

February 2021 Newsletter

First United Methodist Church

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Owe no one
anything,



except to love
one another.

Romans 13:8, NRSV

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February

28 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- MARK 12:28-31
DAY 2- LUKE 6:27-36
DAY 3- ROMANS 12: 9-16
DAY 4- ROMANS 13: 8-10
DAY 5- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-7
DAY 6- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 8-13
DAY 7- EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Week 2

DAY 8- 1 PETER 4: 7-11
DAY 9- 1 JOHN 4: 7-12
DAY 10- 1 JOHN 4: 13-16
DAY 11- 1 JOHN 4: 17-21
DAY 12- JOHN 15:9-13
DAY 13- JOHN 3: 16-21
DAY 14- DEUTERONOMY 10:12-19

Week 3

DAY 15- DEUTERONOMY 11: 13-15
DAY 16- DEUTERONOMY 11: 18-23
DAY 17- MATTHEW 22: 37-40
DAY 18- MATTHEW 5: 43-45
DAY 19- JOHN 13: 34-35
DAY 20- JOHN 14: 15-21
DAY 21- ROMANS 5:1-8

Week 4

DAY 22- ROMANS 8: 28-30
DAY 23- MICAH 6: 8
DAY 24- 1 JOHN 2: 15-17
DAY 25- 1 JOHN 3: 1-3
DAY 26- HEBREWS 10: 24-25
DAY 27- DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9
DAY 28- LUKE 10: 25-28

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

February



February 17
7:30 pm

Join us for an evening service in person or online on this first day of Lent.

Sound Tech Opportunity



If you like technology and enjoy music, would you consider joining our church's Sound Team? An experienced Sound Tech is willing to show you what it involves. Our volunteers are on a flexible, rotating schedule. If you are open to considering joining our Sound Team, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Becki Wormstadt by phone or text at 507-822-7212, or by email at umcvolunteer@windomnet.com.



This congregation began in 1871, so that makes 2021 our 150th anniversary! If you attended our church when it was located downtown, would you be willing to share a memory with all of us?

Please write down or type your memory or your story, and send it to the church office. We look forward to hearing about your memories, and we would love to share them with the congregation.



Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00am—Noon
1:00—4:00pm

Closed Monday, February 15
for President's Day



Church Family News

Congratulations to Daron and Jody Buresch on the birth of their son Hyron Edward on January 4th. Hyron is welcomed home by his big sister Hannah and his big brother Houston.

Thank You for all the cards, calls, and birthday wishes!

Sincerely,

Ron Flatgard

*In Loving
Memory*

Pastor Mike's mother, Margaret McInnis, went home to be with the Lord on January 19th. They are planning a private service this summer. Thank you for your prayers for the McInnis family.

We have begun another new year of ministry and there are many new committee members.



Thank you to everyone who has served on a committee, and in all areas of serving the Lord through First UMC. Take a look at the church calendar, and all around you to see all the generous hearts it takes to run a vibrant Ministry. Thank you all!



Church
Directory

First United Methodist Church
Windom, Minnesota

2021

Our 2021 annual church directory is now available in the church lobby.

Please replace your older directories with this new edition, as there were *many* changes made.

Please contact the church office if you would like to have one mailed to you.

John 15:12

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Ruby's PANTRY

Ruby's Pantry is America's Rural Foodshelf, sharing the love of Christ through food. The next distribution is Monday, February 15th at the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn MN from 5:30—7:00pm (or until food is gone). Please have your trunk emptied out so their volunteers can put your items directly in there. This is available to everyone; there are no income or residency requirements. For a \$20 cash donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. The variety and amount of food varies each month. All are welcome.

Apportionments

We've been asked how much the 2021 apportionments are; our congregation is paying \$138 per member.



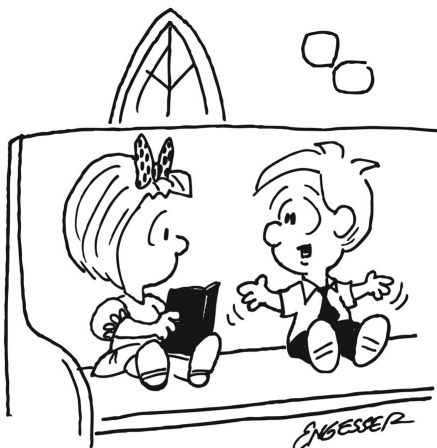
2020 giving statements were mailed in mid-January.

