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The Grace to Live in These Times

These are tough times. Every person is stressed out by our “new normal” and how it’s affecting their home life, their relationships and their work life—even pastors! I just saw yet another article for pastors entitled, “Why You Shouldn’t Quit Ministry Now Even Though You Feel Like It.”

I don’t want to make this about me—but I’m aware of how it’s affecting you because of how it has affected me, your church staff, and our ministry plans—and undone plans! As the COVID mandates continue into the fall (long past when most of us thought they would), we’re all feeling closer to the end of our rope!



Every one of you, in every area of your life, is dealing with more stress and frustration than normal. You see the evidence of it every day, don’t you? You get impatient; you get frustrated with tasks or responsibilities that used to be a breeze; you snip at your spouse; and most of all, you want to eat everything in sight! (Been there, done that! Gained the weight to prove it!)

Here’s a word for you: grace. Find grace; live in grace; give grace. Let me expound briefly on those three “movements of grace”.

First, find grace. Are you spending some time alone with God so you can hear his words of love and grace to you? You need to *hear* God’s voice of grace, so that you can *receive* God’s gift of grace.

What is grace? The Greek root word for *grace* is *charis*, which translates as *gift*. God wants to “gift” you and me; God wants to pour into you love, forgiveness, reconciliation, wisdom, strength, abundance, peace. Spend some time meditating on each of those words, and ask God to help you receive each of those attributes from him.

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will *give you rest*” (Matthew 11:28). In these difficult days, we need a supernatural infusion: *only Jesus can give you rest*; lasting rest, truly abundant rest, refreshing rest. Have you discovered Jesus, the source of grace?

Second, live in grace. Make receiving from God part of your daily calendar. *Decide* to stop/ cease from other responsibilities and life’s constant interruptions and noise, and *choose grace*. Live proactively out of God’s grace; moment by moment watching for God’s movement in each situation and interaction with others: how should you respond? How can you bless and...

...Third, give grace? If that sounds like an overwhelming thought, trust me; I’m with you! “We’re all feeling so hassled these days, pastor, and now you’re asking me to give some more?!” Yes!

“You cannot give that which you have not received.” You can’t do #3 without #1 and #2!! So start there. When God’s grace starts to fill you, and you’re no longer living on the edge of an emotional cliff, you’ll have *charis*, a *gift*, to share with others.

They need your gift. Your friends need grace-filled Christians in these times. A broken, confused, hurting world needs a grace-filled Church to *embody Jesus* and *give—gift*—them rest, peace, and the many other blessings we have received. Will you join me in becoming and being that church?

Pastor Mike

OCTOBER

Happenings

Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9:00am—Noon & 1:00—4:00pm
Closed Columbus Day October 12th



FALL PATIO DECORATING

Thursday, October 1
1:30pm

Please join us for decorating the church's patio with traditional fall items again this year. If you have decorating items available to donate, please bring them to the church patio by the morning of Thursday, October 1.

Items needed are: corn stalks, and pumpkins & gourds of all sizes and colors. If you have apple baskets, small square hay bales or other items, those would be great too.

If the weather doesn't work for decorating that day, we will reschedule.

Attention

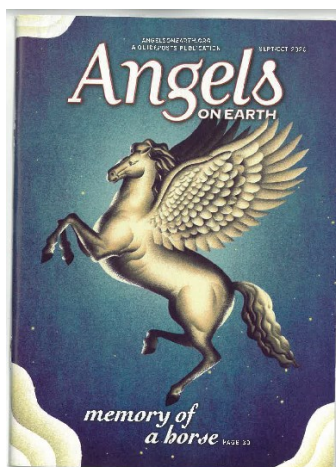
SNOWbirds

If you plan to be away for an extended period of time, please let the church office know how it's best to stay in touch with you while you're away. This includes postal mailings and where to send them. Thank you!

Church Library News

A new issue of *Angels On Earth* magazine has arrived in the Church Library! Previous issues are also available there, as well as many books and other items.

Come and take a look!



Church Family News



Congratulations to Erin Thiessen and Cody Sebring on their marriage August 29th! It was a perfect summer day in the church's back yard.

Thank you again to GDF Enterprises and Glen & Denise Francis for the use of the flatbed trailer for our summer back yard services! And thank you to Bill Inman for maneuvering the trailer into the perfect spot for us.

