



September 2020



FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE
WORLD, AND WE CANNOT TAKE
ANYTHING OUT OF THE WORLD. BUT
IF WE HAVE FOOD AND
CLOTHING, WITH
THESE WE WILL
BE CONTENT.

1 TIMOTHY 6:7-8, ESV

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Looking Forward to Look Back

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God...
In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him. —1 John 4:7, 9*



Have you ever heard someone say, “Someday we’ll all look back on this and laugh!”? Maybe you’ve said it yourself. It’s a word that’s meant to give comfort, and put things into perspective.

We could all use some comfort and perspective right now, couldn’t we? For most of us, life right now is a mixed bag of “everything’s different” and “trying to get back to normal” – even though we may realize that whatever normal is, it will be a “new normal”.

But *we will* get through this strange year of 2020. The question we all need to ask is: *How will we get through it?* Like many of you, I get frustrated with having to wear a mask into stores. How many times have you had to walk back to your car and get yours because you forgot?

I get frustrated with so many other things that we used to take for granted. Like going to visit my 88-year-old mom in Wisconsin recently. She is living in an assisted living facility there, so we had to schedule an appointment to see her, then hope it wouldn’t get cancelled at the last minute because of someone testing positive for COVID. Fortunately, we were able to visit with her; our scheduled 20-minute visit lasted for just over an hour, a real blessing that the staff let us stay so long. And guess what? I just received their facility’s weekly newsletter: they had a staff person test positive for COVID, so they’ve just cancelled all family visits for the next week or two! We were blessed to see her when we did!

So it’s easy to be frustrated, impatient and on edge about this new normal...for me, for you, *for everyone*. We need to give each other (and ourselves) lots of grace, patience and understanding.

John’s words (quoted above) are a good reminder as we navigate the changes in our lives—treat each other with love. When someone jumps in front of you with their loaded grocery cart, can you love them? If you’re at work, and someone is nasty to you—or just acts like you’re invisible, acts like you don’t matter—can you still love them?

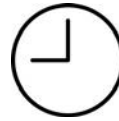
Can you see them through God’s eyes and ask, “*What are they going through today? What burden is so heavy on their plate that they’re lashing out in hurt at others?*” Rather than curse them under your breath, can you say a prayer for them?

I’m trying to look forward and think about looking back. This Thanksgiving and Christmas, when we gather with our families and celebrate those holidays—with even more thanks and more joy than usual—will we have allowed God to use us to help others get through this season, by our words, our actions and our prayers? I hope so. As I read recently, “*It’s not about being a winner, it’s about being a witness.*”

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Meanwhile, I hope to be able to share with you by next week our plans for returning to worship inside the building (*after all, winter is coming!*). Pray for your church staff and leadership as we make plans for this new season of ministry opportunity!

Pastor Mike



Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00—4:00pm

Closed Holidays

Closed Labor Day,
Monday September 7th

*Join us for outdoor services Sundays at 9:00am
in the church's back yard*

Sundays have been a blessing in the back yard! We are working on a plan to move worship services inside; we don't yet know exactly when that will be, but we will keep in touch with you to let you know. In the meantime, on Sundays bring your lawn chair, or you can sit in your car to listen if that works better for you.

Due to Vacation Bible School, which will be on Sundays Sept 13—Oct 11, our church services will be at 9:00am. Then on October 18th, we will change to our regular fall schedule with our services at 10:30am.

Thank you for your flexibility! We are working hard to arrange the schedule to provide ministry in different ways, since we were unable to hold many of our regular 'happenings' since mid-March.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to these two beautiful young ladies from our congregation, who were both winners at Riverfest ! Jessica was crowned Miss Riverfest 2020, and Alyssa Reisdorfer was crowned First Runner-Up, and was also voted Miss Congeniality by her peers. Way to go, ladies!



Jessica Ambrose



Alyssa Reisdorfer



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

After Labor Day, this will be our
fall Sunday schedule:
9:00am Worship
10:00am Vacation Bible School

Please note the service time!

STARTING SEPT 13

Services will be at 9am through October 11th

The Lord has blessed us with beautiful
weather for our outdoor
summer services



OCTOBER STALKS, BALES & GOURDS

In early October, we hope to decorate the church's patio with corn stalks and small square hay bales again this year. If you will have corn stalks & bales available to donate, please let the church office know; we typically use about 100—200 stalks.

We would also welcome donations of pumpkins and gourds of all colors and sizes. All the fall decorating items are requested to be brought to the church's front patio between Monday, September 28 and Wednesday, September 30th, if possible.

