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July Serving Unit

Jim Reinholdson
 Blaine and Kathy Johnson
 Judy Snipstad
 Martha Snipstad
 Judy Schnarr
 Shirley and John Rusnacko
 Mariya Adamovitch
 Fred Carter

Thanks to all!

Pastor Linda's Letter

Friends,

We finished the 9 Innings series, which I know some of you had some questions how much baseball we would be playing in church. I hope that you learned more things than you expected. I also pray that you are embodying the spirit of gratitude in new ways and catching yourself when you divert back to old ways on conversing and self-talk to yourselves. The five practices of fruitful congregations are essential in our hopeful future of our church. The things that are always the same may bring you comfort and consistency; however, we know that things must move forward in our lives and faith journey for transformation to bring activity! It is the same with the church and our hopes for the future of the UMC and CUMC! Sunday, June 30 will be our only extra inning this season, too. Come. Join us!

Now, July is a month of thoughtful wonder and deepening of our faith journeys. I know some of you may be thinking, Pastor Linda, my journey depth is just fine. I smile at those responses and pray for us as we embark on considering our values and beliefs. Where did they come from and how do they impact your daily life, your spiritual life, and our congregation's life! My hope is that we consider how we construct our values and beliefs and deepen them during our faithful process.

As the United Methodist Church continues toward the path of General Conference 2020, hosted here in Minneapolis, we will see different things coming at us. The power in understanding our personal values and beliefs will help us to discern decision making, expand our church's baseline, and widen the circle with our stories being shared to invite more into our congregation. It is a multi-faceted sermon series in July!

I am praying for us! I am praying as we dig deeper you will experience a faithful transformation process. I am praying anyone that wants to remain a passive pew sitter or quiet coaster of their

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Save the Dates!

- ◆ **July 13 (Sat.)** – Sullivan Lake Park Pride
- ◆ **August 6 (Tues.)** – National Night Out
- ◆ **September 15 (Sun.)** – Rally Day
- ◆ **September 19-21**– Rummage Sale

Mission:

To bring people into Christian Community, in order to grow in God's love, as demonstrated by Christ, for the transformation of the world.

Vision:

We are a welcoming, diverse Christian Community, reflective of our neighborhood, actively working to serve our community through our demonstration of God's love. We want to Reach others through God's love, Grow in faith with God's love, and Send people out with God's love.

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faith journey will be inspired by the directions we are heading as a congregation. May it be so! Amen and Amen! Pastor Linda.

We have Rev. Dennis Alexander joining us for worship on July 21 and Certified Lay Speaker Anita Thompson on July 28. Please give them a warm welcome and a cheerful heart in worship.

Peace,

Pastor Linda

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Charles Lindstrom	7/02
David Carlson	7/07
Mary Tholkes	7/08
Jason Bruns	7/09
Evelyn Kleine	7/11
Nevaeh Esparza	7/16
Sally Stark	7/18
Robert Tholkes	7/19
Anita Thompson	7/20
Spencer Mapes	7/20
Sandra Langner	7/21
Shalane Porter	7/21
Adry Cota	7/21
Mia Decker	7/27
Fred Carter	7/28
Edward Brown	7/28
Nevada Forga	7/30

Summer Chair Yoga Schedule

July: 5, 12 (no yoga July 19, 26)

August: 2, 9, 23, 30 (no yoga August 16)

Breakthrough Prayer for Our Church

*Good and Generous God,
Your grace and love are an outpouring for
me; I give thanks for all that you have
given me and our church. O God, we thank
you for the presence of our congregation in
this community for 112 years. We are
blessed to be a blessing to others through
our works, mission and service, and
ministries. Continue your guidance in our
hope and future for this congregation.
Grant us leaders who are faithful, listen
and make your purposes clear. Pour out
your Holy Spirit on us. Help us to be bold in
our witness, invitation, hospitality,
studying, generosity, and creativity. Bless
us with new adventures, leaders, visitors,
and members! Enlarge our territories.
Breakthrough the comfort and
complacency zones with bold faith. Help us
to grow more in love with you, God, and
our neighbors. Guide us to take risks in
your name and for Your Kingdom. Amen.*



