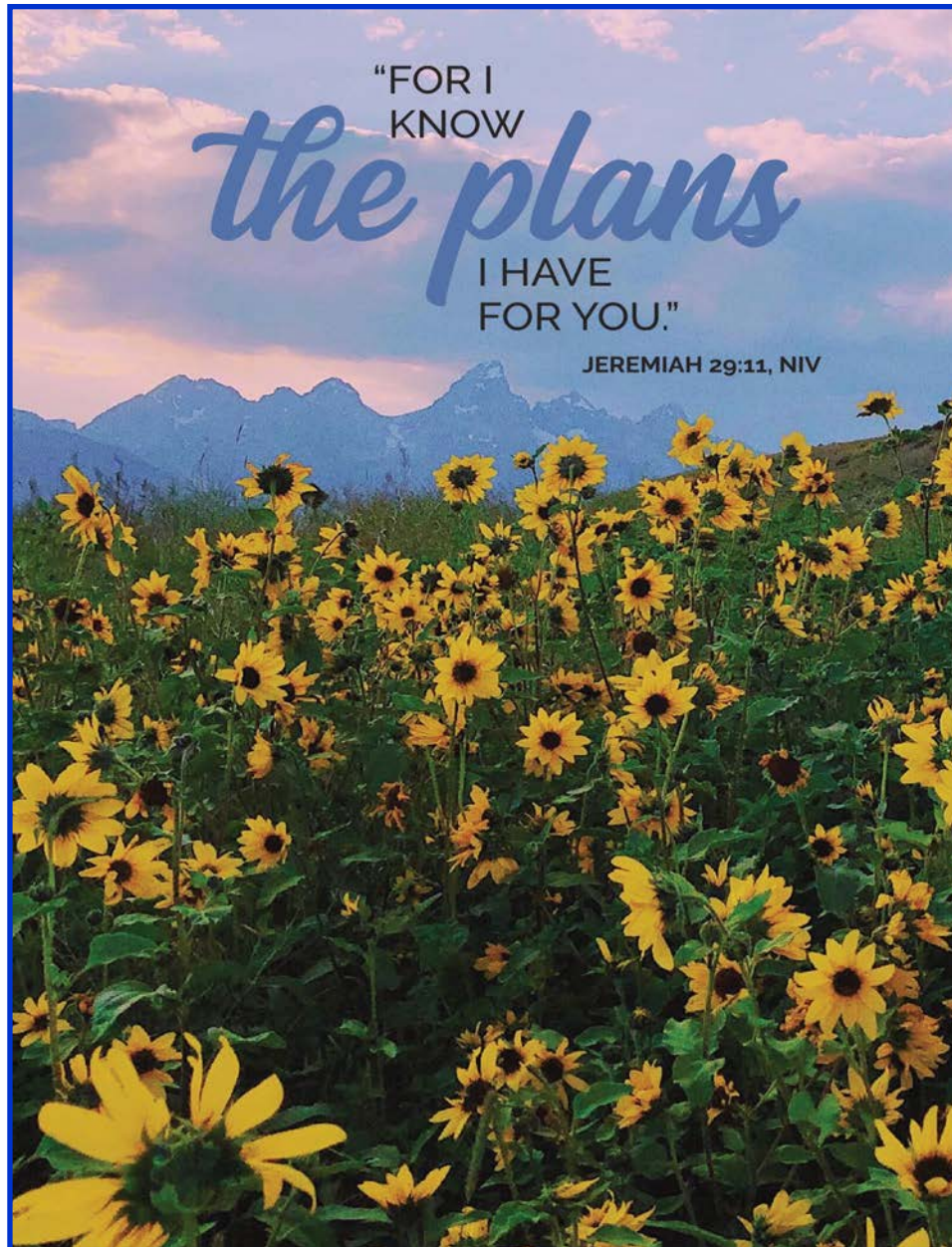


May 2022 Newsletter



First United Methodist Church

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Celebrating Milestones

Life is full of milestones: high school or college graduation; starting your first “real” job; marriage; the birth of a child; buying a first home. Most of us get to experience these.

Then there are “spiritual milestones” in our lives: a child’s first thoughts about God; attending church camp; awareness of God’s loving presence; making a commitment of faith in Christ; baptism; confirmation; stepping into church leadership.