If you would like to help decorate the patio, please join us Thursday, October 1 at 1:30 (weather permitting).

Staff

Pastor: Mike McInnis umcpastor@windomnet.com
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Organist: Deann Steele
Office Manager: Laura Williams umcoffice@windomnet.com



If you would like to
share something in
the October
newsletter or
calendar, please
provide it to the
church office no later
than Friday,
September 18th.





Thank you to our August Coordinator
Marlys Christensen
and to all volunteers who served
Meals on Wheels for the month of August:

Marlys & Tom Christensen
Pat & Ray Elston
Jim & Kathy Glidden
Jerry Moon
Rick Brown
Jan Dehmlow
Margaret Grunig
Jody Derickson
Dana Krumrey
Bruce & Judy Rhoda
Vay & Arleen Rodman
Judi Ray
Peggy Roll
John & Jan Duscher
Linda & Dick Dawson
Pat & Mary Lee Raverty
Terri & Dan Jones

As you can see, it takes many people to provide this ministry. Our church provides this service in April and August each year; other churches and organizations serve the other months. Our April coordinator is Shirley Lyons. Thank you all for your devoted work for this ministry!



Coats For Kids

Cottonwood County children and teens will soon be needing new or gently used snow pants, coats, hats, boots, scarves, socks and mittens for children of all ages. Can you help? Items will be collected in the donation box in the lobby starting September 1st. Cash donations are also 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. We will combine donations to provide one check to the sponsoring agency. Thank you.



We served 315 people at our monthly meal at *The Dinner Table* August 25th with a bagged meal from Hy-Vee! Our September serving date will be the 22nd. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who make this mission possible!



Many volunteers in our congregation have made dresses for this mission! We have a tentative date of Sunday, September 27th for the dedication of these dresses before they are sent out. Thank you to everyone who has done work for this special mission!



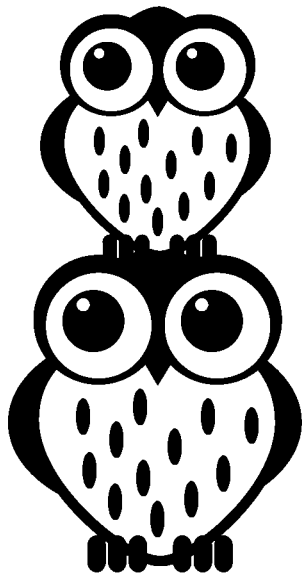
Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Foodbank. The next distribution date is Monday, September 21st. Bring \$20 **cash** to the high school in Sherburn MN from 5:30—7:30pm. Don't bring containers; volunteers will place food in your trunk. Traffic guides will help with where to line up on North Prairie Street. More information about Ruby's Pantry is available in the church's west hall, or call our church office.



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school	— ○ — — —
paper	— ○ —
wisdom	— — ○ —
read	— — — ○
play	— — — — —
learn	○ — — — —
grow	— ○ — — — —
pencils	— — — — —
pray	— ○ — — —
art	— — — — —
student	— — — ○ — —
kids	— — ○ — — — —
apple	— — ○ — — — —

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



Presented by SWCIL Staff

Virtual Information Session

September 15, 2020

12:00pm and 5:00pm

Zoom Web Conference

Learn about SWCIL Services

SWCIL staff will discuss services we offer, referral process, and ways to stay connected to our events.

To request more information or accommodations,
Call 507.532.2221 ext. 101 or Email Shanda@swcil.com

Join Zoom Meeting SWCIL Virtual Information Sessions

Time: Sep 15, 2020 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM Central Time

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660386713?pwd=cm5pQmNMNTM3WmpWUxZ2ZWFZVHMzZ09>

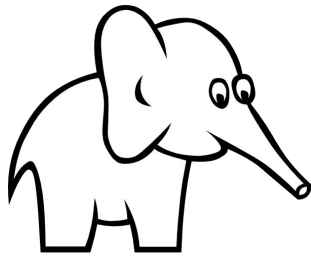
Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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White Elephant Items Welcome

United Methodist Women will hold a White Elephant Sale fundraiser Saturday, October 17th, so they invite you to bring your gently used, clean donation items to the church...

- Decorations & art
- Plants
- Kitchen items,
- Books, Movies, Music
- Jewelry,
- Bedding
- Most household items

Please do not bring clothing, footwear, and please **no electronics**.

Sale items are collected in the east coat closet, next to the sanctuary.
Thank you for helping with this UMW fundraiser!

