

# The Growing Edge

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*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World.*

## May 2022

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May 8, 2022  
**MOTHER'S DAY**



May 30, 2022

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER & HONOR



### **Prayer Chain Information**

*Call to share your joys  
and concerns:*

*National United Methodist*

*Prayer Chain:*

*1-800-251-2468*





## ***PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD***

I hope these words find you enjoying bright and spring time green. Winter this year has been a renter that has overstayed its expiration date.

In the Bible, Acts 13, Paul is preaching and he is using King David as an illustration that shares an ongoing pattern of positive reality in our world. In verse 36 *“When David had served God’s purposes in his generation, he died.”* That got me thinking about God’s purpose for my life and yours. What does it mean for us to serve God in our generation? In Psalm 71:14-18 which says, *“Until I am old and gray, I will declare God’s mighty works to the next generation.”* That’s what brings great joy and ignites my heart and mind! *“For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.”* Phil. 1:21.

In the Bible’s Story, we find the cost and consequence of when we insist on our own autonomy. In the sway of our own subjectivity we become slaves of our appetites and our own deluded reason.

The image of God rests on each of us in a way that can never be dissolved, (although may try to deny and distort.) We are incongruent creatures living in a reality made by Someone other than ourselves, no matter how much we kick and scream.

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we find a refuge from anxiety, alarm and joy sucking fear. We stand on the Rock in the midst of the storms that are devoid of common sense, common decency and common ground.

That is why the Gospel is called Good News!  
*Pastor Wayne*

## **EDUCATION**



### **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday School starts 11:30 AM.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS ON MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

Our intern Charlie will be giving a health and healing class, all are invited!

**LINKING FAITH AND LIFE CLASS** meets in the computer room. Come check us out.

**SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY CLASS** meets in the far corner of Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

**CLASS FOR WOMEN:** Karin Gaertner is leading a deepening faith class for women in the choir room. You're invited.

**PASTOR WAYNE** will lead a class in the back of the sanctuary. Join us.

**Children are welcome to attend worship with their family.** Children's coloring pages and crayons can be found on the back sanctuary table.

ALSO (mid-week learning opportunity)

**ZOOM MONDAY MORNING CONNECTED IN CHRIST! RENEW AND REVIEW** at 9:30 AM, (online only.)

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING** at 9:30 AM; by Zoom or come join us in the lounge.

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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets every Friday morning at 7:30 AM at the Sunset Grill in Blaine. All men are welcome. For more information contact Bill Ekstrum.

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**A GATHERING FOR GUYS**

*Grit & Spit* meets every Friday at 9:00 AM in the Lounge. Join us for coffee and courageous conversation and prayer. See you there.

## MISSIONS



### 2022 LOVE OFFERING

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session, a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

The theme of the 2022 Annual Conference session taking place in St. Cloud on May 24-25 is "Jesus: Healer." The Love Offering provides the opportunity to bring healing in the name and spirit of Jesus.

The funds from this year's offering will go to five projects: The Red Bird Missionary Conference (40 percent), Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato (17 percent), Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis (17 percent), West African Family and Community Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center (17 percent), and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10 percent).

## **THE RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**

The Red Bird Missionary Conference, which is undergoing a revitalization process and will soon be called Central Appalachian Missionary Conference, is a United Methodist community in the eastern Kentucky region. The 2022 Love Offering funds will be used for disaster response after recent severe flooding damaged churches and homes.

## **HOLY GROUNDS**

A ministry of Centenary UMC in Mankato, Holy Grounds serves a warm breakfast to 40 to 50 people, six mornings a week. 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**

Simpson Food Pantry 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 UMC in Brooklyn Center started a culturally-specific food shelf to serve its neighbors, primarily West African immigrants and low-income families. Your donations will provide household items, hygienic products, and culturally-specific food items to this community.

## **VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS**

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) 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.

