



Grace Courier

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NOMADS is our Mission Focus this month

NOMADS

Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service

NOMADS provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations.

NOMADS demonstrate God's love through our work and by listening to the people with whom we work. We do new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding.

Team members do maintenance, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing, floor-

ing. With God's help, NOMADS pretty much do it all.

NOMADS are people who:

- are looking for retirement with a purpose
- enjoy traveling in an RV
- want to share their Christian faith
- enjoy using their skills in service to others

If you'd like more information, see **Tim or Linda Ploog** or **Irve or Dorothy Lecy**.

Stories will be shared on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Visit their website at nomadsumc.org.



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"Blue Jeans Go Green"

Bring in your tired, worn out denim clothing and it will be donated to "Blue Jeans Go Green," a recycling program.

This unique effort channels old denim into "Ultra Touch Denim Insulation" that contains no carcinogenic warnings, formaldehyde, VOCs or other chemical irritants.

A large box will be available in the foyer in which you can place your used denim items.

The collection will end Sept. 16.

See **Sharlene Arnold** if you have questions.

JEANS



Photos Needed for Life of FUMC

The Finance Committee is putting together a series of videos under the working title of **The Life and Ministry of First United Methodist Church**.

Emily Honerbrink will be directing and producing this series. Your assistance is needed. She needs photos. If you have any photos which capture some of the life and ministry of First United Methodist Church, and if you would be willing to share these pictures, please drop them off at the church office. Put them in an envelope with your name on the envelope, and you will get the pictures back. Emily would like to receive the pictures by September 10.

We have been blessed by the life and ministry of First United Methodist Church. Let's share these blessings in this series of videos.

Dates to remember:

Sept. 4 Labor Day
Office Closed

Sept. 10
Rally Sunday!

Sept. 16
Hootenanny!

Sept. 17
Mission Sunday—
NOMADS

Sept. 18-24
Pastor Dan on vacation

From the pastor...

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

That verse comes from the fourth chapter of the book of Hebrews. This is the book we were studying when our Wednesday evening Bible study went on hiatus for the summer. Well...summer is nearing the end. If I may state the obvious: it went so quickly. Each summer I experience seems to go more quickly than the previous summer.

I remember days gone by...when I was much younger...those elementary school days. Summer seemed to last so much longer. Then I went back to school, and one of our first assignments was to write a paper about what I did on my summer vacation. This summer I started playing golf more regularly. I regularly played poorly. I came out of retirement and fished one last bass tournament. I should have stayed retired. What did you do?

But I digress.

We will soon begin our Wednesday evening Bible study. We will pick up where we left off in the book of Hebrews. We will begin October 4th, 6:00 PM. I know this is a week or two later than past starting times, but I will be gone for a time in September.

Before the Bible study there will be a light meal. Mealtime is 5:00 PM. **Mark and Wendy Vanderwerf** will once again coordinate the meals, but they could use your help. As in the past, a sign-up sheet will be available. I encourage you to choose a Wednesday when you might be able to serve.

I am looking forward once again to fellowshiping, and studying and discussing God's Word.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

Hootenanny!

ANNOUNCING

The Greatest Show on Earth

Twelfth Annual All Church Hootenanny

CIRCUS STYLE!

Saturday, September 16, 2017
6 PM

Ticket Sales after worship on
Sunday 9/3
Sunday 9/10

\$10 (5 and under free)



Club Rock



Club Rock starts Friday October 6th and it's a new way to rock this year! We're meeting the first Friday every month.

Supper at 5:30p

Games and Random Craziess from 6:00 to 8:00p

See You Soon! **Cheryl and Scott Lecy**

Women's Bible Study

Cindy Kopp will not be starting Women's Bible Study until January.

Watch for upcoming details.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Roxy Bahn; Olga Determan; Char Loula's father

Our Deepest Sympathy:

To the family of **Carroll Keller**, who passed away August 21. A Memorial Service, officiated by Pastor Dan was held August 26.

Thank YOU

We want to express our sincere "THANKS" to **Pastor Dan** and our "Wonderful Church Family" for all the support in prayers, cards, calls and meals you have shared with us this past Summer.

God has truly blessed us 'through you'.
Glenn & Marlys Polzine

New Addresses:

Lloyd & Jeanette Jones
31777 McGuire Tr.
Lindstrom MN 55045
651-213-3110

Sara Otto

3120 N. Chestnut St. Apt. 203
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Pastoral Care

Hospitals no longer telephone churches, because of the privacy act, to let us know that one of our members have been admitted.

Please notify the church office, 257-4306, if you desire pastoral care for illness, hospitalizations, or surgeries.

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!



