



GRACE COURIER

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UMC Love Offering for Missions is the May Mission Focus



The Love Offering is gathered within Minnesota United Methodist churches and delivered to annual conference session.

It benefits international, national, and Minnesota missions. This year those missions are:

65% will support Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips in response to Hurricane Maria.

20% will support Park Avenue UMC Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program, a six-week summer day camp

experience for children.

15% will support NUMAS Haus. NUMAS Haus provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children in New Ulm and surrounding Brown County.

You can give to the Love Offering throughout the month with mission envelopes found in the pew racks. Mission Sunday will be May 20.

Pastor Dan will be bringing our offering to Annual Conference May 29-June 1.

Please give generously!

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Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships

- ♦ Funded by the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom Foundation
- ♦ All are eligible if a member or regular worshiper at the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom, a relative of a church attendee, or a youth regularly involved in activities associated with the church
- ♦ Applications can be obtained through the church office, on the information table in the back of the church, or electronically on our website
- ♦ Applications will be evaluated by the Foundation team members and awarded on need and merit. A detailed, thoughtful application will influence the final evaluation and selection. Please be as specific as possible.

Dates to remember:

May 6: Applications will be available

June 8: All applications must be received

Late June/Early July: Recipients will be notified

July 15: Scholarships awarded

Scholarships may be obtained by contacting:

Carol Schmidt (office hours 8-2:30 M-F)
Administrative Secretary
firstmethodist@usfamily.net
651-257-4306

Or, you can find applications on the Information Table in the foyer, or on our website.

Dates to remember:

May 2
Last Family Dinner and Bible Study

May 6 & 20
Adult Study

May 13
Mother's Day

May 20
Mission Sunday

May 27
Memorial Day Service

May 29-June 1
Pastor Dan attending Annual Conference

From the pastor...

May is the month we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost arrives fifty days after Passover. Some fifty days after Jesus rose from the grave, Jews from all over gathered once again in Jerusalem. They were there to celebrate the giving of the law to Moses. On that day God poured out the Holy Spirit. The disciples were empowered to proclaim the good news in the languages of all the people who were gathered there. Jesus told the disciples they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. They would then be witnesses to the ends of the earth. But they would begin right where they were... in Jerusalem.

"We will proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to a lost and hurting world, beginning in Chisago County." That is the mission statement of First United Methodist Church. People need to hear good news these days. They need to hear the good news. We are the ones to tell them. We begin right where we are. Where we are is always the best place to begin.

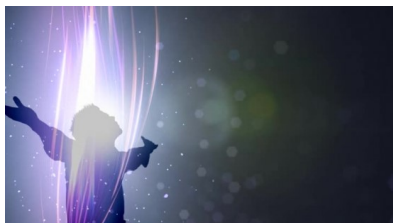
For each of us, as followers of Jesus, we also share the good news, and we begin where we are. We share the good news with our family and with our friends. We share the good news where we work. Where we are is a good place to tell someone that Jesus loves them. Tell someone this month that they are a child of God, and God loves them. Tell someone what Jesus has done for you.

And know this: God has poured out the Holy Spirit on us. The Spirit inspires and empowers us to be witnesses for Jesus. The Spirit will enable us to share the good news so that it is heard and understood.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan



Men's Softball -

If you are interested in playing, please email Rob Sandgren at sandg010@gmail.com for information.

Games are played on Tuesday evenings from early May until the end of July. This information is also available in the events section of the church website.

All are welcome and we look forward to another great year!

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

#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 March was \$13,170.26.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

In Our Prayers...

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Sandy Danielson

Our Deepest Sympathy: to the family of **Doug Streed**, who passed away April 13th. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, May 20, 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City.

Our Deepest Sympathy: to **Pam Fossum and family** on the passing of her husband, **Dennis**, April 21. A private service will be held at Fort Snelling.

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.

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.

Worship Attendance in April

April 1—162

April 8—100

April 15—Service Cancelled—snow!

April 22—126

Newsletter sent before April 29.



Nursery

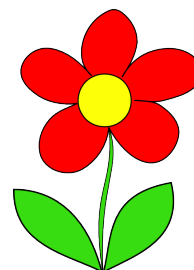
We are pleased to be able to provide a Nursery during the worship service. It is designed for infants through 2 years.

Children are always welcome in the worship service.

Birthdays!



Steve Graves.....May 2
Tari Eng.....May 2
Zara Kinnunen.....May 2
Sandy Danielson.....May 4
Tammy Figueroa.....May 11
MaryAnn Jindra.....May 11
Joy Liberda.....May 14
Marvin Hultquist.....May 15
Luke Anderson.....May 16
Ed Oswald.....May 16
Andrew Tracy.....May 18
Karen Bruss.....May 21
Terry Keese.....May 23
Tami Rehbein.....May 23
Angel RempelEwert.....May 25
Nate Clark.....May 28
Craig Stockel.....May 28



HELP

Health Equipment Lending Program

Do you or someone you know need temporary medical equipment?

HELP began in 2010 with the idea of three men from the community (two from Trinity Lutheran Church and one from First UMC) who saw the need for health equipment to be available to all who may have need of it.

HELP offers used medical equipment to anyone with a temporary need. The equipment can be "borrowed" for up to six months, but can be extended with a phone call for a maximum borrow time of one year. The equipment is housed at First UMC.

The equipment is donated by individuals and health care providers. It is cleaned and sanitized before being issued for use.

Call the church office, 257-4306, for information on what equipment is available for your use or to donate used equipment.

Church Council Minutes

April 17, 2018

Present: Lloyd Jones, Sarah Clark, Juanita Morgan, Terry Keesee, Laurie Doughty, Cindy Kopp, Scott Lecy, Cheryl Lecy

Meeting opened with a prayer from Sarah Clark

Finance: Scott indicated that all bills have been paid for the first quarter of 2018. First Quarter spending was higher this year than previous due to increases in energy cost, repairs and snow removal. Giving was down slightly due to one less Sunday this year verses last year. Scott just wants to remind those turning in reimbursable expenses to complete the necessary expense form, along with receipts and drop off with **Carol** in the office so all purchase receipts can be accounted for accurately.

Adult Ministry: We are continuing to study the book of Romans. The last day for this study will be May 2. Good participation by all.

Worship Design: We had a good Lenten season this year. Easter was fantastic. Thank you to all who helped to make Lent and Easter a meaningful time. Flowers will be given to all mothers on Mother's Day. Pastor Dan's last sermon will be on June 17. **Tom Lundberg** will be preaching on June 24. Thanks much to Tom for sharing his gift of proclamation with us.

Praise Fest: Praise Fest is a go for June 24. We are calling it Praise and Music Fest. Organizers are: **Erin Thorvaldson, Sarah Clark, and Vicki Pearson.**

Annual Conference: Annual Conference is May 30-June 1. Pastor Dan will be there beginning May 29. Conference is in St. Cloud. Kay Oien is our Lay Member of the Annual Conference. She will be attending. This will be a particularly meaningful Conference for Pastor Dan. It is the Conference at which he will be retiring and his son will be ordained.

Children's Ministry: May 20 will be the last Sunday for Children's Sunday School. It has been a great year for the kids and their participation at Sunday school. Special Thanks to **Laurie** and all the teachers for making this a great experience for all our kids.

Club Rock-Youth Ministry: Club Rock is going well this year. Currently 7 kids are attending regularly. May 4 is the last meeting for Club Rock at the church. A special meeting off site will be scheduled for June. **Cheryl** discussed the sponsorship process for summer camp. Camp is schedule for June/July this year. It sounds like we will again have a number of kids going to camp this year. Plans are in place to have good fellowship plus lots of fun.

Trustees: So far nearly \$20,000 has been raised for the parking lot fund. Along with the matching funds we are nearly 2/3 of the way to meeting our goal. Hopes are to have the project done in May if possible. Thanks for your generous donations thus far. Also, new blinds are being purchased for the Lounge area. They should be installed soon. Spring cleaning is coming up soon. Watch for signup sheets in the church.

Foundation: No Report

Hospitality: Things are going well. Signup sheets are available in the cafeteria for anyone wishing to help after Sunday services.

Lay Leader: No Report/ **Missions:** No Report

Publicity and Social Media: No Report

SPRC: No Report

Hope Circle: June 17 special event for Pastor Dan's last Sunday. Planning is in process for a very special day for **Pastor Dan**. Please contact Juanita Morgan with ideas etc. to make this day very special.

Women's Bible Study: Bible study on the book of James finished this week. It was a great study. There were 11 people attending. Everyone is looking forward to the new Bible Study next year. Thanks to **Cindy Kopp** for leading the Bible Study.

Upcoming Events / Project: 3rd Tuesday this May will be a Special Church Council Meeting.

Meeting closed with a prayer by **Scott Lecy**.
Minutes respectfully submitted by **Bob Determan**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Laurie Doughty



We have had a great year in Children's Ministry! A big shout out to our awesome teachers: **Katie Leadholm, Sarah Sandgren, Erin Thorvaldson, Emily Honerbrink, Adrienne Stegmeir and Nicole Oehme!** They made Sunday school classes fun and exciting for the kids.

A special thank you to **Terry Kopp** for the entertaining Children's Sermons! What fun to see the kids engaging in these special moments! The grownups got a lot out of them too!

When you see these folks, please let them know how much you appreciate all they do for our church.

Our last day of Sunday school classes will be **Sunday, May 20th**. We will be celebrating with fun, games and pop-floats out on the playground. **Blessings!**

THIS 'N' THAT

J. Morgan

1. HOSPITALITY:

Our church kitchen and fellowship hall are integral to creating an atmosphere of welcome and *hospitality*. "Coffee Hour" after the Sunday Morning worship service, gives an opportunity to develop new friendships and strengthen old ones. *Fellowship* results. The kitchen and hall have been in use for many occasions: family reunions, funeral luncheons, Birthday and Anniversary recognitions, weddings, Youth sponsored breakfast (e.g. Easter), Wednesday night suppers, coffee for Bible Studies and various meetings, etc. So many of you have donated your time and efforts to provide opportunities to share time together, I can't begin to thank you!

Please continue to volunteer to provide 'treats', set-up, serve, and/or clean-up. The sign-up sheet is on the high table by the boiler room door in the fellowship hall. Hope to see 'new' names on the list! Call me if you have questions.

2. MEALS-ON-WHEELS:

Whether you are aware of it or not, we have had a *Mission* outreach since 1977. In that year a group of people from several churches met to organize what we now call South Chisago Meals on Wheels. Our church is responsible for one of four routes: Route 2, which delivers meals in the Wyoming, MN area. Meals are prepared at Parmly. Volunteers take a complete meal to those homebound or unable to prepare a meal for themselves. This service helps recipients continue to live independently in their own home or apartment.

Many thanks to our faithful drivers who make it possible to carry on this valuable community service. Currently seventeen people from First UMC volunteer, as well as eleven others from the community. Usually the commitment is approximately 2 hours, one day per month. We are so pleased that two members of our church have recently volunteered to serve: **Bonnie Bielicki and Jon Glader**. Please contact me if YOU might be interested.... We always need more volunteers. Some of our long time servers need a respite!

3. HOPE CIRCLE:

One *mission* of Hope Circle is to send cards to shut-ins, those with illnesses or injuries,

happy occasions and sad ones. If you would like to receive a card to brighten your day, or know someone else who does, please let us know. Hope Circle welcomes women of the church who would like to share devotions, companionship, and church outreach. The group meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30a in the Hope Circle Room. The next meeting is May 10. (FYI: No meetings in June, July, August '18)

4. HOSPITALITY IN ACTION:

Every Sunday **Terry Kopp** works his 'magic' with the children in our church, who gather 'round' him and hear a Children's version of the topic of the day's sermon. Terry epitomizes the lay servant who through his loving kindness and interaction creates an atmosphere of comfort and acceptance.

Thank you Terry. The adults are learning too!



Memorial Day Service Sunday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.

Join us for our annual Memorial Day Service held Sunday, May 27 with Andy Wilkerson giving the message.



Adult Study

"WHY I BELIEVE" by **Chip Ingram** will be the bi-weekly series that we will discuss in a Small Group setting. Join us Sunday, May 6 and Sunday, May 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the lounge. Topic for both weeks will be "Why I Believe in Life After Death."

Questions? Talk with **Scott Lecy**.



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

May 1—Marvin Hultquist

May 2—Gary & Marna Gerke

May 3—Michelle Gillespie

May 4—Greg McCarthy

May 7—Joan DeMunck

May 8—Ron & Juanita Morgan

May 9—Larry & Shirley Knopf

May 10—Bonnie Vasatka

May 11—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

May 14—George Hultman

May 15—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker

May 16—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

May 17—Don & Sharlene Arnold

May 18—Jim & Joyce Stafki

May 21—Georgia Burg

May 22—Cindy Kopp

May 23—Jon Glader

May 24—Jim & Joyce Stafki

May 25—Harold & Jan Lovaas

May 28—Memorial Day Holiday

May 29—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

May 30—Jack & Sandy Danielson

May 31—Joan DeMunck

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:

Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

May 6 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

May 13 – Sound: Bruce Larsen

Accompanist: Kay Oien

May 20 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

May 27 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Terry Keesee

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, May 10 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

Sunday Messages available

Pastor Dan's Sunday messages are posted to our website: www.lindstrommethodist.org the week following the service.

You will be able to read the message or watch the video on the site.

May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p		1	2 5p LAST Family Dinner 6p LAST Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	3 Pastor Dan out of office— Committee on Ordained Ministry National Day of Prayer	4 5:30p Club Rock Pastor Dan & Carol Schmidt out of the office	5
6 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 6:30p Adult Study Rev. John C. Black- ford Scholarships available	7	8	9 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	10 9:30a Hope Circle	11	12
13 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship <i>Mother's Day</i> 	14 Pastor Dan out of the office— pre-Conference Meeting	19 7p Trustees 7p Finance NO Church Council Newsletter deadline	16 7p Worship Team	17	18 Carol Schmidt out of the office	19
20 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship 6:30p Adult Study Pentecost Mission Sunday~ Love Offering	21	22	23 7p Worship Team	24	25	26
27 Memorial Day Service 9:00a Worship / Andy Wilkerson 10:15a Fellowship	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 	29 *** Minnesota	30 7p Worship Team Annual Conference	31 May 29-June 1	***	

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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
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...	Sandy Gaudette
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...	Jim Caldwell
Trustees Chairperson...	Lloyd Jones
Worship Team Leader...	Beth Lunsford
Youth Coordinators...	Scott & Cheryl Lecy

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