

## First United Methodist Church

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## Which Future Methodist Church? *by Pastor Mike*

**The United Methodist Church is at a crossroads.** When the full denomination meets (*in Minneapolis, late August 2022*), legislation will be voted on that allows a new denomination to form, while the “**post separation**” **United Methodist Church** (*hereafter “psUMC”*) will continue, but with a number of changes.

The new denomination will be called the **Global Methodist Church** (*hereafter “GMC”*), reflecting that it will be made up of churches in the U.S., Africa, Eastern Europe and the Philippines.

**Which future denomination will be the right choice for Windom First UMC?** Here is a chart which helps compare/contrast the two “future” Methodist Churches we will choose from. We will have a number of discussions in the coming year to provide more information and answer questions not answered here:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Post-Separation UMC</b>	<b>Global Methodist Church</b>
<i>Name?</i>	The United Methodist Church	The Global Methodist Church
<i>General Conference, Annual Conference, District Conference, District Structures?</i>	Yes. Annual Conference and District boundaries will likely be adjusted in many places following separation.	Yes. Annual Conference and District boundaries will be new in many places.
<i>Boards, Agencies, Seminaries?</i>	Inherits the current 13 general agencies and most/all seminaries	New, leaner structure with a single connectional operations office overseeing; possibly one seminary will move into the GMC
<i>Trust Clause on local church Property/assets?</i>	Local church property/assets held in trust for the Annual Conference	Local church property and assets owned by the local church.
<i>Openly non-celibate homosexual or transgender Bishops and Clergy?</i>	Yes	No
<i>Clergy performing same-sex weddings?</i>	Yes, if they choose	No
<i>Female clergy at all levels of leadership?</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Clergy deployment?</i>	Ordained clergy guaranteed an appointment by the Bishop, and the local church guaranteed a pastor of the Bishop’s choosing, with consultation with church SPRC.	Collaborative appointment system where local church lay leaders have a bigger voice in the appointment. No guaranteed appointments.
<i>Apportionments?</i>	Yes. Future amount unknown at this time, likely similar to current.	Yes; general church apportionments Will be about half what is paid by UMC congregations currently.
<i>Theology?</i>	Pluralistic, Progressive, flexible, with historic Articles and Confession of Faith retained as “historic markers”.	Classic, traditional, orthodox, historic Wesleyan, per the Articles of Faith and EUB Confession of Faith, but updated into a single document in today’s language.



## Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00—4:00pm

Closed Holidays

Closed Labor Day,  
Monday September 6th

## Church Family News

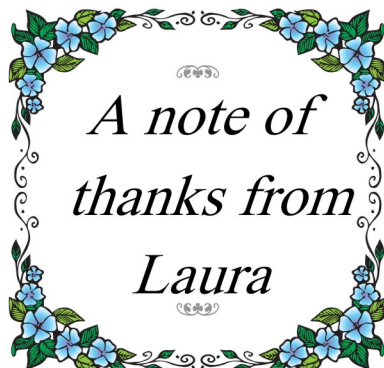
Congratulations to Pastor Mike and Kathy Jo McInnis on the birth of their granddaughter, Magnolia Anne Cunard. Magnolia was born on August 4th. Welcoming her home are her parents, Cory and Jill, brother Eli, and sister Zoe.

We rejoice with the family of Oliver Louis Jandera, who was baptized August 15th. Oliver's parents are Casey and Amanda Jandera, and his grandparents are Keith & Pauline Buresch and William & Terri Jandera.

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## Congratulations to Laura Williams

Sunday, August 15th, First UMC was able to celebrate Laura on her retirement. We are so thankful for all she has done for our church family. Congratulations and best wishes on her retirement. We are thankful that she will always be a part of our church family and we will continue to see her on a regular basis.



Congregation, I am truly humbled by your kindness and generosity as I retire from serving as the church's Office Manager. Thank you for your kind words, cards, gifts, and your presence at the retirement party. And I so appreciate all the friends who made the party possible. I have truly enjoyed serving the congregation through the church office, and getting to know so many of you there. The front office is now in the very capable hands of Jody Derickson, and I know that you will all warmly welcome her in her new position. She will do an amazing job there!