During this month of May, my messages will focus on celebrating some of these milestones, and helping us affirm how important they are in our lives. If we do it right, milestones can remind us that God is with us, is faithful, and gives us wisdom and blessing through life’s important milestones. Then we can clearly see God’s direction and grace in our daily lives—in the big events and the seemingly small ones.

As the Psalmist reminds us in **Psalm 139.1-3**:

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

The Psalmist, David, continues to wonder at God’s great knowledge of him—and presence with him—even before he was born! This means that our very first milestone —of which God is intimately aware before anyone else—is our conception, hidden in our mother’s body! We are never out of God’s sight, presence or awareness!

One of the milestones we will celebrate this month on Sunday, May 15, is Confirmation. We have 11 Confirmation students this year; they are:

Ashlyn Altman
Nick Espenson
Landon Pillatzki
Kaylee Walklin

Kevin Curry
Madison Green
Rylie Raverty
Teigen Wormstadt

Kyle Curry
Karson LaCanne
Saydie Raverty

Like every milestone, Confirmation is important, but it’s also just a step in a lifelong journey—in this case in our journey of faith. Join me in praying that each of these young men and women will continue to grow in faith as disciples of Jesus, so that they continue to discover the many ways God wants to use them and give their lives amazing purpose!

I look forward to worshiping with you each Sunday in May, as we celebrate many of these milestones together. May God reveal to us more of his amazing plans for us and faithful presence with us as we Celebrate Milestones!

—*Pastor Mike*





Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9:00am—Noon
1:00—4:00pm
Closed Monday, May 30th

Worship Schedule

Sundays

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

Summer Schedule

May 29th thru September 4th

Sundays

9:00am Worship
9:00am streamed on Facebook
www.facebook.com/firstumcwindom or
www.windomfumc.org
11:30am KDOM Radio AM 1580

Church Family News

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, May 1st during our worship service.

Meeting on May 1st - Join members of the Administrative Council after the worship service in the sanctuary for an opportunity to discuss what information has been gathered about the communion table since the meeting in February. All are welcome to attend.

Join us on May 8th as we celebrate the baptism of Atlas Graham Smith, son of Ian and Tara Smith.

Join us on May 15th as it will be Confirmation Sunday during our regular Sunday morning worship at 10:30am.

Congratulations to our 2022 graduates. We will be recognizing First UMC 2022 High School graduates on May 22nd.

Outdoor Flowers will be planted on the patio for everyone to enjoy through the summer. If you would like to help with the cost of them, please mark your donation for 'outdoor flowers'. Thank you.

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Jesus said, "I must proclaim the Good News of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

Luke 4:43, NIV



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

Ray & Pat Elston
JoAnn VanNorman
Jody Derickson
Laura Williams
Peggy Roll
Judi Ray

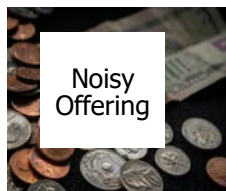
David & Juane Elston
Rick Brown
Jim Glidden
John & Jan Duscher
Robin Snyder
Barb Elston

Carol Hansen
Jody Vanderwerf
Vay & Arleen Rodman
Tom & Marlys Christensen
Jan Dehmlow
Pat & Mary Lee Raverty



United Methodist Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. **May 1st** we will be collecting donations to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. These offerings help to provide hope to children and youth. When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry is America's Rural Food Shelf. This is for anyone! The next distribution date is Monday, May 16th. Bring \$22 **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.



Sunday May 29th

Bring your coins (and paper money) for our 5th Sunday of the month noisy collection. This collection will go to the Youth mission trip to Oklahoma.



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 24th. Sign up in the church lobby to volunteer.

Celebrating 3 years of serving our community!

Would you like to support the humanitarian response in Ukraine?

Donations can be made to First UMC of Windom with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line. By giving to the Advance, 100% of your donation goes to the relief effort in Ukraine.



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. The theme of the [2022 Annual Conference](#)—which will take place May 24-25—is “Jesus: Healer.”

Bishop David Bard invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as a generous expression of God’s wild and extravagant love.

“Even in difficult times, Minnesota United Methodists have shown themselves to be generous in sharing the healing love of Jesus,” he said. “Our world confronts countless challenges, and though one offering cannot meet or overcome them all, it can do good and bring healing in the name and spirit of Jesus.”

