



Grace Courier

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A Brush with Kindness mission focus for January

God has continued to bless East Central MN-Habitat For Humanity-A Brush With Kindness by bringing us families in need, volunteers to run the organization and perform the work, and the financial resources to provide for our families and ready our organization for 2017.

The primary goal of ECM-ABWK is to provide Christian Churches in Chisago County yet another way their church family can love their neighbor through acts of service. Pastors and church members went out to do local mission work in their own back yard. Volunteers from eleven churches participated during 2016.

What the following summary cannot reveal are the feelings families had when they were confronted with Christian love in action. Volunteers, along with the homeowners, worked and shared love and joy as they reached out to restore a family's home. The community saw just what committed Christians can accomplish right here at home. Yes, 2016 was a productive year and all that were a part of it were richly blessed.

Project Summary: Volunteers completed 8 projects in seven different cities/areas.
 * 4 homes were painted.
 * One home had a hazardous electrical condition corrected.

- * 3 decks/walkways were reconditioned
- * 1 home had 2 exterior doors and a hazardous window replaced.
- * 4 homes had defective siding/trim replaced.
- * For 1 home we supplied a young capable home owner with the materials he needed to replace rotting floors in his mobile home as well as new carpeting in his children's room.

ABWK provided purchased contractor services to:

- * 3 homes had asphalt roofs replaced.
- * For 1 home the plumbing was moved from the attic to a heated crawl space to eliminate the freezing that had been occurring.

Volunteers We started the year with 183 volunteers and ended the year with 187. We modified our partnership agreement to have a stronger financial commitment from the homeowner family. Many hours were logged by volunteers and ABWK Staff to complete all of the above projects and keep our mission moving as God directs.

You may give to ABWK throughout the month of January with the envelopes provided in each pew. Mission Sunday is January 15.

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Dates to remember:

Jan. 2	Office Closed
Jan. 4	Wednesday Night Activities resume
Jan. 5-8	Pastor Dan on vacation
Jan. 15	Mission Sunday
Jan. 17	Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 27	Puzzles, Pie & Potato Soup



From the pastor...

I am a long-time member of Snap Fitness. I know...maybe doesn't show. But I do get to the local club at least three times a week. I manage to put in a few miles on the treadmill...and watch ESPN at the same time. My preference is to go in the morning. I like to get there about 5:30, put in my time, and go home to face the rest of the day. I am partial to the early time because there are few people there. In fact, more often than not I am the only one working up a sweat at that time.

There is an exception to this, though. Snap Fitness is a bit more crowded during the month of January. You can guess why. People have made those New Year's resolutions to begin an exercise program. So during the month of January, there are a few more people at the gym. But by the time February rolls around it is pretty much back to normal. The new gives way to the old.

Jesus came to make all things new. Jesus established a new "normal". When we come to Christ, all things are made new. All that is old is gone. Everything is new. Everything is always new. We do not return to any of the old. Here is a truth we can embrace in 2017.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

Purchased something for the church?

To get an accurate count of giving to the church, please let us know if you have purchased something for the church but have not asked for reimbursement. We will list that purchase on your giving statement as a "gift-in-kind" so it will show on your contribution statement and the church knows how much is being given.

If you have any questions, please contact **Linda Ploog** 651-257-3323.

Unidos en Cristo weekends Experience New Testament Christianity

Unidos en Cristo (formally Cursillo) is a 3-day learning, sharing and inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. During the three days of a week-end, a person experiences authentic Christian fellowship and the joy of being part of a genuine Christian community.

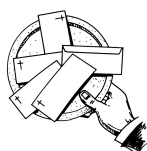
2017

#283 Men's: February 16-19
#284 Women's: February 23-26
Held at Faith Covenant, Burnsville

#285 Men's: June 8-11
#286 Women's: June 15-18
Held at Arlington Hills UMC, Maplewood

If you would like to participate in an Unidos en Cristo weekend or would like more information, please contact **Scott or Cheryl Lecy**, 651-462-5725.

Prison Ministry...if you're interested in Charis Prison Ministry, please contact **Jim or Connie Buelow**, 651-465-3024.



Monthly Giving update

Our General Fund Budget for 2016 is \$188,147. which becomes \$15,679 per month.

General Fund giving for November was \$14,596.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in December

December 4—120

December 11—100

December 18—93

December 25—70



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Jim McDermott; Roxy Bahn

Thank you's!

A "thank you" to those who rang the Salvation Army bell for red kettle donations on Dec.10 at Brinks Market: **Katie, Pete, Ella, Luke, Lila and Paige Leadholm, Gerry Gaudette, Gary Gerke (who served for three hours), Tina and Kyle Sparby, Nancy Grossmann**

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Thank you to **Pauline Heilig, Tari Eng, Tina and Kyle Sparby** and the **Katie and Pete Leadholm family** for helping to pack food for the Feed My Starving Children event at Lakes Free Church on October 15.

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Thanks to all for your support, whether through words of encouragement, meals, hugs, chores, and especially prayers, throughout **Steve's** journey with ALS. What a blessing to be nestled within this loving community!

Gratefully,
Susan Hernick

Socks & Underwear...

"Holiday Greetings!

Thank you so much for your recent donation for the Refuge. As the Shelter Manager, I can tell you these items are needed...and used. You help us help our clients and for that I thank you.

Merry Christmas,
Char W."

Nursery

We are pleased to be able to provide a Nursery during the worship service. It is designed for infants through 2 years.