With love,  
Laura Williams



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

After Labor Day,  
this will be our  
fall Sunday schedule:  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship



Rally Day  
September 12th

**Please note the service time!**

First UMC's Staff Parish is looking for a person(s) who would be interested in working as a volunteer Wedding Coordinator and/or Funeral Coordinator. There would be an outline of duties you would have as guidelines, helping families coordinate their day during their time at the church. This would not be a position paid for by the church, but an amount would be given by the families that you would be serving. If you would be interested in finding out more about one of these positions, please contact the church office at 831-3284 or [umcoffice@windomnet.com](mailto:umcoffice@windomnet.com).



### STAFF CHANGES

We have had some staffing changes at FUMC this past month. Please welcome Tammy Crowell and Gary Korthouse. Tammy will be taking over the treasurer position and Gary will be handling the custodial duties. Jody Derickson will be working in the church office. Please join us in welcoming them all in their new positions. We are thankful for you!

### Staff Email

Pastor: Mike McInnis [umcpastor@windomnet.com](mailto:umcpastor@windomnet.com)  
Christian Education Coordinator: Robin Snyder [umceducation@windomnet.com](mailto:umceducation@windomnet.com)  
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Office Manager: Jody Derickson [umcoffice@windomnet.com](mailto:umcoffice@windomnet.com)

### OCTOBER STALKS, BALES & GOURDS



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

We would also welcome donations of pumpkins and gourds of all colors and sizes. All the fall decorating items are requested to be brought to the church's front patio between Monday, September 27 and Wednesday, September 29th, if possible.

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

# MISSIONS



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

**Vay and Arleen Rodman**  
**Tom and Marlys Christensen**  
**Jan Dehmlow**  
**Barb Elston**  
**John and Jan Duscher**  
**Pat and Ray Elston**  
**Jody Vanderwerf**  
**Carol Hansen**  
**Judi Ray**  
**Peggy Roll**  
**Pat and Mary Lee Raverty**  
**Jim and Kathy Glidden**  
**Kathy Jo McInnis**  
**Dave and Juane Elston**  
**Rick Brown**  
**Jerry Moon**  
**Robin Snyder**  
**Terri Jones**

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



## Coats For Kids

Cottonwood County children and teens will soon be needing new or gently used coats, gloves, mittens, snow-pants and boots! Can you help? Please ensure all materials are clean and minimal wear/tear. Items are being collected in the donation box in the lobby thru **Wednesday, September 22nd**. Cash donations are also accepted, and are used to purchase any items that are not supplied by donation. Checks may be written to First UMC, marked for Coats For Kids. We will combine donations to provide one check to the sponsoring agency.

## **the Dinner Table**

We served 325 people at our monthly meal at *The Dinner Table* August 24th with a meal from Godfather's Pizza!

## **GREAT NEWS** **DINE IN OR DRIVE-THROUGH** **FOR THE DINNER TABLE** **SEPTEMBER 28TH**

We will be serving inside and outside September 28th. So come on in from 5:30—6:30 pm or drive-through to get your meal.

Volunteers are needed, please contact Kathy Jo McInnis or the church office at 831-3284.

Thank you for your continued support!



Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Food Shelf. This is for anyone! The next distribution date is Monday, September 20th. Bring \$20 **cash** to the Regional Worship Center located at 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn MN from 5:30—7:00pm. Volunteers will place food in your trunk. Please make sure you have made room in your trunk for your food share. More information about Ruby's Pantry is available on their Facebook page at Ruby's Pantry-RWC-Sherburn.



Mc Prayer

ALL KIDS  
GRADES 7-12

Join us at the Windom McDonalds every Friday starting  
September 24th 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 831-3284 OR email at [umcoffice@windomnet.com](mailto:umcoffice@windomnet.com).

LSS Meals—Bistro (In person dining) served at the Community  
Senior Center is NOW OPEN! Reservations are required. Meals  
are served at 11:30 AM. Take-out meals are still available. Call  
**831-6161** to make your reservation and let them know if you are  
dining in, taking a meal to go or if you want your meal delivered.  
With the dining room re-opening they are bringing back their  
special Birthday lunches and half price days. Copies of the  
September menu is available in the church lobby.



