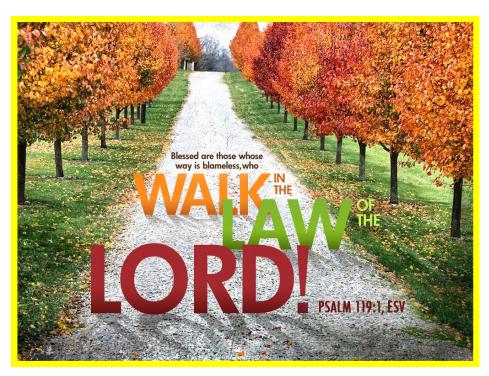
# The Window

# October 2019 Newsletter













# First United Methodist Church



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#### Always on the Move...

This month there's so much going on; I want to mention several important "movements" in the life of our church—both locally and beyond.

#### Movement #1

Maybe you've noticed a lot of **baptisms** lately (!)? Yep! And that's a great sign; it means we have a lot of young people in church. Our staff has been working on finding creative ways to bring our younger singles/couples/families together for better connection with each other. This might lead to small groups, or large group get-togethers, or something as yet unimagined.

If you're in this age demographic and have ideas, please talk to someone on staff (Pastor Mike, Robin, Becki, Jody or Laura); we want to encourage, help and create opportunities, without taking over! *How can we help you invest in your spiritual growth and future?* 

#### Movement #2

Your church leaders are continuing to learn from being in consultation with **MCCI** (*Missional Church Consultation Initiative*). The MCCI is a vehicle for our staff, leaders and entire church to focus and multiply our ministry effectiveness. We're being challenged to look at everything we do and ask, "Is this relevant? Is this producing spiritual fruit? Is this helping us make disciples in every generation?"

Your leadership meets again Oct. 1 at 6:00 for another training/learning session. Pray for us...I'll be keeping you posted as we move forward following God's leading.

#### Movement #3

As part of the MCCI consultation, we will be enlisting the entire church in actively praying for God to lead us into a new future. This **"Breakthrough Prayer"** movement will invite you to pray at specific times for God to do more than we can ask or imagine so that we don't settle for less than God's best! You'll be hearing more about Breakthrough Prayer, and be invited to participate during October's "mini-sermon series" on October 13 & 20 – don't miss it!

#### Movement #4

Many of you know that across the United Methodist Church there has been much discussion and division over issues of same-sex marriage and the ordination of self-avowed practicing same-sex persons. This is moving our denomination (*like all mainline denominations in recent years*) to a decision point: will we change our position and affirm these things as compatible with Christian teaching, or will we continue to affirm what the church has affirmed and taught in all places and in all times since it's beginning 2,000 years ago?

<u>Please understand</u>: this is not a decision about <u>tolerance</u>. We can tolerate others' beliefs without agreeing with or affirming them as right according to Christian teaching. This is about whether we believe that same-sex practices (including same-sex marriage) are compatible with Christian teaching.

At our next General Conference ("GC" or meeting of the whole church body) in Minneapolis in May 2020, many are hoping we can finally "agree to disagree" about this issue, and bless one another as we go our separate ways into two (or possibly three) different denominations.

September 18 was the final date for legislation to be submitted to the May 2020 GC. There are several plans for separation or moving forward that have been submitted. Please pray for God to guide our delegates from around the world who will vote on this and other legislation in May. If you have more questions about this, I would be happy to visit with you, and point you to places to learn more online.

Pastor Mike







*Thank you* to JoAnn VanNorman for sewing cloth carriers for residents at the Methodist Lakeview Home in Fairmont. She provided 10 carriers for wheelchairs, and 12 for walkers. They are a great blessing for those who receive them.



#### Friendly Fellowship

Our Friendly Fellowship Potluck & Program will be held Tuesday, October 22nd. Bob Mayden will be our speaker, and he will bring some of his woodworking projects to display for us.