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## **FAMILY TABLE**

While Family Table is providing food as a drive up, we are enjoying bringing the dining room to the line of cars. If the volunteer crew knows a guest is having a birthday, the volunteer crew comes out and sings “Happy Birthday” to the guest in the car. If you know Thom McAfee, you know he loves biking. One guest has shown up on his bike several times, and Thom gets right on that by finding plastic bags to help our guest get his meal home. We have so many good memories from the drive thru, and pleased that we were able to adjust this ministry to the situation, and continue to answer God’s call to feed our neighbors.

# CHURCH ALBUM



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of member, friend and Treasurer, Howie Chatfield who passed away March 27. Memorial Service arrangements have not been finalized.

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

## 55+

### 55+ BREAKFAST!

55+ folks, join us for breakfast at Perkins at 7520 University Ave in Fridley, every *first* Monday of each month at 9:30 AM. This is just a social time – come, relax and enjoy the company of FUMC friends.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP

All are welcome to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the lounge. The next dates we will get together are May 10 & May 24.



### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM for lunch at Perkins on University Avenue instead of our usual meeting at the church. We are a friendship Circle so this will be a time for fellowship and prayer.

May 21, 2022. UMW – United Women of Faith and all Ladies of the Church – are having a Ladies Day Out. We will be going to the Mad Hatter Restaurant and Tea House in Anoka for brunch/lunch at 11:30 AM. We will be ordering off the menu - not having high tea. You can check online at [www.madhatteranoka.com](http://www.madhatteranoka.com) to check out the brunch menu.

We will meet at church at 11:00 AM to carpool to Anoka. Please contact Cindy Doerr if you have questions and to place your reservation. Reservation due by May 8, 2022. Also let Cindy know if you are able to be a driver. If you are interested in attending but need a ride to

church, let Cindy know and we can arrange for someone to pick you up.  
Everyone is Welcome!! Happy Spring!

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Thank you all for the prayers, cards and messages I have received following my accidental fall in March. Being a "hardhead" can sometimes have its advantages. Your well wishes are very much appreciated and I feel loved.

*Sharon White*

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Thank you to all who are helping to keep the building clean while Dave is recuperating from his accident. Especially thank you to Jinny Erickson who gets the cleaning bug on Wednesdays.

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Dear friends in Mission,

Thank you for your donations of \$1,195.00 and \$570.00. The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!* May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace, *Roland Fernandes, General Secretary*

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Thank you!

A grateful thank you to all who helped with what was needed for the memorial service for Vern Moore. Thank you for your help with setting up, cleaning of tables and chairs and laundering table cloths, and most of all, your welcoming of guests with warm hearts and open minds.

All of you are so appreciated. May God always bless you with the kindness you show others. *Jinny Erickson and the Funeral Reception Committee*

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Dear Fridley UMC,

Thank you. Your partnership with Twin Cities Habitat gives the best gift anyone could want: The firm foundation of home. Your gift means a local family can buy a home they love with a mortgage they can afford. You gave a child the gift of a quiet place to study. You gave the parents the gift of financial stability so they can save for the future. Again thank you for your gift of \$340.00.

With gratitude, *Chris Coleman, President and CEO*

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

The following people delivered Meals on Wheels the week of April 4 - 8.

Three Day Drivers: Fred & Barb Severni.

Two Day Drivers: Evie Skurich and Thrin Otten; and Al & Sue Madison.

One Day Drivers: Jeff & Janet Mondloh; Perry & Carol Johs; Ruth Hilliard and Pat King; Ron & Nancy Newport; Dave & Judy Ryan; Bob & Sandy Locker; Mike & Tammy Hay; Jim & Diane Jachymowski; Chuck & Bonnie Ames; Mike & Jody Lee; and Janet Fossum.

The next week that FUMC delivers will be May 31 - June 3. It will be a four day delivery week due to no meal delivery on Memorial Day.

If you are available to help that week, please call me.

*Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator*

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Volunteers,

We are so grateful for your kindness, compassion, and commitment to serving those in need. Because of you, we can provide meals, comfort, and kindness throughout our community. We couldn't do this work without you.

Thank you! *The Loaves & Fishes Team*