



The Window

February 2018 Newsletter



First United Methodist

Church

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Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday
9:00am–Noon
1:00–4:00pm

Love
the Lord thy God with all thy
HEART
with all thy
SOUL
and with all thy
MIND
♥

MATTHEW TWENTY-TWO VERSE THIRTY-SEVEN



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As you're reading this, we are getting close to the midpoint of **Community Bible Experience**: reading through the New Testament together! Congratulations...and don't give up, keep going! The three slogans above really say it all:

READ BIG. Reading 10-12 pages each day is a lot! But if your experience is like mine, it takes your understanding of the Bible – God's story – to a whole new level. Reading large sections helps your understanding because of the larger context. Instead of reading a verse or a couple of verses pulled out of their surrounding story, you're seeing how everything fits together: the action fits with the parables or dialog; the characters become more real as you watch them following—or fighting—Jesus. All of this helps pull you and me into the story – we sense where we would find ourselves if we were there in the crowds, or with the disciples, or in a one-on-one conversation with Jesus. **Reading BIG is powerful.**

READ REAL. Because we're taking in so much of God's story each day, the Holy Spirit is able to speak to us in personal, deep ways. Suddenly this isn't just a story long ago, it's real to our daily lives and circumstances. We start to identify with those in the story—they become very real to us, and applying what we're reading to our own lives starts happening more naturally. **Reading REAL is up close and personal.**

READ TOGETHER. This is how the first believers in Jesus heard these words. They listened together in small groups, or in worshiping in their homes or other gathering places. As these gospels or letters were read, they discussed them together, learned together, and prayed together for wisdom to follow Jesus—together—more faithfully.

Our five discussion questions have no doubt led to engaging conversations in your small groups. Reading together saves us from the sin of pride: "I know all the answers" – but also the sin of doubt – "I'll never understand the Bible as well as other Christians." Instead we are encouraged and strengthened because—reading together and sharing together—we become the body of Christ, helping one another gain wisdom and follow Jesus more faithfully! **Reading TOGETHER "bears much fruit".**

If you've struggled with this, if you've fallen behind—don't give up! Just check your bookmark and start reading again with today's assigned pages. God will honor the time you invest. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand as you read; that's a prayer he will answer! And if you haven't participated in a small group yet, it's never too late to join...all the groups are open to anyone.

You will have something to share—and to receive—that will be a blessing!

Reading with you all!
Pastor Mike

February



Congratulations to Bud & Shirley Lyons on the birth of their great grandson Oliver Gregory, born January 18th to Ross and Kaley Lyons.



Church Email Groups

The church office has email groups for keeping connected with the congregation. In addition to the 'all church' group that gets this newsletter, for instance, these email groups are also available Prayer Partners for prayer requests, and Weekly Announcements. Please let the office know if you would like to subscribe to either of these lists, or to unsubscribe at any time.



Join us for a special Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary to begin our Lenten journey.

**February 14
7:00pm**

Also, all are encouraged to come to the weekly Wednesday noon community services at the Presbyterian church, starting Wednesday, February 21st. The services are 30 minutes, followed by lunch, served by the participating churches.

Friendly Fellowship Tuesday February 27th Noon



All are invited to join us for a good potluck meal and friendly fellowship. Joel LaCanne of LaCanne Funeral Home will be our speaker.

If you or someone you know would like to present an interesting program (usually about 20-30 minutes long), please let the church office know.

Please bring something to share, and join us for lunch!



friday chamber coffee

Friday February 2 at 10am

Join us here at First UMC as we host the Chamber Coffee in our church lobby. We will be highlighting our upcoming Work As Worship event. The Chamber Coffee and the Work As Worship events are outreaches to our community. You do not have to be a business owner to join us for our Chamber Coffee or the WAW event; all are encouraged to come.



Weather Announcements

Please check with the following media for weather-related service cancellation announcements
[Windom KDOM radio 1580AM](#)
[Windom TV cable channels 3 & 24](#)
[Jackson KKOJ radio 1190AM \(broadcasts live Sundays\)](#)
Like us on Facebook for service cancellation info, or check our website: www.windomfumc.org.

