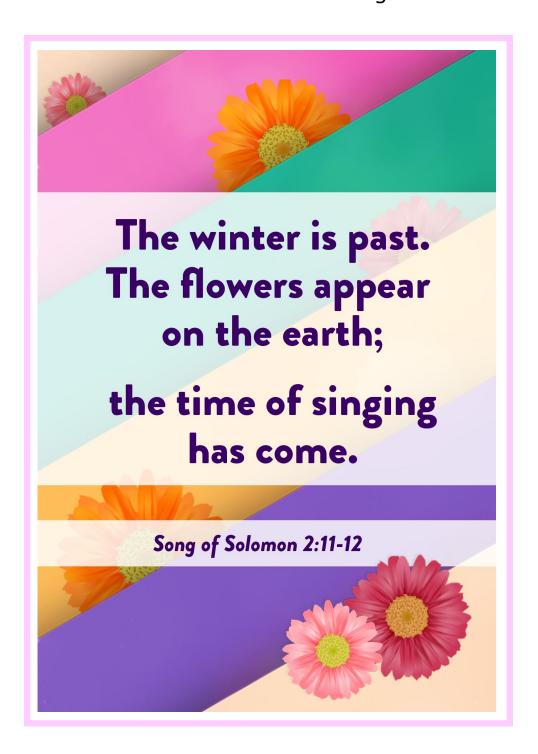
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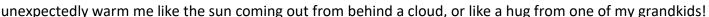


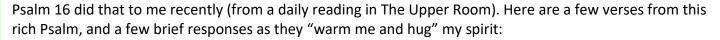
Psalm 16: Reset & Renewal

We are headed into spring and summer, and in Minnesota, that's always a good thing. We're looking forward to getting outside more, feeling the warm sun, and maybe taking a vacation.

I think we're all especially hoping that we're moving out of this long season of lockdown because of Covid concerns (real or imagined).

The change of seasons is an opportunity for a reset, even renewal—getting reenergized and refocused on the people, places and activities we love. I also get "reset & renewal" from God's word; passages jump out at me and grab me—they





⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Verses 5 & 6 remind me that I'm not an orphan; I'm not forgotten. Rather, God has chosen me before I have chosen him; that "beautiful inheritance" is a promise that gives me peace ("shalom") and keeps me from worrying about life's circumstances and troubles. God is near.

Have you "blessed" the Lord lately? Have you been thankful in God's direction? If so, then "in the night" you won't toss and turn in bed, but your heart—literally your "gut" in Hebrew—will instruct you—keeping you settled and calm. Sleep will come; you'll be rested in the morning.

Again, the results (v. 9) are gladness, rejoicing and a sense of security; you can't get those kinds of results or help from alcohol, social status, government aid or financial security. God is the only sure source of this kind of security, along with (v. 10) eternal security of life eternal!

This leads the writer to the conclusion in v. 11:

Are you on "the path of life"? Are you experiencing the "fullness of joy" that comes by dwelling in God's presence day by day? Is God's word instructing you, guiding you, renewing you?

There is a "reset" available each and every day when you feed on God's word and completely rest in God's promises. Let God's loving promises warm you and hug you in this new season of life. That is truly the path to God's "pleasures forevermore".

Pastor Mike



⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.







Schedule

Changes for SUMMER

9:00am Worship 9:00am streamed on Facebook www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom or www.windomfumc.org

11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

Sundays

10:30am Worship
10:30am streamed on Facebook
www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom or
www.windomfumc.org
11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

Church Family News

We rejoice with Erin and Cody Sebring on the birth of their son Luca Richard on April 5th. Luca's proud grandparents are Lauren and Jackie Thiessen and Steve and Aniessa Sebring, all of Windom. His great grandparents are Paul & Sandra Sebring of Raymond, and Joel & Beverly Bruse of Willmar. Luca is Erin and Cody's first child.

A **Celebration of Life** service was held for Jan Wassenaar on April 8th. We are thankful for the years that Jan was with us at First UMC.

Congratulations to our Windom Area High School students named to Honor Rolls....

A Honor Roll

Ashlyn Altman Rylie Raverty
Nyah Visker Kaylan Donchez
Lucy Stevens Claire Walinga
Delaney Smith Hunter Walklin

Jadyn Wormstadt

B Honor Roll

Karson LaCanne
Haley Ambrose
Wyatt Krick
Ciera Visker

Alex Altman
Jessica Ambrose
Kaleb LaCanne

Your hard work has paid off!