Children are always welcome in the worship service.

Birthdays!



Zach Caldwell.....January 1
 Andy Wilkerson.....January 9
 Renee Mussetter.....January 11
 Elda Hanson.....January 14
 Vernon Fredrickson.....January 15
 Pete Olson.....January 18
 Roy Brohaugh.....January 20
 Kay Oien.....January 21
 Peter Leadholm.....January 22
 Tim Hess.....January 23
 Kari Caldwell.....January 24
 Bruce Heilig.....January 25
 Carol Schmidt.....January 26
 Roger Dorenbusch.....January 30
 Lila Leadholm.....January 31



"Puzzles, Pie and Potato Soup"

at First United Methodist Church
Third & Irene Sts, Lindstrom

Friday, January 27; 6-9 PM

To join in the fun:

Enter a team of 4 in the jigsaw puzzle contest. \$20 entry fee and fabulous prizes for the winners.

Deadline to enter is Sunday January 15.

Call the church office to sign up,
257-4306

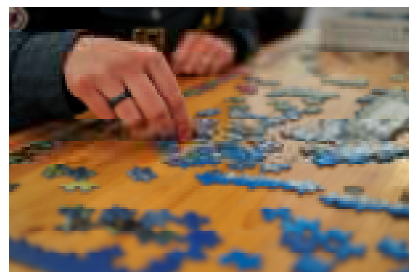
OR

Come to watch the contest,
participate in other games

AND

Enjoy a bowl of homemade potato soup and pie.

Admission fee: \$2 per person at the door.





Meals on Wheels Deliverers

Jan. 2—Marvin Hultquist

Jan. 3—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Jan. 4—Gary & Marna Gerke

Jan. 5—Michelle Gillespie

Jan. 6—Greg McCarthy

Jan. 9—Joe Rystrom

Jan. 10—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

Jan. 11—Larry & Shirley Knopf

Jan. 12—Bonnie Vastka

Jan. 13—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Jan. 16—George Hultman

Jan. 17—Cindy Kopp

Jan. 18—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

Jan. 19—Donn & Sharlene Arnold

Jan. 20—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Jan. 23—Marvin Hultquist

Jan. 24—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

Jan. 25—Gary & Marna Gerke

Jan. 26—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Jan. 27—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Jan. 30—Georgia Burg

Jan. 31—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:

Carroll Keller, 257-2225

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Thank You!



Tech Ministries Schedule

January 1 – Sound: Needed

Accompanist: Kay Oien

January 8 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

January 15 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Kay Oien

January 22 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

January 29 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited!



Prayer Chain

If you would like a request for prayer to go out on our Prayer Chain, please call **Connie Buelow, 651-465-3024**, or **Lois Anderson, 651-213-1036**, or the church office, 257-4306.

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Chain? Please call the church office for more information.

Can we be of help?

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday,

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Dan is available to help you with your spiritual journey and the door is open most mornings. Please give us a call at 257-4306 if we can be of help to you in any way.

Church email address:

firstmethodist@usfamily.net

Pastor Dan's email address:

dan.d@usfamily.net

Printed Sunday Messages available

Pastor Dan's Sunday messages are printed each week following the Sundays on which they have been delivered. You may pick up a printed copy in the church foyer.

Please contact the church office, 257-4306, if you'd like a copy of a previous message not available in the foyer.

You can also read previous Sunday messages online at www.lindstrommethodist.org.

JANUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Worship/ NO Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship New Year's Day!	2 Office Closed	3	4 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7:00p Choir 8:15p Worship Team	5 ***Pastor Dan	6 Epiphany of the LORD 2:30p Club Rock on	7 vacation
8 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 11:30a Hultquist Christmas Gathering January 5-8***	9 6:15p Bell Choir	10 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church	11 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7:00p Choir 8:15p Worship Team	12 9:30a Hope Circle	13	14
15 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday~ A Brush With Kindness	16 6:15p Bell Choir 6:30 A Brush With Kindness	17 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church 7p Trustees 7p Finance 8p Church Council Newsletter deadline	18 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Children's Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7:00p Choir 8:15p Worship Team	19	20 2:30p Club Rock	21
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First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

Practicing Grace Until We Are Perfected In Love

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Deadline: the third Tuesday of each month for inclusion in the next month's publication.

Articles received after this date will not be printed. Place articles in the secretary's mailbox, on the desk in the office or email them to the church. The editor reserves the right to edit any material submitted for publication.

We welcome you to worship with us!

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Children leave for Sunday School during Worship

Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:00p Family Dinner

5:30p Children's Bell Choir

6:00p Adult Bible Study

7:00p Choir

8:15p Worship Team

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...	Dan Doughty (dan.d@usfamily.net)
Administrative Secretary / Treasurer...	Carol Schmidt
Children's Coordinator...	Laurie Doughty
Choir Director...	Kay Oien
Church Council Chairperson...	Terry Keesee
Custodian...	Cheryl Hultquist
Finance Chairperson...	Scott Lecy
Financial Secretary...	Linda Ploog
Foundation Chairperson...	Donn Arnold
Lay Leader...	Craig Stockel
Lay Member to Annual Conference...	Kay Oien
Mission Chairperson...	Nancy Grossmann
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...	Jim Caldwell
Trustees Chairperson...	Lloyd Jones
Worship Team Leader...	Beth Lunsford
Youth Coordinators...	Scott & Cheryl Lecy

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