If we had a mystery guest walk in, what do you think she/he would say about our congregation? There are people that are paid to go in and evaluate churches. We hope to host our Coach Cathy Townley some Sunday soon. If we didn't know her, she would be a great mystery guest. Here are some things to keep in mind and do a little personal audit in your mind about our church and responses to people:

1. Was it easy to find the church? Was there convenient parking?
2. Was it clear where to go when you arrive our the building?
3. Did you think the church grounds were in good repair?
4. Was the church building in good repair and clean?
5. Were you greeted when you came in?
6. Did the tone of the greeting make you feel welcome or critical of why you were here?
7. Did you find the things on the walls interesting and timely?
8. Was the worship space pleasing to your eyes?
9. Was your seating area clean and comfortable?
10. Was there enough light?
11. Was the temperature comfortable?
12. Did you feel welcome to participate in all aspects of worship?
13. Were you able to figure out which hymnal to use?
14. Could you follow along in the order of worship?
15. Was the sermon meaningful to you?
16. Were the restrooms clean and odor free?
17. Were you greeted after the service? Did someone give you a welcome bag?
18. Were you invited to fellowship hour?
19. Would you return for another visit?
20. Were people engaged with their own circle of friends or did they open the circle for you to join them?



We would like to thank those who helped deliver meals June 17th—21st. A big thank you to the following:

Alice Mettler, Fred Carter, Keith and Carol Felland, Barb Miller, Anita Thompson, Pat Cruse, Anna and Rena Lexvold, Jim and Lynn Reinholdson, Rod and Sylvia Bruns.

Its always nice to work with reliable people that can help and thanks again for the great week.

Our next delivery dates will be August 19th—23rd. We'll be in touch. If you are interested, and we've overlooked you, please give Sylvia or myself a call at 651-599-7046 or 612-599-6215.

Rod Bruns & Sylvia Bruns

Columbia Heights Pride

Community UMC Core Team voted six months ago to support the local Pride event in Columbia Heights. We are using some of the love grant to be a sponsor this year and we will have a table at the event. Pastor Linda was asked around 10 months ago to help with the first annual event.

We want to express our love for all God's children and extend a welcome to anyone that may be looking for a church home in the Heights Community. We will have some question boards that link into the work we are doing with revitalization at our booth. We encourage you to stop by and support us if you are able. Pride is on Saturday, July 13 from 2-5pm at Sullivan Lake Park. There will be a children's area, table exhibitors from more than a dozen artists and non-profits that support the lgbtqi community, food trucks, and more. That evening will be a 21+ after-party at El Tequila restaurant, too.



Community Meals Served!

June 10 94 served

June 24 76 served



Our next work day will be:

Saturday, July 20th from 11:30 AM—1:30 PM
at 401-93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Watch for sign-up dates.

Dick Meixner

Thanks for helping with Camp Scholarships

Thank you for helping the UMW with the money to send our kids to Bible camp. We did not budget enough funds for 5 kids to have help this summer. We consider Bible camps to be one of the important ways for us to support children begin their Christian journey.



Camp Minnesota offers Bring a Friend Discount!

Several opportunities for all ages available at: www.campminnesota.org/campsessions

For each new camper* you or your child bring to camp, your event fee will be reduced by \$25**. New campers will have a great time at camp, you'll save some money, and everybody wins! This is our way of thanking you for helping us make camp even better! Simply mark the Bring-a-Friend Discount portion of your registration page/online form, or contact our office at 855-622-1973. Make sure to give us your friend's name!

Register today at: www.campminnesota.org/campsessions

Camperships are available!!

* New campers are defined as those who have not been to any UM Camping event in the past three years.

