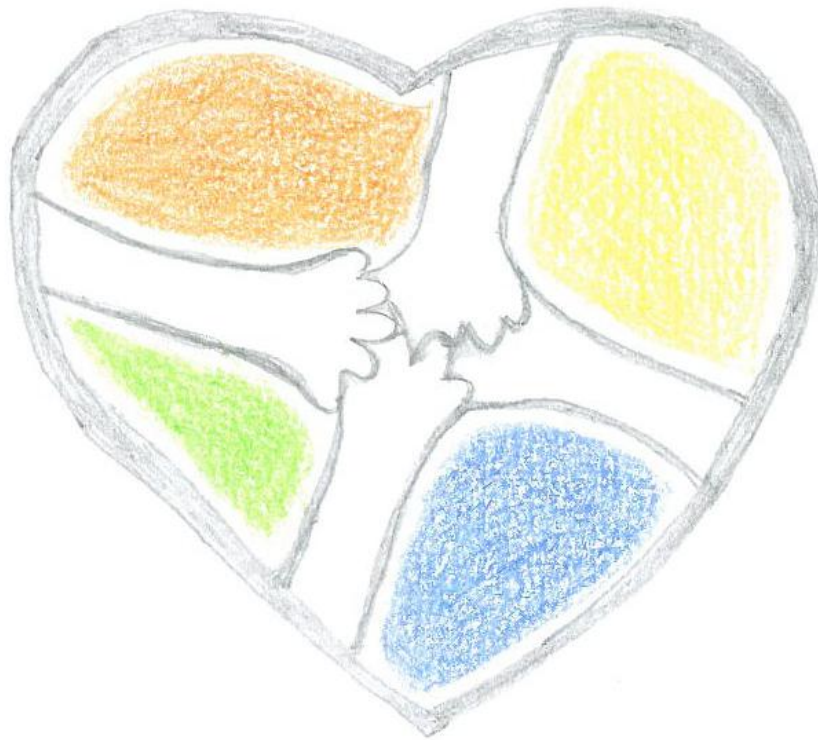


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Extravagant Generosity
The Heart of Giving

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Sunday, October 2, 2011

*A Churchwide special Sunday of the
United Methodist Church.*

Changing the world, one life at a time.

Growing Edge Deadline is due the 15th of every month by 9:00 a.m.



*Prayer Chain Information
Call to share your joys and concerns
National United Methodist Prayer Chain:
1-800-251-2468*



Extravagant Generosity; The Heart of Giving is the theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign. Giving, whether of time, talent, or money, is a matter of the heart. We give to what or whom we love or what inspires us to be agents of support or change in the world. For example, I like classical music. I often have it playing in the background. I have CD's of classical artists and I support public radio. I do that not because I have to, but because I like it; I want to share it; it gives something to me and I want to make it possible for others to receive the same benefits.

Generosity to God is the same thing. Having received so much from God, having enjoyed so much beauty in this world, realizing the needs of others to be fed, physically, spiritually and emotionally causes me to give of what I have to the church. Over my lifetime I have been touched in loving and hurtful ways by "the church" or more specifically by people in the church. Any illusions I had that people left their humanity at the door were dismissed when I was a child. But no other organization fills me with such hope for the future. There is no other gathering of people to which my heart goes out to such as it does to people IN the church and people who come TO the church for physical, emotional, spiritual or relational growth.

These are trying times in the Church and in the world. We have a crisis of confidence in our political organizations, our employers, our neighbors. We are besieged by the stories of corruption, alarming disappearance of the middle class and the increasing burden carried by the poor in this nation and around the world. Into this world God pours out God's Spirit not in dribs and drabs but in ever flowing streams. Into this world God continues to call God's people out from slavery to human institutions and into the freedom of God's beloved community; out of fear of what might be into hope of what can be; out of the darkness of unworthy endeavors and into the light of new life for all.

It is to a life of heartfelt generosity that God calls us and provides us with the means to live it. Generosity is not measured by how much one gives in relation to or in competition with others. Generosity is measured by the power of our love for God and our neighbor and the willingness to give ourselves and our treasures to express that love in life transforming deeds.