The church library was able to purchase some new  
large print books with the help of Memorials. Come  
check out the new books! Interesting reading for  
everyone! Here are some of the titles/authors:

- Unyielding Hope—Oke
- Sustaining Faith—Oke
- Unspoken—Henderson
- Undetected—Henderson
- Blessings to Cherish—Snelling
- Seed of Change—Snelling
- Last one home—Macomber

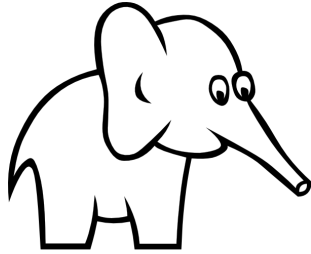
Various titles from the "Love Inspired" faith series

Coming soon:

- The Beginning—Lewis
- Shadows of Swanford Abbey—Klassen
- Timepiece—Lewis



New Our Daily Bread  
devotionals September-  
October (regular size print) are  
available in the lobby.



## White Elephant Items Welcome

**White Elephant Sale  
takes place at First UMC  
Saturday, September 25th  
9:00am—Noon**

United Methodist Women will hold a **White Elephant Sale fundraiser Saturday, September 25th (9:00 am—Noon)**, so they invite you to bring your gently used, clean donation items to the church...

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

Please do not bring clothing, footwear, and please **no electronics**. Sale items are collected in the east coat closet, next to the sanctuary. Please have donations to the church by Tuesday, September 21st. Thank you for helping with this UMW fundraiser!



Our congregation is celebrating its 150th anniversary on October 10th! A great day is being planned for everyone to be a part of. There will be a meal served in the fellowship hall after the church service. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby to RSVP for the meal. There will also be a sign-up sheet for donations of pans of bars to go with the meal.

We are still collecting your notes of memories from our church over the years. We would like to share these memories with all the congregation. It can be an occasion at the old church building or our current one; about family memories or about how the church looked different in past decades; a memory of a pastor or anyone else. A couple of sentences or a page - any of your remembrances are welcome. Please send your notes or email ([umcoffice@windomnet.com](mailto:umcoffice@windomnet.com)) by Tuesday, September 7th.

Friendly Fellowship will enjoy a potluck Tuesday, September 14th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Windom Building Inspector, Andy Spielman.

Please join us for this monthly potluck and program. We encourage anyone interested in presenting a program to contact Darris Snelling or the church office.

Future dates—2nd Tuesday of the month  
October 12th, November 9th



thank you!

The **Finance Committee** would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to our entire congregation for your continued support of the ministries at FUMC! We have been continuously blessed by your generosity and giving hearts!

Thank you for supporting this ministry with your gifts, your prayers, your service, and your Christian witness. For your continued giving, below are different options that are available.

Ways to give...

- In-person offering collection
- Postal Mail—Send gifts to 974 6th Street
- Direct Deposit—fill out an Automatic Giving Form from the church office. This option has no fee to you or to the church.
- [www.windomfumc.org](http://www.windomfumc.org)—go to our church website and choose the “Give” tile.
- Vanco Mobile (upgraded mobile app) - download app and search for First United Methodist Church of Windom. A small fee is attached to each transaction.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

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**rightnow** MEDIA

Christian online video library for all ages  
Do you have a login yet?

*Contact the church office to get connected*



First Things Radio Ministry airs Sundays at 11:30am on KDOM AM 1580. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, there are forms on the information wall in the church lobby, or contact the church office. The cost is \$34, payable to First UMC Memorials. As of our newsletter publishing date, there are sponsorship openings for this month of September for the 19th and 26th. Thank you to everyone who has made this radio ministry outreach to our community possible.

**VANCO**  
FAITH

FUMC is pleased to announce that we have an upgraded mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider has launched an updated app called Vanco Mobile. Head to the App Store or Google Play to download for free. The GivePlus (current app) mobile will be retired September 30th. If you have a recurring donation on the GivePlus App it will continue to generate. To give using the new Vanco Mobile, search for First United Methodist Church of Windom, select your gift amount and frequency, enter payment method, choose if you want to cover fees, and click submit to complete your donation. An email will be sent out with a link to the Vanco Mobile-How to Guide.



# September

## 30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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

### Week 1

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

### Week 3

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

### Week 2

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

### Week 4

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

### Week 5

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

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

*Psalms 119:18*

September 2021



# Christian Education

## Rally Sunday—September 12th

Join us September 12th for our first day of Sunday School! We have lots of fun activities planned for the entire family!

Sunday School begins at 9:00 on September 12th. We have Sunday School classes available for Preschool—Adults. Something for everyone!

There will be a church picnic lunch after worship that morning.