** Discounts cannot exceed the cost of your event registration fee.

New Financial Initiative

We entered a new financial initiative during the month of June. We know that we will have larger expenses than revenues to meet this year. We mailed three different letters to the congregation members asking for your witness and help to create a new plan for 2019. By now, many of you have returned the green slips determining what you are able to give to the congregation in addition to your pledged amount.

We thank you for your prayers, your promises and support. If you have not yet turned in the green slip or if you need another, please let us know and turn in the green slip as soon as possible. We need to work with them and determine the "match" amounts to be given toward the additional revenues needed for the 2019 financial year. We praise God for this church, for our people and the ministries we serve because of your support. Remember you are the church, I am the church, we are the church together. If you have any questions, please see Jim R, Kristine R, Kari T, Jan J, or Pastor Linda.

Music!

We welcomed Dan Ritter, our new music director in June. We celebrated the wonderful music ministry of Sharon Ruhnke as she retired in June. We thanked Les Johnson for his great work as interim choir director February through May.

Our Sunday mornings give an opportunity during the "Anthem" slot for special music. If you would like to provide special music please sign-up or speak with Dan Ritter. We used some designated memorial funds and purchased our electric keyboard. Come to church and get a chance to hear Dan using it!

Lay Member Report on Minnesota Annual Conference 2019

by Naomi Jones

Minnesota Annual Conference (MAC) was a very inspiring experience for me this, my first, year. Thank you for sending me! I voted my conscience, and I'm humbled that CUMC entrusted me with that task.

I did attend a pre-conference session of MUMPNA, the Minnesota United Methodist Parish Nurses Association, on Monday of MAC week. I was happy to make connections with nine other UM Parish Nurses, and I am now a member of this supportive organization. As part of our meeting, Brad Herman, M.Div. and Addiction Counselor from Hazelden gave a presentation about addiction and how spirituality can be used as a recovery tool. With so many opioid overdoses in the news, it was suggested that churches have a Naloxone Overdose Antidote kit on hand at the church. I'll be looking into what's involved in obtaining one for us and training people how to use it. The theme of MAC 2019 was "Dare to Reach: Love Boldly!" We focused on John 4:1-26 and the importance of sharing our collective story of how God's love quenches our thirst and claims us, and inviting everyone to drink from the well so that their thirst may be quenched.

On Tuesday evening we gathered to remember 28 friends and colleagues who have died over the past year, honor 20 retiring clergy, and celebrate four people being ordained, one person being restored for the work of an elder, 26 newly licensed local pastors, and two licensed local pastors finishing their course of study.

After spending much of Wednesday discussing The United Methodist Church's changing landscape and engaging in respectful conversations, Annual Conference members voted 491-86 to adopt a vision for Minnesota that names a commitment to the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. The vision says that "we are called to be faithful to the example of Jesus' ministry to and with all persons," expresses a commitment to center marginalized voices, and vows to affirm each clergy person's prayerful discernment about whether to officiate same-sex weddings. Separately, members voted 446-108 to adopt a resolution that formally recognizes that the Traditional Plan that the 2019 Special Session of General Conference approved in February "does great harm to the witness of The United Methodist Church."

We had two teaching sessions with Rev. Dr. Mark Teasdale, the E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor of Evangelism at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and author of the book "Evangelism for Non-Evangelists," in which he reminded us that each one of us has what it takes to be evangelists. First we listen to those around us to find out how God is already at work in their lives, and then we share what is meaningful to them of what we've experienced and where we see God at work in our lives. Adult Education book study???

Rev. Bill Eaves, this year's conference preacher, delivered a moving sermon in which he said he believes the kind of church the world needs today is a "both/and" church in which we can put our full trust in Jesus and follow His word, and at the same time stand up against injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

I was honored to present CUMC's Love Offering which was part of over \$80,000 that will be split between Lao Samphan Methodist Church in Laos (60 percent), the Volunteer Lawyers Network, which provides free civil legal services to low-income Minnesotans (20 percent), and Volunteers in Mission scholarships (20 percent). Thank you for your generosity!