Pastor Deb

Something to think about: This is in item from the September 6 Christian Century. **“Prophet for the Ages:** The prophet Jeremiah was a failure in his time-----he failed to save Jerusalem from destruction and he couldn’t keep his contemporaries from rebelling against Babylon. Nevertheless, Jeremiah espoused three great truths, says Rabbi Mordecai Schreiber: that God is One, that we need to take personal responsibility for our actions and can’t simply blame the group to which we belong, and that human effort is the way to redeem the world. Jeremiah was the source of the rabbinic concept, “One does not rely on miracles” (tikkun.org). God calls us into a marvelous partnership with Christ to save the world. It seems to me that the miracle is not the achievement, it is to make the attempt.

Pastor Deb

CARING MINISTRIES



Dates for Stephen Ministers:

October 24 Peace of Mind Seminar 7 PM

November 22 Support Meeting 7 PM

December 20 Longest Night Worship 7 PM

Our Stephen Ministry Trainees have begun their study. Please keep them in your prayers as they undertake this important ministry.

Family Table “Back to School” Big Success!

In July our table hosts let people know we would have free school supplies for children who came for a meal in August. Word got out and we had several new families show! One dad who usually brings his two boys also brought some of their friends from Little League along. Not only did they get backpacks and desk supplies, but cool back to school haircuts too! Nineteen kids picked out their own supplies, and the leftover supplies went to Alexandra House. Thank you for your generosity!

EDUCATION

Sunday morning classes have begun!

We offer classes for all ages from **10:50 – 11:45**, with at least four choices each week for adults and classes for all ages: adults, children and youth. The nursery will be open every Sunday



from 9:15 – 11:45 for children under age 3. AND, we offer a second class for our preschool and kindergarten children after the story for all ages in worship. This class ends at the beginning of fellowship time.

FUSION



We offer a new experience called FUSION!, all ages meeting together to experience the story, discussion and activities relating to it. This is a Sunday morning learning experience *for people of all ages*, including children, youth and adults, meeting from 10:50 – 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Our schedule each week will include gathering time, a story circle (time to hear and experience a story from the Bible) and response, several ways we can individually respond to the story – art, music, and more.

Youth and young adults are especially invited. This is a season of discovery and growth in relationship with the Creator and each other. Please consider joining us in this new adventure called FUSION! *May the energy of God's creative love flow in and through us.*

ADDITIONAL ADULT CLASSES at 10:50 on SUNDAYS

Seekers: focus on the scriptures that are read and preached in worship each week, meet in the Northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall, led by Bill Ekstrum and Shelley Colvin.

Linking Faith and Life: focus this fall on discerning what God is doing, through the lenses of world religions and spirituality, meeting each week in the lounge with JoEllen Ambrose and Kate Smith-Sheeder.

Short Term classes:

- ***October - Extravagant Generosity*** is a discussion from Bishop Robert Schnase, who also wrote Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations which we studied last fall. Bishop Schnase's book will help us explore questions such as How does our relationship with God shape our views about money? How does our giving affect our relationship with God? And How does God use our giving to change us? Join Pastor Deb as she leads this four week study.
- Beginning November 20, please join Pastor Deb for a 5 week Advent Study entitled The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem. Written by Adam Hamilton, this study takes you from Nazareth to Bethlehem as you experience history, archeology and stories of the birth of Jesus.

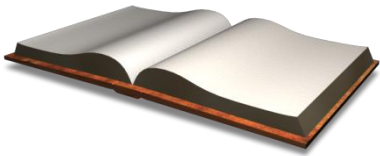
A SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: Sunday, October 30, Imagine No Malaria! 10:50 – 11:45, all ages together to learn about this awful disease and how the United Methodist church is going to change the world.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: We are reading and discussing Brian McLaren's book entitled *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith*.