When school is canceled due to weather, the church office may also be closed.



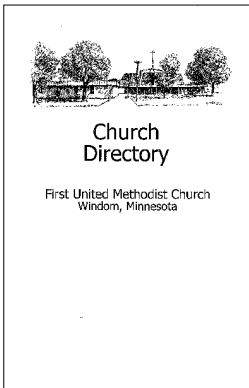
We have begun another new year of ministry and there are many new committee members.

Thank you to everyone who has served on a committee, and in all areas of serving the Lord through First UMC. Take a look at the church calendar, and all around you to see all the generous hearts it takes to run a vibrant Ministry. Thank you all!

[John 15:12](#)

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

2018 CHURCH DIRECTORIES



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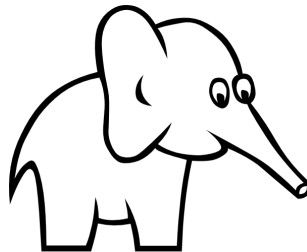
Our 2018 annual church directory, and our picture directory have been delayed a little. The church's copier has been having some issues, and it will be replaced soon. After the new copier is installed, the new directories will be printed and distributed in February. Thank you for your patience! In the meantime, please provide any address, phone, or email address changes to the church office.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who is helping with our roof repair loan! The loan balance as we go to print at the end of January is \$43,864.73. The total cost of this roof project was about \$135,000, so we have made great progress on this important repair. Thank you, thank you!

I have loved
YOU with an
EVERLASTING
Love.

I have DRAWN
YOU with
loving-kindness
Jeremiah 31:3



White Elephant Items Welcome

Our annual salad luncheon and white elephant sale fundraiser will be held April 26th, so please bring your gently used, clean items to the church...

Decorations, plants, kitchen items, books, jewelry, movies, music, bedding and most household items.

Please do not bring clothing, footwear, or electronics.

If you have a large item, furniture, or have a question, please contact JoAnn VanNorman.

Sale items are collected in the east coat closet, next to the sanctuary.

Thank you for helping with this all-church fundraiser!

February 2018

Youth & Education



*Love the Lord your
God with all your
heart.*

Matthew 22:37



Sunday
School
Offering
Challenge!

We will be keeping track of our Sunday School offering for the four Sundays in February. We will be competing girls vs. boys to see who can collect the most money during these four Sundays. Winner will be announced in church on February 25th with reward for the winners on Sunday, March 4th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to bring offering!! The offering collected during this challenge will go to the Windom Backpack Program! This is a great opportunity to show our children how our offering can help others in need. This challenge is for grades **PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12!** If you have any questions, please see Robin.

Special points of interest:

- February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Financial Peace meets at 4:00pm unless otherwise scheduled. In the Fireside Room.
- Kids for Christ meets on February 7th after school-5:30pm **Please note time change.**
- Wednesday morning and evening Community Bible groups meet at 9:00am or 6:30pm. (NO 6:30pm meeting on February 14th.)
- February 11th children in grades pre-school-6th grade will sing for the congregation.
- Youth group meets on February 11th. Both youth groups will meet from 1:00-3:00. **PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE!**
- Youth Groups will meet Sunday, February 25th. Junior high at 5:00, Senior high at 6:30.

COMING THIS SUMMER.....

SHIPWRECKED! RESCUED BY JESUS



Children in Pre-school through 6th grade will be singing for the congregation on Sunday February 11th during worship.



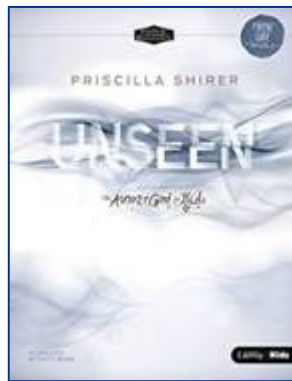
Kids for Christ

Will be meeting on February 7th. Our KFC meeting will be from after school-5:30pm this month. We will be delivering valentines to Remick Ridge and the the Sogge Home. Then returning to church for pizza fun! Hope to see everyone there!

Our 7th and 8th grade Sunday School Class!



