

The Growing Edge

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

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SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION AWARD

It is that time of year again to be thinking of that "Special" person who you feel goes above and beyond.

The United Women of Faith are hoping that you will write a letter and nominate someone for a Special Mission Recognition Award. Last year we received a lot of letters and we know there are more deserving people out there. Please send, or bring in, your nominations, and place them in our UWF box in the office. You can also hand them to a UWF member if you would like. Please list as many things as you can think of, that the person has done. We would like these letters of nomination by May 30th.

Dawn Bushnell-UWF President

Prayer Chain Information

*Call to share your joys
and concerns:*

Diane Jachymowski

763-571-7572

dejladybug@gmail.com

(Please call before 9:00 PM.)

or

Marsha Painter

763-572-9753

National United Methodist

Prayer Chain:

1-800-251-2468

Mark your calendars.
Holy Week begins April 2nd





PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

CHRISTIAN SURVIVAL SKILLS

Hello there Fridley Family,

In whom do we trust? This question has been on the hearts and minds of many people today. Increasingly citizens are losing trust and mistrusting those in authority regarding politics, education, medicine, religion and broadcast journalism. Even those who call themselves “fact checkers” who are supposed to uncover “fake news” have been proven false due to the drive of their own subjective agendas and biases.

We Christians, of all people, know the bias we too carry, in our natural heart that is slanted and given to fraudulent futile fact checking. (Jeremiah 17:9)

We Christians also know that by the Grace of God, children of God have been given a new heart. Honesty compels us to admit that, still in the flesh, we do things we ought not, and do not what we ought. (Romans 7:15)

So, who in the world can we trust absolutely, implicitly, completely, if we can't trust ourselves? The answer? In the world no one. But we can trust the One “Who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.” Thank God that “All the promises of God in Christ are yes and in Him, Amen. (II Corinthians 1:20)

Our God has not promised us a life free of temptation, sorrow, affliction or tribulation. In every circumstance of life, the Lord has promised to be with us and keep us in God's care. “We go through many tribulations to enter the Kingdom of God. (Acts 14:22)

In whose character, ability, activity or word can one put complete confidence? I know of only One, “In the beginning was the WORD . . .” (John 1:1)

“Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord. (Jeremiah 17:7)

Blessing to Fridley UMC as you go forward in Faith, following the Risen Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Wayne



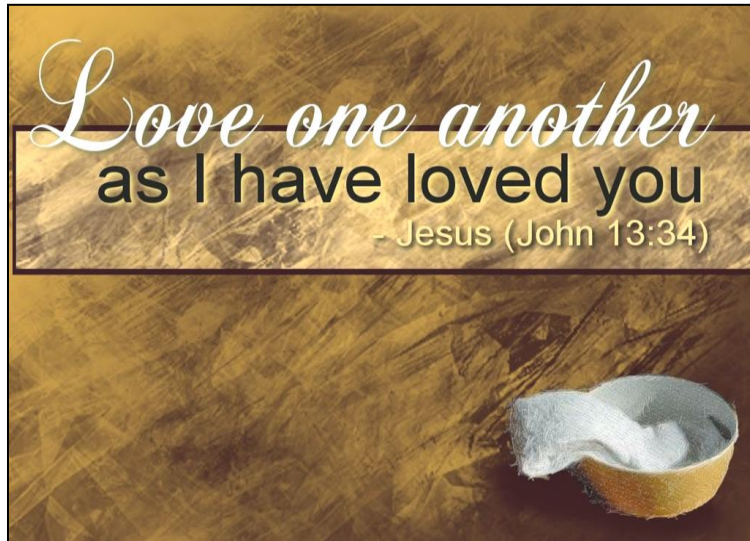
HOLY WEEK BEGINS

April 2, PALM SUNDAY

“Welcome the King”

April 6, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7:00 PM

“I give you a new commandment”



April 7, GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 7:00 PM

“It is finished”



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Come and celebrate with us!

EASTER
Victory Over Death

EDUCATION



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School starts 11:30 AM.

LINKING FAITH AND LIFE CLASS meets in the computer room. During Lent we will be using the study book “LUKE – Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws” by Adam Hamilton. Come check us out.

SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY CLASS meets in the far corner of Fellowship Hall. The lessons are based on the Common Lectionary, which often (but not always) correspond with the scripture for our worship service. All are welcome.

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

PASTOR WAYNE'S CURRENT EVENT CLASS: “Signs of the times” education opportunity will be in the back of the sanctuary following fellowship time. 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.)

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE SHAPING at 9:30 AM.

Come join us in the lounge, or join us by Zoom.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets every Friday morning at 7:30 AM at the Sunset Grill in Blaine. We eat breakfast; take turns leading that week's lesson, guiding us through a reading of scripture, story and discussion. We share prayer concerns. All men are welcome. For more information contact Bill Ekstrum.

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



LENTEN MISSIONS

Lent offers a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith through prayer, meditation, scripture reading and reflecting God's love to the people of our community. Our church again is supporting three important ministries with strong Minnesota ties during March and April: **Minnesota Foodshare, Emma Norton, and Meals on Wheels.** (Please refer to the Lenten letter insert in March's Growing edge for full article.)

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 "Advent/Lenten." Or you can also mail your donation to the church. Please write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of your check.

CHURCH ALBUM



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy Sorenson and family upon the death of Earl; and to the family of Dee Widmark upon the death of Duane.

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

A TIME TO HONOR JANET FOSSUM – MAY 7

We are happy to pay tribute to an extraordinary friend in Christ, Janet Fossum! Janet has served as our Church Coordinator for the Meals on Wheels program for 28 years! Many of us have had the privilege of being a volunteer driver. Janet always made sure our routes were covered. She made it her business to know when our favorite times and routes were, and she related all the important information about the people we served. She always served with joy!

Janet not only dedicated herself as our coordinator, but Meals on Wheels became her full time job. She was Assistant Director for 17 years and Director for her last 8½ years. Here are some examples of the numerous duties these positions entailed: Intake of new clients, making maps of client's homes, billing, collection and banking, filling in drivers, screening community volunteers who were not part of a church, writing quarterly reports, purchasing supplies, helping pack meals, in person publicity, dealing with insurance, selecting menu choices and serving

amounts, attending many meetings, dealing with complaints and receiving thank you's. Also, sending out an enormous amount of thank you's! Janet always made sure volunteers felt appreciated!

Meals on Wheels not only provided a healthy meal 5 days a week, but also had the added benefit of a wellness check on clients. There were times this check saved lives.

On May 7, 2023 we will honor Janet in worship and also with a special cake during Fellowship time. There will be an opportunity to say thanks to Janet and give her a hug or pat on the back for her many years of outstanding, dedicated work, which has greatly blessed a countless number of people in so many ways!

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 OPORTUNITIES

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP

All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the lounge. The next time we will get together is April 11th.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

NAOMI FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet April 14th at 1:00 PM in the church choir room. Marilynn Forsberg will give the lesson and Leone Olson will bring treats.

RUTH CIRCLE will be gathering on April 18th at 1:00 PM in the Lounge. Hostess; Jean Mills, Co-hostess; Reba Moreau. Linda Paulson will offer devotions, the program-to be determined.



Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,090.00 on 2/21/2023. 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 parents the gift of financial stability so they can save for the future. You gave a neighborhood the gift of a stable home that will be an anchor for the community. *Chris Coleman, President & CEO*

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. And through your financial support of \$1,345.00, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent destructive storms – sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Grace and Peace, *Roland Fernandes, General Secretary*

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The following people from FUMC delivered Meals on Wheels the week of March 5 - 10.

Three Day Drivers: Dave & Judy Ryan; Mike & Jody Lee; and Janet Fossum with Tim's help two of the days.

One Day Drivers: Cheryl Skluzacek; Jeff & Janet Mondloh; Bob & Sandy Locker; Al & Sue Madison; Gary Boyer; Ruth Hilliard & Pat King; Jim & Diane Jachymowski; and Chuck & Bonnie Ames.

The next week that FUMC drives will be May 1 - 5.

If you can help, please call me.

Janet Fossum, FUMC Meals on Wheels Coordinator