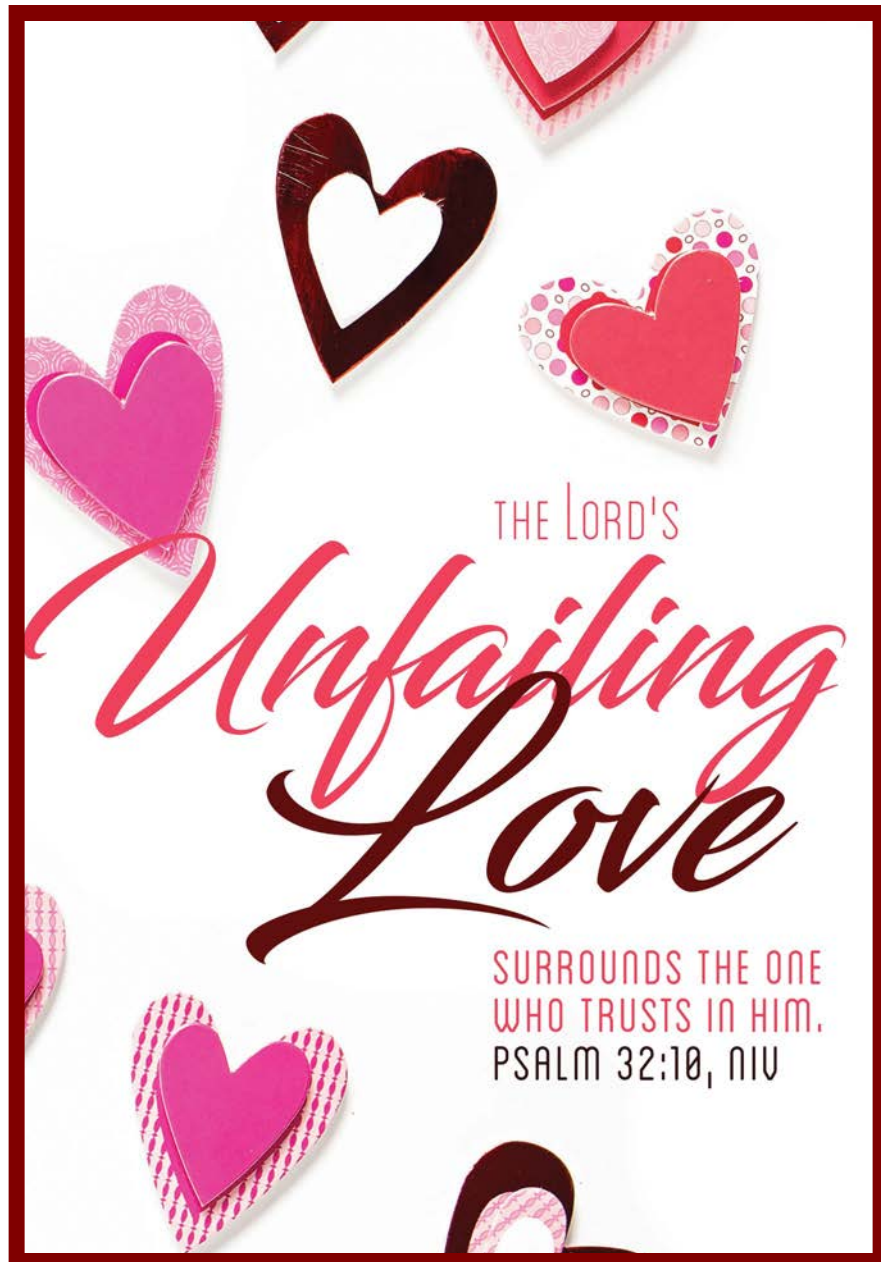


February 2022 Newsletter



First United Methodist Church

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Get In the Boat and Grab an Oar!

As we go forward into post-Covid life, we—the church—will need to try new things, reach people in new ways, use technology we haven't used before. There will be trial and error; we experience that now as we struggle weekly with Facebook Live for our Sunday morning worship service! But we will keep trying and learning and improving!



Whenever we are navigating new technology, or trying to “read” what’s changing in the culture around us (so that we can apply the gospel to it in relevant, life-changing ways), we will make mistakes. We’ll fall in the mud. Have embarrassing mishaps.

But we can’t stop trying. We’ve been commissioned by Jesus himself to “Go, make disciples of all...baptizing...teaching...and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus’ commission hasn’t changed. The message doesn’t change.

