Feed My Starving Children August Mission Focus

About Us

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God’s children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: volunteers hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children, and we send them to partners around the world where they’re used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in our history.

Our Vision

With God’s help, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) will strive to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in people to hear and respond to the cries of those in need.

Mission Statement

Feeding God’s Starving Children Hungry in Body and Spirit

Mission Sunday is August 21, but feel free to give to this mission anytime during the month with the envelopes provided in each pew.

The contribution First UMC makes to FMSC now will help cover the cost of the food we will have an opportunity to help pack during the packing event at Lindstrom Lakes Free Church this coming October. A sign-up will be available in September.

Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarship Recipients

Each year the First United Methodist Foundation grants scholarships to regular attendees, members and those related to members for continuing education. An application is filled out and the committee gathers to review those applications.

Scholarships were given to these recipients July 10.

Kelsey Olson       Jesse Hanvey
Emelie Caldwell   Thomas Braski
Joyce Domogalla
(granddaughter of Roger & Helen Anderson)

Congratulations!

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Dates to remember:

August 6
Men’s Softball Tournament

August 8-12
Our Secretary, Carol Schmidt, on vacation

August 16
Meeting Night-Trustees, Finance, Church Council

August 16
Newsletter Deadline

August 21
Mission Sunday
From the pastor...

So Laurie and I spent this past Fourth of July with family. We had fun. It was great to spend time with some of our grandchildren...especially two granddaughters we do not see that often. We went to two parades. We attended a display of fireworks. Fireworks do not appeal to me as they once did. But watching them with grandchildren...!

You have attended fireworks. There is always this interesting thing happening. Always. We gather for the fireworks a couple of hours early. We sit on blankets and enjoy the company of family and friends. There are vendors selling glow sticks. Then there are those folks who set off their own “fireworks”. We hear firecrackers. We see sparklers. And there are those bottle rockets.

I have experienced this with my children...and now my grandchildren. They hear the firecrackers. They see those bottle rockets and other things going into the sky. They think that is cool. And they wonder if the fireworks have begun. I tell them no. I tell them the good stuff—the real bright and sparkly and loud stuff—is still to come. What they are seeing does not compare to what they will see.

Yep. There is a metaphor here. We experience many good things in this life. Many blessings have come our way. We have seen God at work in many ways. I sure pray this is true for each of you. But what we see now does not begin to compare with what we will one day see. Jesus coming with all his angels...and all that. We win.

Today, as much as ever, we need to remind ourselves and one another of this truth.

However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

A Brush With Kindness
August 2016 Summer Projects

Wow! A chance to do local mission work right here in Chisago County. Here is a list of projects which we cannot do without you. Please don’t think others have already stepped up and signed up. It’s God’s business who is called. We just ask you to consider it and listen to his call.

Thanks,
Alan Rasmussen

August 13 through August 20 Mission Week
* Stephanie Project in Forest Lake – replace damaged exterior patio doors and a window that exposes her children to a safety hazard
* Pat and John Project in Chisago City- replace damaged siding and paint home.
* Richard Project in Lindstrom – Replace lower rotted siding, and paint house and garage. Some landscaping.
* Bruce Project in Wyoming - Stain his wheelchair ramps and decks.

For your info!
We also have two Rush City Projects that we are staffing from churches in that area.

Three of the homes are being roofed by a professional contractor in lieu of using ABWK volunteers for this hazardous work. Your welcome!

Also a big thanks to JBS Carpentry for doing the projects at very reasonable prices and to Thrivent Builds for helping with some of our costs.

Painters will notice new equipment and stricter compliance with safety requirements when doing work above 6 feet.

If you already have plans but would still like to help please consider making a donation to help with the project materials.

Please note this is not free to the families. For a family to qualify they must be at or below 60% of Chisago County area median income.

You can mail a tax deductible donation to ABWK c/o First UMC, P.O. Box 688, Lindstrom MN 55045.
Prayer Requests from the bulletin:
Cole Anderson        Doris Brand
Roger Anderson       Steve Hernick
Jim McDermott        David Heldt
Isaac Mitchell       Britt, Kelvin & Baby

Pastoral Care
Hospitals no longer telephone churches, because of
the privacy act, to let us know that one of our mem-
ers have been admitted.
Please notify the church office, 257-4306, if you
desire pastoral care for illness, hospitalizations, or
surgeries.