Our 7th and 8th graders lead very busy lives! While starting to participate in school activities, they are also busy at church. They provide child-care at weddings, bake and participate in the bake sale. They are busy in youth group and you can see them serve as acolytes on Sunday mornings! They also get to enjoy *The Event* in Brainerd each November. They are looking forward to starting confirmation next fall. Currently this class is participating in *Unseen* by Priscilla Shirer bible study.



Our 7th and 8th grade teachers;
Tom Christensen
and Tami Vesey



— A NON-DENOMINATIONAL EVENT —

WORK  WORSHIP
1-DAY LOCAL CHURCH RETREAT

— ONE DAY ONLY —

Friday, February 23

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
974 6th Street, Windom

- A Live event in Dallas, TX, web-streamed to over 1,500 churches world-wide.
- Ten influential business leaders and pastors will discuss what it looks like to connect faith and work.
- Join Christian business owners, CEOs and leaders who want their faith to impact their work.
- Real-life stories, Biblical teaching and practical wisdom to equip believers in the marketplace to fulfill their calling.

\$25 REGISTRATION — *Includes lunch and snack breaks.*

Questions? **Call 507-831-3284**

To learn more or register for this event go to:

www.workasworshipretreat.org



Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

All United Methodist churches are connected through shared mission and ministry and united in their efforts to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. Check out these news tidbits from the Minnesota Annual Conference, which serves all 350 United Methodist churches in the state.

- **Surprise the World! All-conference Lenten video study:** This Lent (Feb. 14-April 1), Bishop Bruce R. Ough invites all Minnesota United Methodists to join in a weekly video study. Beginning Feb. 15, we will post a new video each week based on Michael Frost's book *Surprise the World: Five Habits of Highly Missional People*, along with a related scripture and reflection questions. We encourage congregations to purchase copies of the book and to form small groups to journey together during Lent.
 - **Minnesotans provide hope and helping hands in hurricane recovery:** United Methodist Early Response Teams (ERT) are volunteers trained to enter disaster-torn areas and provide early recovery help. Two teams traveled from Minnesota to Houston and Dickinson, Texas in November. They helped people whose homes were damaged in Hurricane Harvey. Team members removed sheetrock, ripped out floors, and prepared homes to start the rebuilding process. But the teams also listened to survivors tell stories of loss and recovery, and they offered hope and healing to the people they served. If you feel called to serve after natural disasters, you can attend a training session and join future ERTs. The next training session is Jan. 20. Visit tinyurl.com/mn-umc-ert to learn more.
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BRIGHT SPOTS IN OUR MIDST

- **Just a drop in the bucket makes a difference:** After Hurricane Harvey, Faith UMC in Farmington partnered with the entire town to collect relief supplies for the Texas town of Port Aransas. Farmington sent thousands of dollars in donations and an entire semi-trailer of flood buckets and building supplies to Port Aransas. Pastor Karen Evenson of Faith UMC said, "A small town coming together can be more than a drop in the bucket! And the church can lead the way!" The two towns have now formed a close relationship.
 - **Emma Norton Services celebrates 100 years of service and advocacy:** Emma Norton Services (ENS) in St. Paul partners with women, children, and families who are homeless and experiencing mental illness or chemical dependency. It supports women and families with housing, case managers, and support groups. ENS has served thousands of women throughout its 100-year history. That's largely due to the support of United Methodist Women, an agency of the United Methodist Church that advocates for and supports women and children. United Methodist Women groups in Minnesota provide significant financial and hands-on support to ENS.
 - **Town of Springfield wins best live nativity in Minnesota:** Pastor Josh Doughty of Springfield UMC, who played Joseph, said, "We get people who wouldn't ordinarily come to a church to hear the story be told, and they get to witness in a fun way." The pageant, which has run for 32 years, included camels, a donkey, and many other animals. The participants ranged in age from an infant playing Jesus all the way to an 83-year-old wise man! Viewers of WCCO News voted this pageant as the best in Minnesota.
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STAY CONNECTED!