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Christian online video library for all ages

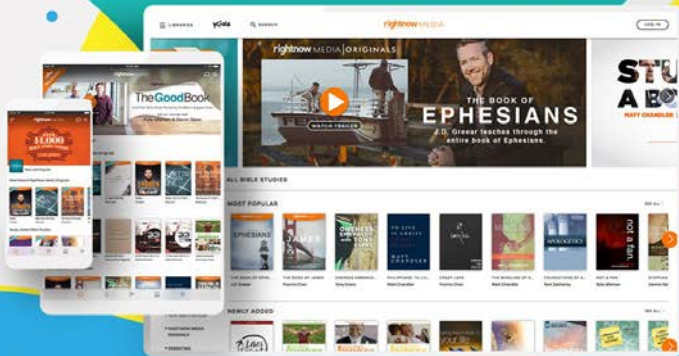
Do you have a login yet?

Contact the church office to get connected

Email invitations are being resent to those who have not yet made a password, to give another opportunity to participate. If you would like an invitation, but haven't received it by Sunday, September 13th, let the church office know.

FREE GIFT

for everyone in our church!



We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to **everyone** in our church. If you haven't already accepted your invite:

1

Check your email for the invite from RightNow Media.

**Let us know if you don't see one*

2

Open the email and click "Get Started."

Yeah. It's that easy.



GOOD NEWS

First Things is our congregation's radio outreach ministry on KDOM; it airs Sunday mornings at 11:30. Pastor Mike records a message for us, and for the community. This ministry is sponsored by our congregation, usually in honor or in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. All sponsorships are welcome and appreciated. If you would like to sponsor a particular date, now is a good time to reserve it. Forms are available at the church for sponsoring First Things, or they can be sent to you. As of this printing, there are openings September 27th, October 4th and 11th. Thank you to our sponsors!

Gracious words are a
honeycomb,
sweet to the soul
and healing to the bones.

— Proverbs 16:24



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MICROSOFT

Christian Education



KFC is for children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. We meet the first Wednesday of every month. For September we will meet from 3:30-5:30 on the front patio. Supper will be provided for the students. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Robin at umceduction@windomnet.com or leave a message at the church office 831-3284.

Important Dates:

- Sept 2nd— KFC will meet from 3:30-5:30 on the front patio.
- Have a safe Labor Day Weekend.
- Sept 11th—Family movie night. 8:00pm
- Sept 12th — Marriage Night 6:00-9:30pm
- Sept. 13th—VBS *Rocky Railway* - *Jesus' power pulls us through*, meets from 10:00-12:30 for 5 Sundays
- Sept 16th— Woman's Bible Study begins. Classes offered at 9:00am and 6:30pm
- Sept 20th— *Rocky Railway* 10:00-12:30
- Sept 23rd—See You At The Pole, Student led prayer movement at the flagpole at school 7:30am
- Sept 27th— *Rocky Railway* 10:00-12:30

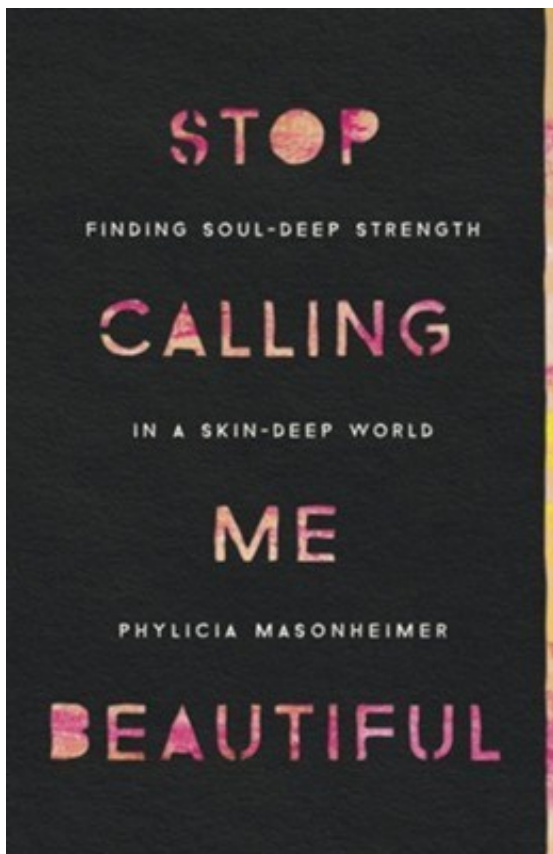




Everyone is invited to Movie Night
Free Popcorn!