But the methods change. While we’re still sharing the same good news about Jesus today, we have to find relevant ways to share that truth. Methods don’t look the same in the 21st century as they did in the 1st century!

Change is hard. It’s uncomfortable. But we all do it...when necessary. I’m amazed as I watch people in their 80’s—and even into their 90’s—navigate cell phones, computers, and tablets. Why? So that they can stay in touch with their grandchildren (and even great-grandchildren)! And yet, often these same people will criticize change in the church (that could more effectively reach their grandchildren and great-grandchildren).

Others will stand back and criticize when church leaders try something different, and the results aren’t spectacular. Or it outright bombs. The critics weren’t willing to get in the boat and row, but they are perfectly happy to lob verbal rocks from the safety of the dry shore.

Teddy Roosevelt was one of our great presidents for many reasons. On April 23, 1910, he gave a speech at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. The speech was entitled “Citizenship in a Republic.” Here’s one of the most memorable quotes from it:

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short-coming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Roosevelt knew his share of critics. He went forward anyway! How will you live into this new season of life as we work to share the good news of Jesus in new ways? Will you get in the boat, grab a paddle and row? Or will you stand on the shore, grab and lob rocks, and complain?

Here are a couple great links on the power—and necessity—of change:

<https://revfife.substack.com/p/we-the-umc-have-to-talk-about-bruno>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AR5GVgOdixs>

Pastor Mike



Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00am—Noon

1:00—4:00pm

Closed Holidays—February 21st

Church Family News

Thank you to Jan Dehmlow, Nancy Meyer, Carolyn Paulson, Judi Ray, Arleen Rodman, and Laura Williams for preparing food for the workers at the blood drive site on January 5th.

Thank you to the Missions team who packed 52 backpacks for the Backpack program in January.

Thank you—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.

Communion Table—There has been some concern expressed on the placement of the communion table. We would like everyone to have the opportunity to share their thoughts with the Administrative Council. A time to gather has been scheduled for February 13th after the worship service in the Fireside Room.

Church Directory—The 2022 copy of our Church directory is now available. They are located across from the church office. While you are getting your directory, check out your mailbox for a special treat. If you don't have a mailbox, please write your name on the list provided and help yourself to a treat in the basket.

Mailboxes—Please take a moment while you are at church to check your church mailbox. You never know when there might be something fun waiting for you.

Reminder—the Church office will be closed on February 21st.

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

The family of Donald (Don) Zimmer,
Tammy Crowell's brother



Dear Church Family,
Many thanks for the cards, prayers and memorials in honor of my Mom, Beverly Stitt. Just knowing you were praying for our family during this difficult time was a solace for me. The "sting" of losing my Mom is still with me, but so is the promise of eternal life through Christ, our Savior. Bless you all.

With great love,
Kathy Jo and family



Weather Announcements

Please check with the following media for weather-related church announcements:

Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM
Windom TV cable channel 3

Windom KDOM radio 1580AM
Facebook.com/FirstUMCWindom

Please check your email for possible update.

(If the church does not have your email, please contact umcoffice@windomnet.com or call 831-3284)

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

Church services and activities are automatically cancelled if there is a BLIZZARD WARNING or a WINDCHILL WARNING. Lesser weather conditions are decided on a case by case basis. Please check ahead before venturing out if you are unsure. The safety of our church family is our first priority.



Friendly Fellowship



February 8th

Join us Tuesday, February 8th at noon for a time of sharing a meal together and hearing from our guest speaker, Joel LaCanne of LaCanne Family Funeral Service. Join us for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass if possible. All are welcome to attend. Invite a friend, or two or three! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 831-3284.

Future dates and speakers:

March 8th—Joel Luitjens, Pharmacist, Lewis Family Drug
April 12th—Citizen Publishing

LSS Meals—Bistro served at the Community Senior Center is OPEN! Meals are served at 11:30 AM. Winter weather reminder—LSS meals of Windom usually follows the Windom Area School District regarding weather closures. Listen to KDOM radio 103.1 FM for weather related announcements throughout the winter season.



2021 giving statements were mailed in 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 by contacting the church office
- Online at www.windomfumc.org
- Download Vanco Mobile
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

Apportionments

We've been asked how much the 2022 apportionments are if you were to divide by each member; our total apportionment amount divided by each member is \$136 per member.

MISSIONS



FEBRUARY 2022



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 February 22nd.
Serving begins at 5:30pm

Volunteers are needed, contact Kathy Jo McInnis or church office at 831-3284,
or sign up in the church lobby at the Information Center.
Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Food Shelf. This is for anyone! The next distribution date is Monday, February 21st. Bring \$22 (**Note price change**) 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.