If you would like to speak at one of our lunches, or know someone who would provide an interesting program, please let Darris Snelling or the church office know.

All are welcome to bring food to share and join us for lunch!



**Wanted:** Pumpkins and gourds of all sizes and colors for decorating our church

patio. They are needed

between Monday, September 30th and Wednesday, October 2nd. We'll also need corn stalks and some apple baskets. Items will be collected during the above mentioned dates on the front patio.

We welcome volunteers to help decorate the patio at 1:30pm Wednesday, October 3rd. Thank you!





#### Baptísms

We rejoice with our families who have children who were baptized during September....

Cooper Thomas Smith, son of Ian and Tara Smith. Cooper's grandparents are Larry & Barb Smith, and Tom & Marlys Christensen.

Houston James Buresch, son of Daron and Jody Buresch. Houston has a big sister, Hannah, and his grandparents are Mike & Cindy Schoning and Byron & Keri Buresch.

Aubrey Lynn Schowalter, daughter of Mike & Nikki Schowalter. Aubrey has a big brother, Jaden, and her grandparents are Dale & Julie Eidem and Tom Branstrom.

Lucy Stevens, daughter of Dustin Stevens and Lindsey Busch. Lucy's grandparents are Kevin and Lynel Stevens and Ed & Suzann Busch.

Nicholas Espenson, son of Justin and Brittany Espenson. Nick has two brothers, Zachary and Koldyn, and his grandparents are Kevin & Lynel Stevens, and Bob & Marsha Espenson.

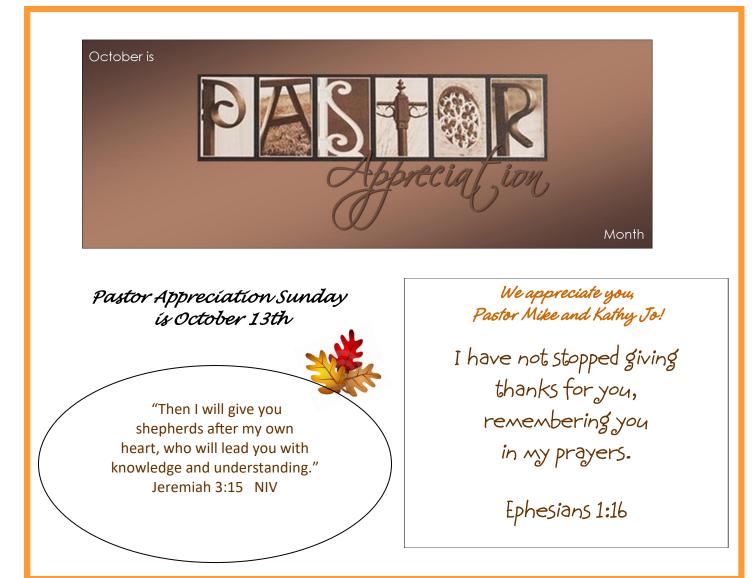


**Congratulations** to Taylor and Nathan Breuer on the birth of their first child, Remy Elnora on September 3rd! Remy's proud grandparents are Dana & Le Krumrey and Pete and Ann Bartelt. May God bless baby Remy and her family.

In Memory

A service to celebrate the life of Norma Grunewald was held on September 27th. May the Lord bring comfort to Norma's family.





#### First Things 2019 Calendar



Pastor Mike creates and produces a 30-minute

ministry program called "First Things" that airs on KDOM radio every Sunday morning at 11:30. KDOM provides the air time for just \$34 each week. Sponsorships are available through Memorials in memory of or in honor of special people, special occasions, or just because.

The 2020 sponsorship calendar has arrived and most dates are still available to sponsor.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored First Things broadcasts over the years!





### Hope 4 Kids Fundraiser Lunch

On Sunday, October 13th, our Christian Education Team will be serving an all-church lunch to raise funds for the child that they sponsor through Hope For Kids International, David Covaci. There will be no charge for the lunch, but free will donations will be accepted to help with the sponsorship.