This is a 9 week study of this interesting book, meeting **every other** Sunday evening beginning September 18 - November 13, from 4:30 – 6:00, breaking for the holidays and resuming on January 8 until February 19, the Sunday before Lent begins. Pastors Deb and Diane will lead the study. From a review of this book:” A New Kind of Christianity is built around the exploration of ten important questions that Christians throughout the world are asking. McLaren doesn't so much provide pat answers to these questions as give thoughtful responses which leave the door open for further exploration. This is not a book for people who want a pedagogue to tell them what to believe. Rather it inspires you to bring your own theology into the light and take an honest look at what you believe, why you believe it and if, perhaps, you ought to rethink a thing or two (or ten).” As of this writing we still have some room – join us! It won't be hard to catch up.

Wednesday Study Group (aka WSG) meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the Computer Room with Pastor Deb. They enjoy a lively discussion of books of the Bible and related studies. This is an open group – join them!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Our next book retreat is October 1, from 9:30 – 1:30, and we will discuss Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese. Our group is selecting our next book at this retreat. We are open to everyone who loves reading. If you have interest, watch for more information about our next retreat. We meet about three times a year, choosing each book as we go.



NEW IN THE LIBRARY: Take a look at our subject listing of the library books, find **What's New**, and take a look at the large number of wonderful new books! Special thanks to our library team of Judy Schuldt, Holly Quarry, Elaine Sando and Polly Kielkucki who are redoing our database! **USE OUR LIBRARY!**



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A Men's Bible Study Group meets every Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. at Keys Cafe on the east side of University Avenue NE near 83rd Street in Spring Lake Park. We eat a Keys breakfast (\$3 - \$10 including tip.) We take turns volunteering to lead that week's lesson, guiding us through a reading of scripture and story and a discussion of the meaning of that lesson for our lives. We also share prayer concerns. The Bible study text that we use for each attendee is "The New International Lesson Annual", for which we each make a voluntary annual contribution of about \$20. We keep a free extra copy or two in the church library for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity. All men are welcome. For more information contact Roger Olson.



YOUTH GROUP



Youth News! At our September 18 meeting we made some plans we'd like to share. We will meet the first and third Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. We are planning to be part of Sunday morning FUSION as our focused faith experience. If other churches in our community are doing Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 30 we'll do ours then as well. Halloween is on Monday and that might be a problem for us. So we'll have to see what others in the community are doing.

We have scheduled our second ever "All Church Cookie Bake" and are hoping for partners to help us bake, bag, and distribute these little bags of cheer. Over Christmas and New Years vacation we'll be inviting youth and young adults to go bowling and share pizza.

There will be a weekend service retreat in late January or early February depending upon the schedule of the retreat center we want to go to. Junior High students wishing to attend JUMY'S need to get information from, and to Mary Wright as soon as possible. There is scholarship money available to help with the costs.

At the last meeting there was a new and rather surprising thing learned: garlic stuffed grapes are actually edible. They don't taste nearly as bad as one might think.

Mary, Kyle, and I need some volunteers to help with some of the activities. Please see one of us and we can share with you the choices we have and the places we could use a little extra help.

Pastor Deb

MISSIONS

October Mission



Our mission emphasis for the month of October is Emma Norton Services. Its main facility is in a brick building quietly tucked into the urban landscape of St Paul and the 50 women who live there are somewhere on the road to wholeness. It was founded in 1917 and was initially funded by Emma Norton, a wealthy Methodist women's leader. It remains closely tied to United Methodist Women, which owns the property, pays its insurance, and conducts training for its directors and staff.

More recently, Emma's Place, another ministry run by Emma Norton Services was built in Maplewood. It's a collection of 13 townhouses providing semi-permanent housing to single parents with three or more children who are facing severe challenges.

A major element of moving women toward a stable life beyond Emma Norton is finding employment. That's not an easy task in a troubled economy, and even more challenging for women who've been homeless. Emma Norton is looking at ways of creating "supported employment" – small businesses where the jobs match the skills and deficits of the employees and the supervisors understand those skills and deficits.

About three-quarters of Emma Norton residents have a serious mental illness. A similar number are troubled by drug and alcohol addiction, and many have both. A majority have also suffered domestic violence.

Poor women have a hard time seeing psychiatrists, and that situation is provoked by a shortage of psychiatrists. Mismanaged medication is the main cause of psychiatric hospitalizations. Short office visits allow no time to really investigate what's going on in a patient's life. At Emma Norton, each woman's case manager ensures that health care professionals know their patient.