Cudos to our students who were recently named Students of the Week....

Tatum Bramstedt, Rylie Raverty, and Nick Walinga. *Way to go!*

Recognized: The Big South Conference recognized Zach Espenson and 2 others from the Windom Area Boys Hockey team in their season-ending awards. *Great job Zach!*

Congratulations to Kaylan Donchez for being named a 2021 Girls State representative by the Windom American Legion Auxiliary. The student representatives represent Windom in the programs sponsored by the American Legion and its Auxiliary. They are chosen based on their scholastic standing, character, leadership abilities and interest in government and current events. Last year, Hunter Walklin was chosen as Boys State representative. This is a great honor for both of you.

Speech Achiever Kaylan Donchez placed fourth in the Section Virtual Speech Tournament in original oratory. *Great job!*

Windom Track & Field Recent Winners include many First UMC students. They are Lucy Stevens, Kaylee Walklin, Jadyn Wormstadt, Alex Altman, and Delaney Smith. Delaney broke her own school record in the girls shot put. Awesome job, athletes!

Memories written by the late Wally Rohlfsen, and also by the late Jan Wassenaar are available in our church library. Both of these men from our congregation wrote of their memories, and shared them with their church family. They can be found in the library on the desk.





Communion

Sunday, May 2nd we will celebrate Holy Communion in person and from our homes. The service will be at 10:30am in person, and streaming on Facebook, and at 11:30 on KDOM radio AM 1580.

Sealed Communion elements are available at the church's Welcome Center for you to pick up Monday—Friday April 26—30 from 9am—4pm, for those participating from home.





Our wonderful friends, Wally Rohlfsen and Jan Wassenaar in recent years each provided a copy of their memories for anyone who is interested in reading them. They are in the Church Library, available to check out.



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





Outdoor Flowers will be planted on the patio in May. Donations can be marked for 'Outdoor Flowers' if you'd like to contribute to this special project. Thank you to everyone who is helping to beautify the church with flowers for everyone to enjoy.



Sunday, May 23rd Wear red on Pentecost Sunday

Church Office Schedule

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon and 1:00—4:00pm

Closed Memorial Day May 31st

Pastor Michael McInnis umcpastor@windomnet·com
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Youth Leader Robin Snyder umcyouth@windomnet·com
Treasurer Jody Derickson umctreasurer@windomnet·com
Volunteer Coordinator Becki Wormstadt umcvolunteer@windomnet·com
Congregational Care Kathy Jo McInnis umcKathyJo@windomnet·com
Nursery Coordinator Jody Buresch umcnursery@windomnet·com
Office Manager Laura Williams umcoffice@windomnet·com

Missions





Thank you to everyone who volunteered for delivering Meals On Wheels during April. Special thanks go to Shirley Lyons, who coordinated the delivery volunteers. Our church will deliver Meals On Wheels again in August. You are all a blessing to so many!

John & Jan Duscher JoAnn VanNorman Jody Derickson Vay & Arleen Rodman Ray & Pat Elston Rick Brown Jerry Moon

Robin Snyder Barb Elston Jan Dehmlow Margaret Grunig Judi Ray John & Peggy Roll Jody Vanderwerf Carol Hansen
Marlys Christensen
Linda Dawson
Bruce & Judy Rhoda
Pat & Mary Lee Raverty
Dave & Juane Elston



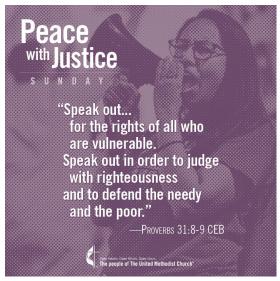
Sunday May 30th Bring your coins (and paper money) for our 5th Sunday of the month noisy collection. This collection will go to our county food shelf, The Sharing Center.

Dinner Table

Thank you for supporting The Dinner Table food mission with your prayers, your financial gifts, and your volunteer service. The next serving date will be Tuesday, May 25th.

Celebrating 2 years of serving our community!





A special offering will be taken on Sunday, May 30th for Peace With Justice Sunday. "When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift becomes a voice for advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's family with ministries that challenge structures of inequality and empower people and communities through systemic change."

