



Grace Courier

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Mission Focus for January is A Brush with Kindness



East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity A Brush With Kindness is a Christian home preservation service that offers exterior as well as minor interior repair services for homeowners in need.

ABWK helps low income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances, who struggle to maintain their homes. Work ranges from yard clean-up to painting, from building access ramps to installing new siding. Homeowner selection is based on income, need and willingness to partner with ABWK. Volunteer labor and donated materials, when available, are used to keep costs low.

Homeowners work alongside volunteers if able.

Learn more at <http://www.ecmabwk.org/>, or visit them on Facebook.

There are mission envelopes in each pew if you'd like to donate anytime during the month. Mission Sunday is January 17.

If you have questions, you can visit with: **Pastor Dan, Boni Stockel, Donn Arnold, Pete Olson or Gerry Gaudette.**

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Dates to remember:

- Jan. 1
Happy New Year!
Office closed
- Jan. 8-14
Pastor Dan on vacation
- Jan. 16
Newsletter Deadline
- Jan. 21
Mission Sunday
- Jan. 26
Puzzles, Pie & Potato Soup

Thank you...

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our church family for the ongoing support for the Christmas Day meal served at our church. That thanks extends especially to those who directly supported the event, either through financial contributions, food contributions, or your physical presence to volunteer that day.

We served somewhere north of 130 individuals with a hot meal and a time of fellowship. I was blessed with 30 some incredible volunteers who made the event run smoothly. Praise God!

Craig Stockel



"Puzzles, Pie and Potato Soup"

**First United Methodist Church
Third & Irene Sts, Lindstrom**

Friday, January 26; 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 14.

Call the church office to sign up,
257-4306

AND

Enjoy a bowl of homemade potato soup and pie

Admission fee: \$2 per person at the door for soup and pie

From the pastor...

It is a new year. I like the word "new". The Bible talks about new things.

Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel, talked about new wine and new wineskins. "Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved." Jesus brought a fresh message. His message is still fresh.

In Revelation we read, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." A new heaven and a new earth! So we have that to look forward to. What a great hope!

I like what Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!"

This is a time when people make resolutions. Folks resolve that things will be different in the New Year. This year let us resolve to allow Jesus to continue the new work he has begun in us. Humble ourselves. Jesus will make us over into new creations. Then we will see new things.

In Jesus we look forward to the new.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good (and new) work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan



Online Bill Pay

Do you use your computer to pay your bills on-line? If you do, you may want to send your church offering/pledge through the same on-line bill pay service. You can set up an automatic payment plan or a one time contribution.

It's easy:

- * First, login to your bill pay account
- * Select *Add a Bill*
- * Select *Create an account without an account number* (use the address and phone number below)
First United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 688
Lindstrom, MN 55045
651-257-4306

Please see **Greg Oien** or **Scott Lecy** if you have any questions.

Our Ministry Team 2018

Church Council.....Terry Keesee
Lay Leader.....Craig Stockel
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Kay Oien
Church Council Secretary.....Bob Determan
Youth Coordinators.....Scott & Cheryl Lecy
Children's Ministries.....Laurie Doughty
Mission Chairperson.....Sandy Gaudette
Staff/Parish Relations Chair....TBD
Trustees Chairperson.....Lloyd Jones
Finance Chairperson.....Scott Lecy
Financial Secretary.....Linda Ploog
Treasurer.....Carol Schmidt
Communications Chairperson....Erin Thorvaldson
Foundation Chairperson.....Donn Arnold
Council Member-at-Large.....Juanita Morgan
Sarah White-Clark
Peter Leadholm
Finance-at-Large.....Greg Oien



Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Olga Determan;
Babe Anderson; Jon Determan

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study will begin
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 9:15 - 11:00
in the lounge.

We will be studying the Book of James with the help
of the study guide written by Max Lucado.

All women are welcome to join.

Questions? Contact **Cindy Kopp**, 651-257-8526.

Wednesday Night Activities



Wednesday Night Activities will
resume January 17:

5:00p Family Dinner

5:30p Youth Bells (will resume Jan. 10)

6:00p Adult Bible Study

NO Choir in January

NO Worship Team Rehearsal in January

Worship Attendance in December

December 3—109

December 10—112

December 17—106

December 24—121

December 24, Christmas Eve—171

Newsletter sent before December 31...

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
Rob Sandgren.....January 6
Andy Wilkerson.....January 9
Elda Hanson.....January 14
Vernon Fredrickson.....January 15 (99 yrs. young!)
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



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.

2018

#289 Men's: January 18-21

#290 Women's: January 25-28

Held at Plymouth Covenant Church, Plymouth

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 2017 is \$184,405.
which becomes \$15,208 per month.

General Fund giving for November was \$10,120.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

Jan. 1—HOLIDAY

Jan. 2—Marvin Hultquist

Jan. 3—Gary & Marna Gerke

Jan. 4—Michelle Gillespie

Jan. 5—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Jan. 8—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Jan. 9—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Jan. 10—Larry & Shirley Knopf

Jan. 11—bonnie Vasatka

Jan. 12—Greg McCarthy

Jan. 15—George Hultman

Jan. 16—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker

Jan. 17—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

Jan. 18—Donn Arnold

Jan. 19—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Jan. 22—Georgia Burg

Jan. 23—Cindy Kopp

Jan. 24—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Jan. 25—Phil & Joan DeMunck

Jan. 26—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Jan. 29—Marvin Hultquist

Jan. 30—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

Jan. 31—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268



Tech Ministries Schedule

Jan. 7 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Sue Harvey

Jan. 14 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Jan. 21 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Harvey

Jan. 28 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, Jan. 11 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 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day! Office Closed	2	3 NO Wednesday evening activities	4	5 5:30p Club Rock	6
7 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 11a Fellowship Hall Used	8 NO Bell Choir Pastor Dan	9 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church on	10 5:30p Youth Bells vacation	11 9:30a Hope Circle January	12 8-14	13 ***
14 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School Paul Prokosch preaching 10:15a Fellowship 10:15a Foundation ***	15 NO Bell Choir	16 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church NO Trustees 7p Finance 8p Church Council Newsletter deadline	17 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Youth Bells 6p Adult Bible Study	18 ***Men's	19 Unidos en	20 Cristo Week-end
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First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

Practicing Grace Until We Are Perfected In Love

The *Grace Courier* is a monthly publication of First United Methodist Church.

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 & Youth leave for Sunday School during Worship

Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:00p Family Dinner

6:00p Adult Bible Study

7:00p Choir

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
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