Our Love Offering this year will address food insecurity by supporting three Minnesota United Methodist food ministries. Funds will also assist those in need in our nation and world by supporting Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia and Volunteers in Mission trips.

The funds from this year’s offering will go to:

- **The Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia (40 percent)** is undergoing a revitalization process and will soon be called Central Appalachian Missionary Conference. It is a United Methodist community in the eastern Kentucky region. It acts as a hub to transport volunteers, ministry dollars, and hope to the places where they are needed most. The 2022 Love Offering funds will be used for disaster response after recent severe flooding damaged churches and homes.
- **Food insecurity across Minnesota (50 percent, divided among the three ministries)**
 - Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato (17 percent)** Holy Grounds serves a warm breakfast to 40 to 50 people, six mornings a week. Holy Grounds has become an important resource in the community for relationship building, food security, and a place where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Your Love Offering gift will support the purchase of a new convection oven and provide needed funds to shift into post-pandemic ministry.
 - Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis (17 percent)** has been meeting the needs of food-insecure neighbors in South Minneapolis for 50 years. Demand has tripled since the start of the pandemic. The 2022 Love Offering dollars will come at a most opportune time—as the aging Simpson building will be razed to the ground, the food pantry is searching for a new location.
 - West African Family and Community Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center (17 percent)** Brooklyn UMC in Brooklyn Center started a culturally-specific food shelf to serve its neighbors, primarily West African immigrants and low-income families. Recently, the food shelf has seen increased need among other nationalities and ethnic groups, like South American, Caribbean, and Asian immigrants. The food shelf serves over 75 families each week and about 4,000 households per year. Your donations will provide household items, hygienic products, and culturally-specific food items to this community.
- **Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent)** 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.

If you would like to donate the Love Offering, please make your payments payable to First UMC, and note it for ‘Love Offering’.

Join us Tuesday, May 10th at noon for a time of sharing a meal together. 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. Friendly Fellowship will not be meeting during the summer months.



Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of the First United Methodist Church of Windom. We received a letter and certificate from our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf, thanking us for paying 100% of our apportionments in 2021. The letter is included in the newsletter.

Ways to Give

- Collection during worship (Offering Boxes)
- Mail: 974 6th Street, Windom MN 56101
- Online at www.windomfumc.org
- Download Vanco Mobile
- Direct Deposit by contacting the church office
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank for your support of the ministry and missions of First UMC.



Elsbeth has moved to Sioux Falls. She would love to hear from you. Her new address is:

Elsbeth Showman
Washington Crossing
4709 E. 6th Street #153
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Telephone Number:
605-331-1134



Minnesota Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church
Southern Prairie District

Our Mission

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Grow in Love of God and Neighbor
Reach New People
Heal a Broken World

Expression of Our Vision as Lived Out Values

Rooted in Jesus
Grounded in Wesleyan Theology
Inclusive of All Persons
Engaged in the Work of Justice and Reconciliation

April 6, 2022

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Together with your partner congregations of the Minnesota Conference, thank you for paying 100% of your 2021 apportionment allocation! With it, you generously support congregational ministries, local and global missions for United Methodist work and witness that no one individual; no one church could accomplish alone.

I am sure most of you, like me, grew up on episodes of Gilligan's Island. Do you remember the episode when a Japanese submarine emerged in the lagoon, and out of the hatch popped out a lone Japanese marine who believed WW 2 was still being fought? The castaways spent the remainder of the episode trying to convince the man that the war was, in fact, long over. It seems to me that like the castaways the people called United Methodists across the state are commissioned to help the world in which we live know the truth that the war is over! In Christ, a new age has begun! Whereas many interpret the difficult signs of the times with anxiety, and/or apathy we look not to the signs of the times, but the signs of the Son – Resurrected and Ascended! Therefore, in the face of world's craziness we can respond in hopefulness rather than despair!

I am pleased to inform you that yet again the percentage of collected apportioned giving of the Southern Prairie District Churches led all other districts in the conference in 2021. Again, our giving percentage increased and not decreased. I am convinced that this is because of congregations like yours see that all signs point to a dawning of a new age in Christ Jesus. With your giving we will continue as our work as United Methodists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – disciples that are growing in love of God and neighbor, reaching new people, and healing a broken world. Your apportionment contributions provide the leadership, systems, training, and support for this vision to bear fruit in and through our local churches. Thank you!