Family, Neighbors, and Friends
Friday, September 11th at 8:00pm

Beginning, Wednesdays September 16th. Two classes to choose from! 9:00am or 6:30pm. Please sign up by emailing Robin or calling the church office. umceducation@windomnet.com



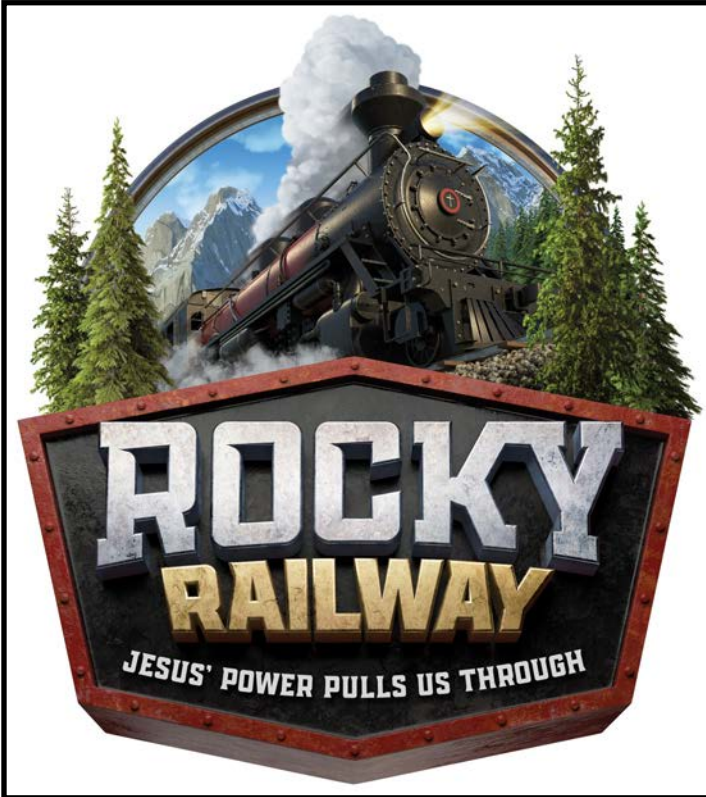
If you're tired of hearing the watered-down Christian teaching and are hungry for a deeper spiritual life — one that gives real answers to your hardest questions — *Stop Calling Me Beautiful* teaches you how. You will learn

- ♦ how to pursue the truths of who God is and who you are in relationship to Him
- ♦ how to study scripture, and how your view of God determines how you face life's challenges
- ♦ how legalism, shallow theology, and false teaching keep you from living boldly as a woman of the Word
- ♦ how to experience God's presence in painful circumstances

Jesus doesn't offer a powerless salvation. He makes your brokenness part of His whole redemption story — if you allow Him to. Don't settle for a feel-good faith. If you want victory over insecurity, fear, shame, and the circumstances you are facing, it's time to embrace Jesus. All of Him.

— Please join us for this powerful 12 week study led by Kathy Jo. Two class times to choose from.

It's Coming.....



5 Sundays

10:00am—12:30pm each Sunday

September 13th

September 20th

September 27th

October 4th

October 11th

The train from *Rocky Railway* is scheduled to arrive at FUMC on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00am. We are so excited to offer VBS this fall! Rocky Railway will be offered to all children 3 years of age through students entering 6th grade. Everything looks different this year, but we are looking forward to fall at FUMC!! Worship service will remain from 9:00am-10:00am through October 11th. We have put a plan in place for what we hope to be a fun and safe VBS. Registration forms are enclosed in the newsletter. Please contact Robin at umceducation@windomnet.com if you have any questions or need a registration form.

The train station at FUMC is going to need more volunteers than normal to make sure all the kids have a great time! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Robin!

Cost: \$10.00 donation which includes T-shirt. Please select a size at the bottom of the form.
If mailing return to: First UMC, 974 6th Street, Windom, MN 56101



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

All students in grades Pre-School - 6th Grade are welcome!

Sundays September 13th - October 11th, 2020

10:00am - 12:30pm

Please email the completed form to umceducation@windomnet.com

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



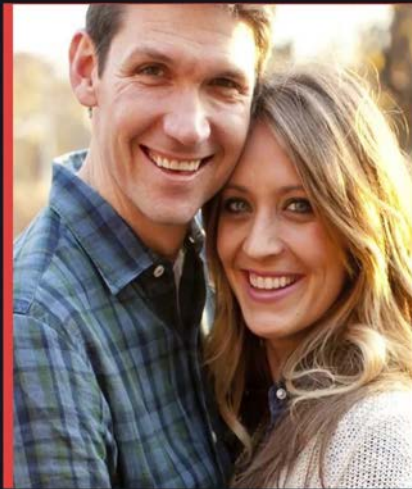
In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

One Day



#MARRIAGENIGHT2020

On September 12, 2020, join thousands of couples in churches around the country for a one-night livestream experience. Laugh and learn with your spouse as you hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God in your marriage. Healthy marriages don't happen by accident. They require work and dedication. Marriage Night is an opportunity to challenge you and your spouse to see the greater purpose of marriage. This is for newly married couples, married couples that have been married *FOREVER*, and every couple in-between. This event takes place from 6:00-9:30pm. Cost is \$15.00/person or \$30.00/couple. Register at marriagenight.org Contact Robin if you would like more information.