Missions

Love Offering



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state. The Theme of the 2021 Annual Conference session is "Jesus. Waymaker", and takes place virtually June 22—24. This year's offering

will be shared between the missions listed below. If you would like to donate the Love Offering, please make your payments payable to First UMC, and note it for 'Love Offering'.

The Methodist Border Friendship Commission Recipient of 50 percent of 2021 Love Offering

The Methodist Border Friendship Commission (MBFC) is a ministry of the El Valle District of the Rio Texas Conference of the UMC. It supports a number of immigrant and refugee service organizations along the Texas border.

One such organization is La Posada Provencia shelter in San Benito, Texas. For over 30 years, La Posada Provencia has served individuals and families who flee to the United States due to political oppression, natural disaster, and other life-threatening actions in their native countries.

Currently it provides housing, English lessons, and life skill classes for six-12 months to about 24 people who are awaiting resolutions to their legal cases. These clients also receive assistance navigating paperwork and the complex immigration process. School-age children are enrolled in local schools so they don't fall behind in their education.

Due to a recent influx of immigrants, La Posada is also helping more than 20 newly arrived immigrants and asylum seekers per day with meals and shelter before they continue to their destination. La Posada provides them with backpacks, clothing, snacks, and children's activities for the final leg of their journey.

Funds from the Love Offering will help provide supplies, shelter, and transportation for both the long-term and short-term clients.

Ruby's Pantry host churches Recipient of 20 percent of 2021 Love Offering

Albert Lea UMC, First UMC (the Coppertop) in Duluth, and Forest Hills UMC in Forest Lake each host monthly Ruby's Pantry grocery distributions at their churches as a way to live out Jesus' call to feed the hungry and love our neighbor.

For a \$20 donation used to cover food storage and transportation, each guest receives an abundance of high-quality grocery items. Between the three churches, groceries are provided to about 750 households each month. This portion of the 2021 Love Offering will be shared by the three churches and will be used to purchase supplies needed to facilitate the distribution and to pay for shares for families who are unable to pay the \$20.

Matthew 25 food distribution Recipient of 20 percent of 2021 Love Offering

Originating at Spirit River Community UMC in Isanti 12 years ago, this food distribution ministry has been relaunched as a partnership between Spirit River, the Spirit River Foundation, and Coon Rapids UMC. Matthew 25 is based on Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Once a month, groceries sourced from corporate and community partners are prepared by volunteers and distributed to everyone who comes, no questions asked. Currently, groceries are freely given to 600-800 families per month. Soon, a second location in partnership with St. Andrew Lutheran Church in East Bethel will serve even more people. This portion of the Love Offering will be go towards the purchase of storage shelves, a pallet jack, refrigerators, and packaging materials so that Matthew 25 can expand its ministry.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) scholarships Recipient of 10 percent of 2021 Love Offering

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) participants of every age serve in all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Most teams from Minnesota spend up to two weeks working on hands-on projects in construction, disaster response, teaching, health care, and packing supplies for overseas shipment. Team members pay their own way, and every year, 10 percent of the Love Offering goes to help offset the cost for first-time participants.

Okoboji Bible Conference Ministries—Women's Luncheon



Wednesday, August 4 @ 1:00pm

As of this publishing date, OBCM is hoping to have a luncheon this summer, as it has been in years past. However, before ticket sales begin on June 7th, there will be an announcement regarding their plans, which will depend on Covid restrictions at that time. Their update announcement will come before tickets go on sale.

If you would like to go to the luncheon with other ladies from our church, please contact our church office, and we'll put your name on a list to contact if the luncheon is held, as hoped. Tickets are \$25 each, and are not refundable. This luncheon has always been a wonderful event, and is held at Arrowwood Resort in Okoboji. Our group carpools early in the morning, attends a couple of classes, and returns back to the church around mid-afternoon. It's a great day!

This year's speaker is author Melissa Spoelstra, and music will be by Kent & Marissa Van Kley. More information about the Conference and the Luncheon can be found at https://okobojiconference.org.

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6th. We are richly blessed to have a law that has proclaimed a day of prayer for our nation each year since 1952. Decades later, America still needs our prayers.