Lois Anderson.....September 2
Russell Oehme.....September 6
Erik Brohaugh.....September 11
Sophia Anderson.....September 15
Cristian Arnold.....September 17
Donn Arnold.....September 17
John Jindra.....September 17
Jared Clark.....September 19
Dari Ferguson.....September 19
Wilma Smith.....September 20
Alan Hultman.....September 21
Greg Oien.....September 23
Angel RempelEwert.....September 25
LeRoy Johnson.....September 28
Bev Graves.....September 29
Sandy Gaudette.....September 30

Happy Birthday!

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.

Handbells

Handbell practice will be on Mondays beginning Sept. 11 from 6-7pm in the sanctuary.



We play during the service on the third Sunday of each month. Anyone interested in playing, please join us. We ask that you be able to read music. We'll teach the rest!

If you have any questions. Please see **Patsy Berglund** 651-408-9642.

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

#287 Men's: November 9-12
#288 Women's: November 16-19
Held at Rochester Evangel Church

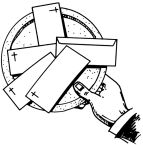
If you would like to participate in an Unidos en Cristo weekend or would like more information, please contact **Scott or Cheryl Lecy**, 651-462-5725.

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 July was \$23,341.25.



Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in August

August 6—70

August 13—93

August 20—80

August 27—88



Youth Ministry Sunday School Classes

Calling all young people- Sunday School grades 6-8 begins September 17th (one week AFTER Rally Sunday). Class meets weekly through mid-May EXCEPT the first Sunday of the month.

Registration will be the first day of class.

See You Soon! **Cheryl and Scott Lecy**

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

⁶ Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Laurie Doughty

Summer's road is near the end and the next turn is full of colorful leaves and activities. It is exciting to have Sunday School classes beginning on September 10.

We have three classes, 3-4 year olds, K-2nd Grade and 3-5th Grade, filled with teachers waiting to help our children learn about Jesus.

Kids add so much color to our church!

Blessings!

Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 10

There are so many ways to share your talents within the church. And so many areas could use YOU!

Have you thought about Choir, Bell Choir, Worship Team, Meals On Wheels, Community Meals, Praise Fest, the Live Nativity, Hootenanny, Children's Ministry, Youth, Club Rock, Adult Bible Study, Children's Shop Day, Easter Carnival.

And this isn't even a complete list of what you could get involved with! 😊

Church Council Minutes

August 15, 2017

Present: Pastor Dan, Terry Keesee, Juanita Morgan, Lloyd Jones, Scott Lecy, Cheryl Lecy, Laurie Doughty, Nancy Grossmann, Craig Stockel

Meeting opened with a Prayer by Pastor Dan

Adult Ministry and Worship-Pastor Dan: October 4 is the start of a new session. The group will continue to study the book of Hebrews. Dinner will precede the study.

Worship Design: In September Pastor Dan will be gone for 2 Sundays. Jim Buelow and Tom Lundberg will be filling in those Sundays. October 8 will be Children's Sabbath with Cradle Rocking taking place. October 15 Mission Sunday with funds going to YWAM.

Children's Ministry: Classes resume on Rally Sunday, September 10. Laurie is still in the process of getting teachers. Online curriculum will be used. By going with the online curriculum a cost saving of nearly \$900 will be realized.

Club Rock – Youth Ministry: On September 17 Youth Ministry will be starting up again. Cheryl is currently getting teachers to help. Club Rock on hold until schedules can be coordinated. Youth camp was a big hit this year. Fun was had by all attending. After camp, a letter was sent by one of the counselors indicating that two kids gave their lives to Christ.

Finance: Finances are remaining status quo. Numbers are very consistent with the prior 2 years. Finance Committee is planning Stewardship Sunday on October 29.

Hospitality: Regrouping from last spring brainstorming session. Will be continuing to use the name tag program again this year. Juanita is trying to get others involved in the group. They are currently talking about several programs that will be started this year. One event they would like on September 24 is a Christmas Celebration for Snow Birds who go away for the winter.

Lay Leader: Craig indicated again that Erik Brohaugh will be speaking October 15 for Laity Sunday. Also some discussion about the Christmas Dinner again this year.

Missions: For the month of May we sent \$397 to the Love Offering for the Minnesota Annual Conference. June- MN Annual Conference Reach, Renew, Rejoice received \$370. July- MN Adult & Teen Challenge

received \$1072. This month we will be supporting Feed My Starving Children. August 12-19 the projects for Brush with Kindness are being done. Always can use more people to help on the projects. Special prayers were asked for Brush With Kindness because they are in need of a Project Manager and a Director. If anyone knows someone who would be interested please contact Nancy Grossmann. Community Meal project still going strong.

Publicity and Social Media: No Report

SPRC: No Report

Trustee: Lloyd reported that the next 2 weeks they will be cleaning carpets in the church. They are also looking at the following projects: Sound System, Carpeting, and the Front Chancel Area. The goal is to complete the projects by the end of October. They will be receiving bids on the noted projects next week. They are organizing an Energy Committee and will need additional members. If anyone is interested, please call Lloyd.

Hope Circle: They have been off over the summer but are resuming in September

Annual Conference: Pastor Dan reported it was a very good Conference and encouraged others to attend next year. This year they had an old fashion evangelical camp meeting where nearly 200 people responded to an altar call.

Praise Fest: Attendance was down a little because of other competing events in the community. The Council expressed appreciation to Terry Keesee for his leadership of the Praise Fest .

MN-Teen Challenge: On July 9 Scott and Wendy Braski sponsored a brunch for the Teen Challenge. Everyone at FUMC wants to thank Scott and Wendy for a wonderful job. Well done Scott & Wendy.

Upcoming Events: Living Nativity this year will be Saturday, December 16, with an alternate date being Wednesday, December 20. December 25 another Christmas Dinner will be served at the church. September 16 the annual Hootenanny will take place at the church. This year's theme is the The Greatest Show On Earth. Tickets went on sale August 27.

Meeting was ended with a prayer by Pastor Dan

Respectfully submitted by
Bob Determan



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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TO: Dakotas and Minnesota Conference Pastors
Lay Members of Annual Conference
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Chairs of Local Church Administrative Councils or Leadership Teams

FROM: **Bishop Bruce R. Ough**

RE: Conversations on a Way Forward

Dear Friends in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 2016 General Conference called upon the Council of Bishops to guide The United Methodist Church in finding a “way forward” through the four-decade-long divide we have had on the matter of homosexuality. As a result, the Council formed a Commission on a Way Forward to assist the bishops with this task. The Commission will make its final report to the Council of Bishops in May, 2018 and the Council, in turn, will make its recommendation to a called session of the General Conference in February, 2019.

This Fall (September – November), I will be hosting 15 regional conversations across the Dakotas-Minnesota Area regarding the Commission’s work. I am eager to (1) keep you informed about their deliberations and progress and, more significantly (2) gather your thoughts about a way forward. I am interested, among other things, to dialogue about how you see The United Methodist Church remaining united in the presence of significant cultural, regional and theological differences.

I encourage you to pre-register for the regional gathering you would like to attend. Your pre-registration will assist the host congregations to prepare appropriate meeting space and hospitality. You can register for any regional gathering that is convenient for you. Each gathering will last approximately two hours. Please register on-line by going to <https://mnumc-reg.brtapp.com/Bishop71> . A complete listing of all meeting dates, times and locations can be found on the registration site. If you have any questions, please contact your district superintendent or Sheilah Kyburz in the Area office (sheilah.kyburz@dkmnareaumc.org or 612-870-4007).

I look forward to this opportunity to engage in this crucial conversation with you. I urge you to continue to pray seeking God’s guidance and blessing for the Commission and the Council.

Sun	8-Oct	Sartell: First UMC of the St. Cloud Region	2:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Big Waters
Sat	21-Oct	Bloomington: Normandale Highlands UMC	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Twin Cities
Wed	25-Oct	Eagan: Advent UMC	6:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	River Valley
Thurs	2-Nov	Roseville: Centennial UMC	6:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	Twin Cities



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

Sept. 1—Marvin Hultquist

Sept. 4—HOLIDAY

Sept. 5—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Sept. 6—Gary & Marna Gerke

Sept. 7—Michelle Gillespie

Sept. 8—Greg McCarthy

Sept. 11—Joan DeMunck

Sept. 12—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

Sept. 13—Larry & Shirley Knopf

Sept. 14—Bonnie Vastka

Sept. 15—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Sept. 18—George Hultman

Sept. 19—Cindy Kopp

Sept. 20—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

Sept. 21—Donn & Sharlene Arnold

Sept. 22—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Sept. 25—Georgia Burg

Sept. 26—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

Sept. 27—Jack & Sandy Danielson

Sept. 28—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Sept. 29—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

Sept. 3 – Sound: Mark Vanderwerf

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Sept. 10 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Sept. 17 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Kay Oien

Sept. 24 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Terry Keesee

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, Sept. 14 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.

September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p					1 ***Pastor	2 Dan
3 9:00a Worship ~ Jim Buelow 10:15a Fellowship on vacation***	4 Labor Day! Office Closed 	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Rally Sunday!	11 6p Bell Choir	12	13	14 9:30a Hope Circle	15	16 6p Hootenanny
17 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday~ NOMADS	18 6p Bell Choir 6:30p A Brush with Kindness Carol on vacation— Office Closed ***Pastor	19 7p Trustees 7p Finance 8p Church Council Newsletter Deadline Dan	20 12p Fellowship Hall used 7p Choir 8:15p Worship Team on vacation	21 Sept. 18-24	22 ***	23 ***
24 9:00a Worship Tom Lundberg /Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship ***	25 6p Bell Choir	26	27 7p Choir 8:15p Worship Team	28	29	30

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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 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
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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