Thank you for supporting this ministry with your gifts, your prayers, your service, and your Christian witness.

Ways to give...

- Lobby Collection Boxes
- Postal Mail
- Direct Deposit
- www.windomfumc.org
- Give + app
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

GIVE+
Electronic Giving Options



"If we're all dust, why take a bath before the service?"

INCLEMENT
WEATHER INFO



Please check with the following media for weather-related service cancellation announcements...

Windom KDOM radio 1580AM

Windom TV cable channel 3

*Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM

(*broadcasts live on Sundays)

Like us on Facebook for service cancellation info:

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

When school is canceled due to weather, the church and office may also be closed.

Services and activities will be canceled if there is a storm warning or a dangerous windchill warning (extreme cold).

If you have online capability, Facebook will be the most immediate communication.

?? Bible Quiz ??

At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer?

- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)



The Human Relations Day 'special collection' will be on Sunday, February 7th.

The Dinner Table Community Meals

The Dinner Table is a food mission that is provided monthly for the Windom area. Our next serving date is Tuesday, February 23rd in the alley behind the Presbyterian Church. All are welcome! Thank you to everyone who provides support through funding, volunteering, and prayers.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

TOGETHER
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME
GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

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TOGETHER
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?
United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT HUMAN RELATIONS?
We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: **Each of God's children are equally important.**

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Easter Lilies & Flowers

Our church will be ordering Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 4th. Flowers can be taken home after the Easter service, or if you'd like, they can be left until April 11th to be enjoyed another week in the sanctuary.

The deadline to place orders with the church office is **Tuesday, March 2nd.**

Your name _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

_____ Easter Lily plants at \$14.50 = _____

_____ Daisy Mum flowering plants at \$17.50 = _____

_____ Hydrangea flowering plants at \$28.50 = _____

In MEMORY or in HONOR of (please indicate which one)...

Please note that we are not able to specify flower colors for the mums and hydrangeas, but they will be pastel colors.

Please make your check payable to First UMC Memorials and turn it in with this form. Orders may be put in the offering plate, turned in to the church office, or mailed to 974 6th Street, Windom MN 56101.



February 2021

Youth & Education



*Love the Lord your God
with all your heart.*

Matthew 22:37

Sunday
School
Offering
Challenge!

We will be keeping track of our Sunday School offering for the four Sundays in February. We will be competing girls vs. boys to see who can collect the most money during these four Sundays. Winner will be announced in church on February 28th. There will be a reward for the winners! Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to bring an offering!! The offering collected during this challenge will go to the Windom Backpack Program! This is a great opportunity to show our children how our offering can help others in need. This challenge is for grades **PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12!**

If you have any questions, please see Robin.

February is



Children's Dental
Health Month!



In honor of February, Children's dental health month, our Sunday school classes will be collecting toothbrushes and dental floss for our Operation Christmas Child project. We are unable to send toothpaste because it has an expiration date. Please put any items in our collection box in the lobby and we will pack them away until November when it is time to pack up our boxes. The Sunday School classes thank you for your help with this wonderful project!

Special points of interest:

- Feb. 3rd KFC for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders meets from after school until 5:30pm. Supper provided.
- The Power to Change continues on Wednesdays at 9:00am or 6:30pm through February 17th.
- McPrayer meets Fridays before school at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall. For kids in grades 7th-12th!
- Feb. 7th **ALL CHURCH** ski-trip to Mt. Kato. Reservation begins at 2pm.
- Feb. 12th & 13th, Winter Retreat at Inspiration Hills for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.
- Feb 14th, Sunday School classes caroling around the nursing home at 9:30am
- Feb 14th, Wear Red for Cora! Please wear red or your courageous Cora t-shirts to Worship.
- Feb. 14th, Youth group meets from 4:00-6:00pm.
- Feb. 27th, **ALL CHURCH** sign painting in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm.
- Feb 28th, Youth group meets after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided.

Coming this summer...



In January, our Sunday School classes had fun building snowmen. These cute guys welcomed family and guests through our church doors during the month of January. We had so much fun being back together, and enjoying time with our Sunday School family!