Fairmont United Methodist Women are hosting a Salad Luncheon Noon May 6, 2021
119 E 2nd Street, Fairmont
Greta Lintelman will speak on behalf of Heaven's Table food shelf.
If you are interested in going, contact Jan Dehmlow at 831-5736.
RSVPs are needed
We will be practicing Covid safety protocol.

Ruby's Pantry, America's Rural Food Pantry, will have a food distribution on Monday, May 17th from 5:30—7;00pm. All are welcome; come to the Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn. For a \$20 cash donation, you receive an abundance of groceries. This is a drive-through distribution, so please have your trunk cleared, and volunteers will place the food in your trunk. You can find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry—RWC—Sherburn.

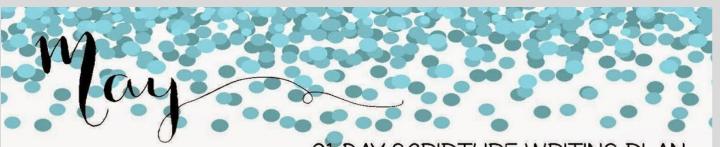




Windom Community Education has a great volunteer opportunity! Do you enjoy talking and listening to others? Would you like to learn about new cultures and languages? Windom Community Ed is looking for volunteers to help with Adult Basic Education. The classes are available to those looking to get their GED, wanting to improve their English language skills, or desiring to become a US citizen.

Classes are Tuesday & Thursdays from 6-8pm, and Saturdays 9-11am. Volunteers will provide support to those in class. Once a month or once a week—we are grateful for any time you can give! Please contact Valerie Halter at 507-831-6910, ext. 513, or vhalter@isd177.com.





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- COLOSSIANS 1:3-7

DAY 2- COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

DAY 3-1 THESSALONIANS 5:15-22

DAY 4- DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

DAY 5- JOHN 14: 1-4

DAY 6-JOHN 14:15-21

DAY 7- PSALM 27: 1-5

Week 2

DAY 8-PSALM 27: 6-14

DAY 9- PSALM 91: 1-8

DAY 10 - PSALM 91: 9-16

DAY 11- PSALM 23: 1-6

DAY 12- PSALM 121: 1-8

DAY 13 - PSALM 67:1-7

DAY 14- ISAIAH 55: 1-7

Week 3

DAY 15- ISAIAH 55:8-13

DAY 16- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-14

DAY 17- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15-21

DAY 18 - JOHN 15: 1-5

DAY 19- JOHN 15:6-11

DAY 20 - JOHN 15:12-17

DAY 21- PSALM 126: 1-6

Week 4

DAY 22 - PSALM 19:1-6

DAY 23 - PSALM 19:7-14

DAY 24- PSALM 73: 21-26

DAY 25- ISAIAH 40: 1-6

DAY 26- ISAIAH 40:7-11

DAY 27- ISAIAH 40:12-17

DAY 28- ISAIAH 40: 18-21

Week 5

DAY 29- ISAIAH 40:22-26

DAY 30 - ISAIAH 40: 28-31

DAY 31- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSES

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

Psalm 119:18

Special points of interest:

- May 1st: Youth deadline to sign-up for Sioux Falls trip.
- May 2nd: Youth Group movie night 6pm. Pizza and snacks provided.
- May 5th: KFC end of year fun day.
 Swimming at Jackson pool. After school until 7:00pm
- May 8th: Youth group trip to Sioux Falls
- May 21st: Last morning of McPrayer.
- May 23rd: Senior Recognition Sunday
- May 23rd:
 Last Day of
 Sunday School—SS
 Volunteer/Student
 Recognition
 Breakfast at 9:00am
- June 13th-17th: VBS!! 6:00-8:30pm each Night.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES!

Jessica Ambrose Madison Berhow Wyatt Krick Kaleb LaCanne Alyssa Reisdorfer Delaney Smith Victoria Vesey Hunter Walklin Jadyn Wormstadt

We wish you all the best!!



Christian Education News

May 2021

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

We have an adventure for everyone at FUMC! Join us for our VBS Program – Treasured ~ Discovering you are priceless to God!

At Treasured, kids will learn God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold — it's them!

You can expect a week FULL of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's amazing love for them!

We will participate in a hands-on mission project. Our offerings will be used



JOIN US FOR VBS— June 13th-17th INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

to provide mosquito nets to help ward off Malaria.

