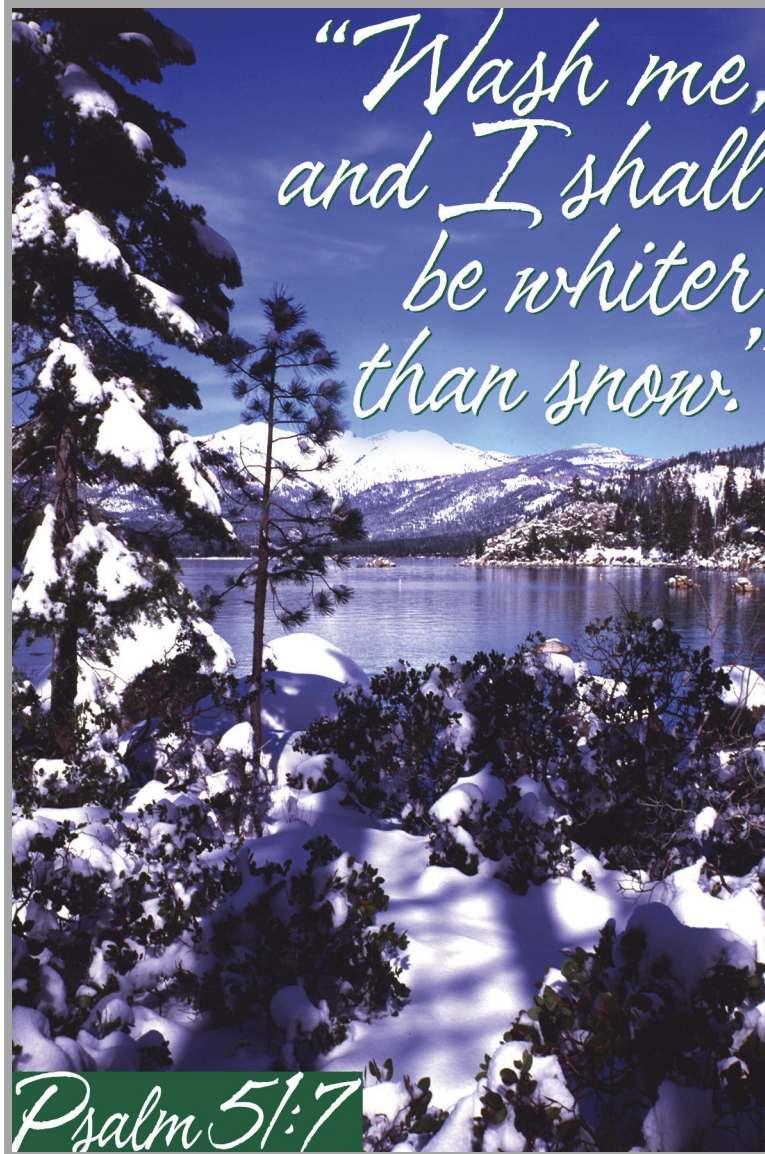


# The Window

January 2020 Newsletter



*First United Methodist Church*

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## 2020... What's Next?

You've survived another Christmas—*congratulations!* No sooner is the last gift unwrapped, and the last of the uneaten fruitcake tossed, than we start looking ahead. 2020 is right around the corner! How did it get here so fast? What will happen in this next year? What are you anticipating? What are you dreading?

We're always thinking about what's coming *next*—anticipating, worrying, planning for what happens next. Our next vacation; or next visit with loved ones; even our next meal or next weekend! It's human nature.



### **But what about the ultimate “Next”? The BIG NEXT?**

What happens next—*after this life?*

Can we know? Can we get ready for it?

Is it relevant to my life here and now? How so?

### **The Bible actually has a lot to say about what. happens. NEXT.**

And even as the next thing on our schedule for this week or this month affects my immediate thinking and living today...

...what I believe about the BIG NEXT, the ultimate NEXT after this life is over...that also has a HUGE impact on my thinking and living today!