SIGN PAINTING!

Think spring!



5 different signs to choose from

Saturday, February 27th at 2pm

By Naomi & Ruth

For ALL ages, children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Fill out a registration form in the lobby and return to Robin in the Education Mailbox by Feb. 20th

Payment should be made to Ann Peschges the day of the event.





Hey Parents ~ Check out all the summer camps available for our students! We have camperships available. Applications are in the newsletter or in the church lobby. For more information and to find the camp that is right for your student, please check out these websites, or talk to Robin!

campminnesota.org

okobojicamp.com

inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html



KFC
KIDS FOR CHRIST

WE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
AFTER SCHOOL.—5:30PM SUPPER IS PROVIDED!

PLEASE RSVP TO ROBIN (SO SHE CAN ARRANGE
RIDES FROM SCHOOL) BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 1ST!



Our Sunday School classes will be sharing some love with the residents at the Good Samaritan Campus!! On Sunday, February 14th the Sunday School classes will be meeting at the nursing home at 9:30am to sing love songs around the outside of the nursing home. We will then return to the church to conclude Sunday School in our rooms. Parents are asked to bring their students to the nursing home that morning, and are encouraged to stay, take part in the singing, and help bring students back to church. **What a great way to share some love on Valentine's Day!**



Mount Kato Ski Trip

Sunday, February 7th following worship

Reservation at Mt. Kato begins at 2pm

EVERYONE is invited!!

Cost is \$21.00 for Lift Ticket, \$19.00 for Ski Rental, and \$4.00 for a Helmet (if you don't have one).

Payment is due in the church office ASAP after sign-up

Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and write ski trip in the memo line.

We will ride share!

Please fill out Mount Kato's Agreement and Release of Liability Form. Either a family form or an individual form. Please put completed forms in the youth mailbox.

Sign up and liability forms are in the church lobby.

Please contact Robin for more information



February 14th

Wear RED for Cora!



On Sunday, February 14th please wear red or your courageous Cora t-shirts to Worship, whether you are worshipping at home or in the sanctuary!

February 7th—14th is Congenital Heart Defect awareness week. Cora Mathiowetz, is the daughter of Eric & Megan (granddaughter of Joel & Dawn Luitjens & Beverly Mathiowetz), and was born on September 27th, 2020 with Double Inlet Left Ventricle heart abnormality. She underwent her first surgery on October 1st. She will be undergoing Glenn open heart surgery on February 23rd. Cora is enjoying being at home with her family, which includes her big sister Ava. You can follow Cora's journey on her Facebook page, Baby Mathiowetz—DILV Heart Warrior. Please keep Cora and her family in your prayers as they prepare for this second surgery. And we would **LOVE** to see you wearing red! If you are worshipping at home, please send Robin a picture. You can text it to 830-1232 or email it to umceducation@windomnet.com, we will post them on our Facebook page.



The Mathiowetz Family at home.
Megan, Cora, Ava, and Eric.



In January, our youth group assembled and delivered care packages to the employees of Windom Area Health, Good Samaritan Society, and Lewis Family Drug. This was to show our appreciation for the extra miles they have gone to help us maneuver through the Covid Pandemic. Be on the look out, you may see them show up at your workplace! Way to go FUMC youth!



2021 Camping Scholarship Application Form Windom First United Methodist Church

I. Personal Information:

Camper Name _____ Parent's Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

II. Camp Information:

I am attending Camp(camp title) _____

Is this a Methodist Church Camp? _____

Camp Location _____ Dates of Camp _____

Cost of Camp _____

Is this the only camp/retreat event this camper will attend this calendar year: **YES** **NO**

Please share briefly why you would enjoy going to this camp?

*I understand that funds are limited and I will be notified of my actual campership award.

Parent Signature

Date



Campership Application Form

Camp & Retreat Ministries

Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Camp & Retreat Board feels strongly that everyone who wants to attend camp can do so, and that no camper will ever be turned away because they can't afford to pay. Camp Minnesota provides campership funds to individuals who need them most, based on the individual's and family's needs. Our expectation is that your local church, personal funds, other sources of support and conference support will combine to cover the registration cost for one conference camping event of your choice. Please allow enough time for this application to be reviewed prior to your camp experience.