One resident recently described her life at Emma Norton "I learned to ask for the help I need. I've gained a lot of self-esteem, and I don't have to settle for any man who's going to abuse me. I'm capable of getting back to work. I can do anything, but I can't do anything by myself. I need help. Ultimately it's God who's helping me, and I'm grateful. I didn't feel worthy of that before, but now I do."

Your Mission Commission

AT THE DONATION STATION (the bins in the hall near the front doors) we are collecting:

- Books and Magazines for inmates of Anoka County Jail. – please remove your address. No catalogues or tattered magazines please.
- Supplies for health and school kits. See the list on the bin for exact items needed.
- Batteries (button sized to D cell, no car or computer batteries)
- Used Ink Cartridges
- Used Cell Phones
- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Used Eyeglasses for the Lions' Club
- Pop Tops from cans for Ronald McDonald House
- Plastic caps - rigid plastic screw on caps
- Personal sized toiletries for Family Table guests.



CHURCH ALBUM



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Shirley Moore whose sister passed away, and to Bob Schuldt whose brother –in – law passed away.

55+



55+ Trip to Feed My Starving Children! Join us on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25** from 2:30 – 4:30 at the Coon Rapids. Sign up on the form on Pastor Diane's door or contact her to add your name. Indicate whether you will meet us there or ride with us from the church. There are jobs for all people – standing or sitting! Join us, and make a difference for hungry children. Limited to 15 people!

Adults with Aging Parents: We will meet again in the computer room October 18. We're reading a book together entitled A Bittersweet Season: Caring for Our Aging Parents and Ourselves. Chapters 7-9 will be discussed at the October meeting. Anyone who is dealing with issues around caring (either locally or long distance) for aging parents is welcome to join us. Books are available at local or internet bookstores, or Pastor Diane can order one for you.

SINGLES BREAKFAST! 55+ folks, join us for breakfast at Perkins at 7520 University Ave in Fridley, on Tuesday, November 1 at 9:30 AM. This is just a social time – come, relax and enjoy the company of FUMC friends. Everyone orders what they want, and pays their own bill!

55+ LUNCH AND PROGRAM! Join us again October 10, for a fabulous lunch prepared by Nancy Nehring and her hard working crew, and a time of story sharing. We meet in the fellowship hall at 12:30 PM. A free will offering is taken to cover the meal cost, and we'd like your reservation by Wednesday, October 5. Sign up on the clipboard posted on the wall outside of Brenda's office, or call Brenda at 571-1526 or email her at Brenda.Labarre@fridleyumc.org. Bring your friends! There's always room for more, and it's a good time to share what's great about FUMC! **AND BY THE WAY:** If you are willing to give a ride to someone who is no longer driving for these Monday lunches, please let Pastor Diane or Deb know. Thanks!

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for scripture readers. Would you like to read scripture during Sunday worship? You don't have to have experience; new people are welcome to read. If interested, please call Carolyn Doyle @763-571-4589.



We are looking for a few more Growing Edge collators. They meet once a month for a couple of hours to get the Growing Edge ready for mailing. If you would like to volunteer, please call Brenda @763-571-1526. *(I try to rotate names so you may not be called every month.)*

CPR/AED refresher course! Join Tim White on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 PM for a short refresher on how to use our AED and the hands only CPR course. If you are an usher or a teacher, this is very important. If you are not, it is very helpful to know! If you haven't taken it before, join us and get started. If you are a choir member, you can still attend choir that evening. CPR and AED use saves lives.

**FALL BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY 10/29
AKA (BILLOWEEN BLOODLETTING PARTY)**



In honor of Bill Skluzacek's valiant battle with cancer, his social director tendencies and his willingness to help others we are hosting a blood drive from 10-3 on Saturday October 29th here at FUMC. I will be looking for volunteers to set up, work the blood drive, provide food and candy (for the volunteers, blood donors and Red Cross staff) and helpers to take down everything when we are done. We hope to make this a family friendly event including some Halloween games, drawings for small prizes and costumes for those who choose to wear them.