Thank you



Through Sunday October 11

9:00am Worship Service
10:00am VBS

Starting Sunday October 18
10:30am Worship Service

Starting Sunday October 25
9:00am Sunday School

This schedule is included on the October church calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Our Sunday services are streamed live on Facebook, and can also be viewed later. Connect to our Facebook page through our website: www.windomfumc.org.

Pastor Mike's message can also be heard every Sunday at 11:30am on KDOM radio.



At bedtime
Saturday, October 31st

If you are receiving a paper edition of the newsletter, but would prefer to only get it by email, please let the church office know.





***Pastor Appreciation Sunday
is October 11th***

“Then I will give you
shepherds after my own
heart, who will lead you with
knowledge and understanding.”
Jeremiah 3:15 NIV



***We appreciate you,
Pastor Mike and Kathy Jo!***



**DRESS A GIRL AROUND
THE WORLD -
*Blessing of the
Dresses***



Come join us on Sunday, October 25th as the Mission Committee celebrates our congregation's involvement in the "Dress a Girl Around the World" project.

Several women have been sewing dresses since last winter for this worthwhile project where dresses are sewn and then donated to the Dress a Girl Project. The dresses are then given to girls in third- world countries who might not otherwise ever own a dress in their lives. Dress a Girl Around the World was created under the auspices of the Hope4Women International organization.

Rachel Eggum Cinader, Founder and President of Hope4Women International and Dress a Girl, will join us on October 25th, and explain more about the goals of the Dress a Girl project and how the dresses are distributed.

More than 150 dresses have been sewn, and all these colorful dresses will be displayed in the Sanctuary, creating a delightful array of vivid and vibrant hues for all to see! A Blessing of the Dresses will be given prior to the dresses being sent along with Rachel for distribution.

CHURCH ON A MISSION

Hope 4 Kids International Tom Eggum

Sunday, October 18th Tom will speak to us about his international mission helping children and families through missions, including child sponsorships, water wells, short-term mission trips, education, adopting villages, and more. Many in our congregation sponsor children and have gone on mission trips with Tom and his mission organization. Come and hear an update from Tom!



Cottonwood County children and teens will soon be needing new or gently used snow pants, coats, hats, boots and mittens for children of all ages. If you would like to help, a donation box is located in the church lobby. 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 combined and sent to the agency managing this program. **Donations will be collected through Thursday, October 8th.**

World Communion Sunday is Oct. 4, 2020. Celebrated the first Sunday in October, this day focuses our attention on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. This celebration is held annually when we partake of Holy Communion together and share our gifts to support racial-ethnic students and others in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church.

This special offering facilitates the educational preparation and training of United Methodists from around the world and bolsters recruitment, training and retention of racial-ethnic people for leadership positions at every level of the church. Special offering envelopes will be in the church lobby.

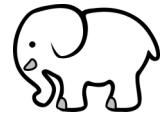


Busy Bee Preschool is collecting HyVee and That's Smart labels and clean packaging as an ongoing fundraiser for their program. The UPC and the name HyVee is what's needed. A collection box is in the west hall by the Busy Bee classrooms. Only Hy-Vee labels are being collected at this time.

First UMC volunteers served 375(!) people at our monthly *The Dinner Table* monthly mission meal September 22nd; this meal was from Godfather's Pizza. Our October serving date will be the 27th. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who make this mission possible!



White Elephant Sale



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

The sale will take place at First UMC

Saturday October 17th

9:00am—Noon

Masks & distancing are required

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

Sale items are collected in the east coat closet, next to the sanctuary. Donated items are requested to be brought in by Tuesday, October 13th.

Thank you for helping with this UMW fundraiser!

Ministries During Shutdown

Back in mid-March, a lot of the world pretty much came to a stop, and thankfully we are gradually heading toward 'more normal' activities. Your church staff and volunteers have done much work to figure out what is possible to do in a safe way. Since the shutdown, here are some of the things we were able to do...

- Provided our parking lot for school buses to deliver school lunches to students
- Served restaurant packaged meals and meal coupons through *The Dinner Table* monthly
- Provided pastoral care
- Provided weekly video services when we couldn't meet in person, and radio messages
- Provided weekly children's ministries with video messages, Facebook communications, and treat bags
- Volunteers made 'no contact' deliveries of Easter flowers
- Served Meals on Wheels April & August
- Volunteers helped with a food distribution at the middle high school
- Provided drive-through communion when we couldn't yet meet in person
- Held outdoor services through the summer
- Baptized one child
- Held several weddings
- Held several funerals
- Provided frequent communications to the congregation *(continued...)*

- Volunteers made over 150 children's dresses for mission
- We worked with our local schools and offered classrooms for their use. In the end they weren't needed, but we thank our Trustees and Ad Council for making it possible to facilitate this if needed.

This is a partial listing! We thank all our volunteers and staff for a lot of extra effort during this crazy time. We appreciate you all!

First Things Radio Outreach Ministry



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 God is good!

The 2021 sponsorship calendar will be available soon.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored First Things broadcasts! This is an important ministry outreach.

Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone to help beautify the church during December, please provide the information below. Orders are needed by **Tuesday, November 3rd**, please. These poinsettias will be used to beautify the sanctuary and other areas of the church, and may be taken home after the last Christmas Eve service. Thank you!



Red



Jingle Bells



White

Size	Color	Qty	Price	Total
Single 6.5"	Red		\$14.00	
	Jingle Bells		\$15.00	
	White		\$14.00	
Double	Red		\$24.00	
	White		\$24.00	
Triple	Red		\$35.00	
	White		\$35.00	
Grand Total			\$	

Please provide the wording you would like (such as: in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or other wording).

By: _____

Thank you!

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October

31 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- JOSHUA 1: 7-9
DAY 2-DEUTERONOMY 7:11-14
DAY 3-1 TIMOTHY 6: 6-10
DAY 4-1 TIMOTHY 6: 11-13
DAY 5- 1 TIMOTHY 6: 14-16
DAY 6-MATTHEW 11: 27-30
DAY 7- JEREMIAH 33:2-3

Week 3

DAY 15- LUKE 9: 23-27
DAY 16- 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-10
DAY 17- 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 11-15
DAY 18- 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 16-21
DAY 19- ACTS 4: 11-12
DAY 20-COLOSSIANS 2: 6-10
DAY 21- JOHN 10: 1-4

Week 2

DAY 8-HEBREWS 13: 1-4
DAY 9- HEBREWS 13: 5-8
DAY 10-1 JOHN 2: 1-6
DAY 11- 1 JOHN 2: 7-11
DAY 12-1 JOHN 2: 15-17
DAY 13-REVELATION 21:3-8
DAY 14-HEBREWS 12:1-3

Week 4

DAY 22-JOHN 10: 5-8
DAY 23-JOHN 10: 9-13
DAY 24-JOHN 10: 14-18
DAY 25-MATTHEW 11:1-6
DAY 26-JOHN 15: 1-4
DAY 27-JOHN 15: 5-8
DAY 28-JOHN 15: 9-14

Week 5

DAY 29-JOHN 15: 15-19
DAY 30-JOHN 15: 20-25
DAY 31- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSE

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- October-November 13th collections for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- Wednesdays in October. *Stop Calling Me Beautiful* Bible study at 9:00am or 6:30pm
- October 3rd Crafting day for Festival of Trees beginning at 9:30am
- October 7th KFC meets after school until 5:30pm
- October 10th Dare2Share at The Gathering in Bingham Lake. We will leave FUMC at 10:15.
- October 11th Pastor Appreciation Sunday.
- October 25th Youth group Kick Off! Watch for details!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OCTOBER 2020

WHATEVER IT TAKES; RALLY DAY!

Our rally day and first day of Sunday school will be October 25th. What a great day it will be! The halls will be filled with kids and adults coming in for the 9:00 Sunday school hour! We will do **whatever it takes** to cover covid restrictions. We want to Keep our students healthy and happy!

So come to Sunday School anyway you can! By train, car, bike, trike, scooter, semi truck, boat, motorcycle, plane, walking, running, **Whatever it takes!** Looking forward to another wonderful year of Sunday school! Many Blessings...
Robin Snyder



Our students at Rocky Railway have been having a lot of fun! They are learning to TRUST JESUS! This year, for Operation Kid to Kid, they are collecting offering for Alpacas for Ecuador. Alpaca's provide warm clothes, help in the garden, take care of the environment, and is a critical source of income for Ecuadorian families. Each \$10.00 donation helps provide a family with life-changing livestock. Our kids are doing a great job!

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 13th.

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 10th and joining others from our area at The Gathering in Bingham 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!**

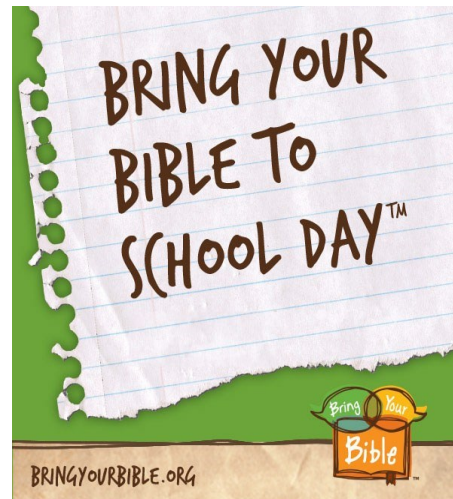
Please email Robin at umceducation@windomnet.com if you

**Kids for Christ
Wednesday October 7th!**

KFC meets the first Wednesday of every month. We meet after school, and will pick the kids up from school. Please RSVP to Robin if your child is coming, so nobody gets left behind! KFC is for kids in grades 3,4, and 5. We will have snacks, games, and projects.

Friends are always invited to KFC!

Robin and Lisa are so excited for October! We look forward to seeing all the kids and having a great time!



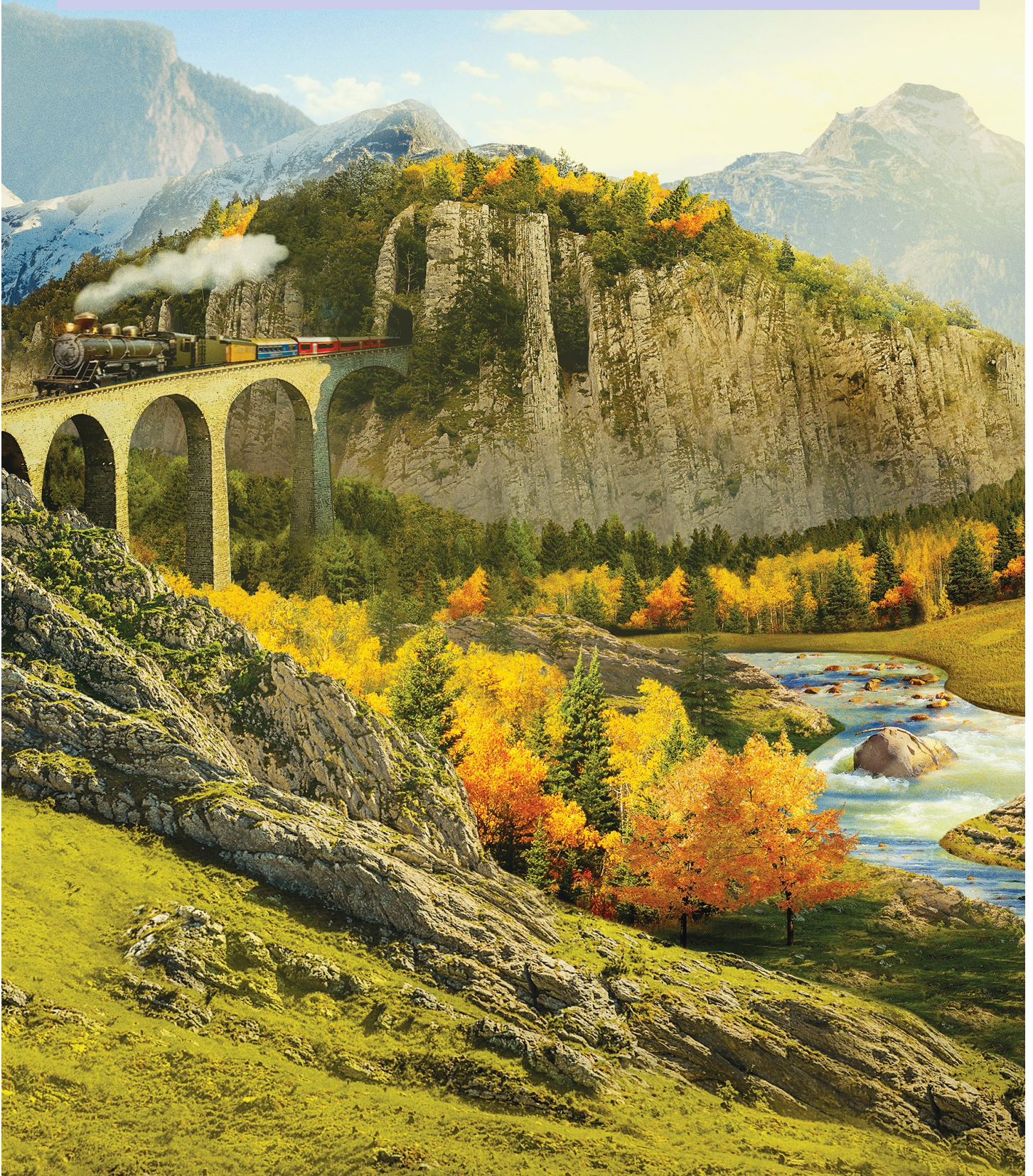
Thursday,
October
1st.

Bring your
Bible to
School day!

Rocky Railway

Continues

October 4th and 11th 10:00 ~ 12:30





c Prayer

ALL KIDS GRADES 7-12!!!!

Join us at the First United Methodist Church
every Friday, beginning October 9th at 6:30 AM!

Breakfast is FREE!

INVITE A FRIEND!

Kids join together for fellowship, breakfast, devotion and prayer at 6:30 AM. We are generally finished by 7:20 AM. If transportation is needed or if you have any questions, please contact Jody Derickson at the First United Methodist Church of Windom at 831-3284 or via email at umctreasurer@windomnet.com.




Everyone is invited!

We will be having a crafting day to make our Christmas ornaments for our church's Festival of Trees displayed at the Historical society. We will be meeting, Saturday, October 3 at 9:30am. Because of Covid guidelines, we are asking you to rsvp for this event. You can call the church office at 831-3284 or email Robin umceducation@windomnet.com or Jody umctreasurer@windomnet.com. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a glue gun if you have one! It will be a great time, spent together!

First United Methodist Church ~October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Corrections? Additions? Please let the office know</p>			<p>1 Bring Your Bible to School Day 6:30a Men's Breakfast 1:30p Patio Decorating</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9:30a Craft Day</p>
<p>4 9:00a Worship Service 10:00 VBS 11:30 First Things</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:00a Bible Study After School - KFC 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>8 6:30a Men's Breakfast 4:00p Coats For Kids Donation Deadline</p>	<p>9 6:30a McPrayer</p>	<p>10 10:15a Youth Event Dare to Share @ Gathering Church</p>
<p>11 Pastor Appreciation Day 9:00a Worship Service 10:00 VBS 11:30 First Things 4:00p Nominations Meeting</p>	<p>12 Columbus Day – Church Closed</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:30a McPrayer 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 7:00 Trustees Mtg 7:30 Finance 7:30 Staff Parish</p>	<p>15 6:30a Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00a – Noon UMW White Elephant Sale</p>
<p>18 Hope 4 Kids Sunday 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 1:00p Missions 5:30 Dinner Table Served @ Presb</p>	<p>21 9:00a Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>22 6:30a Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>23 6:30a McPrayer</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Rally Day! 9:00a Classes 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things Youth Group Kickoff! Watch for time and details to come.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:00a Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>29 6:30a Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>30 6:30a McPrayer</p>	<p>31 @ Bedtime </p>

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Black – Birthday Blue - Anniversary	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.		1 Bret Raverty Lane & Deann Steele	2 Tom & Marlys Christensen	3 Joel Luitjens
4 Claire Walinga	5 Koldyn Espenson Ian Smith Emma Snyder	6	7 Priscilla Bonde Hunter Walklin Ian & Tara Smith	8 Darrel Stevens	9	10
11 Todd Deutchman	12 Lukas Ingram David & Jody Derickson	13 Darla Deutchman Deanna Moon Kaige O'Brien Jim & Kathy Glidden	14 Tyson King Judy Rhoda Sarah Smith	15 Laura Fresk Glen & Denise Francis	16 Eldon & Deanna Moon	17
18 Eva Morgan	19	20 Dennis Marker	21 Jessica Ambrose Keith Buresch Melinda Schunk Goody Youngren	22	23 Keaton LaCanne Don Olson Jen Walinga	24 Bryce Green
25 Brandon & Melissa Pletcher	26 Steve Glidden Abby Kipfer	27 Judy Rand Shaun Schunk Ciera Visker	28	29 Tami Vesey	30	31 Walt Falk