

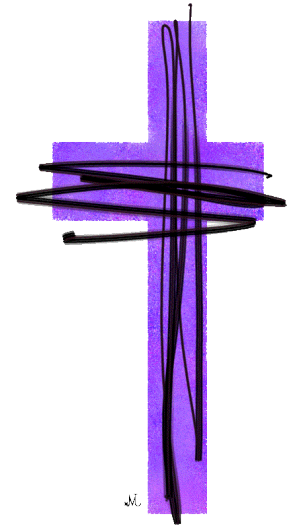


April

First UMC Mini News!

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Spring Greetings! Our usual April calendar, bustling with ministry opportunities and enriching activities, is empty right now as we wait for information on when it will be safe for us to gather. But our April birthday and anniversary calendar is attached. We can still reach out electronically!



Thank you for listening to Pastor Mike's radio broadcasts, which are newly recorded each week, and can be heard on KDOM Radio Sundays at 11:30 am. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, just let us know. As of today, upcoming sponsorship openings are May 17 and 31. To ask about other open dates, please call the church office. And thank you to all of you who have sponsored this vital ministry outreach to our community!

I have loved
YOU *with an*
EVERLASTING
Love.

I have DRAWN
YOU *with*
loving-kindness

Jeremiah 31:3

This 'N That...

- The UMC General Conference has been postponed until 2021, and they are hoping that it will still be in Minneapolis.
- The Feed My Starving Children packing day has been canceled.
- The Dinner Table took place last week. Instead of serving food indoors, guests drove through to receive meal coupons from Hardee's. Thank you to Hardee's for co-sponsoring the event by providing special pricing for us. We gave away 260 meal coupons!
- In May, we would like to plant flowers in the church's patio area. If you would like to help provide funding, please mark your gift 'outdoor flowers'.
- Busy Bee Preschool appreciates any HyVee and That's Smart clean labels and packaging. Please collect them, and bring them to the church when we are able to open again.
- Meals on Wheels are available for pickup or delivery.

First UMC Online Messages!



www.facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom

Pastor Mike creates video messages for us and posts links to them on Facebook on Sunday mornings and also mid-week. And check for a children's message Kathy Jo!

You can also look for these messages on www.youtube.com —search for Michael McInnis. There is more than one Michael McInnis, but the list is not long, and ours is easy to find. Look for this image: click on it, and all the videos from our church will come up.



Welcome Spring!

... **BE CONTENT**
with what you have;
for he has said,
"I will never leave you
or forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5, NRSV





DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD

The Mission Committee is sponsoring the Dress a Girl Around the World project this spring by sewing dresses for girls in third world countries. This project is sponsored through Hope4Women International. While there had been dates selected to meet at church and sew in April, those dates have been put on hold due to the sheltering in place rules from the Covid-19 outbreak. Instead, we are asking that any women (or men) who like to sew, and are willing to be a part of this worthwhile project that they now do so in their homes. We have patterns and supplies lists available. Some of the people sewing also have plenty of fabric that they're willing to share. Donations of supplies and cash to help make this project a success is also being requested. The goal/challenge is to sew 50 dresses by the end of April. Currently, there are three women sewing at home. A donation of \$10 provides a pattern, instructions, fabric and all needed supplies from the Dress a Girl Office. Below is a list of supplies that can be donated in addition to money:

- *Cotton fabric yardage and/or fabric scrap pieces for adding coordinating pockets/trim (must be at least 7 inches or more in length and width)*
- *Thread*
- *Elastic (1/2 or 3/4 inch width)*
- *Extra wide double fold bias tape – any color*
- *Rick rack, eyelet lace, ribbon (gross grain), or any variety of trims*

Supply donations can be brought to the church or dropped off the home of Cathy Peterson, 800 5th Ave. Should you have any questions, or would like to sew some dresses, please contact Cathy Peterson at (507) 830-1466 or chipperlee53@gmail.com, or contact Terri Jones at (507) 822-4808.

Please note that items should be delivered after our stay-at-home directive is no longer in place.



Resources for You



Christian video library for all ages!

If you haven't received an email invitation yet for RightNow media, contact our church office by email at umcoffice@windomnet.com and we'll get it sent to you. When you receive your email invitation, click on "Get Started". It's that easy! Just create a login, and then whenever you have an opportunity to browse the titles and categories, it will be ready and waiting for you. Check out this great resource for adults and kids.

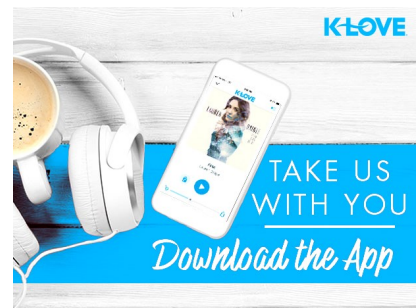


3 ways to listen to K-Love Christian radio!

Radio: 88.1 or 89.5 FM

App: download for android or ios

Online: KLOVE.com, click on Play Now



3 ways to watch Trinity Broadcast Network Christian television!

TV: Windomnet channel 60

App: download for android or ios

Online: TBN.org watch live or on demand

Create a password and watch any time from your device

TBN also has an online children's network: Smile of a Child TV

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
 N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
 E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
 P S O G O L G O T H A B S C
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 M N S H N P W E D R H F S K
 U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E
 H E C R E V L I S W Q E C M
 H V H N C X S O C C J R L O
 F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C
 C R U C I F I X I O N S R V



Check these out

PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.


Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
 y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
 Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
 L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Elvin Thiessen	2 Nancy Meyer Rachel Raverty Mike & Marlene Simon	3 Ryan Vesey	4
5	6	7	8 David Elston	9 Haley Ambrose Madison Dahna	10	11
12 Pat & Mary Lee Raverty	13 Justin Axford Pat Elston	14 Bruce Rhoda	15 Luke Buresch	16 Sarah Jeffrey Sena	17	18 Janet Bramstedt Kathy Glidden Finley Pletcher Rylie Jo Raverty Leroy & Pauline Wiebe
19	20 Kole Curry	21	22 Kami Visker	23 Dawn Luitjens	24	25 Mike Eichner
	26 Johanna Elston	27 Aren King	29	30	Black: Birthdays Purple: Anniversaries	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone 831-3284