



Grace Courier

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Mission Focus for March is UMCOR



Disaster Response

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States, as well as those in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. These beneficiaries are seen as partners, not victims, and UMCOR works to empower them. Wherever possible, UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend its reach.

In its holistic response to disasters, UMCOR:

- Offers disaster preparedness training.
- Provides essential supplies and care—both physical and psychological—in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

Supports long-term rebuilding efforts and assists communities as they adapt.

You can give to this mission throughout the month or on Mission Sunday, March 18.

Holy Week and Easter Services



March 25 ~
Passion/Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship

March 28 ~
No Wednesday Night Activities
6:00 p.m. Choir

March 29 ~
Maundy/Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion

April 1 ~
Easter!
7:30—8:45 a.m. Breakfast by youth
9:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

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March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Together we can SQUASH HUNGER!

At Family Pathways, we believe that access to food is a basic need that cannot go unanswered. You are the solution. You can crush hunger by helping to distribute more than 2.2 million meals this year.

Our local Food Shelf serves an average of 200 families per month, which equates to 600 individuals—half of which are children and older adults.

There is a grocery cart in the foyer for your donations. Staples are peanut butter and jelly.

Pickles & Olives are needed before March 9 for Easter baskets.

Will you help fill our cart?

Dates to remember:

March 2	Club Rock
March 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 12-18	Pastor Dan on vacation
March 18	Mission Sunday
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	Holy Thursday

From the pastor...

Bishop Bruce Ough was speaking to a gathering of clergy about a year ago. He used as his text the resurrection account from Mark's Gospel. It is found in chapter sixteen. I experienced that day an assurance of the hope we have in Jesus.

It was the third day. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, were on their way to the tomb. They brought spices with them. They were going to anoint the body of Jesus. It was early in the morning. As they walked along, they had one question: they wondered who would roll away the stone. The text seems to imply that this question dominated their conversation. We know from the end of chapter fifteen that they had seen the stone being rolled against the door of the tomb.

So their chief concern was that heavy stone. Their concern was a very real one. No matter what kind of stone it was, it would have been heavy. So they had just the one difficulty: the heavy rock. The text says the stone was very large.

For many, there is a heaviness in their lives... stuff that just seems too difficult to move on our own. This is very real. We wonder who will move those stones in our lives. There are days when that may be our chief concern.

When the women arrived at the tomb, they discovered the stone had been rolled away. Jesus was alive. The heavy stone was no longer their chief concern.

Jesus is alive. Jesus is alive, and this is all our hope while we walk in this world. Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Life gets heavy sometimes. Jesus promises us rest when we turn to him. He is alive.

"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!" (Revelation 1:17-18)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan



Guac and Talk Before Choir Practice on March 14

Choir practice will begin again on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 PM. Come early (6:00) for a little guacamole, chips and other Mexican delicacies. We will sing on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, once in April, and once in May.

If you have heard/seen the FUMC choir, you already know that we sing with great energy and JOY! Well... that's our goal, anyhow. We just ♪♪ love to sing.♪ It is our hope that our singing might touch your hearts and help us all feel God's presence during Sunday worship.

There are some things you may NOT already know about our choir.

We don't all read music. You read that correctly! Some have improved their listening and learn their parts by listening to the piano and each other. I often email recordings of the anthems to everyone, so we can listen at home.

The bass section misbehaves at practice. The sopranos don't all sing super high. (Sharlene and Jesse hit those high notes) Women may sing tenor. (Patsy, Pat, and Linda) Some altos bring their kids to practice (Sarah: Rachel sings with us, Tina: Kyle reads) All practices end with a treat.

We love, encourage, and pray for each other. We often hang out a little after practice just because we like each other. It's so cool that men, women, and teens of different vocal abilities can join together in song and kind of balance each other out. We sound so much better together than our individual members' talents might suggest. We would be even more melodic with YOU joining us!

Hope to see you March 14!

Kay Oien



In Our Prayers...

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Olga Determan; Jon Determan

Blessings!

Madelyn Helen Tomczak, born Dec. 16, 2017 was baptized into the faith February 25, 2018. She is the daughter of **Laura & Jeremy Tomczak**.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome new members **Eric & Adrienne Stegmeir**, who joined the congregation Feb. 18.

Family Pathways Food Shelf

The annual Easter Dinner basket collection has begun. They plan to help feed 150 families. First UMC has been asked to donate jars of **pickles** and **olives** for the baskets. There is a cart in the foyer for your donations. Deadline March 9.

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.

**Easter Carnival
Saturday, March 24
10:00—11:30a**

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!