Invite your children's friends to attend. VBS is open to children Pre-school age through 5th grade.

We couldn't do this program without our great volunteers. Please consider helping out this year. This includes youth and adults.

Sign-ups and registrations are available at the Treasured sign-up display in the church lobby or call Robin at 831-3284. Mark these dates on your calendar: June 13th-17th. The fun starts at 6:00 PM and goes until 8:30 PM each night. Parents and all of our Church family, please join us during Closing Quest on Thursday night, June 17th, at 8:15 to see all that the kids have experienced at VBS. We will enjoy a sweet treat together! Everyone is invited!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, May 23rd for our end of year Sunday School Celebration! We will be enjoying breakfast during the regular Sunday School hour at 9:00am. We will enjoy eating together, as a church family, and take time to thank all of our Sunday School volunteers, recognize our graduating seniors, and honor our Sunday School students.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

This year has been like no other Sunday School year that I have ever witnessed in my time as a Sunday School teacher or Coordinator. But it was also probably one of the most amazing years as well. It was important to everyone to be safe and yet be back together. I am always so thankful for our volunteers, but this year, you guys worked so hard, were fearless, and we asked more from you than ever before! You are priceless to me, our students, and our church family! Thank you for all you have done! Love, Robin

Our Sunday School Teachers

Emily Buresch Tammy Crowell Nicole Inman Shaina Johnson Nikki Schowalter Becki Wormstadt Rhonda Crowell Jackie Fester Abby Kipfer Keith Schroeder Jody Derickson Missy Edmundson David Derickson Kathy Jo McInnis Renee Green Peggy Roll

<u>McPrayer Volunteers</u>

Dana Krumrey Dane Nielsen Jody Derickson

Our Substitute Teachers

Rachel Raverty Julie Donchez Emma Snyder Tara Smith

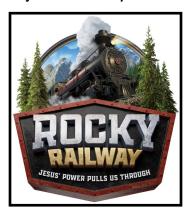
KFC Volunteers

Lisa Ambrose
Tara Torkelson
Kathy Jo McInnis
Barb Elston
Keith Schroeder
Julie Donchez
Stephanie Hansen
Rhonda Crowell
Sharron Tibodeau
Judi Ray

Youth Volunteer

Tami Vesey

All of our Rocky Railway Volunteers



For every lesson you've prepared, the love of God has been shared!

Best Night Ever Christmas program Volunteers

Emma Snyder Rhonda Crowell Kathy Jo McInnis Deann Steele Lane Steele Claire Walinga

Thank you to all of our Sunday School students and families for Staying encouraged and putting forth such effort to learn & be committed in their relationship with Jesus!

You are all awesome!









2021

Camping Brochures are in the information area in the church lobby.

You also can find camping scholarship applications there as well.

If you need any more information please see Robin.

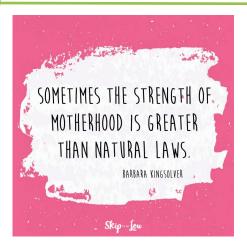




This month for Operation Christmas Child, our students are collecting rolled fleece blankets, they can be solid or patterns. Please keep in mind the size of our shoeboxes when you are choosing blankets to send. The Sunday School classes thank you for your help with this mission project!



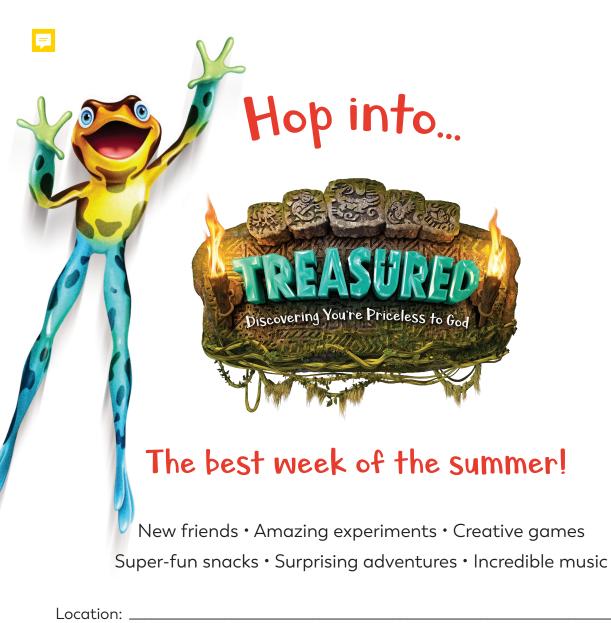
In April, our youth group assembled and delivered care packages to the LaCanne Family Funeral Home, Pineview Assisted Living, and the HSI/PRL/HCL homes. This was to show our appreciation for the extra miles they have gone to help us maneuver through the Covid pandemic. Be on the look out, you may see these kids show up at your workplace! Way to go FUMC youth!