**JOIN US!**

**September 12th**



**9:00 Sunday School  
Preschool—Adults**

**10:30 Sunday  
Service**

Lunch following the  
service.



***A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.***

***Join us this fall as we set sail!***

### Important Dates:

- Sept 2nd— Sunday School teacher's meeting. 5:30pm in the Fireside Room.
- Sept 6th-Have a safe Labor Day Weekend.
- Sept 12th - Rally Sunday!! Fun begins at 9:00am
- Sept 22nd— See You At The Pole. Student led prayers at the flagpole.
- Sept 24th—McPrayer begins at 6:30am. See you at **McDonald's!**
- Sept 26th— 3rd graders receive their Bibles during Worship.
- September 26th— Youth group kick off! Youth meet at 4:00, Parents & Youths at 6:00 (supper provided)

### Attendance Program

Sunday School Children, who at the end of the year, have 2 or fewer absences will receive a pin/gift certificate and those with 3-5 absences will receive a gift certificate.

We appreciate your efforts!!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with Sunday School for the 2021-2022 school year!!



FOR OUR SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS  
GRADE 9 -12  
JOIN MISSY AS WE EMBARK ON THE CHOSEN!  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 12TH  
SOCIAL TIME 9:00-9:15 CLASS 9:15-10:15



FOR OUR ADULTS  
RECENTLY GRADUATED—105  
JOIN FRANCES CHAN AS HE WALKS  
THROUGH  
THE BOOK OF JAMES.  
LED BY DAVID DERICKSON  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 9:00AM



This September we are collecting deodorant and bar soap for our Sunday School's mission project; Operation Christmas Child.

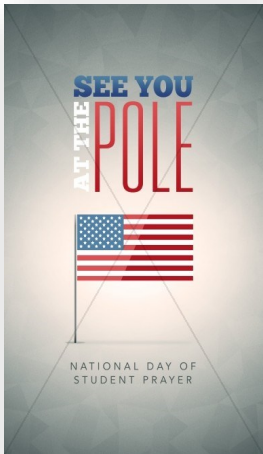
We need deodorant for boys and girls! Each of our boxes that we pack will include a bar of soap. The Sunday School students thank you for your help with this mission project!



See you at the Pole!  
September 22nd!



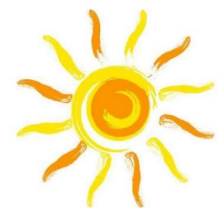
Help is needed in our Christian Education Department! If you are interested in helping teach some pretty awesome kids about God and His wonderful glory on Sunday mornings, please contact Robin Snyder!