"Like" the Minnesota Annual Conference on Facebook, follow the conference on Twitter and Instagram (@MinnesotaUMC), and sign up (at www.minnesotaumc.org) for e-newsletters. For more information about any of the items listed above, visit www.minnesotaumc.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	2 6:30a McPrayer 10:00 Chamber Coffee @ First UMC	3
4 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 4:00 FPU	5	6 9:30a UMW Executive Meeting 6:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	7 9:00a Bible Study 3:30p Lois Circle 3:30 KFC 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Congr Trust 7:00 Trustees 7:30 SPRC 7:30 Finance Mtg	8 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	9 6:30a McPrayer	10
11 9a Sunday Sch 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Worship Children Sing 11:30 First Things 1:00p All Youth 4:00 FPU	12	13 12:30p Missions Team 6:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	14 9:00a Bible Study 2:00p Friend. Cir. 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Ash Wed Service	15 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	16 6:30a McPrayer	17
18 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 4:00 FPU	19 President's Day Holiday	20 6:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	21 9:00a Bible Study Noon Joint Service @ Presbyterian Ch 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation	22 6:30a Men's Breakfast @ Hardee's	23 6:30a McPrayer Work As Worship Retreat @ First UMC	24
25 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Groups 9:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Worship 11:30 First Things 4:00 FPU 5:00p Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Sr Hi Youth	26	27 Noon Friendly Fellowship Potluck & Program 6:00p Cable Ch 3 Service Broadcast	28 9:00a Bible Study Noon Joint Service @ Presbyterian Ch Our church serves 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 ReThink Team	Corrections? Please let the office know – 831-3284 or UMCOffice@ windomnet.com		

First UMC Birthdays & Anniversaries ~ February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Clay Eness	3 Marshall Bartelt
4 Kaleb LaCanne	5 Lane Steele	6 Denny & Becky Marker	7 Lucas Vesev Sue Visker	8 Erin Thiessen Rob Visker	9 George & Elaine Bramstedt	10 Vicki Anderson Jens Hansen
11 Chance Eness	12 Pastor Mike & Kathy Jo McInnis	13 Arnold Haack	14	15	16	17 Camryn Eness Sally Larson
18 Greg Pfeffer	19 Paul Vesev	20 Zach Hetterich Bob Mayden Eldon Moon	21 George Paulson	22	23	24 Bud & Shirley Lyons
25 Delaney Smith Ryan Zamzow	26 Eden Zamzow	27 Greg Peterson	28		Black – Birthday Blue - Anniversary	Please let the office know if we are missing anyone.

	WINDOM SENIOR DINING 831-6161		Thursday, Feb. 1 4 oz. Meatballs in Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Feb. 2 8 oz. Ham Boiled Dinner w/ Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots 1/2 c. Peaches Cornbread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk Super Bowl
Monday, Feb. 5	Tuesday, Feb. 6	Wednesday, Feb. 7	Thursday, Feb. 8	Friday, Feb. 9
3 oz. Sloppy Joe 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Corn Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Baked Beans 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Baked Chicken 1/2c. Whole Buttered Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk SITE COUNCIL	3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk BIRTHDAY LUNCH	4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2c. Lettuce/Drsg/1/2c Cauliflower Garlic Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk Dining Olymic Games
Monday, Feb. 12	Tuesday, Feb. 13	Wednesday, Feb. 14	Thursday, Feb. 15	Friday, Feb. 16
4 oz. BBQ Pork 1/2 c. Scalloped Potatoes 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Green Beans Cranberry Sc. Garnish/Brd/Marg Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS	4 oz. Taliapia 1/2 c. Macaroni & Cheese 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Fruit Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH/BINGO	3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2c Whole Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Salmon Baked Potato/Sour Crm 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Feb. 19	Tuesday, Feb. 20	Wednesday, Feb. 21	Thursday, Feb. 22	Friday, Feb. 23
CLOSED	6oz. Creamed Chicken/Biscuit 1/2 c. California Blend Veg 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Salisbury Steak 1/2 c. Parisied Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2 DINNER DAY	6 oz. Hamburger Tomato Cass. 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Pineapple Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8oz. Creamy Vegetable Soup 3 oz. Egg Salad Sandwich 1/2 c. Fruit Crackers/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Feb. 26	Tuesday, Feb. 27	Wednesday, Feb. 28		Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.
4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Dinner Roll/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk		

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD

Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE