

First United Methodist Church

August



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Summer's Last Stand

August is here! *Finally*, or *already*, depending upon your perspective!

Our crazy weather (the never-ending winter followed by Minnesota monsoon season?!) has made for an interesting spring and summer. Then many of you, like Kathy Jo and me, did some traveling; by the time we returned home from Japan, it was nearly July 4th – and by the time we recovered from jet-lag, well, July was nearly half over!



So here we are at August. And maybe you're wondering if you're going to still get a chance to relax and enjoy some summer. August truly is summer's last stand – sure, it will be hot in September, but the kids will be back in school, and the business community will be buckling down, getting back to a "normal" business calendar.

So August is your last chance, right? I do hope you have—or will—find some time to relax and renew during this "vacation season." We are creatures who need rest; every single day we have to sleep, but there are also those seasonal times of rest that give us permission to withdraw from our normal responsibilities, do something fun, and fill our tanks before we get back to our usual schedule. Even if you're retired, sometimes you need a break from "normal," right?

But August is "Summer's Last Stand" in another way. It is a final opportunity to step outside your usual schedule and do something of lasting significance in your faith life. There are several opportunities in this area I hope you'll prayerfully consider:

There is the Okoboji Bible Conference during this first week of June in Spirit Lake, IA. I know many of you have attended in the past, and a few are planning to go already. If you're interested, go to www.okobojiconference.org for more information.

Our youth are going to the LifeLight music event in Marshall, MN on Wednesday, August 8 (afternoon and evening). Please check with Robin Snyder for more information.

Men and high school age young men, you can join me at the Men's Getaway on Aug. 24-25 (Friday evening – Saturday afternoon) at Prairie River Camp, Bricelyn, MN. Cost is \$40 and includes meals and lodging. To register, please e-mail me at umcpastor@windomnet.com and I'll send you a link to follow.

Finally, join us to serve a meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls, SD on Wednesday, Aug. 22. We will leave from Windom around 3:00 pm and return by around 9:00 that evening. This is a great ministry opportunity that will give back to you more than you give! Adults and youth (age 10 & up with a parent) who went last year had a great experience. Please sign up at the church (or call the church office, 831-3284, to sign up).

I trust that if you step out in faith and take part in one (or more!) of these August opportunities, you will experience some of that summer renewal and refreshment we all long for. Give yourself the gift of one of these events, or you may find the summer gone, and you'll be wondering – where did it go?

It's "Summer's Last Stand" – just do it!

Pastor Mike



August 2018 News



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Church Family News

Congratulations to Steve and Sharon Glidden whose 50th wedding anniversary was July 6th!

We rejoice with the family of Finley Arthur Pletcher, who was baptized July 15th. Finley's parents are Brandon and Melissa Pletcher, and his grandparents are Glen and Denise Francis and Brad and Joyce Pletcher. Finley has a big sister Brynnley and big brother Landrey.

Congratulations to Harold and Edith
Johnson on their 76th wedding
anniversary August 28! If you would like
to contact the Johnsons, they are at...
5601 Natomas Blvd #13104
Sacramento CA 95835

New Address

Rick and Sue Frederickson have a new address: 414 Hoyt Ave
Springfield MN 56087



Through Labor Day weekend

8:30am Coffee & Visiting 9:00am Worship Service through September 2



Our church softball tournament will be held August 3-5.

Come out and play, or cheer our team on!



Our church delivers Meals On Wheels in August. If you haven't volunteered to help yet, but would be willing to help, please contact Becki Wormstadt with questions, or to volunteer.



Mission Opportunity!

Our church will be serving a meal at Sioux Fall's **The Banquet** food mission Wednesday, August 22nd.



About 40 volunteers are needed! People are needed to serve, and also to drive volunteers to and from Sioux Falls. A signup sheet is in the lobby. Children age 10 and up are welcome to come with a parent. Friends, neighbors, and family are all encouraged to participate.





Love Offering Update....

Our congregation recently participated in sending funds for the Love Offering for the Minnesota Annual Conference. The total raised statewide was \$93,881! The funds went to Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65%), Park Avenue Freedom School (20%), and the NUMAS Haus in New Ulm (15%).

Thank you to everyone who provided funds to make a difference for these missions!



Have you seen the Fellowship Hall bulletin boards lately? There are new messages for us there, so please check them out.

The messages on the north wall will change frequently, so please take a look often.

Thank you to Phyllis Woodcock for providing all our great bulletin boards throughout the year!



All Ladies Are Invited to the UMW annual Unit Meeting Wednesday, August 1 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The UMW monthly Executive Meeting will be held *Tuesday, August 7 at 9:30pm* in the Fireside Room.

Our **UMW** is serving at the August birthday party at Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center in Fairmont **Tuesday August 7**. We will meet at the church at 1:00 to carpool. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Our local food shelf, the Cottonwood County Sharing Center, needs food to distribute year-round. This summer the number of people they are serving is higher.

They welcome food or money donations, and they can buy more with a dollar than we can, through their food sources. Please mark money donations for "Food Shelf".



Friendly Fellowship
Outing at the Federal
Wildlife Wetland
Management Area in July

Some student workers from around the area are working at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Windom Wetland Management District for the summer. They prepared presentations for our visiting group at stations on a nearby walking path. We all enjoyed a potluck lunch together. First UMC says *Thanks* to Carrie Schultz and her Wetland Management crew for their great hospitality!







Friendly Fellowship News

Our August Friendly Fellowship potluck and program will be Tuesday August 28th at noon at the church.

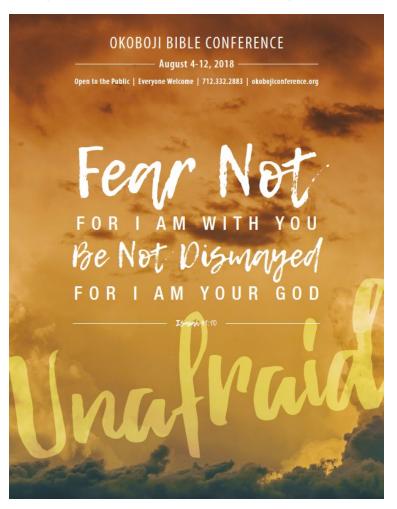
Our speaker will be Brenda Muller from Windom Area Hospital Outreach.

Bring some food to share and come for a time of good fellowship.

Thanks to Darris Snelling for arranging for interesting programs for us.



Okoboji Bible Conference Saturday August 4—Sunday August 12



Open to the Public

Ministry for

- Children
- Youth
- Adults

- Morning Bible Hour with Skye Jethani
- Morning Adult Groups
- Morning & Evening Children's Activities
- Morning & Evening Youth Activities
- Evening Music, Worship, Speakers
- Evening Food and Friendship

Concerts by

- I Am They
- Aaron Schust
- Ernie Haase & Signature Sound

Nightly music by the OBC Worship Team

Programs are available in the church lobby, and at Okobojiconference.org.

Free will offering only; there is no charge.

Okoboji Bible Conference 69 W. Broadway, Arnolds Park IA 51331

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For reasons of health and safety, all children and youth are asked to register when attending OBC events. You can expedite that process at okoboliconference org by clicking "Pre-register Infants, Kids & Teens" in the links on the right side of the home page. Pre-registration begins June 15.

All children in nursery and early childhood must be dropped off and picked up by their parent or adult guardian

EIST LIDIAK

- Nursery is available during all moming and evening sessions
- For Infants 3 year olds (still in diapers)
- Open 30 minutes before sessions begin (8:30 am weekdays, 10:00 am weekends, 6:45 pm all evenings)



Leisi Lidiak is from Sheldon, lowa and has been teaching leading the nursery team. She takes Joy in providing welcoming and safe childcare for the youngest OBC preschool for 15 years. She returns for her third year participants

ORI ROGERS & SAM SCHOUTEN

- Begins Sunday, August 5 during 7:15 pm session (children will be dismissed from the Tabernade)
 - entering fifth grade For children entering first grade
- Children meet in the Okoboji Middle School across the street from the Tabernade
- 10:00 am weekdays and dismissed from Tabernade during 7:15 pm
 - No elementary sessions on Sunday, August 12



During the school year Lori teaches third graders in Marton, lowa. In the summer, she's delighted to coordinate the conference elementary program for first - fifth graders and to work with what she considers to be the best team on campus! The Rogers and they can't wait to share their spiritual heritage of family is growing by two daughters-in-law this year OBC with the new family members.



Sam is excited to come back for his third summer at OBCI He currently serves as the youth pastor at Bethel Reformed Church In Sheldon, lowa, where he has been for the past three years. Sam also spent a few summers serving at Inspiration Hills summer camp near Inwood, lowa.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY TEAM

MARISSA VAN KLEY & JESSICA CEPOLSKI

- Begins Sunday, August 5
- For children 3 years old (out of diapers) children entering Kindergarten Early Childrood meets in the Okoboji Middle School across the street from the Tabernacle, enter through the main doors and follow the signs
 - Open for registration at 10:00 am mornings and at 7:00 pm evenings No early childhood Sunday evening, August 12



Marissa Van Kley has been a part of the early childhood team since 2012. She became director in 2015. Marissa and Kindergarten teacher at The Goddard School. Her passions her husband Kent live in Chicago, Illinois where she is a Pre-Include music, languages, and dark chocolate!



Jessica Cepolski loves children and has worked professionally as a nanny during her summer breaks from school. This is her fifth year as part of the OBC early childhood team.

BRAD MOCK, CHRIS FOLKESTAD, KENT VAN KLEY

- Youth entering stoth grade entering eighth grade (Junior High) Junior High & Senior High 10:00 am - noon, Monday - Friday
- Junior & Senior High meet in the Okoboji Middle School across the street Youth entering ninth grade – entering twelfth grade (Senior High)
 - from the Tabernacle
- Evening activities are also planned schedule distributed at conference

Brad Mock is a student pastor at Christ Community Church in



Chris Folkestad has been the youth pastor at Alliance Church of the Valley in St. Crotx, Wisconsin for the last 11 years. He's passionate about seeing students know who Jesus Christ is and grow in their relationship with Him. He and his wife Katie have two children, Caden and Avery. In his spare time, Chris enjoys watching and playing sports know and follow Jesus Christ. He enjoys: hanging out with Omaha, Nebraska. He has been involved in student ministry for over 17 years and is passionate about helping people his wife and four children, Ohio State football, home repair



Kent Van Kley has been attending the OBC for over two decades. He has served with the youth band, worship team and children's programs. He lives in Chicago with his wife Marissa and serves as the director of worship and the arts at Christ Community Church in Lemont, Illinois.

Adult Christian Life Communities

Monday - Friday, 10:30 am - noon

JULIE ARANT MISSIONAL LIVING: DISCOVER THE MINISTRY CYCLETHAT IS Christian Life Communities are electives. Participants are encouraged to attend the same community all five days. Room locations will be announced at Conference.



SHERRY HARNEY PRAYING WITH EYES WIDE OPEN: A LIFE-CHANGING WAY

hardest to reach people groups.

Do you want a richer, more transformative prayer life? Then Join us as we obligation that seems unattainable, but an opportunity for prayer to permeate every aspect of our lives. Praying with eyes wide open shows us how to make this kind of continuous flow of prayer a natural part of our lives. discover that the scriptural exhortation to pray continually' is not This fresh take on conversing with God may be just what you need.



CHAD & CARMA HAYENGA FRE

hindered you from Ilving courageously? There is hope for a life of boldness, even in the face of feat. This community will expose fear and discover the Have you ever been stopped in your tracks by fear? Has anxiety or dread power of being a son or daughter of God while living a life unafraid.



TRAVIS & DAWN ROSINGER

Travis and Dawn take couples through a journey back to where love first began. They explore what initially brought couples together using stories, videos, humor, and spiritual encouragement. Key topics include building relational equity, growing intimacy, utilizing clear communication, financial stability, and goal planning. In each session, they leverage both husband and whe as marriage builders, filling them with wisdom and tools to help their elationship thrive for a lifetime of love.



OB THUNE

lestament book of Ephesians—so called because it was written to believers in the city of Ephesus. This community will explore the wealth, walk, and warfare of the believer in Jesus. Blessings galore! That's right. Believers in Jesus are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ. That's the subject of the New



IOHN WALTON TRUST, RESISTANCE AND ASSIMILATION IN DANIEL.

When times are bad and God's people are being oppressed, how should we resist in order to bring honor to God's Daniel faced this challenge as did those to whom this book was written. God's people continue to face similar questions today. We will explore how the book addresses some of these questions and how it helps us to think about what honors God when we face the pressures of a contrary world



for the week by attending a meeting livith food? In the R. Brown Cappel at 10 pm on the opening Sunday evening August 5. You'll meet Jesse, talk about communities that might work for you and your friends, and nail down Young adults are encouraged to participate in the Christian Life Community of friendship and worship for young adults. You'll learn about connection events their choice. Jesse Ward will again lead afternoon and evening gatherings for afternoon and evening events together for the week.





Youth & Christian Education News



HEY STUDENTS!

SIGN UP ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD TO GO TO THE LIFELIGHT FESTIVAL IN MARSHALL ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH.

WE WILL LEAVE CHURCH AROUND 12:00PM THAT DAY, YOU WILL HAVE A **GREAT** TIME!

GET IN CONTACT WITH ROBIN IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION. THE FESTIVAL IS **FREE!**

Important Dates:

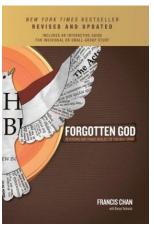
- August 8th—Youth Group at Lifelight in Marshall. Please sign-up on youth bulletin board.
- Sept 9th —Rally Sunday Tailgating
- Sept 12th New Woman's Bible Study begins at 9:00am or 6:30pm
- Many, many new things in the works for this fall. Please watch for more details!

EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING THIS FALL AT FUMC!

PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!









We have some new books in the church library! Below is a list of the most recent books purchased. We were able to use designated donations from Memorials to make this purchase. Come check them out! Remember the Library also has children's books, DVD's, Reference material and so much more!

Title **Author**

The Ladies of Ivy Cottage As Bright as Heaven The Masterpiece A Life Intercepted Almost Heaven The Beloved Daughter If I Live (If I Run Series) #3 Intervention (Series, #1) Vicious Cycle (Series, #2) Downfall (Series #3) Then Sings My Soul The Inn at Ocean's Edge (Sunset Cove Series #1) Mermaid Moon (Sunset Cove Series #2) Twilight at Blueberry Barrens (Sunset Cove Series #3) Colleen Coble Hideaway (Hideaway Series #1) Note of Peril (Hideaway Series #4) Under Suspicion (Hideaway Series #6) Death Benefits (Hideaway Series #8) Double Blind (Hideaway Series #9)

Hideaway Home (Hideaway Series #10)

Julie Klassen Susan Meissner Francine Rivers **Charles Martin Chris Fabry** Alana Terry Terri Blackstock Terri Blackstock Terri Blackstock Terri Blackstock **Amy Sorrells** Colleen Coble Colleen Coble Hannah Alexander Hannah Alexander Hannah Alexander Hannah Alexander Hannah Alexander Hannah Alexander



IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY:

SUSAN MEISSNER-AS BRIGHT AS HEAVEN

In 1918, Philadelphia was a city teeming with promise. Even as its young men went off to fight in the Great War, there were opportunities for a fresh start on its cobblestone streets. Into this bustling town, came Pauline Bright and her husband, filled with hope that they could now give their three daughters--Evelyn, Maggie, and Willa-a chance at a better life.

As Bright as Heaven is the compelling story of a mother and her daughters who find themselves in a harsh world not of their making, which will either crush their resolve to survive or purify it.



Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

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.

- What story are we telling the world through social media?:
 Rev. Cindy Gregorson, director of ministries for the Minnesota
 Conference, recently pondered what our social media posts might
 be communicating to unchurched people. "If our smartphones are
 indeed megaphones and our social media feed is the story we are
 telling the world, that gives me pause," she said. "What is the story
 I am putting out there, and what conclusions might people be
 drawing from it? Is this post really reflecting what I want the world
 to know about Jesus and the church?" One of the things we might
 need to do differently if we want new people to give us a chance,
 she says, is to consider the impact of our words. "Jesus said 'by
 their fruits you will recognize them' (Matthew 7:16)," she said.
 "Today, I wonder if it is not 'by their digital footprint you shall know
 them.' What an opportunity. What a responsibility."
- New Koronis Tabernacle: Give s'more for camp: After more than nine decades of being a place where thousands of youth and adults committed their lives to Christ and facing significant structural concerns, the beloved Tabernacle at Koronis Ministries in Paynesville was razed in spring 2015—and a capital campaign for a new Tabernacle began. Plans have come together at this United Methodist camp for a new year-round, multi-level, multi-use worship and meeting center with capacity for more than 300.

Koronis is on the verge of building its new Tabernacle, but your help is needed to bring it to fruition! \$1.6 million has been promised toward this \$2 million project, and \$400,000 more is needed. Learn more and donate: https://www.koronisministries.org/givesmoreforcamp

National UMC Creation Care Summit comes to St. Paul: United Methodists across the country who are concerned about environmental justice, sustainable food, transportation options, energy systems, climate change, and environmental degradation will come together July 26-29 at Hamline University in St. Paul. The 2018 Summit will reflect on the unique gifts and calling of The United Methodist Church and explore ways to facilitate greater ministry effectiveness and collaboration. Learn more and register: https://tinyurl.com/creationcareMN

BRIGHT SPOT IN OUR MIDST

• Christ UMC in Rochester to meet needs through childcare center, hospitality house: When Christ UMC in Rochester went through the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (a revitalization process available through the Minnesota Conference), one of its prescriptions was to find a downtown ministry focus in which it could collaborate to meet the needs of its community. Three years later, the congregation is poised to significantly extend its reach and welcome those within and beyond its community through two new initiatives—a childcare center that will give scholarships to low-income families and a hospitality house that offers a place to stay for out-of-town visitors receiving care at the Mayo Clinic. "Rochester is our parish," said Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay. "We see this as a way to live out what we're called to offer—a nurturing place."pon

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.



Men's Getaway

24 hours to invest in yourself Unplug, Reconnect & Recharge! Speaker: Bishop Bruce Ough

Who this event is for: Any man who wants to grow in his connection with God. Men are also welcome to bring sons / grandsons / mentees who are in Senior High (grades 9-12).

Check-in: Friday, August 24, 5 pm. Supper will be served

from 5:30 -7 pm. First session begins at 7:30 pm.

Conclusion: Saturday, August 25, 3 pm.

Optional recreation time follows.

Location: Prairie River Camp, Bricelyn, MN

Cost: \$40 covers one-night lodging & three meals

Highlights include:

Three teaching sessions with Bishop Bruce -

- * "Escape the Performance Trap"
- * "Scheduled Maintenance for Your Soul"
- * "Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto"

Evening campfire

Time to unplug and reconnect with God

Lot's of good food

Time to make and deepen friendships

Closing communion service with D.S. Fred Vanderwerf Optional Paintball and / or Ropes Course after closing

Questions / Registration: Hope UMC, (507) 526-2144. hopeumc@bevcomm.net PO Box 125, Blue Earth MN 56013

Note about facilities: The accommodations are comfortable, simple dorm style rooms and cabins. The camp is NOT handicapped accessible. Participants will need to be able to navigate steps, uneven terrain and walk 100 – 200 yards between buildings.

How to register: Congregations can register as a group OR men can register individually. To register, send the following information along with full payment of \$40:

*Name, Address, Phone, E-mail & name of home church

*Any special health or dietary restrictions

Make checks to "Hope UMC" PO 125, Blue Earth, MN 56013 Payments are transferable, but not refundable

What to bring: A Bible and notebook. Bedding (sleeping bag, sheets / blankets, pillow), towels and toiletries. An open mindset. If you have one, your C-PAP machine! Ear plugs if you still want to like the guys in your room. No weapons, fireworks, smoking on camp grounds

Optional Saturday afternoon recreation activities:

Paintball - Extra fee of \$25

Ropes course – Extra fee of \$12

If you opt to do paintball and / or ropes course you must preregister by August 8 so the camp has enough staff on hand. You will pay the camp directly for these activities on Saturday, August 25. Release forms will be required. In case of rain, these activities may need to be cancelled in which case you will not be charged.

This retreat is a ministry of the Southern Prairie District, Minnesota Annual Conference, United Methodist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00a Membership Meeting 2:00p UMW Unit Meeting; all women are invited 6:30 Make a Difference	6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	3 Church Softball Tournament	4 Church Softball Tournament 7:15p Okoboji Bible Conference Opening Concert
5 8:30 Summer Coffee 9:00 Summer Worship 11:30 First Things Church Softball Tournament Final	6 Okoboji Bible Conference	7 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 1:00p Carpool to Lakeview @ Fairmont 6:00p Service Broadcast Ch 3	8 Noon Youth Lifelight trip to Marshall	6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	10	11
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First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Collin Inman	2	Tammy Crowell Mabel Schunk Tim & Robin Snyder	Joy Greiner Barb & Floyd Axford	5 Sherry Miller
6 Carol Krueger	7 Madison Burton	8 Shirley Hobbs	9 Dale Elston Ray & Pat Elston	10 Deloy King Joel & Dawn Luitjens	11	12 Don & Gail Olson
Rick & Sue Frederickson	14 Alyssa Reisdorfer Nestor & Patti Palm	15	16 Gary Vanderwerf	17 Alex Altman Kaitlin Bartelt Levi Bramstedt	18 Laura Williams	Denise Francis Gary & Sharon Giugler Spenser & Abby Kipfer
20 Adeline Anderson Bradley Brown Gary & Jody Vanderwerf	21	22 Karla Ambrose	23 Emma Burton Pat Rupp	24 Ellen King	25	Joel LaCanne Blaine Larson
Ann Curry Richard Donchez Dolores Peters Dalton Smith Pauline Wiebe	28 Pete Bartelt Ray Elston Shirley Lyons Daron & Jody Buresch Harold & Edith Johnson #76	29	30 MacKayla Garrison	31		Black = Birthday Blue = Anniversary Corrections? Additions? Please let the office know.