# Dinner Table

We served our sixth monthly meal at The Dinner Table in September, and the next date the meal will be served is October 22nd. 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 signup needed, and everyone is invited to come and check it out, and to enjoy a meal. The October meal will be served by the Windom Lions Club; serving begins at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

Our congregation will be serving the meal on November 26th.



#### Windom Area Food Shelf The Sharing Center

Our local food shelf is in need of donations year-round to help our neighbors who need assistance. Gifts of money go much farther with their purchases than it goes for us, but all gifts are appreciated. This day calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, and adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. It was then soon observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches. Donations designated to this will support World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.





#### Coats For Kids

Cottonwood Co. children and teens will soon be needing new or gently used snow pants, coats, hats, boots and mittens for children of all ages. Can you help? A donation box is located in the church lobby (as well as at other locations around town). Cash donations are accepted, and are used to purchase boots, and any items that are not supplied by donation. All donations should be free of rips and stains and should have usable buttons and zippers. Checks may be written to First UMC, marked for Coats For Kids. Donations will be collected through Thursday, October 31st.

Special needs: boots, snow pants and children's coats sizes 6-12.

#### Labels for Busy Bee Preschool

Busy Bee Preschool is collecting HyVee and That's Smart labels and clean packaging as an ongoing fundraiser for their program. The UPC and the name HyVee is what's needed. Collection boxes are near the water fountain, and also by the Busy Bee classrooms. They are also collecting Labels For Education. These are the only labels that are being collected at this time.



A COMFORT CUPBOARD has been created at the M5/HS in Windom to provide students in need with personal hygiene items. If you would like to donate, please bring items to church and put them in the Comfort Cupboard tote. Items will be taken to the school periodically. THANK YOUIII

#### COMFORT CUPBOARD NEEDS: (full or travel size)

- Women's deodorant Tampons Toothpaste Shampoo Body wash/bar soap Body lotion Laundry detergent
- Men's deodorant Sanltary napkins Toothbrushes Conditioner Hand lotion Dental Floss Dryer sheets

A collaborative project of United Methodist Church and American Lukheron Church, Windom.



The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is typically among the first help to arrive when a disaster occurs in the U.S. or anywhere in the world. 100% of donations go to the area where you designate, such as U.S. relief, or International disaster relief. Their administrative funds are raised separately, such as through UMCOR Sunday. To donate, make your payment payable to First UMC, with your UMCOR designation in the memo or on the envelope. Donations will be combined and sent to UMCOR.



Ruby's Pantry is America's Rural Foodbank

Distribution is the 3rd Monday of each month 6:00—7:30pm Doors open at 5:00pm

October 21, 2019

Regional Worship Center 2 Crossroads Drive Sherburn MN

Bring \$20 cash donation, And 2 large boxes or totes

Anyone who eats qualifies.



Southern Prairie District Day

Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:00am—3:00pm Hosted by First UMC Windom

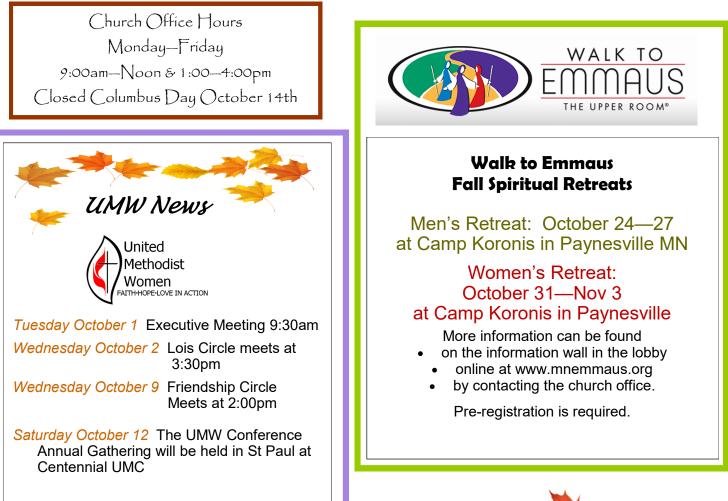


What is District Day?