I know such dedication does not happen without setting clear priorities, cultivating strong stewardship, and making challenging financial decisions. Thank you for your leadership!

With gratefulness, be blessed!

Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf
Southern Prairie District Superintendent

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Scripture Writing Plan

May

Spiritual Warfare

- ☐ Day 1: 1 Corinthians 10:12-14
- ☐ Day 2: 1 John 3:7-10
- ☐ Day 3: 1 John 4:1-6
- ☐ Day 4: 1 John 5:1-5
- ☐ Day 5: 1 Peter 5:6-11
- ☐ Day 6: 2 Chronicles 20:15
- ☐ Day 7: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

- ☐ Day 8: 2 Corinthians 11:12-15
- ☐ Day 9: 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12
- ☐ Day 10: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
- ☐ Day 11: Colossians 1:9-14
- ☐ Day 12: Ephesians 6:10-14
- ☐ Day 13: Ephesians 6:15-18
- ☐ Day 14: Isaiah 43:1-7

- ☐ Day 15: Isaiah 43:8-13
- ☐ Day 16: Isaiah 54:14-17
- ☐ Day 17: James 4:4-10
- ☐ Day 18: John 10: 7-10
- ☐ Day 19: John 10:11-15
- ☐ Day 20: John 16:31-33
- ☐ Day 21: Luke 10:16-20

- ☐ Day 22: Psalm 18:29-34
- ☐ Day 23: Psalm 18:35-41
- ☐ Day 24: Psalm 37:12-17
- ☐ Day 25: Psalm 44:1-8
- ☐ Day 26: Psalm 91:1-11
- ☐ Day 27: Revelation 12:7-9
- ☐ Day 28: Revelation 12:10-12

- ☐ Day 29: Romans 8:31-35
- ☐ Day 30: Romans 8:36-39
- ☐ Day 31: Romans 12:17-21

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

Psalm 119:18

**Special points
of interest:**

- May 1st: Youth group will meet right after church in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.
- May 4th: KFC end of year fun day. Painting at Ashes to Art and supper at A & W.
- May 13th: Last day of McPrayer.
- May 15th: Confirmation Sunday
- May 22nd: Senior Recognition Sunday
- May 22nd: Last Day of Sunday School—SS Volunteer/Student Recognition Breakfast at 9:00am
- June 5th-9th: VBS!! 6:00-8:30pm each Night.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
THIS YEAR'S
GRADUATES!**

Alex Altman
Bradley Brown
Kaleb Curry
Kaylan Donchez
Zach Espenson
Braydon Kreofsky
Lucy Stevens
Lucas Vesey

*We wish you all
the best!!*



Christian Education News

May 2022

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

Are you ready for an adventure? Monumental is the summer event that helps celebrate God's greatness!

At Monumental VBS, kids explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love for them!

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

We will participate in a hands-on mission project. Our offerings will be used to provide school supplies



**JOIN US FOR VBS—
June 5th-9th
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

to select reservations right here in North America.

Invite your children's friends to attend. VBS is open to children ages 3 years-old 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 Monumental sign-up display in the church lobby or call Robin at 831-3284.

Mark these dates on your calendar: June 5th-9th. 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 Canyon Closing on Thursday night, June 9th, 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 22nd 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 gone by so fast! This fall we were committed to "taking our ships" out of the harbor, and we did! I am always so thankful for our volunteers, who are fearless and willing to try new and different things! 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
Nikki Schowalter
Tori Vesey
Rhonda Crowell
Jody Derickson
Keith Schroeder
David Derickson
Briana Visser
Justin Espenson
Brittany Espenson
Julie Donchez
Marcia Smith
Peggy Roll

McPrayer Volunteers

Ellen King
Dane Nielsen
Jody Derickson

Our Substitute Teachers

Rachel Raverty
Renee Green
Emma Snyder
Tara Smith
Abby Kipfer
Kathy Jo McInnis
Jackie Fester
Missy Edmundson
Lindsey O'Brien
Sarah King

KFC Volunteers

Tori Vesey
Kathy Jo McInnis
Dori Hansen
Sharron Tibodeau
Judi Ray
Keith Schroeder

Adult Study Leader

Kathy Jo McInnis

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

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!