Bonnie Bielicki.....March 1
Laurie Doughty.....March 2
Boni Stockel.....March 4
Nordell Anderson.....March 5
Brody Thorvaldson.....March 13
Jim Palmer.....March 16
Pastor Dan.....March 18
Sarah Sandgren.....March 18
Diana Westrum.....March 19
LeRoy Hanson.....March 21
Lisa Hughes.....March 26
Shirley Oswald.....March 27
Char Loula.....March 29
Vicki Pearson.....March 31



Have a happy day!

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)

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

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.

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.

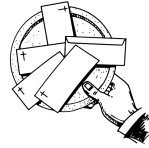
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#291 Men: July 19-22
#292 Women: July 26-29
Held at The Well Church, Rosemount MN

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 2018 is \$185,145. which becomes \$15,429 per month.

General Fund giving for January was \$11,501.71.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in February

February 4—113

February 11—104

February 18—80

February 25—80



*The
Season
of
Lent*



BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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JESUS CHRIST
SALVATION
JEW
GENTILE
HOLY SPIRIT
GOD THE FATHER
PERSECUTE

PRAY
TITHE
MINISTRY
BIBLE
HOLY
SACRIFICE
FAITH

MIRACLE
NAZARETH
BETHLEHEM
JERUSALEM
BAPTIZE
TEMPTATION
SIN

CREATED BY MELINDA SKAGGS

Youth Ministry Youth Led Service

If you overslept or played hooky on Super Bowl Sunday (February 4th) you missed a SUPER service led by the youth. They led absolutely everything ~ greeters, ushers, worship music, hymns, the “Adults” message (hilarious), prayer, bell choir, and collecting the offering. They even collected an additional “Noisy” offering of loose change rattling around in coffee cans. God totally blessed them with over \$400 in loose change - which they chose to give to Family Pathways for the children’s back pack program. **Taylor Thorvaldson** took over Dan’s job for the day and delivered a great message. She taught us through David and Goliath and her own personal testimony to not be afraid. We are to prepare our fields and trust, even if something seems impossible or “too big” because with God anything is possible!

After the service they served homemade soup and bread and collected free will donations to help pay for camp this summer.

And did I mention everyone dressed in their favorite team apparel? Go Vikes, Packers, Wild, Twins, Hawkeyes, Minnesota...you name it.

A huge thank you to **Erin Thorvaldson, Wendy Vanderwerf, Sarah Clark, Terry Keesee, Pastor Dan** and all the parents who gave of their time to work with the youth to put the service together. Thanks to the youth too- you all did a great job and we can’t wait for next time!

By the way, if you did oversleep- catch the instant replay on our website.



1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.



Easter Morning breakfast will be served by the Youth- April 1st in the fellowship hall from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM



In His Service! **Cheryl and Scott Lecy**





Meals on Wheels Deliverers

March 1—Michelle Gillespie
March 2—Dick McCarthy

March 5—Marvin Hultquist
March 6—Ron & Juanita Morgan
March 7—Gary & Marna Gerke
March 8—Bonnie Vasatka
March 9—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

March 12—George Hultman
March 13—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
March 14—Larry & Shirley Knopf
March 15—Donn Arnold
March 16—Jim & Joyce Stafki

March 19—Georgia Burg
March 20—Cindy Kopp
March 21—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre
March 22—Marvin Hultquist
March 23—Jim & Joyce Stafki

March 26—Joan DeMunck
March 27—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum
March 28—Gary & Marna Gerke
March 29—Ron & Juanita Morgan
March 30—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:
Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

March 4 – Sound: Craig Stockel
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

March 11 – Sound: Scott Lecy
Accompanist: Kay Oien

March 18 – Sound:
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

March 25 – Sound: Bruce Larsen
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, March 8 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.

March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p				1	2 World Day of Prayer 5:30p Club Rock	3
4 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 10:15a Info meeting 10:15a SPRC with District Superintendent	5 6p Bell Choir	6 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church	7 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Youth Bells 6p Adult Bible Study NO Choir 7p Worship Team	8 Pastor Dan out of the office- meeting 9:30a Hope Circle	9	10 Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour 
11 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 5p UEC Ultreya Daylight Saving Time Begins	12 6p Bell Choir ***Pastor Dan	13 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church on	14 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Youth Bells NO Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team vacation	15 March 12-18	16 ***	17 ***
18 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Worship ~ Glenn Polzine /Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday` UMCOR *****	19 6p Bell Choir	20 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church 7p Trustees 7p Finance NO Church Council Newsletter deadline	21 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Youth Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	22	23	24 10:00— 11:30a Easter Carnival!
25 Palm Sunday 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 	26 6p Bell Choir	27 NO Women's Bible Study	28 No Wednesday Evening Activities	29 Holy Thursday 7p Worship Service	30 Good Friday	31
						

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First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

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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 & 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
Finance Chairperson...	Scott Lecy
Financial Secretary...	Linda Ploog
Foundation Chairperson...	Donn Arnold
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Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...	Jim Caldwell
Trustees Chairperson...	Lloyd Jones
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