on camp grounds.

Optional Paintball:

Extra fee of \$30 per person for a two hour session (minimum 8 participants)
Indicate if you will be want to play paintball at the time of registration. You will pay the camp directly for this activity on Saturday, August 24. Release forms will be required. In case of rain, paintball may need to be cancelled in which case you will not be charged.

*This retreat is a ministry of the Southern Prairie District,
Minnesota Annual Conference, United Methodist Church*

Please contact our church office to get registered: 831-3284.



Men's Getaway!

Monday, July 1	Tuesday, July 2	Wednesday, July 3	Thursday, July 4	Friday, July 5
4 oz. Beef Tips/Gravy 1/2 c. Noodles/1/2 Peaches 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Parmesan Chicken Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. California Blend Veg Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Baked Beans Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk 4TH OF JULY PICNIC	CLOSED	3 oz. Tuna Salad on Bun 1/2 c. Creamy Cucumber Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 8	Tuesday, July 9	Wednesday, July 10	Thursday, July 11	Friday, July 12
6 oz. Chicken Chow Mein 1/2c. Rice/Chow Mein Noodles 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 DINNER DAY	Chef Salad 1 oz. each Turkey, Ham, Cheese on 1 cup Lettuce/Salad Drsg. 1/2 c. Tomato & Cucum. Slices Muffin/Marg./Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Swedish Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c Creamed Spinach Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 15	Tuesday, July 16	Wednesday, July 17	Thursday, July 18	Friday, July 19
6 oz. Chicken & Rice Casserole 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Pork 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Buttered Cabbage Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 TUESDAY	4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Green Beans Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk SITE COUNCIL	5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2c. Green Beans Cranberry Sc. Garnish Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk FRIDAY FAVORITE
Monday, July 22	Tuesday, July 23	Wednesday, July 24	Thursday, July 25	Friday, July 26
3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Mandarin Chicken Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit 1/2 c. Tomato Cucumber Salad Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz Baked Fish/Tartar Sauce 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf 1/2 c. California Blend Veg 1/2 c. Fruit Salad Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Green Bean Bake Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk BIRTHDAY LUNCH	6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. Country Blend Veget. 1/2 c. Lettuce Salad/Drsg Garlic Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 29	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31	 WINDOM SENIOR DINING 831-6161	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.
6 oz. Chicken Tetrastini 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Lemon Pepper Fish 1 med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6 oz. Sweet & Sour Pork 1/2c. Rice 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Fruit Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk		


This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD


Posted menu is regular diet & provides average of 700-800 calories. Diabetic, sodium and fat restricted menus available upon request.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

First United Methodist Church ~July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 5:00p Worship Service Cable Ch 3	3	4 Independence Day Church closed	5 Church closed	6
7 8:30 Coffee 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 8:00p Softball @ Bergen Field	8	9 Noon Friendly Fellowship potluck at Federal Wildlife Area 5:00 Worship Service Cable Ch 3	10 7:00p Trustees	11 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	12 UMW Mission U St Cloud	13 UMW Mission U Thru Sunday
14 8:30 Coffee 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Summertime Fun Activity on the Patio 11:30 First Things 6:45p Softball @ Eagle Field	15	16 5:00p Worship Service Cable Ch 3 6:30 Dinner Table Meeting @ First UMC	17	18 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	19	20
21 8:30 Coffee 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 5:30p Softball @ Bergen Field	22	23 5:00pm Worship Service Cable Ch 3	24	25 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	26	27 UMW Mission U Too Asbury UMC, Duluth
28 8:30 Coffee 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things 6:45p Softball @ Eagle Field	29	30 5:00pm Worship Service Cable Ch 3	31		Additions or corrections? Please let the church office know.	

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jadyn Wormstadt	2 Kim Anderson	3 Barb Axford Becki Wormstadt	4 	5 Ralph Sweigard Greg & Cathy Peterson	6 Steve & Sharon Glidden
7 Cathy Peterson Jeremy & Renee Green Rob & Briana Visker	8	9 Travis Mattson Anthony Berghorst Luke & Emily Buresch	10	11	12 Megan Luitjens Mathiowetz	13 Jason King
14	15 Madison Berhow Jody Derickson Carolyn Paulson Barb Torkelson	16 Lisa Ambrose Lauren Thiessen Harold & JoAnn Caviness	17 Daron Buresch	18 Nyah Visker	19 Missy Edmundson Judi Ray	20
21 Bruce & Judy Rhoda	22	23 Sharon Glidden	24 Tori Vesey	25 Greg & Peggy Pfeffer	26 Shannon LaCanne Patti Palm	27 Charles Elston
28 Floyd Axford	29 Chadlin Branch	30	31 Isaac Steele			Black: Birthday Blue: Anniversary