

**Celebrating 150 Years!**

**Then we your people,**  
**the sheep of your pasture,**  
will praise you forever;  
from generation to generation  
we will proclaim your praise.

**Psalm 79:13**



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## What Does 150 Years Feel Like?

Our church is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday! We'll have a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sunday on October 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will be in town and can celebrate with us as we look back at some important memories and milestones, but also continue to look forward to the mission that God continues to entrust to us!

The official name for a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a "sesquicentennial". That's a mouthful! (But feel free to use it to impress your friends!) If we think of a "generation as around 25-30 years, that's five or six generations of baptisms, confirmations, ministry events, weddings, funerals—and more!

In those 150 years since 1871, the "Methodist" churches in the United States have experienced several church splits and mergers: In 1871, Minnesota Methodists were part of The Methodist Episcopal Church (in the northern USA); in 1939, a merger with two other Methodist denominations resulted in The Methodist Church. In 1968 The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church joined to become The United Methodist Church.

And as you read this, we are probably about one year from another church division which will result in two (or even three) Methodist denominations once again, and Windom First United Methodist Church will be deciding which of those groups to affiliate with.

Meanwhile, local ministry will continue, and probably look similar in many ways. The changes that will happen in our local church will be the result of a changing culture and changing technology, along with learning how to help a new generation hear the old message of God's love, redemption, and abundant life here, and eternal life in the world to come! It is the most important, most relevant mission in the world, because we are partnering with the Creator of the universe to help each new generation find purpose, significance, and LIFE in Jesus Christ!

So please plan to join us on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 during our morning worship service. This will be followed by a lunch in the fellowship hall where we will continue to share memories about the people, pastors, and events that shaped our church, our community and our lives today.

The generations before us often lived their faith and made sacrifices so that we could experience God's love and grace today. Their legacy is a great gift to us and future generations. My prayer is that our generation, the current members of First United Methodist Church in Windom, will live, learn, grow, sacrifice and give in such a way that we, too, will leave a lasting legacy for generations yet to come.

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful!*

*Pastor Mike*





## Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00—4:00pm

Closed Holidays

Closed Columbus Day

Monday October 11

## Church Family News

Thank you to the Buresch family for the use of the truck and flatbed trailer for our summer backyard services!

Congratulations to Nathan and Kaitie Luitjens on the birth of their daughter, Payton Maxine Luitjens, born September 2nd. Proud Grandparents are Pete and Ann Bartelt, Le and Dana Krumrey, and Joel and Dawn Luitjens.

Church Family, please continue to pray for the families who have had to say goodbye to loved ones this past month;

The family of Joe Grommersch

The family of Dan Jones

The family of Paul Crowell

The family of Barbara Rodoni

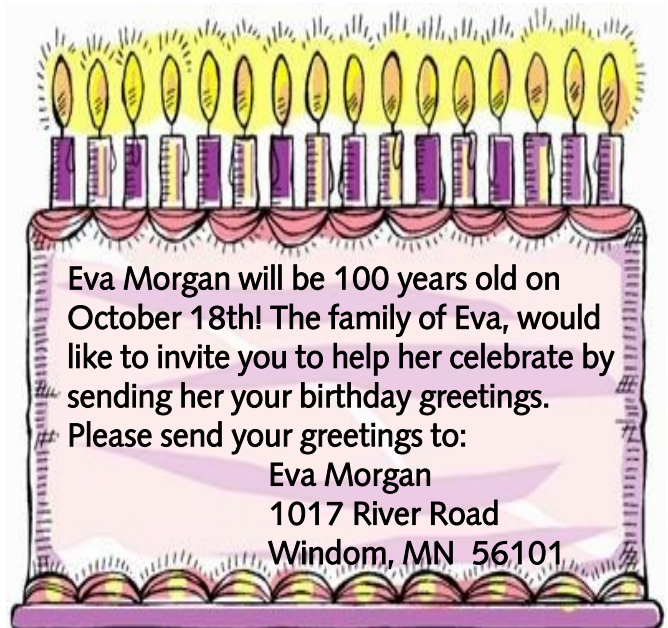


## 150th Anniversary Celebration October 10, 2021

You are invited to join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Windom Methodist Church. It will be a great time of celebration. There will be a meal served. If you are able to be here for the meal, please look for the sign-up sheet at the information center in the church lobby. Sign-up sheets are also available if you would like to donate a pan of bars for the meal or to help with the meal by serving or helping with clean up. We hope to see you there!

**Please sign-up by October 4th!**

C E L E B R A T I N G  
100<sup>TH</sup>  
C B I R T H D A Y





***Pastor Appreciation Sunday  
is October 17th***

***A Hope 4 Kids fundraiser luncheon  
will be held after church October  
17th. All are welcome to attend!***

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



First UMC's Staff Parish is looking for a person who would be interested in working as a volunteer Wedding 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 this position, please contact the church office at 831-3284 or [umcoffice@windomnet.com](mailto:umcoffice@windomnet.com).