If you would like to help out contact Cheryl Dove Skluzacek at 763-574-7221 or cskluz@yahoo.com. Also after MANY, many dedicated years of service Delores Hendrick is “retiring” from heading up the callers who call to set up appointments for blood donors. We are going to try something new this time for appointments. You may set up an appointment through redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE and give them the date of our drive or call or e-mail me.

We are hoping to avoid the use of bulletin inserts as much as we can to both be green and save time. Therefore, please set up your blood donation appointment early and/or let me know as soon as possible if you are able to help out in some way with this ministry.

For many of us giving blood is a quick and easy way to help others. There are actually few medical conditions and medications that keep people from giving blood. If you are unsure as to whether you can give, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to ask a Red Cross representative whatever questions you may have.

If you are unable to donate blood but would like to help out in another way contact me and I am sure we can find a way for you to assist us in this mission. Youth are welcome to volunteer to help with the blood drive. Also if you are not available on the day of the drive we would love donations of Halloween treats that can be used as prizes and snacks that day. Packaged treats may be left in or near the Blood Drive mailbox in the office. Just put a note on them that they are for the Blood Drive.

I was so impressed that we had 9 first time donors last spring! We also had 5 people give double red cells! Feel free to come and give blood and have an excuse to have treats (and bring a friend or family member if you can).

I was told once when I gave blood that it takes 500 calories for your body to replace a unit of blood and I personally would use that as an excuse to eat a bit more candy at Halloween!
Cheryl Dove Skluzacek

Fridley United Methodist Church hosts our 3rd Annual Craft and Gift Market Saturday November 19, 2011. 9 AM – 1 PM!



Our Craft and Gift Market is an opportunity for people to buy gifts from individuals, church groups, and non-profits for holiday and other giving.

What is unique about this market? All your purchases go towards local church ministries and non-profits. Gifts available are items (crafts, books, jewelry from other countries, etc.) services enjoyed at the Market (concessions), and donations to non-profits (Meals on

Wheels, Simpson Housing Services).

Who are craft and gift providers? Non-Profits (Alexandra House), Church groups (Missions, Education Council), Church crafters, and maybe you! FUMC Church groups or individual crafters may participate with the expectation that all profit goes to FUMC. Every group and person must register to be a part of the “market.” No registration necessary to come and buy!

Who can come? The community-at-large is invited along with Church members to shop.

Add joy to your giving with an opportunity to purchase gifts that will give twice!

Interested in selling? Register to sell your crafts by Nov. 1 to reserve your space - contact JoEllen Ambrose. See co-chairs Carley Mondloh or JoEllen Ambrose with your questions.



An invitation from our Bishop:

Bishop Sally Dyck and Director of Ministries Cindy Gregorson have been traveling the state over the past year to be in conversation with our clergy about our changing culture and communities and the implications for our churches. We have called those visits the New Realities Road Tour. We have listened and learned much.

We have also, of course, been doing our own reading and research and have made some observations as well. And now we would like to go on the road one more time and dialogue with you the laity of our congregations.

We extend to you an invitation to join us for a couple hours of conversation. We want to hear your perspective about what is changing in your community and how it is affecting your church. We will share with you what we have been hearing and learning, and together, given the changing expectations, we will re-think church and consider what the implications are for clergy and lay leadership. Because of scheduling complications, we have limited stops around the state. We understand your life is full of opportunities for your time and energy. But we would really value the opportunity to talk with you about something we both love: the United Methodist Church and participating in God's mission in the world. So, please, consider joining us at one of the times and locations listed below.

Tuesday, September 27th, 7-9 at Centennial UMC, Roseville, MN

Saturday, October 1st, 9-11am at Homestead UMC, Rochester, MN

Saturday, October 1st, 3-5pm at First UMC, New Ulm, MN

Sunday, October 2nd, 2:30-4:30pm at Sauk Centre UMC

Sunday, October 2nd, 7-9pm at CrossWinds UMC, Maple Grove, MN

To make sure we have adequate seating, please use this link to register your attendance:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/616174/Laity-Road-Trip>

Thanks! We look forward to seeing you on the road!!