I. Personal Information:

Name _____ Camper Name(s) *(if different from applicant)* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

My local church name (if a member or affiliated) _____

Pastor _____ Phone _____

II. Camp Information

I am attending Camp # _____ Camp Title _____

Camp Location _____ Dates _____

III. Campership Request – Please check all that apply

- ☐ **General Campership Fund** – Need based camperships for United Methodist members.
- ☐ **Religion and Race Campership Fund** – Need based camperships for campers of the following ethnic groups: African-American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American
- ☐ **Our Future Kids in Camp Fund** – Special outreach camperships for youth & families not connected to a church.

Camper Name(s):		
Total Cost of Camp Event:		
	\$	\$
Sources of Income Available to Me	Personal Funds:	- \$
	My Local Church Support:	- \$
	Other Sources:	- \$
Balance Needed*:		= \$

***I understand that funds are limited and I will be notified of my actual campership award.**

IV. Questions & Reference

1. Please briefly explain your reason for request of funds in support of the above camper(s).

2. Is this the only camp/retreat event this camper will attend this calendar year? **YES** **NO**

If not, please share the other camp/retreat events this camper has or will attend, if you have received a campership grant, and how much that campership grant was for.

3. Please share briefly what your local church or other resource agency is doing to help you, or what you have attempted to use as a resource.

Please list a reference (non-family) who we can contact who would have some knowledge of your situation. Suggestions are your church pastor, secretary, youth worker, Sunday school teacher, school counselor, social worker, scout leader or other such person.

Reference Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Reference Email: _____

Signature of reference (required): _____

V. Completion - Please complete all fields. Incomplete applications may not be accepted. Campers with no connection to a local church may contact the Camping Office for information on available support. Some special limitations may apply to camp events held outside the Minnesota conference. Your privacy in this matter is important and we will do all we can to maintain that integrity.

We hope to see you this summer at camp, a life-changing and faith shaping experience, and promise to do whatever we can to make this possible!

God's blessings,
Camp & Retreat Board


Return Completed Applications to:

Camp Minnesota
122 W. Franklin Ave Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Fax: (612) 870-1260
camps@campminnesota.org

First United Methodist Church ~ February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	3 9:00a Bible Study 3:30p KFC 6:30 Bible Study	4 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Church	5 6:30a McPrayer	6
7 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 2:00 Ski Trip	8	9	10 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 7:00 Congr Trust 7:00 Trustees 7:30 SPRC 7:30 Finance	11 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Church	12 6:30a McPrayer Grades 4 - 6 Winter Retreat – Inspiration Hills	13 Grades 4 - 6 Winter Retreat – Inspiration Hills
14 Wear Red For Cora Day 9:00 Sunday Sch 9:00 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 4:00 Youth	15 5p Ruby;s Pantry Sherburn MN President's Day Holiday church closed	16 1:00p Missions	17 Ash Wednesday 9:00a Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 Ash Wed Service	18 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Church	19 6:30a McPrayer	20
21 Camping Sunday 9:00 Sun School 9:00 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things	22	23 5:30 Dinner Table Served @ Presbyterian	24	25 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Church	26 6:30a McPrayer	27 2:00p All-Church Sign Painting
28 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship 11:30 Youth 11:30 First Things						Corrections? Please let the office know – 831-3284 or umcoffice@ windomnet.com

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~ February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Marshall Bartelt	4 Kaleb LaCanne	5 Lane Steele	6 Denny & Becky Marker
7 Lucas Vesey Sue Visker	8 Erin Sebring Rob Visker	9 George & Elaine Bramstedt	10 Vicki Anderson Jens Hansen	11	12 Pastor Mike & Kathy Jo McInnis	13 Arnold Haack Lucy Stevens Zach Weishaar
14	15 Blaine & Sally Larson	16	17 Sally Larson	18 Greg Pfeffer	19 Paul Vesey	20 Bob Mayden Eldon Moon
21 George Paulson	22 Kai Johnson	23	24 Ava Mathiowetz	25 Delaney Smith	26	27 Greg Peterson
28 Mira Buresch Pastor Kathy Brandt (29 th)					Black – Birthday Purple - Anniversary	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.