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 October for the 24th and 31st. Thank you to everyone who has made this radio ministry outreach to our community possible.

#### **Staff Email**

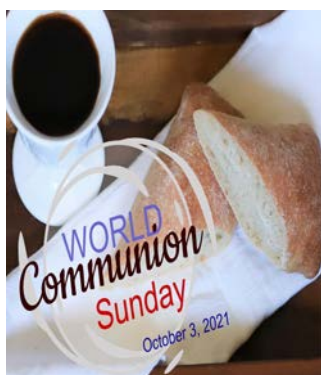
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Thank you to all who helped with and prayed for the Dinner Table last month. We have been blessed by your prayers.

Our next Dinner Table will be October 26th.  
Serving begins at 5:30pm

Volunteers are needed, contact Kathy Jo McInnis or church office at 831-3284.  
Thank you for your continued support!



**World Communion Sunday** is Oct. 3, 2021. Celebrated the first Sunday in October, this day focuses our attention on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. This celebration is held annually when we partake of Holy Communion together and share our gifts to support racial-ethnic students and others in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church.

This special offering facilitates the educational preparation and training of United Methodists from around the world and bolsters recruitment, training and retention of racial-ethnic people for leadership positions at every level of the church. There will be an envelope for this special offering handed out at the service on the 3rd.



Sunday,  
October 17  
11:30am

Sunday School Mission  
Chili/Soup Lunch

Funds raised go to support our Sunday School's sponsored child, David Covaci.

Free-will offering

Everyone is invited!

## Noisy Collection—Benefiting the Salvation Army

Sunday, October 31st

There will be a Noisy Collection, Sunday October 31st.  
Coins, paper money and checks are all welcome.



Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Food Shelf. This is for anyone! The next distribution date is Monday, October 18th. 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.



## Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone to help beautify the church during December, please see the last page of the newsletter for the order form. Please have orders in by **Monday, November 1st**. These poinsettias will be used to beautify the sanctuary and other areas of the church, and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you.

... whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all ...



Galatians 6:10, NRSV

The Windom Area Sharing Center is looking for volunteers to work during their open hours of Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am—1:00pm. You can choose to work however many days you can...once a month, twice a month...Your help is needed. Please call 822-7210

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 October menu is available in the church lobby.



Friendly Fellowship will enjoy a potluck Tuesday, October 12th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Drew Hage of the Economic Development Authority (EDA).

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  
Next gathering—November 9th,



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

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the many giving opportunities at the church whether it be with donations of monies, items, or in serving. We have a very generous congregation. Some giving opportunities this past month was the Coats for Kids drive, Operation Christmas Child, White Elephant Sale, Dinner Table, Backpack Program, The Gideons International. Your heart of giving is very much appreciated!



# October

## 31 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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

### Week 1

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

### Week 2

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

### Week 3

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

### Week 4

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

### Week 5

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

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

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- Sunday school at 9:00am for all ages. Sr. High will be studying *The Chosen*
- Oct-Nov 12th collection for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- October 6th KFC meets after school until 5:30pm
- October 10th 150th Anniversary Celebration
- October 13th Confirmation starts at 6:30pm
- October 17th Children sing during Worship.
- October 17th Pastor Appreciation Sunday.
- October 17th National Sunday School Appreciation Day!
- October 17th Hope For Kids lunch following the service.
- Watch for information regarding youth group activities!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OCTOBER 2021

## WE SET SAIL ON RALLY DAY!

Our rally day and first day of Sunday school was held September 12th. What a great day it was! The halls were filled with kids and adults coming in for the 9:00 Sunday school hour!

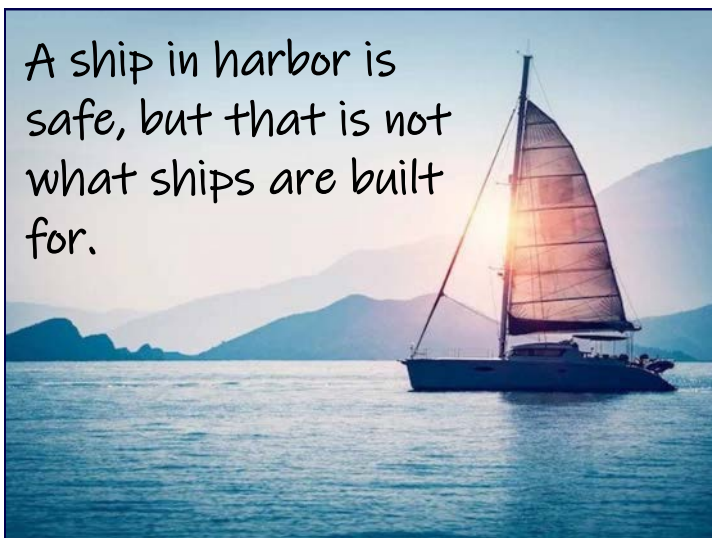
*A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.* Join us as we are determined to set sail

and leave the harbor to take our love for Jesus and love for others outside our church walls this year! We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Sunday school!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Rally Day such a success! Our

Sunday school teachers, our Sunday school students, Bret Raverty, Dalton & Hallie Smith, Gary, Jody, our Praise Band, Pastor Mike, and everyone who attended and participated in Rally Sunday!