Update on Cora!

Update written by Cora's mom, Megan Mathiowetz



February is heart month and **February 7-14th** is **Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness week** which is a special week for our heart warrior, Cora. Cora was born with Double Inlet Left Ventricle (DILV) amongst other heart defects and has overcome many obstacles in her 16 months of life. A year ago in February she had her 2nd heart surgery and was discharged a little over a week later only to be readmitted after spending 4 days at home. She then spent 6 weeks inpatient at Mayo in Rochester due to a complication called chylothorax. Once home, Cora has worked diligently with physical therapy and occupational therapy to hit her developmental milestones. She is now walking, saying a few words, eating some by mouth, and will hopefully be able to start weaning off her g-tube feeds soon. Most recently Cora had to wear a holter monitor for 48 hours due to a couple instances of low heart rate; however, her results came back as normal which we were thankful for. Cora is such a joy and a blessing. Although we know Cora will face more medical procedures and problems in the future we also know God will continue to guide us on this heart journey.



Easter Lilies & Flowers



Our church will be ordering Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 17th. Flowers can be taken home after the Easter service, or if you'd like, they can be left until April 24th to be enjoyed another week in the sanctuary.

The deadline to place orders with the church office is **Thursday, February 24th.**

Your name _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

_____ Easter Lily plants at \$14.50 = _____

_____ Daisy Mum flowering plants at \$17.50 = _____

_____ Hydrangea flowering plants at \$29.00 = _____

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.



Can you solve the puzzles?

Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Love

Answer: C

PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.

God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

February 2022

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 27th. There will be a reward for the winners! Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to bring 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.



Special points of interest:

- *The Chosen season 2 continues on Wednesdays at 9:00am or 6:30pm.*
- *McPrayer meets Fridays before school at 6:30am at McDonalds. For kids in grades 7th-12th!*
- *Feb. 2nd— KFC for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders meets from after school until 5:30pm. Supper provided.*
- *Feb. 6th— Both Youth Groups meet from 4:00-6:00pm*
- *Feb. 13th—Children share love with the residents at the Nursing Home **AND** sing for the congregation*
- *Feb 13th— Both Youth Groups meets from 4:00-6:00pm*
- *Feb 18th & 19th Inspiration Hills winter retreat for 4th, 5th, & 6th graders.*
- *Feb. 20th— Jr. high youth group (grades 6-8) meet from 3:00-5:00pm. Sr. high youth group (grades 9-12) meet from 5:00-7:00pm.*
- *Feb. 27th—Camping Sunday! Think summer!*
- *Feb 27th—Youth group meets from 4:00-6:00pm.*
- *Feb. 27th—OK mission trip meeting at 6pm.*

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!

Coming this summer...





2022 Oklahoma Mission Trip

Thank you to everyone who stayed for our walking taco lunch in January! We really appreciate your support!

For our fundraiser in February, we have decided we will start selling products, but don't worry! We guarantee what we are selling, EVERYBODY can use! Look for the youth in lobby before and after church on Sundays in February!



Trip update: We have met the Marshall team via zoom, and we can't wait to meet them in person. We have a host church in Tulsa, the Zion Community Church will be hosting us. We are starting to learn more about what we will be doing in Oklahoma. We know July will come fast! Thank you for all your continued encouragement and support! We can't wait to share more with you!

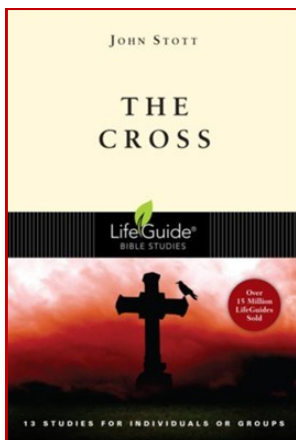
Our Sunday School Program needs substitute teachers!

Many of our teachers are leading classes alone, meaning no "team teacher." They prepare and plan for Sunday lessons each week. But nobody can be here ALL the time, so we would like to add you to our substitute teacher list. Please let Robin know if you could volunteer in this area! Our kids and teachers appreciate your help!

And we have the BEST kids in our program!