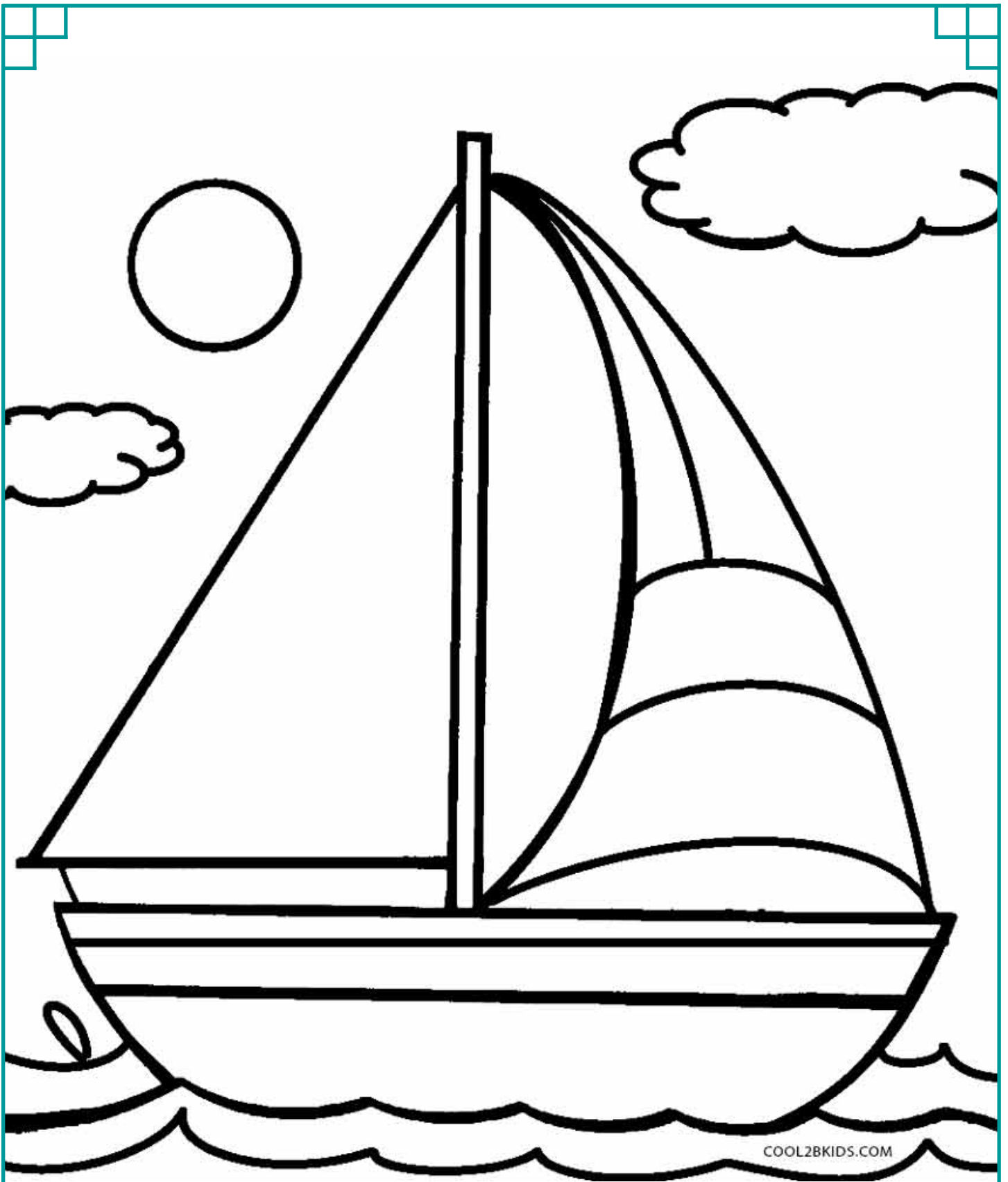


We are also in need of an adult volunteer for McPrayer. McPrayer is on Friday mornings during the school year at 6:30am. What is better than hanging out with teenagers at 6:30am??? All kidding aside, this is a great group of kids and you will leave McPrayer feeling like you were the one being blessed, instead of the one doing the blessing. Please see Robin Snyder or Jody Derickson if you would be interested in helping!



Our 2021 Methodist Softball team; L—Right Braydon Kreofsky, Chad Crowell, Noah Armstrong, Dominic Smith, Sarah King, Dalton Smith, Aren King, Jerome Smith, Madi Burton, Rylie Raverty, Jason King, Tim Snyder, Kellen, Piotter, Justin Axford, Gary Vanderwerf. Not Pictured; Brad & Katie Schlomann, Bill & Collin Inman, Ava Caviness, Nick & Zach Espenson, Henry & Kami Visker.





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\*\*\*Complete the coloring page and bring it to Sunday School on September 12th and receive a treat from your Sunday School teacher!

Name:

Age:

# First United Methodist Church ~September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	1 6:30p Greeter Training	2 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's 5:30p Sunday School Teacher Mtg	3	4
5 9:00a Summer Worship 11:30a First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	6 Labor Day Church Closed	7 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	8 6:30p Camera and Video Training 7:00p Trustees Mtg 7:30p SPRC Mtg 7:30p Finance Mtg	9 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	10	11
12 <b>Rally Day!</b> 9:00a Sunday Sch 10:30a Worship 11:30a All-Church Meal 11:30a First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	13	14 12:00 Friendly Fellowship	15 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	16 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	17	18
19 9:00a Sunday Sch 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things Radio Ministry KDOM	20 5:30p Ruby's Pantry - Sherburn	21 1:00p Missions Team	22 7:30a See You At The Pole 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	23 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	24 6:30a McPrayer at McDonalds	25 9:00a – Noon UMW White Elephant Sale
26 9:00a Sunday Sch 10:30a Worship & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr Bibles 11:30a First Things Radio Ministry KDOM 4:00p Youth Group	27	28 5:30p Dinner Table @ Presb church	29 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	30 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's  1:30p Patio Decorating		

# First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~September 2021

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