UMW NEWS

FRIDLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tabitha Circle will be meeting on Monday, October 10th at 7:00pm for a short business meeting. Anyone wishing to help make blankets for the Homeless can meet at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dawn Bushnell at 763-252-1722 (work) or 763-755-0845 (home) if you want to help, so that I know how much material to purchase.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at the home of Donna Wen at 6:30 p.m. potluck.

Naomi Friendship Circle will meet on Friday, October 14 at 9:30 a.m.

UMW Board Meeting is on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and watch for details: Harvest Supper and Bake Sale is November 4.



You will be receiving Stewardship letters each week in October. As part of those mailings you will have a “heart” insert. Each letter has a question that we would like you to take the time to complete and bring or mail back to us so that we can display them around the building. For example the first letter asks you to share “what do you love most about our church?” Please share your answers with us so we can see how we touch each other’s lives. If you forget to bring it to church there will be extra ones in the bulletin. We’d like to have as many replies as possible in order to capture different pieces of how you experience FUMC.

—*Thanks! Stewardship/Finance Committee & Pastor Deb*



A big thank you to all that helped make Rally Day Sunday such a success. Thank-you to those who attended and thank-you to all that donated stuffed animals. The Fire Fighters and Police Officer were overwhelmed by our generosity. A special thank-you to Barney Buss for getting us the fire truck, a special thank-you to Holly Quarry for getting the cake, and to Pastor Deb for guiding me in making the prayer. And of course thank-you to all the UMW members who set-up, cooked, served and cleaned up. It was a success due to everyone helping out (including the men who helped)! Thanks everyone!

Dawn Bushnell

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, their visits and their cards while I was in Rehab from Knee replacement surgery. It means an awful lot to know your church congregation is thinking of you and praying for your recovery. The knee still does not bend the way it should but it will get there. Thank you again.

Lowell Parrish



**Thanks &
a Tip of
the Hat to...**

Our summer was filled with beautiful music from our talented musicians. Thank you to all who have provided music for our summer services. Musicians and choral readers include: Joyce Dahlberg, Ralph Olson, Bill Ambrose, Judy Lange, Sheila Some, Sue Madison, Les Johnson, Kristen Ruesges, Karen Evenson, Scott Evenson, Bill Ekstrum, Dan Bosshardt, Bill Larson, Jennie Kratzer, Davis Breen, Kris Bloomberg, Eileen Miller and Sharon White. Thanks for sharing your talents.

This October marks the 5th anniversary of my journey with cancer, a little trip I could not have endured without all of you. Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Deb, Pastor Diane and Cindy Robb for all your encouraging words and lifting of spirit. Thank you to everyone at Fridley UMC for your prayers, I truly believe they have worked so far. And thank you for funny notes, letting me bend an ear, hugs and smiles. God has truly blessed me with my friends here.

Norma Swenson



The Tabitha Circle Summer Project of collecting shorts (undershorts) was a huge success due to all of you. We collected over 500 undergarments which will be given to the Stepping Stone organization (a Homeless Shelter in Anoka), the Alexandra House (a Woman's Shelter in Anoka County) and Sharing and Caring Hands (to be handed out to the homeless in Minneapolis and St Paul). Our church family is truly a very giving family and we can't thank you all enough, for supporting all our projects.

The Members of Tabitha Circle

Dear FUMC,

Minnesota FoodShare is grateful for the \$2,861.00 gift received on August 26, 2011. We are tremendously grateful for your heartfelt giving.

A great deal will be accomplished with donations like yours. Through our annual March Campaign, Minnesota FoodShare will continue to raise more than half the food distributed each year through 300 food shelves in the state. We will also work year-round as advocates for hunger issues on state and national levels and continue to connect school children from low-income families with the summer meals program.

Thank you again for making it possible for us to provide these services and meet the needs of hungry children and families in communities across our state.