Many Blessings...  
*Robin Snyder*



Church family ~ Please join the Sunday School classes on Sunday, October 17th after the service for a chili/chicken noodle soup lunch to support our sponsorship for our Hope 4 Kids student, David Covaci! We will be collecting a free will donation.



## Give a Gift this Christmas to Operation Christmas Child! Here's how!

The Sunday School classes would like the congregation to join them in an effort to get involved in Operation Christmas Child, a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoe boxes to hurting children around the world.

This simple, hands-on mission project gives our entire church family a tangible way to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas—God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. In addition, Operation Christmas Child allows our church to minister across denominational barriers with thousands of other churches and enables national churches to reach

the poor in their countries with hope, love and the Gospel.

Participating is simple. Look for the display that will be located in the church lobby very soon. At the display you will find a brochure to take. This brochure lists info to get you started.

You may donate a variety of gifts. There are suggestions on the brochure. There is also a need for shipping. They are asking for a \$9 donation for the shipping of the shoebox.

The deadline for collection is November 12th.

We hope that you will consider being a part of this mission.



"Pack your shoebox with love, send it with prayer, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift."

Franklin Graham  
President,  
Samaritan's  
Purse



Bring your Bible to School day!  
Thursday, October 7th!  
Email Robin a picture of you at school with your bible for a special treat!

umceducation@windomnet.com

**KFC (Kids for Christ)**  
**FOR STUDENTS IN 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADE**

**WE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AFTER SCHOOL.—5:30PM SUPPER IS PROVIDED!**

**PLEASE RSVP TO ROBIN (SO SHE CAN ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FROM SCHOOL) BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**



## McPrayer!

For students 7th grade and older!  
Every Friday (or the last day of the school week)  
6:30am ~ usually done by 7:20am  
FREE BREAKFAST ~ INVITE A FRIEND  
If transportation is needed or if you have any questions, please call Jody 831-3284

# SEPTEMBER

## MEMORIES



See  
You  
At  
The  
Pole  
2021



Rally Sunday





Welcoming  
Windom!



# First United Methodist Church ~October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 World Communion Sunday</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Services 11:30a KDOM First Things Youth Group	4	5 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	6 9:00a Bible Study After School – KFC 6:00p SPRC Meeting 6:30p Bible Study	7 Bring Your Bible to School Day 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	1 6:30a McPrayer <hr/> 8 6:30a McPrayer	2 <hr/> 9
<b>10 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a All-Church Meal 11:30a KDOM First Things Youth Group	11 Columbus Day – Church Closed	12 12:00p Friendly Fellowship	13 9:00a Bible Study 3:30p Lois Circle 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation 7:00p Trustees Mtg	14 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	15 6:30a McPrayer	16
<b>17 Pastor Appreciation</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service/Pastor Appreciation/Children Singing 11:30a H4kl Luncheon 11:30a KDOM First Things 4:00p Nominations Mtg	18 5:30p Ruby's Pantry - Sherburn	19 1:00p Missions	20 Youth 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6:30a McPrayer 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study	21 MEA 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	22 MEA	23 MEA
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<b>31 Noisy Offering</b> Salvation Army 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a New Member Lunch and Learn 11:30a KDOM First Things Youth Group						

# First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>Joel Luitjens</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Dagen Hansen</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Kole Espenson Ian Smith Emma Snyder</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Priscilla Bonde Hunter Walklin  Ian &amp; Tara Smith</p>	<p>1 Bret Raverty Lane &amp; Deann Steele</p> <hr/> <p>8 Darrel Stevens</p>	<p>2 Tom &amp; Marlys Christensen</p> <hr/> <p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Todd Deutchman</p>	<p>12</p> <p>David &amp; Jody Derickson</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Darla Deutchman Deanna Moon Kaige O'Brien  Jim &amp; Kathy Glidden</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Tyson King Judy Rhoda Sarah Smith</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Laura Fresk  Glen &amp; Denise Francis</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Eldon &amp; Deanna Moon</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Eva Morgan  Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Dennis Marker</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Jessica Ambrose Keith Buresch Melinda Schunk Goody Youngren</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Keaton LaCanne Don Olson</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Bryce Green</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Brandon &amp; Melissa Pletcher</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Steve Glidden Abby Kipfer</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Judy Rand Shaun Schunk Ciera Visker</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Tami Vesey</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Walt Falk</p>				<p>Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.</p>	<p>Black – Birthday Blue - Anniversary</p>	

## *Poinsettia Order Form*

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**Red**



**Jingle Bells**



**White**

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

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

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to church office by Monday, November 1st.  
Thank you!**