

# The Growing Edge

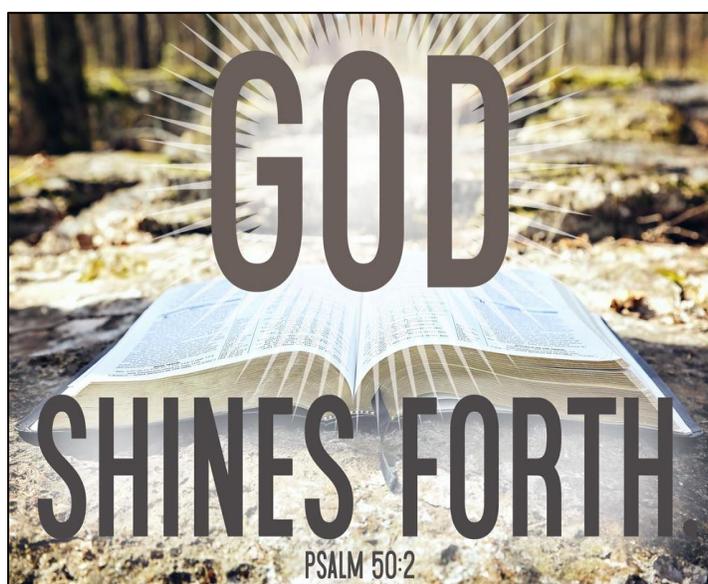
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*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World.*

## August 2022

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*National United Methodist  
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1-800-251-2468*





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

The four words that orbit in my mind concerning FRIDLEY UMC are:

- 1 Trajectory
2. Tumult
3. Transition
4. Truth

We are currently in an institutional, demographic, dispositional stage in our church life cycle that warrants careful and courageous interaction to discern a path forward that brings Glory to the Head of our Church, Jesus Christ; and dignity/clarity/integrity to the family that comprise FRIDLEY UMC.

In conclusion, one more T:

Team (Together, Everyone Accomplishes More.)

*In Christ's Love, Pastor Wayne*

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup>They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter,<sup>[a]</sup> and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades<sup>[b]</sup> will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[c]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be<sup>[d]</sup> loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **EDUCATION**

**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 - offered in person in the lounge, or join us by Zoom.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** A Men's Bible Study Group 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, courageous conversation & prayer.

## MISSIONS



August Special Mission

Stephen and Gayle Burgstahler, Missionaries in South Africa

Good news—Gayle and Stephen Burgstahler will be visiting our church on August 28! As you may recall, Gayle and Stephen are daughter and son-in-law of Roger and Leone Olson, part of our church family! There had been quite a long wait for them to return to the US from South Africa, due to visa problems, and we are so glad they will be with us. Gayle and Stephen have two children, Charis and Micah. Charis is working as nurse in Indiana, and Micah remained in South Africa to finish his education at a university. Gayle and Stephen began their ministry in 2014 and have been living in Capetown. South Africa is marked by hundreds of years of systemic oppression of non-white groups. Apartheid government was ended in 1994, however remnants of cultural oppression remain. The Burgstahlers are located in a place where they are in the minority, both racially and culturally.

They are involved in regular teaching, preaching, Bible exploration and counseling, using their many gifts as they invest in intentional discipleship as followers of Christ, and practice being instruments of peace, helping to facilitate racial reconciliation. In daily life, the Burgstahlers often encounter spiritually hungry people from all over Africa, sharing the gospel with many and distributing Bibles in several languages.

The Discipleship Training Centre is up and running in the township community of Broadlands Park, with the primary purpose of helping others to know and follow Jesus better. A consistent core group has been formed, with people developing relationships, sharing and supporting each other. Some have experienced violent deaths in their family. Bethesda Church, in the same area, has many members who have hardships in their lives. Stephen and Gayle have forged close relationships and shared their faith with many of these people, helping them to live a richer Christian life. We will look forward to welcoming the Burgstahlers! We will also want to generously support their ministry with our gifts and prayers.

We are so grateful and appreciate your continued ministry to the missions of FUMC. Remember that giving is easy using the “Give Online” button on the FUMC website and then select “Missions.” You can also mail your donation to the church’s office at 680 Mississippi Street, Fridley, MN 55432. Please write “August Missions” on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generous support of our mission programs!

*Your Mission Commission*

**FAMILY TABLE:** In July we had our first seated, and indoor Family Table meal since the pandemic after months of planning. A big thank you to Bob's Produce for donating the sweet corn for the summer picnic menu we enjoyed last month! It is great to partner with a local business in service to our neighbors.

**FUMC January - June Financial Update**

Church Members and Friends:

We thank you for your faithful support, and ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge investment to be a part of Fridley United Methodist Church Moving Forward.

2022 continues to present great challenges for **FUMC** and all our members. We realize that it has been difficult for many of us. There are increased demands on our time, our energy and our financial resources. We believe strongly in the mission of our church, and feel that we are poised to move forward and bear good fruit in our community, but cannot accomplish that without financial resources.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee would like to express our thank you to all those who give so faithfully and generously to support the ministries of FUMC. As part of our faithful stewardship of the offerings that were made for our church, please review the fiscal report below. The report details the mid-year income and expenses related to the operation of our church and our ministry funding.

**FUMC 2022 - January – June (YTD) Income/Expense Report**

|                   | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income -          | \$190,090     | \$177,017     |
| Expenses -        | 170,835       | 198,137       |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 19,255        | (20,288)      |

**YTD Income** includes several families giving a yearly amount as a one-time payment.

**YTD Expenses** Conference monthly apportionments not fully paid resulting in outstanding balance of \$ 15,514.

### Giving Options:

**1. Online Secure Giving Link:** <https://www.fridleyumc.org/give/>

**2. Mail:** Fridley United Methodist Church  
680 Mississippi St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432

**3. Sunday Service:** Offering plates located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

We ask that you continue giving as much as you can to support the future of our Church.

*FUMC Finance Committee*

## CHURCH ALBUM



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of:

Virginia Steinmetz upon the death of her husband John Steinmetz.

Jerry Robb upon the death of his wife Cindy Robb.

Karin Gaertner upon the death of her mother Lois Christie. Lois's Memorial Service will be on Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 PM. Visitation will be from 2:00 – 3:00.

*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 to enjoy the company of FUMC friends.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Dave Ryan will be celebrating a decade birthday on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with his family hosting an open house at the Fridley Community Center from 2:30-5:00 PM. Please join us for a treat and some conversation! Cards only, please!



**THE BOOK GROUP** will be having their next get-together in October. If you would like to join us, you can start reading the book The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, by Kim Michele Richardson. More details in next month's Growing Edge.

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FUMC Family and Friends,

Thank you for your visits, phone calls and cards during my recovery. I appreciate all the love and care you have shown me. *Evie Skurich*

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From the Family of Harvey Kienholz:

We want to thank everyone for their wonderful support and service to our church in the preparation and giving of Harvey's Memorial Service on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Harvey's service was a testament to the "Power of Love" and "All Hands" helping our family. From the planning, the service, and refreshments served after the service – it was wonderful. Our family felt your caring and commitment. I received many comments on the fellowship that people experienced and for the beauty of our church sanctuary. Thank you FUMC. The memorial fund in Harvey's honor raised \$3,155.00 to be used as chosen for FUMC (to be decided.)

*Many Thanks, Jan Kienholz, Don, Dean and family*

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Thank you!

A grateful thank you to all who helped with what was needed for the Memorial Service of John Steinmetz and Cindy Robb. Thank you for your help with set-up, clean-up, 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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### **THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

The following people from FUMC delivered Meals On Wheels the four day week of Memorial Day.

Two Day Drivers: Roger & Leone Olson, Ron & Nancy Newport, Al & Sue Madison.

One Day Drivers: Jeff & Janet Mondloh, Chuck & Bonnie Ames, Mike & Tammy Hay, Fred & Barb Severni, Diane Jachymowski & Jean Mills, Gary Boyer, Ruth Hilliard & Pat King, Jan & Mary Wright, Perry & Carol Johs, Tim & Janet Fossum.

The next two dates that FUMC needs to provide drivers will be July 25 - 29, and September 19 - 23.

If you can help, please give me a call at 763-780-5694.

*Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals On Wheels Coordinator*

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FUMC Family and Friends,

I want to thank all the people who offered prayers, cards and phone calls as I have been recovering from knee surgery.

*Jennie Kratzer*

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Thanks for the cards and prayers when I had my knee surgery. I am mending slowly, but showing progress.

*Dawn Bushnell*

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Thank you to everyone for making me feel so good on my birthday! I plan to come back and visit you all occasionally.

*Pat Zeglen*

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Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of the United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world, (sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need.)

Thank you for your gift of \$3,265.00 towards UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery.

Grace and Peace, *Roland Fernandes, General Secretary*