Monthly Giving update
Our General Fund Budget for 2016 is
$188,147, which becomes $15,679 per
month.
General Fund giving for June was
$10,216.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in July
July 3—88
July 10—96
July 17—82
July 24—62

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!
Gary Beringer........August 10
Lynne Hultman.........August 10
Jesse Figueroa.......August 11
Sue Hanvey..........August 16
Becca Ploog.........August 18
Cyndi Keese.........August 21
Lynne Wilkerson.....August 23
Susan Hernick.......August 27

Unidos en Cristo weekends
Experience New Testament Christianity
Unidos en Cristo (formally Cursillo) is a 3-day learn-
ing, 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.

2016
#281 Men:       October 13-16
#282 Women:       October 20-23
Held at Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center

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.

Thank you!
I’d like to thank my church family for celebrating my
101st birthday with me—to all who sent cards, to all
who came to visit and to all who signed the card that
was at the church. Also, for all your prayers.

I am so blessed! Doris Brand

Happy Birthday!

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Church Council Minutes
July 19, 2016

Present: Kay Oien, Mark Vanderwerf, Scott Lecy, Laurie Doughty, Nancy Grossmann, Pastor Dan Doughty, Marna Gerke

Meeting opened with prayer

MMSP approval of May 17, 2016 minutes.

Committee Reports

- **Sunday School** - Three classrooms are planned for this fall. The third room to be used must have current items in storage removed and relocated; the Trustees will be responsible for doing so. A representative of the Sunday School will be attending the August Trustee meeting to discuss Sunday School room furnishing needs, in particular tables and chairs. New curriculum materials are also of primary importance as attendance grows.

- **Foundation** - Annual scholarships have been presented. Foundation has funds available annually to enhance church endeavors. As brought forth in a discussion regarding Sunday School needs, a worthy donation would certainly be our Youth and our Sunday School. Sunday School and Trustee chairs will prepare and present information on a needs request at the Foundation’s August meeting.

- **Mission** - MN Teen Challenge offering in June was $1088. July offering toward UMC-Reach, Renew, Rejoice was $120 as of 7/17/16, with more anticipated. August’s focus will be Feed My Starving Children, with more information forthcoming in September for a participation sign up for this October event at Lakes Free Church. The Monday Community Meal is suspended until further funding can be determined. Noted and credit to the Chisago Lakes area in that we were never at a shortage of volunteers for this dinner, as other areas have struggled with. Hopefully funding can be restored; a brainstorming meeting to discuss this funding need is occurring July 25 headed by Pastor Rudquist of Zion Lutheran. Brush With Kindness projects will take place August 13-20.

- **Finance** - Month to month we are able to meet our obligations. We are about equal to last year more or less. Mid year statements are no longer being issued. If you would like one, however, this can be accommodated. Serious concerns over shortage of maintenance dollars in the cemetery fund; determination must be made as how this is to be addressed.

Note: Plots are much more reasonably priced than other cemeteries in the area; also, are people aware this cemetery is not solely for Methodists, though if a Methodist the expenditure is less.

- **Youth** - No activities over the summer; 8/26 a campout will take place in the Church yard. Club Rock will commence again in September.

- **Trustees** - Exhaust fan motor has been replaced. Projector lamp replacement done.

- **Pastor** - The entire June annual conference was attended by Pastor Dan and Kay Oien as a voting Lay Member. Our Church received a $1,000 award from the Conference for its many accomplishments.

**Upcoming:**
- Pastor Dan vacation 8/29-Labor Day
- Glen Polzine preaching 9/4
- 10/9 Cradle Rocking/Layit Sunday, Craig Stockel
- 10/16, Andy Wilkerson w/special speaker
- Thanksgiving Eve service 11/23

Closing Prayer
Next meeting August 16, 8 PM
Minutes submitted by Marna Gerke

Kay’s Annual Conference Report

I had a swell time attending the MN UMC Methodist Annual Conference as the lay member. I found out that there are a whole lot of people in our conference. They care about what we are doing and want to help us. They even gave us a major award! We received the “One Matters” award (plaque and 1K), because we had many baptisms, confessions of faith, and we host a lot of community outreach events.