Speakers



Matt & Lauren Chandler

Matt Chandler is the lead pastor of The Village Church. Lauren Chandler is a worship leader.



Conway & Jada Edwards

Dr. Conway Edwards is the founding and lead pastor of One Community Church and Jada Edwards is the creative arts director at One Community Church.



Les & Leslie Parrott

Marriage experts and New York Times bestselling authors of *Love Talk* and the award-winning *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*.



Michael Jr., Comedian

Michael Jr. has been featured on *The Tonight Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and *Comedy Central*.

marriagenight.org

September

30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

Week 1

DAY 1- PSALM 121: 1-4
DAY 2-PSALM 121: 5-8
DAY 3-PSALM 62: 1-4
DAY 4-PSALM 62: 5-8
DAY 5- PSALM 62: 9-12
DAY 6-AMOS 4:13
DAY 7- PSALM 93: 1-5

Week 3

DAY 15- PSALM 32:4-6
DAY 16- 2 TIMOTHY 1: 9-11
DAY 17- 2 TIMOTHY 1: 12-14
DAY 18- COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4
DAY 19- COLOSSIANS 3: 5-10
DAY 20-COLOSSIANS 3: 12-14
DAY 21- COLOSSIANS 3: 15-17

Week 2

DAY 8-MATTHEW 22: 34-40
DAY 9- MATTHEW 11: 25-27
DAY 10-MATTHEW 11: 28-30
DAY 11- ISAIAH 53: 1-4
DAY 12-ISAIAH 53: 5-8
DAY 13-ISAIAH 53: 9-12
DAY 14-2 TIMOTHY 1: 6-8

Week 4

DAY 22-COLOSSIANS 3: 18- 21
DAY 23-COLOSSIANS 3: 22- 25
DAY 24-MATTHEW 7: 1-3
DAY 25-MATTHEW 7: 4-6
DAY 26-MATTHEW 7: 7-12
DAY 27-MATTHEW 7: 13- 20
DAY 28-MATTHEW 7: 21-23

Week 5

DAY 29-MATTHEW 7: 24-29
DAY 30- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSE

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalms 119:18

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	2 3:30 KFC	3 6:30a Men's Breakfast	4	5
6 9:00 Summer Worship 11:30 First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	7 Labor Day Church Closed	8	9 7:00p Trustees Mtg 7:30 SPRC Mtg 7:30 Finance Mtg	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast	11 8:00p Family Movie Night	12 6:00p Marriage Night
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 VBS 11:30 First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	14	15 1:00p Missions Team	16 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	17 6:30a Men's Breakfast	18	19
20 9:00 Worship & 3 rd Grade Bibles 10:00 VBS 11:30 First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	21	22 5:30 Dinner Table @ Presb church	23 7:30a See You At The Pole 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	24 6:30a Men's Breakfast	25	26 National Day of Prayer and Repentance
27 9:00 Worship & Mission Blessing of the Dresses 10:00 VBS 11:30 First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	28	29	30 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study			

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Glen Francis	2	3	4 Maxine Walters Jean Willsher	5
6 Joe Walinga Nick Walinga	7 Marlys Christensen Sam Diemer Su Jeffrey Kathy Jo McInnis JoAnn VanNorman Arnold & Betty Haack Paul & Tami Vesey	8 Erin O'Brien	9	10 Garry Moller John & Peggy Roll	11 Norman Kuehl	12 Jerry & Lisa Ambrose
13	14	15 Maddux Andersen John Burton Miranda Schunk	16 Brad Schlomann	17 Tyler Dahna Eric & Megan Mathiowetz	18 Tara Smith Joyce Stevens	19 Roger & Karla Ambrose
20 Katrina LaCanne	21	22 Dorothy Van Norman	23 Bill Inman	24	25 LuAnn Giese	26 Briana Visker
27 Kitty Hansen	28 Kevin Curry Tim Snyder	29 Brianna Hedman	30 Hadley Inman Jeffrey Pfeffer Ryan Visker Jan Wassenaar	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone. 831-3284	Birthdays Anniversaries	