District Day is a day of...

- Connecting with our District Superintendent and others across the conference
- Meaningful worship and music
- Workshops to aid in local church ministry
- Enjoying lunch together (provided with registration)
- For many churches, their annual Church Conference business will be voted on in the afternoon. (Our congregation will hold its own Church Conference on Sunday, November 29th.)

An online registration link will be available soon; contact our church office if you would like to register, and we'll get you connected. There will be a small registration fee to cover materials and a boxed lunch.





#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sunday School Meets at 9:00. Prek—Adults
- October 2nd KFC meets from 6:30-7:30pm in the art room.
- October 6th Hope 4 Kids lunch Ingredients due.
- October 6th BOTH YOUTH GROUPS will meet from 5:00-6:30
- October 6th Children in grades Pre-school through 6th grade will sing for the congregation.
- October-November 3rd collections for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- October 12th Hope For Kids lunch prep by Sunday School teachers.
- October 12th Dare2Share at Centerpoint church in Mt. Lake. We will leave FUMC at 10:15.
- October 13th Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Children in grades Pre-school-6th grade sing.
- October 13th Hope For Kids lunch at 11:30. This is a fundraiser for our child David Covaci.
- October 27th Youth group! 4:00-5:30 Junior high youth and 5:30-7:00 Senior high youth.
- October 28th QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) emergency mental health intervention training for ADULTS.

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

OCTOBER 2019

# WE HAD A GREAT RALLY DAY!

Our first day of Sunday school was September 8th. What a great day it was! The halls were filled with kids and adults coming in for the 9:00 Sunday school hour! We did not let the rainy day dampen our spirit, as we revisited this summer's VBS theme, ROAR! A lot of good memories were made that day. We had a lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs which were prepared by our Grillmasters! Thank you Bret Raverty, Ben Byam, and Vay Rodman. Thank you to our great kitchen help, Becki Wormstadt, Jadyn Wormstadt, Arleen Rodman, Giorgia Asti, and Delaney Smith. Thank you to everyone who participated in this day. It is a day I wish we could do over and over! Looking forward to another wonderful year of Sunday school! Many Blessings... *Robin Snyder* 





### Give a Gift this Christmas to Operation Christmas Child! Here's how!

The Sunday School classes would like the congregation to join them in an effort to get involved in Operation Christmas Child, a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoe boxes to hurting children around the world.

This simple, hands-on mission project gives our entire church family a tangible way to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas—God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. In addition, Operation Christmas Child allows our church to minister across denominational barriers with thousands of other churches and enables national churches to reach the poor in their countries with hope, love and the Gospel.

Participating is simple. Look for the display that will be located in the church lobby very soon. At the display you will find a brochure to take. This brochure lists info to get you started.

You may donate a variety of gifts. There are suggestions on the brochure. There is also a need for shipping. They are asking for a \$9 donation for the shipping of the shoebox.

The deadline for collection is November 5th.

We hope that you will consider being a part of this mission.



"Pack your shoebox with love, send it with prayer, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift."

Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse



Across 95 satellite sites nationwide, the one-day Dare 2 Share LIVE event inspires, equips, and deploys teenagers and their youth leaders to share the good news of Jesus Christ with their friends, and in their communities! This year the youth at FUMC will be joining other youth in our communities, and the world to participate in D2S LIVE! We will be leaving our church around 10:15 on Saturday, October 12th and joining others from our area at the Centerpoint Church in Mt. Lake. Our day will end around 6:30pm and we will return to FUMC then. Everything is FREE for this day! This event is lighting fires in the youth it touches, and it is **OUR TURN**!

Please sign up in the church lobby if you would join us.

#### Kids for Christ Starts October 2nd!

KFC meets the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. We meet @ 6:30 in the art/craft room, also known as the 5th & 5th grade classroom. Children in grades 3, 4, 5 are invited to join us! We will have snacks, games, and projects. Friend are always invited to KFC! Robin and Lisa are so excited to get this year started! We look forward to seeing all the kids and having a great year!!





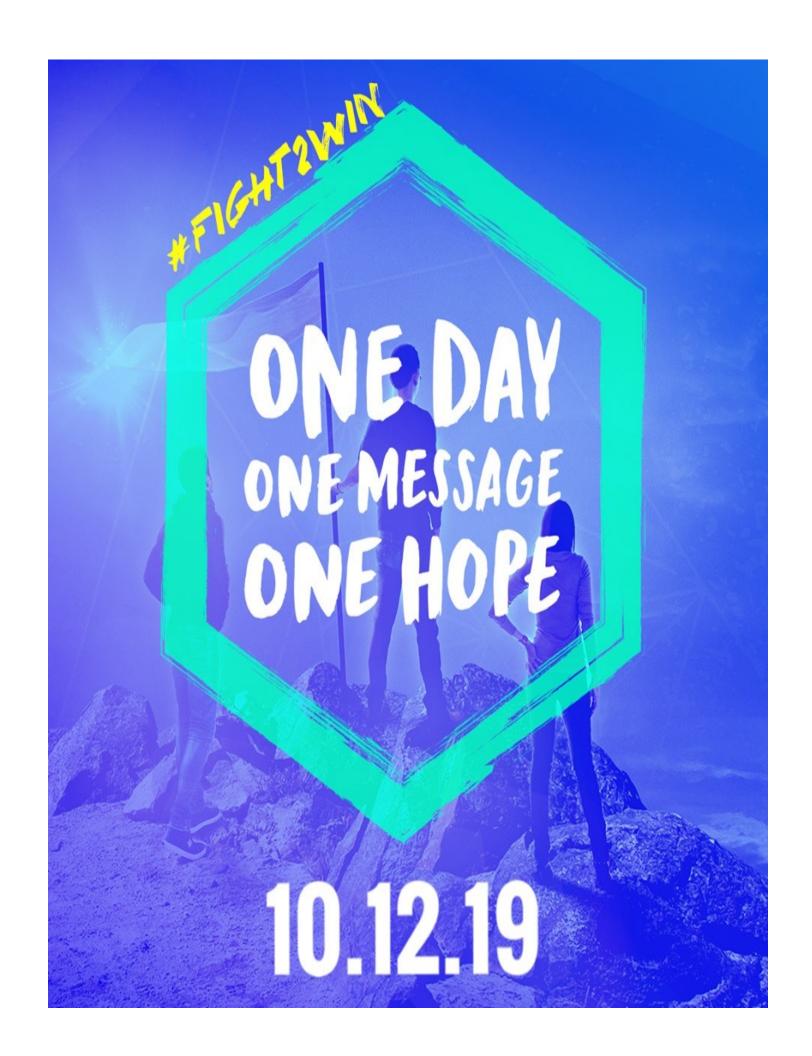
September 22nd, 2019

Hello! We are once again having a chili/soup fundraiser for our Hope4Kids sponsored child, David Covaci. We will have our lunch that day after the church service. We are asking each Sunday school class to bring some ingredients for this lunch. The list is broken down below. Please have your items to the church by Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all your help on this fundraiser. If you have any questions, please call me at 831-3284.

Blessings Always,

Robin

Pre-school –Kindergarten class:	2 -Cans of Chili Beans
1st-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade class:	1 -46oz Can of Vegetable Juice
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4th Grade class:	2 – Cans of Diced Tomatoes
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade class:	1 –package of Cheddar Cheese
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade class:	1 –package of celery
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade class:	2 –Cans of Low Sodium Chicken broth
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	1 – Large container of sour cream
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	2Onions
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	1 –Box of crackers
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	2 – Cans puree tomatoes
Adult Sunday School:	A pan of bars or something for dessert
Sunday School Teachers:	1—package of carrots





# **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.

- ELI Project helps seven students discern call: Seven college students have completed their 10-week summer internship with the Minnesota Conference's ELI Project—five as first-time interns and two as part of the first round of second-time interns, in an expansion of the program called ELI 2.0. All of them found the experience valuable, and more than half now plan to pursue vocational ministry. "This was one of the best things I have done— probably *the* best thing I've done to discern my call and develop my leadership skills," said 2019 intern Christina Johnson. "There's great mentorship here that I have not experienced anywhere else," said 2.0 intern Joe Meinholz. The application process for 2020 interns will open in December. Who in your life has gifts for pastoral ministry that you can encourage to apply?
- Volunteer at General Conference 2020: The Dakotas-Minnesota Area is hosting the 2020 General Conference (The United Methodist Church's top legislative body), which will bring thousands to Minneapolis from May 5-15. The host team is looking for volunteers of all ages, interests, and abilities to extend radical hospitality to guests as greeters, drivers, prayer room hosts, skyway guides, translators, and more. Learn more and indicate your interest in volunteering: https://gc2020welcome.org

• **Providing relief to Hurricane Dorian survivors:** Those impacted by Hurricane Dorian need your help. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has awarded a solidarity grant to the disaster ministry of the Bahamas Conference of The United Methodist Church to address short-term, basic human needs of those affected. Visit https://www.umcmission.org/umcor to donate to U.S. or international disaster relief and assist those in need.

#### BRIGHT SPOTS IN OUR MIDST

- Rapha Tabernacle of Glory reaches Haitian population: Rev. Mickson Deronvil was called to pastoral ministry at age 17 but spent more than a decade running from that call until he moved to Minnesota in 2013. Four years ago, he started Rapha Tabernacle of Glory—which is now a thriving United Methodist church start in St. Paul that ministers to the Haitian population. Each Sunday morning, Rapha offers Sunday School for all ages and worship in Haitian Creole. More than 50 people typically attend. In November, Rapha will launch a second worship service that's in English. "This is what brings joy to my heart because I am doing the work of the Lord and what God wants me to do," said Deronvil.
- Epworth UMC reaches families through 'Weed and Water': Every Wednesday during the summer, a couple dozen children, parents, grandparents, and a few nannies gathered on the front lawn of Epworth UMC in Minneapolis from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Most don't have a formal relationship with the church, but they came for Epworth's "Weed and Water" program, which gives kids an opportunity to learn about the natural environment in a fun and engaging way. "Part of the goal or hope or dream was about raising the profile of the congregation among a different set of folks," said Pastor Steve Reiser—and it has done just that.

#### STAY CONNECTED!

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

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6	<b>7</b> Priscilla Bonde Hunter Walklin Ian & Tara Smith	8 Darrel Stevens	9	10	11 Todd Deutchman	<b>12</b> Lukas Ingram David & Jody Derickson
13 Darla Deutchman Deanna Moon Kaige O'Brien Jim & Kathy Glidden	<b>14</b> Tyson King Judy Rhoda Sarah Smith	<b>15</b> Laura Fresk Glen & Denise Francis	16 Eldon & Deanna Moon	17	<b>18</b> Eva Morgan Verlan Ray	19
<b>20</b> Dennis Marker	21 Jessica Ambrose Keith Buresch Melinda Schunk Goody Youngren	22	23 Keaton LaCanne Don Olson	24 Bryce Green	25 Brandon & Melissa Pletcher	<b>26</b> Steve Glidden Abby Kipfer
<b>27</b> Judy Rand Shaun Schunk Ciera Visker Verlan & Judi Ray	28	<b>29</b> Tami Vesey	30	31 Walt Falk Meghan Vesey	Black – Birthday Blue - Anniversary	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone. 831-3284