I attended a laity session about growing our church. Here I learned that many churches have a life cycle and eventually die out. At over 150 years old, we should be very dead! We are doing a lot, but could do even more. I took notes and will share what I learned.

We have a great building, beautiful grounds, talented enthusiastic disciples. Have an idea for a new thing? class? mission? fellowship fun? worship service? study? yoga in the hallway?

Well, you can always JOIN THE CHOIR! First practice will be Wednesday, September 7, at 7PM. We will sing at Rally Sunday on September 11.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
Under the Sea Word Search

ALGAE
BARRACUDA
BASS
BIVALVE
CLAM
COD
CONCH
CORAL
CRAB
DIATOMS
DOLPHIN

EEL
KELP
KRILL
MACKEREL
MANATEE
OCEAN
OCTOPUS
ORCA
OTTER
RAY
REEF

SEA CUCUMBER
SEAL
SHAD
SHARK
SHRIMP
SNAIL
SQUID
SQUID
TUNA
URCHIN
**Meals on Wheels Deliverers**

August 1—Joe Rystrom  
August 2—Ron & Juanita Morgan  
August 3—Gary Gerke  
August 4—Michelle Gillespie  
August 5—Greg McCarthy  
August 8—George Hultman  
August 9—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt  
August 10—Larry & Shirley Knopf  
August 11—Bonnie Vastka  
August 12—Marvin Hultquist  
August 15—Georgia Burg  
August 16—Cindy Kopp  
August 17—Lois Anderson & Marna Gerke  
August 18—Donn & Sharlene Arnold  
August 19—Jim & Joyce Stafki  
August 22—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie  
August 23—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum  
August 24—Jack & Sandy Danielson  
August 25—Phil & Joan DeMunck  
August 26—Harold & Jan Lovaas  
August 29—Marvin Hultquist  
August 30—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt  
August 31—Jim & Joyce Stafki  

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:  
**Carroll Keller**, 257-2225  
**Juanita Morgan**, 257-9268

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**Tech Ministries Schedule**

August 7 – Sound: Bruce Larsen  
Accompanist: Kay Oien

August 14 – Sound: needed  
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

August 21 – Sound: Scott Lecy  
Accompanist: Kay Oien

August 29 – Sound: Bruce Larsen  
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

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**Hope Circle meeting...**

Hope Circle will NOT be meeting in August.

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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Monday –  
Friday  
8:00a – 2:30p | 1       | 2 NO Men’s Softball | 3        | 4 NO Worship Team | 5        |
| 7      | 9:00a Worship  
10:15a Fellowship | 8       | 9 **Carol Schmidt** | 10       | 11 NO Hope Circle  
7p Worship Team | 12       |
|        | 13       | 14      | 15 6:30p A Brush With Kindness  
16 7p Trustees  
7p Finance  
8p Church Council  
Newsletter deadline | 17       | 18 NO Worship Team | 19       |
|        | 20       | 21      | 22 9:00a Worship  
10:15a Fellowship  
**Mission Sunday—Feed My Starving Children** | 23       | 24       | 25 7p Worship Team | 26       |
| 28     | 27       | 29 6:15p Bell Choir  
***Pastor** | 30       | 31       | on vacation  
August 29—Sept. 4*** | 31       |
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.
Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Our Ministry Team:
Pastor… Dan Doughty (dan.d@usfamily.net)
Administrative Secretary / Treasurer… Carol Schmidt
Children’s Coordinator… Laurie Doughty
Youth Coordinators… Scott & Cheryl Lecy
Choir Director… Kay Oien
Worship Team Leader… Beth Lunsford
Church Council Chairperson… Terry Keesee
Finance Chairperson… Scott Lecy
Financial Secretary… Linda Ploog
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
Custodian… Cheryl Hultquist

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