Congratulations to our May Confirmands!

Ashlyn Altman
Kyle Curry
Madison Green
Landon Pillatzki
Saydie Raverty
Teigen Wormstadt

Kevin Curry
Nick Espenson
Karson LaCanne
Rylie Raverty
Kaylee Walklin

KFC KIDS FOR CHRIST

WE'VE HAD A GREAT YEAR! WE WILL CELEBRATE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 6:45PM. WE WILL BE GOING TO ASHES TO ART AND THEN TO A&W FOR SUPPER.

WE PRAY YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!



Church family,
Please join us for breakfast on
Sunday, May 22nd in the
Fellowship Hall at 9:00am as we
celebrate our Sunday School year!
We will honor our high school
graduates, Sunday School
Teachers, and our Sunday School
students.

Please sign up in the church lobby
by Sunday, May 15th if you would
join us! We look forward to all
that we have to celebrate!



This month for Operation
Christmas Child, our students are
collecting Baby dolls and sports
balls. Please keep in mind the size
of our shoeboxes when you are
choosing toys to send.

The Sunday School classes thank
you for your help with this mission
project!



Aaron Walklin

A fundraiser for
our youth mission
trip to OK!



Bret Raverty



David Derickson



Jens Hansen



Kevin Stevens



Su Jeffrey



Le Krumrey



Jerome Smith

Who will have to kiss the pig??

Voting in the lobby through May 18th!
Kissing will take place at our end of year celebration
breakfast on May 22nd.



April

MEMORIES



*Muffins with Moms
And
April KFC*



Palm Sunday Singers

*First Grade
Operation
Christmas Child
Shopping

&

Egg My Yard!*



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Location: _____
(church name)

Save these dates: _____
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: _____
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: _____
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: _____
(registration web address)

Please return registration to the Church Office by May 22, 2022. Cost: \$10.00 donation which includes a T-shirt.
Please select a size at the bottom of the form. If mailing, please return to: FUMC, 974 6th Street, Windom



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

All students in grades Pre-School through 5th grade are welcome!
June 5th - June 9th from 6:00pm - 8:30pm each night.

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____


Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

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T-Shirt Size (please circle one) S (6-8) M(10-12) L(14-16) Adult S(34-36) M(38-40) L(42-44)

First United Methodist Church ~May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things 11:30a Youth Rental 1 – 5pm	2	3 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 10:00a DCOM Mtg	4 After School: Kids For Christ 6:30p Confirmation	5 National Day of Prayer 6:30a Men's Breakfast at Hardees	6 6:30a McPrayer	7
8 Mother's Day Baptism 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things	9	10	11 3:30p Lois Circle 7:00p Trustees Mtg 7:30p Finance Mtg 7:30p SPRC Meeting	12 6:30a Men's Breakfast at Hardees	13 6:30a McPrayer	14 Rental 9:00a-1:00p
15 Confirmation 9:00a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things	16 5:30 – 7:00p Ruby's Pantry Sherburn MN	17 1:00p Missions	18	19 6:30a Men's Breakfast at Hardees	20	21
22 Sunday School Celebration Graduation Recognition 9:00a Sunday School Breakfast/Awards 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Things	23	24 5:30 Serving at The Dinner Table	25	26 6:30a Men's Breakfast at Hardees	27	28 Rental - 12:00pm Summer church schedule starts this weekend!
29 Noisy Offering – Youth Mission Trip 9:00a Worship 11:30a First Things	30  Memorial Day Church closed	31				

1st UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Julie Diemer Jerome & Marcia Smith	2 Cooper Smith	3 Saydie Raverty	4 Jennifer Jeffrey Wayne & Su Jeffrey	5 Kaleb Curry Mike Simon	6	7 Jeremy Green
8 Steve White	9 Elaine Bramstedt Tiegen Wormstadt Brian & Kristi Hedman	10	11 Julie Donchez	12 Travis Hansen	13 Kody & Shaina Johnson	14
15	16 Marv Grunig	17 Jan Duscher Le Krumrey	18 Nicole Inman	19 Kristi Hedman	20	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	