**NEW ADULT LIFE GROUP STUDY ~ BEGINNING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH.
9:00AM IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM ~ LED BY DAVID DERICKSON**

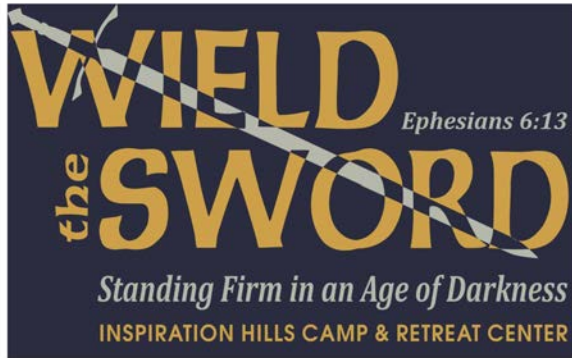


Christian faith is centered in the cross. And the Christian life is likewise rooted in the cross. The studies in this guide, based on John Stott's book *The Cross of Christ*, are designed to bring us to the heart of the cross with an understanding of what was accomplished there on our behalf.

We begin with an individual perspective but move on from there into a deeper understanding of what it means to live as a community under the cross. Our worship, our call to mission, our ability to love our enemies and to face the perplexities of suffering--the cross transforms everything! These thirteen-session LifeGuide® Bible Study provide the ever-increasing understanding of the cross needed by every believer. For over three decades LifeGuide Bible Studies have provided solid biblical content and raised thought-provoking questions—making for a one-of-a-kind Bible study experience for individuals and groups



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UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



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



Our Sunday School classes will be sharing some love with the residents at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home!! On Sunday, February 13th the Sunday School classes are hoping to sing at the nursing home at 10:00am. They also have handmade Valentine's to deliver to the residents. We will then return to the church to sing for our church family during the church service.

What a great way to share some love for Valentine's Day!



JANUARY MEMORIES



KFC
New Year
Celebration



Time to Revive Outreach

Walking Taco Fundraiser
for OK mission trip





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



2022 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

Scripture Writing Plan

February

Be Bold

- ☐ Day 1: 1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- ☐ Day 2: 1 John 2:28-29
- ☐ Day 3: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6
- ☐ Day 4: 2 Corinthians 3:10-12
- ☐ Day 5: 2 Timothy 1: 6-9
- ☐ Day 6: Acts 4:29-31
- ☐ Day 7: Daniel 10:18-19

- ☐ Day 8: Ephesians 3:10-13
- ☐ Day 9: Ephesians 6:18-20
- ☐ Day 10: Hebrews 4:16
- ☐ Day 11: Hebrews 10:19-25
- ☐ Day 12: Hebrew 10:35-36
- ☐ Day 13: Hebrews 12:25-29
- ☐ Day 14: Hebrews 13:5-6

- ☐ Day 15: Isaiah 40:28-31
- ☐ Day 16: Isaiah 43:1-7
- ☐ Day 17: Joshua 1:1-6
- ☐ Day 18: Joshua 1:7-9
- ☐ Day 19: Luke 11:9-10
- ☐ Day 20: Philippians 1:19-21
- ☐ Day 21: Philippians 4:12-13

- ☐ Day 22: Proverbs 28:1
- ☐ Day 23: Psalm 27:1-3
- ☐ Day 24 Psalm 56:3-7
- ☐ Day 25: Psalm 56:8-13
- ☐ Day 26: Psalm 91:1-7
- ☐ Day 27: Psalm 118: 5-10
- ☐ Day 28: Psalm 118:11-14

- ☐ Day 29: Psalm 138: 1-3
- ☐ Day 30: Psalm 138:4-8
- ☐ Day 31: Romans 8:31-35


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

Psalm 119:18

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting	2 9:00a Bible Study 3:30p KFC 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	3 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	4 6:30a McPrayer	5
6 Holy Communion 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 4:00p Youth Group	7	8	9 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation 7:00 Trustees 7:30 SPRC	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	11 6:30a McPrayer	12
13 Children Sing Nursing Home & Worship 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 11:45a Mtg with Ad Council 4:00p Youth Group	14	15 1:00p Missions	16 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	17 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees 6:30a McPrayer	18 No School Grades 4 - 6 Winter Retreat – Inspiration Hills	19 Grades 4 - 6 Winter Retreat – Inspiration Hills
20 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 3:00p Jr High Youth Gr 5:00p Sr High Youth Gr	21 President's Day Holiday church closed 5:30p Ruby's Pantry Sherburn MN	22 5:30p Dinner Table Served @ Presbyterian	23 9:00a Bible Study 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Confirmation	24 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardees	25 6:30a McPrayer	26
27 Camping Sunday 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 4:00p Youth Group 6:00p OK Mission Trip meeting	28					Corrections? Please let the office know – 831-3284 or umcoffice@windomnet.com

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~ February 2022

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	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.