In January I'm starting a message series called “Next”. I'll answer questions you have about what's coming next (*I do want to know your questions: more about that on Sunday, January 5*). I'll also raise questions you probably haven't thought of yet (*Do our resurrection bodies get suntans? What's on the menu in God's new creation? Will we still eat meat? Dessert? Will time exist? What language will we speak? Will there be technology?*)

Here are a few of the topics/questions I'll address in this series:

- *Death: it's not what you think; it's much worse!*
- *Resurrection: it's not what you've been taught; it's so much better!*
- *I thought I was “going to heaven”? Are we back on planet earth?*
- *Why does the Ascension of Jesus into heaven matter for me right now?*
- *If God loves everyone, why isn't everyone “going to heaven”?*
- *Is there really a hell? Or are unbelievers just “annihilated”?*
- *Why should I be thinking about any of this right now?*

I look forward to seeing you in January, and finding out what other questions you have about what's coming “Next”!

*Pastor Mike*



**Time to Redecorate!**

Please join us to redecorate the church on Monday, January 6th at 9:00am. Men and women are needed and appreciated!

**You can make a difference!**

**Windom Community Blood Drive**

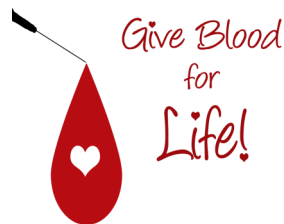
Wednesday, January 8  
1:30 – 6:30pm

Windom Community Center

To schedule an appointment:  
call 1-800-733-2767

or signup online: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Thank you,  
*Windom Women of Today*



**Friendly Fellowship**

Tuesday, January 28 at Noon

Please join us for a good lunch and great company. Bring food to share, and invite a friend! All are welcome. There is no minimum or maximum age requirement!



A service to celebrate the life of Audrey Youngren was held on December 14th. Audrey went home to be with the Lord on December 10th. Blessed be the memory of Audrey Youngren.

*In Loving Memory*



Happy Birthday to  
Pastor Mike  
January 4th

**New Address**

Goody Youngren has moved!  
His new address is:

Mikkelsen Manor  
725 Fuller Dr #207  
Windom MN 56101



**Thank you** to Marv and Margaret Grunig for donating this beautiful hand-crafted wood donation box. It has two compartments to allow us to collect for two different missions at once.



**Thank you** to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior for serving at *The Dinner Table* on January 28th!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JANUARY 2020



Star of Wonder! The children shared the beautiful story of what it would have been like from a star's view on that beautiful night that Jesus was born. What a great job they did! A BIG thank you to our children's music leader, Miranda Schunk for all her hard work on this year's program. Thank you to everyone else who helped in the preparation of this program. So many people to thank! Thank you!



Our KFC students would like to invite **EVERYONE** (young and old) to join us on Friday, January 3rd for an afternoon of fun sledding adventures on Abby Hill! We will meet at the hill at 1:00pm on the 3rd and sled until we carpool everyone and their sleds back to the church for hot chocolate and popcorn. Parents can pick up their student(s) at the church at 4:00pm. Call Robin if you need help with rides! 831-3284. Younger children are welcome to join us, but parents are asked to stay with them while sledding, and help transport them back to the church. See everyone on the 3rd!

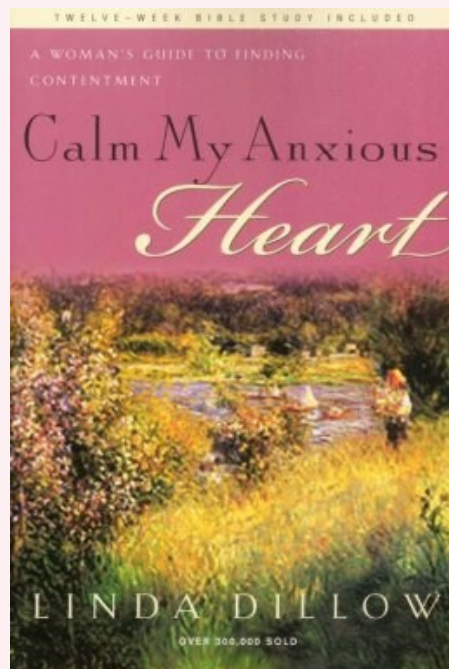
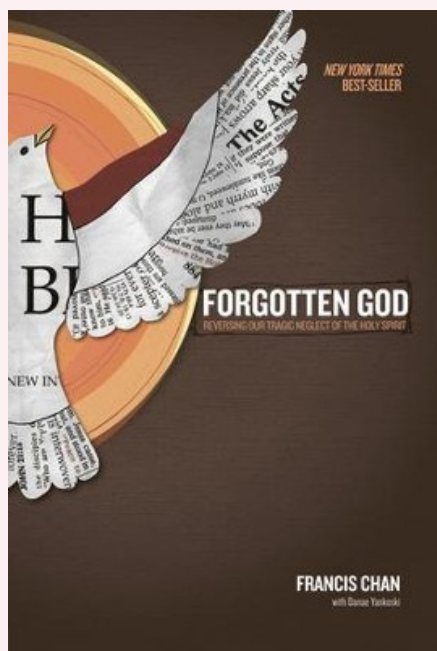


## Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ January 3rd — KFC meets from 1:00 to 4:00. Starting at 1:00 at Abby Hill, please pick up your student(s) at 4:00 at the church. Call Robin if you need a ride.
- ◆ January 5th — Sunday School & Life groups resume for all ages. Sunday morning classes are at 9:00.
- ◆ January 5th — Both youth groups will meet from 4:00-5:30.
- ◆ January 15th — Wednesday Bible Study begins. Two times to choose from! Please join us at 9:00am or 6:30pm for *Calm My Anxious Heart*.
- ◆ January 15th — confirmation begins the new year at 6:30pm
- ◆ January 24th — FIFTH quarter after the boys basketball game at WHS commons. For grades 7-12.
- ◆ January 26th — Youth groups meet 4:00-5:30 for Junior high. 5:30-7:00 for Senior high.
- ◆ February 1st — *Share the Love* card making event with Lisa Ambrose. A light lunch will be served. Open house from 10:00-2:00 in the Fellowship hall.

**Adults!**

**Look at what is coming to FUMC in January of 2020!**



David Derickson will be leading *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan on Sunday mornings, beginning January 5th, at 9:00am. We will be meeting for this class in the Library.

Through solid scriptural support and compelling narrative, author Francis Chan returns us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him. He reminds us that we are not created and saved merely to survive our time on earth.

Please sign up in the church lobby if you are interested in taking part in this life group study.

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Join us as Chip Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today.

Adult Life Group class starts Sunday, January 5th at 9:00 a.m. Nursery is provided. Please join us for this 6-week session!

Class Facilitator: Kathy Jo McInnis

Jody Derickson and Kathy Jo will team up to lead us in *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow. Beginning on Wednesdays, January 15th, this 12 week study will be offered at 9:00am or 6:30pm.

Women worry A. LOT. We fret about our children, friends, careers, spouses— the list goes on and on! Even though we want to be content and trust God, we can still feel overwhelmed by worry. Filled with encouragement and practical help for overcoming anxiety, this study by Linda Dillow explains what God says about contentment and offers ways to apply it to daily life.

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

## ***Youth News!***


*Read all about it!*



McDonald's is remodeling their lobby! So..... McPrayer will be held **right here** at **FUMC** on Fridays, January 10th, 17th, and 24th. But never fear! You still get McDonald's breakfast. They will deliver it!!! You still get **FREE** prayers, **FREE** devotions, and **FREE BREAKFAST!** We will see you bright and early, at 6:30am **right here**, at FUMC, on Friday mornings.



Calling youth in grades 7-12. You are invited to attend...  
**FIFTH QUARTER!!!**  
Friday, January 24th. Join up with your classmates from YOUR school after the home basketball game for fun, food, and encouragement. We will meet in the commons area. This is sponsored by Windom Ministerial Association. Any questions, please see Robin.

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**Please join us on Saturday, February 1st for a time of crafts, fellowship and devotions. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.**

**We will be making cards! There will be a free will donation taken. You can make one card, or you can make several cards. Not crafty? No worries!! Lisa Ambrose will be here to help, every step of the way! Kathy Jo will be sharing devotions.**

**This is a come and go event from 10:00am-2:00pm. Lunch will be provided!**



# Outreach

Our congregation's 2019 local outreach efforts included the following...

- First Things KDOM Radio broadcast ministry
- Cable broadcast of our Sunday service each week
- Radio ministry outreach program we produce airs each week to a large area
- Vacation Bible School provided to all in the community who want to come
- Sponsored community free movies
- Our Youth program, involving First UMC and area Youth
- Provided a Pie & Ice Cream Social at the local nursing home
- Provided Facebook posts of encouragement and outreach
- Local highway cleanup and signage
- Provided handmade scarves for UMC General Conference 2020
- Provided McPrayer program for all community youth weekly during the school year
- Invitations to the community throughout the year through newspaper ads
- Provided ministry to inmates in our local jail

### *Lunch Buddies*

The Windom Presbyterian Church works with the Lunch Buddies program—adults sign up to have lunch with a child. At this time, the school has kids who want to be in the program, but there aren't enough adults to pair them with. If you are interested in being a Lunch Buddy to a child, please contact the Presbyterian Church at 831-2532. All participating adults will get a background check. It's a great opportunity to make a difference.



## MISSIONS

### *Honduras Mission Opportunity!*

August 8-15, 2020 we will partner with The Gathering and Baptist churches to go on a mission to Honduras. Dr. Dynes has been to this area over a dozen times, and is well acquainted with the missionaries there. The cost will be about \$1800 per person. This will be a service trip including some construction or painting and feeding the hungry and elderly. If you are interested in attending an informational meeting in January, please let our church office know (the meeting date is not yet known).

### *Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry*, America's

Rural Foodbank, provides food to anyone who wants it for \$20 cash. Bring 2 baskets or totes to 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn MN the 3rd Monday of each month. Distribution is 6:00—7:30pm, and doors open at 5:00pm.







*Thank you from the Missions Team!*

The Missions Team wishes to thank the congregation for your support, prayers and gifts for the year of 2019. The items below represent many acts of compassion and service by our congregation.

Remember Jesus' words "whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40.

- Supported and served *The Dinner Table* meals
- Served Meals on Wheels 2 months
- Supported Coats For Kids for children in need
- Supported Christmas Cheer Program for children in need
- Supported the county Food Shelf throughout the year
- Provided cookies for UMC Lakeview Health System in Fairmont MN
- Prepared bags for the backpack food program for children in need
- Collected labels for Busy Bee Preschool located in our church building
- Provided Caring Bags for the SW MN Crisis Center for people fleeing violence
- Supported local Senior Dining and Nutrition Program
- Supported Cottonwood County Salvation Army
- Supported Child Safety, Drug and Crime Prevention Education Program for children 4-18 years
- Provided visitation to care facility residents
- Supported high school senior Eagle Project
- Sponsored children and finances to Hope 4 Kids International
- Supported Chen student ministry in Japan
- Supported Operation Christmas Child
- Supported 6 United Methodist Special Sundays Missions
- Supported Gideons International Bible Distribution Mission
- Supported Emma Norton Services with supplies and monetary donations
- Supported UMCOR disaster relief, health kits, monetary gifts
- Supported Operation Kid 2 Kid
- Supported McCurdy School Mission in New Mexico
- Supported Red Bird Mission in Kentucky
- Supported Lakeview Health Foundation in Fairmont MN
- Supported Comfort Cupboard toiletry donations for local students
- Provided items for the Welcome to Windom Mission
- Provided the Helping Hands service mission

The Missions Team appreciates your support. Thank you, thank you. Have a Blessed New Year.



## First Things Radio Broadcast

on KDOM is an important community outreach ministry by First UMC!

Thank you to all who have sponsored this outreach in 2019. Sponsorships for 2020 are available, with openings starting January 26th. We thank KDOM for keeping our cost low at \$34 for each 30-minute program.

Pastor Mike produces each weekly program with a message, music, and an invitation to join us for worship.

Sponsorship forms are available in the information area of the lobby, or let the office know if you would like one sent to you by email, postal mail, or your church mailbox.

Once again, thank you so much to all who sponsor this outreach ministry!



### Potato Bake Fundraiser

By United Methodist Women

Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am

Funds raised will go to  
UMW Missions

Free will offering. Join us!

## UMW January Calendar

Tues Jan 7	9:30am	Executive Meeting
Wed Jan 8	3:30pm	Lois Circle
Sun Jan 26	11:30am	Potato Bake Fundraiser



### Contact Info

Does the church office have your current address, phone numbers and email address? If you have a change, or if you aren't sure if we have your current contact information, please provide your info to the office. It can be emailed, phoned in, or written on a yellow pew card and put in the offering plate. Cell numbers are appreciated! See the newsletter cover page for the church's contact information. Thanks very much!



### Church Office Hours



Monday–Friday

9:00am–Noon

1:00–4:00pm

Closed these holidays: January 1 and 20, 2020



**Epiphany** is the 12th day after Christmas. We celebrate the visit of the three kings (or wise men) to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles. Epiphany falls on January 6th.

## Thank You Congregation

**Thank you** congregation for your support of this ministry! In the last year, some of the ministries you made possible were.... meaningful worship opportunities; Christian Education for young children through adults, including Sunday School, Kids for Christ, Youth Group, Youth Retreats, Vacation Bible School, meaningful group Bible Studies and more. Also, you greatly supported many missions (see separate full page listing!). You provided God's Word to the community through First Things Radio Ministry; provided McPrayer for our area Youth; and made many other outreach efforts to reach people for Jesus here in our area. Together we made it possible to provide pastoral services for funerals; for hurting people; for those needing a pastor's godly counsel; and pastoral Bible teaching in our worship services. We have provided meals to those who need food, as well as to those who would like to have a meal with others rather than dining alone. These are some of the many ministries you made possible.

Thank you also to everyone who **VOLUNTEERS**, making this ministry possible! You are *so appreciated!*



## Weather Announcements

Here are some weather notes as they apply to church activities:

When Windom Area Schools close due to weather, all church activities are also canceled, including all children's activities.

If an adult group leader decides to hold their group's activity during a closing, they will notify their group members of that decision (otherwise the default is cancellation).

If you have a question about whether a group will meet or not, please contact that group's leader.

The church office has the option to close during a school closing.

### **For severe weather on Sunday mornings:**

Please check with the following media for weather-related service cancellation announcements. **KKOJ broadcasts live on Sunday mornings.**

Windom KDOM radio 1580AM

Windom TV cable channel 3

**Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM**



[Facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom](https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom)

'Like' the church's Facebook page to receive postings in your newsfeed.

<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted.</b>  <b>Call the site for other menu choices that may be available.</b>	<b>LSS MEALS - WINDOM</b> <b>831-6161</b> 	<b>Wednesday, January 1</b>	<b>Thursday, January 2</b>	<b>Friday, January 3</b>
		<b>Happy New Year!!</b>	3oz Hamburger	4oz Roast Turkey/Gravy
1/2 c Mixed Greens Salad	1/2c Mashed Potato			
1/2c Sweet Potato Fries	1/2c Broccoli Florets			
Dessert	1 each Dinner Roll/Margarine			
Bun/Margarine	Dessert			
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk			
<b>Monday, January 6</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 7</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	<b>Thursday, January 9</b>	<b>Friday, January 10</b>
6 oz Chicken Wild Rice Casserole	4x4 Beef Lasagna	4 oz Liver or Pepper Steak	4 oz Ham w/Raisin Sauce	4 oz Salmon Loaf
1/2c Winter Blend Vegetables	1/2c Spinach Salad	1/2c Buttered Boiled Potatos	1/2c Scalloped Potatoes	1/2c Creamed Peas
1/2c Pear Halves	1/2c Strawberry Applesauce	1/2c Stewed Tomatoes	1/2c Sauteed Summer Squash	1/2c Mashed Potatoes
1 each Bread/Margarine	1 each WW Breadstick	1 each Dinner Roll	1 each Dinner Roll/Margarine	1each Bread/Margarine
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, January 13</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 14</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 15</b>	<b>Thursday, January 16</b>	<b>Friday, January 17</b>
4oz Ginger Citrus Chicken	3 oz Roast Beef w/Gravy	Chicken Caesar Wrap	4 oz Sloppy Joe	6 oz White Chicken Chili
1/2c Rice Pilaf	1/2c Mashed Potatoes	4oz chicken	1/2c Potato Wedges	1/2 Cheese Sandwich
1/2c Crinkle Cut Carrots	1/2c Corn	1/2c Broccoli Florets	1/2c Baked Beans	1/2c Pickled Beets
1/2c Peach Halves	1 each Breadstick	1/2c Tropical Fruit	Dessert	1 each Banana
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Bun/Margarine	Dessert
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk <b>\$2 TUESDAY</b>	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, January 20</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 21</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	<b>Thursday, January 23</b>	<b>Friday, January 24</b>
	4 oz Pork Riblet on Bun	6oz Chicken and Noodles	4 oz Baked Ham	6 oz Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
	1/2c Potato Salad	1/2c Mashed Potatoes	1/2c Macaroni and Cheese	1/2c Lettuce Salad
<b>CLOSED</b>	1/2c Broccoli Florets	1/2c Candied Carrots	1/2c Green Peas	1/2c Pineapple Chunks
	1/2c Fruit Cocktail	1 each Dinner Roll	1/2c Tropical Fruit Salad	1 each Garlic Breadstick
	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
	8 oz Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk <b>BIRTHDAY LUNCH</b>	8 oz. Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, January 27</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 28</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 29</b>	<b>Thursday, January 30</b>	<b>Friday, January 31</b>
3oz Pulled Pork	4 oz BBQ Meatballs	4oz Pub Fish	4 oz Beef Tips	4 oz Sausage Gravy
1/2c Butternut Squash	1/2c Mashed Potato	1/2c Scalloped Potatoes	1/2c Mashed Potatoes	1 each Biscuit
1/2c Lettuce Salad	1/2c Peas and Carrots	1/2c Coleslaw	1/2c Buttered Beets	1 each Hashbrown Patty
Dessert	1 each Bread/Margarine	1 each Corn Muffin	1 each Dinner Roll/Margarine	Dessert
Bun/Margarine	Dessert	Dessert	Desert	1 each Blueberry Muffin
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	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. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.

# First United Methodist Church ~January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 Happy New Year!</b> Church closed today	<b>2</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast	<b>3</b> 1: 00 Kids For Christ Sledding	<b>4</b> <b>Pastor                      Mike's                      Birthday</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 4:00p All Youth	<b>6</b> 9a Redecorate Church	<b>7</b> 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 5:00p Worship Broadcast Ch 3	<b>8</b> 3:30 Lois Circle 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Finance Team 7:30 Staff Parish 8:00 Ad Council	<b>9</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast	<b>10</b> 6:30a McPrayer at First UMC	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things	<b>20</b> Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Holiday - Church closed	<b>21</b> 1:00p Missions Team 5:00p Worship Broadcast Ch 3	<b>22</b> 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	<b>23</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast Women's Walk to Emmaus thru Sunday - Mankato	<b>24</b> 6:30a McPrayer at First UMC Youth -5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter after Basketball Game	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potato Bake 4:00 Jr Hi Youth 5:30 Sr Hi Youth	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Noon Friendly Fellowship Potluck & Program 5:00p Worship Broadcast Ch 3 5:30p The Dinner Table Served @ Presbyterian	<b>29</b> 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	<b>30</b> 6:30a Men's Breakfast	<b>31</b> 6:30a McPrayer at McDonald's	Additions or corrections? Please let the office know – 831-3284 or UMCOffice@ windomnet.com

# First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Black: Birthday Blue: Anniversary		1	2	3	4 Rhonda Elston Ron Flatgard Tim Ingram Pastor Mike
5	6 Mick Christians	7 Claire Fast Sam Fast	8 Darris & Sharon Snelling	9	10 Emmett Piotter	11 Terri Jones
12 Brian Hedman Barb Hunter	13	14 Sarah Kling	15 Nathan Luitjens John Roll	16 Rachel Derickson Lakota King	17	18
19	20 Jerome Smith	21 Aubrey Schowalter Todd & Darla Deutchman	22	23 Shelby Mattson	24	25
26	27 Steve Fresk Wayne Jeffrey Sharon Snelling	28 Ava Caviness Keith Schroeder	29 Jody Vanderwerf	30	31	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.