On April 18th, Moms were invited to join their Sunday School students for "muffins with moms". It was a fun way to show our kids that they matter to us! During our time together, we enjoyed muffins while we filled out mom, grandma, nana information sheets, and learned some interesting facts about the importance of our mothers in our families, as well as our church families! Thank you to all who joined us! Special thank you to Wayne & Becki Wormstadt for serving refreshments!







Location:				
	(church name)			
VBS will last from:				
	(VBS dates)			
Each day's fun begins at:				
,	(VBS starting time)			
The VBS day ends at:				
	(VBS ending time)			
For more information, call:				
	(church phone number)			
Register online here:				
	(web address)			

Please return registration to the Church Office by May 24, 2021. Cost: \$10.00 donation which includes a T-Shirt. Please select a size at the bottom of the form. If mailing, return to: FUMC, 974 6th St, Windom.



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

All students in grades Pre-School - 5th Grade are welcome! June 13th - 17th from 6:00 - 8:30pm each night

Child's n	ame:		Child's gender:			
Child's a	ge: Date of birth:	_ Last school grade	e completed:			
Name of	f parent(s):					
Street a	ddress:					
City:		_ State:	ZIP:			
Home te	elephone: ()					
Parent/caregiver's cellphone: ()						
Home email address:						
Home ch	nurch:					
Allergies	, medical conditions, or special needs:					
	In case of emergency, contact:					
	Phone:					
	Relationship to child:					
Crew number or name (for church use only):						

First United Methodist Church ~May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship Service with Communion 11:30 First Things 6:00p Youth	3	9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	9:00a Bible Study After School: Kids For Christ 6:30p Bible Study	6 National Day of Prayer 6:30a Men's Breakfast	7 6:30a McPrayer	1 Youth Trip signup deadline 8 Youth Trip: Sky Zone/ Target Sioux Falls
9 Mother's Day 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things	10	11	7:00p Trustees Mtg 7:30 Finance Meeting 7:30 SPRC Meeting	13 6:30a Men's Breakfast	14 6:30a McPrayer	15
9:30a Sunday School 9:30 Adult Groups 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things	17 5:30 – 7:00p Ruby's Pantry Sherburn MN	18 1:00p Missions	19	20 6:30a Men's Breakfast	21 6:30a McPrayer	22
23 Pentecost Sunday School Celebration 9:00a Sunday School Breakfast/Awards Graduate Recognition 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 First Things	24	25 5:30 Serving at The Dinner Table	26	27 6:30a Men's Breakfast	28	Summer church schedule starts this weekend!
30 Noisy Offering for The Sharing Center 9:00 Worship Service 11:30 First Things Peace with Justice Sunday	Memorial Day Church closed					

1st UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~May 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Cooper Smith	3 Saydie Raverty	Jennifer Jeffrey Wayne & Su Jeffrey	5 Kaleb Curry Mike Simon	6	7 Jeremy Green	1 Julie Diemer Jerome & Marcia Smith 8 Steve White
9 Elaine Bramstedt Tiegen Wormstadt Brian & Kristi Hedman	10	11 Julie Donchez	12	13 Kody & Shaina Johnson	14	15
16 Marv Grunig	17 Jan Duscher Le Krumrey	18 Nicole Inman	19 Kristi Hedman	20 Leah Hollon	21 Harold Caviness	22 Loren Defries Amanda Jandera Brynnley Pletcher Mary Lee Raverty
23 Riley Inman	24	25	26	27 Carol Hansen Landrey Pletcher Peggy Roll	28 Connor Raderstorf	29 Samantha Branch Deloy & Ellen King
30 Marlene Simon	31 Shaina Johnson	Are we missing anyone? Please let the church office know.			Birthdays Anniversaries	