Gratefully,

Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer; Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Stewardship Starts World Communion Sunday <u>8:00 AM -8:30 Prayer in Sanctuary</u> <u>9:30 AM Worship</u> <u>10:30 AM Fellowship</u> <u>10:50 AM All Age Learning</u> <u>4:30 PM -6:00 PM McLaren Study</u> <u>6:00 PM Youth</u>	3 <u>9:30 AM Bridge</u> <u>12:00 PM -2PM Diane @ UTS</u> <u>7:00 PM Missions</u> <u>7:00 PM SPRC</u>	4 <u>Deb @ Centennial</u> <u>6:45 PM Stephens Training Offsite</u>	5 <u>9:30 AM Wed. Study Group</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>
9 <u>8:00 AM -8:30 Prayer in Sanctuary</u> <u>9:30 AM Worship</u> <u>10:30 AM Fellowship</u> <u>10:50 AM All Age Learning</u> <u>5:30 PM Linking Faith & Life to Celtic Service</u>	10 Columbus Day <u>Diane at BOM</u> <u>12:30 PM 55+ Lunch</u> <u>6:00 PM Rainbow Staff</u> <u>7:00 PM Rainbow Board</u> <u>7:15 PM Tabitha Circle</u>	11 <u>Diane at BOM</u> <u>11:30 AM NECCL Faith St. Anthony</u> <u>6:45 PM Stephens Training Offsite</u> <u>7:15 PM Ruth Circle</u>	12 <u>9:30 AM Wed. Study Group</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>
16 <u>8:00 AM -8:30 Prayer in Sanctuary</u> <u>9:30 AM Worship</u> <u>10:30 AM Fellowship</u> <u>10:50 AM All Age Learning</u> <u>4:30 PM -6:00 PM McLaren Study</u> <u>6:00 PM Youth</u>	17 <u>7:00 PM Evangelism</u> <u>7:00 PM UMW Board</u>	18 <u>6:45 PM Stephens Training Offsite</u> <u>7:00 PM Adults with Aging Parents</u> <u>7:00 PM Trustees</u>	19 <u>9:30 AM Wed. Study Group</u> <u>11:00 AM Staff Meeting</u> <u>6:30 PM Coast Guard Auxiliary</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>
23 <u>8:00 AM -8:30 Prayer in Sanctuary</u> <u>9:30 AM Worship</u> <u>10:30 AM Fellowship</u> <u>10:50 AM All Age Learning</u>	24 <u>7:00 PM Church Council</u>	25 <u>2:00 PM -4:30PM Feed My Starving Children</u> <u>6:45 PM Stephens Training Offsite</u> <u>7:00 PM Stephen Ministers "End of Life"</u>	26 <u>8:00 AM -1PM Deb & Diane @ Community Forum</u> <u>9:30 AM Wed. Study Group</u> <u>11:00 AM Staff Meeting</u> <u>6:30 PM AED Refresher</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>
30 Imagine No Malaria Sunday Trunk or Treat <u>8:00 AM -8:30 Prayer in Sanctuary</u> <u>9:30 AM Worship</u> <u>10:30 AM Fellowship</u> <u>10:50 AM All Age Learning</u> <u>4:30 PM -6:00 PM McLaren Study</u>	31 Happy Halloween		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>9:30 AM -1:30 PM Book Discussion Group</u>
6 <u>Deb @ Steward. Conf.</u> 8:30 AM – 4:40 PM <u>Living The Sacred Trust; Outside Group</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Ringers</u>	7 6:30 AM <u>Men's Bible Study</u>	8 9:00 AM <u>-2:30 PM Church Council Retreat</u>
13 4:30 PM <u>Loaves & Fishes</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Ringers</u>	14 6:30 AM <u>Men's Bible Study</u> 9:30 AM <u>Naomi Circle</u>	15 9:00 AM <u>Growing Edge Articles Due</u>
20 9:30 AM <u>Older Adult Ministry</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Ringers</u> 7:00 PM <u>Stewardship/Finance</u>	21 <u>Family Table Set UP</u> 6:30 AM <u>Men's Bible Study</u>	22 11:30 AM <u>Family Table</u>
27 7:00 PM -9:00PM <u>Faith UMC - St. Anthony Conf. with DS</u> 7:00 PM <u>Chancel Ringers</u>	28 6:30 AM <u>Men's Bible Study</u>	29 8:30 AM -12PM <u>Stephen Training@Offsite</u> 10:00 AM - 3:00 pm <u>Red Cross Bloodmobile</u>