On Thursday I delivered our two boxes of 32 Lydia Project purple scarves to add to the 18,000 or so scarves lovingly and prayerfully hand-crafted by so many here in MN and the Dakotas in preparation for General Conference 2020 next May in Minneapolis. Volunteers are being sought to demonstrate our warm Minnesota hospitality and to make GC 2020 a success. You'll hear more about volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

Pointing to the story of Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman told in John 4, Bishop Ough then delivered a powerful Episcopal Address in which he reminded us that to reach new people, we must cross boundaries, remove barriers, and overcome fears to enter into conversations that we or someone else believes should never take place. He reminded us that each of us has a God story, and each of us is God's intended evangel to at least one other person. "Go to the well; tell everyone you can where they can find the living water," he said. "... the Holy Spirit is right there beside you to transform the lives of those God puts before you."

Minnesota Annual Conference

Naomi shares her written report and will share more on July 7 during worship. The following pieces of the legislation were voted on and passed by 85-15% and 80-20%. We want to specifically share these pieces of legislation with you to see where we are standing as an Annual Conference and our hope for unity, inclusivity and moving forward as a denomination. We are joining many of the Annual Conferences throughout the country as they meet and pass legislation with similar statements.

Our hope is that the Item 100 will serve as an aspirational piece as we move forward in what is next in the United Methodist Church. Please take a few moments and read through them and let Pastor Linda know if you have any questions.

Annual Conference Legislation—adopted

AC Legislation – 100 – A Vision (for the Minnesota Annual Conference)

Relationship to the Scriptural Imperatives and Rationale:

WHEREAS in these times of denominational disagreement, we have been encouraged to articulate what kind of conference the Minnesota Annual Conference is going to be, and

WHEREAS the Traditional Plan, as drafted and presented at 2019 General Conference, would have required each annual conference to vote to approve or reject a statement to “support, uphold, and maintain accountability to the United Methodist standards found in ¶304.3

‘Qualifications for Ordination,’ ¶341.6 ‘Unauthorized Conduct,’ ¶613.19 ‘Responsibilities of the Council on Finance and Administration,’ and ¶2702.1a-b ‘Chargeable Offenses’ of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2016 in their entirety,” articulating a vision may help the Minnesota Annual Conference discern such a question if required in the future, and

WHEREAS our Gospel Imperatives to Grow in Love of God and Neighbor, Reach New People, and Heal a Broken World are most fully realized as an inclusive Church, and W

HEREAS we wish to be clear about our beliefs as rooted in our Wesleyan tradition and move forward into the next vibrant expression of Methodism,

Action:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Annual Conference of The United

Methodist Church adopt the following vision for the future of the Church as a step toward moving forward into the next vibrant expression of Methodism:

We envision a Methodism that is rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation.

We believe in and are committed to God’s Beloved Community; a Community that Christ has told us is close at hand. We are a people, each one created uniquely and beautifully in God’s image, who are united by our faith in Jesus.

As a diverse body of Christ, we are called to be faithful to the example of Jesus’ ministry to and with all persons. Consequently, we are committed to inclusiveness in all aspects of the life of the Church, by embracing the richness of diversity found in sexual orientation, race, physical or mental ability, national origin, marital status, gender identity, ethnicity, economic status, and age. We seek to hear, value and amplify voices from the margins by collaborating with and centering marginalized voices in our denominational and local church conversations. We affirm each clergyperson’s prayerful discernment in officiating wedding ceremonies for any prepared couple who comes to them. We affirm the prayerful discernment of our Board of Ordained Ministry, who, along with our Conference leadership, have determined nine characteristics for evaluation of clergy. We support the Board of Ordained Ministry’s decision to evaluate candidates for ordination, licensing, and candidacy on the basis of these characteristics alone.

It is God’s truth and central to our Wesleyan tradition that we are loved because it is God’s nature to love.

We follow the way of Jesus because we are deeply and profoundly loved. While John Wesley shared with many other Christians a belief in grace, justification, assurance, and sanctification, he combined them in a powerful manner to create distinctive emphases for living the full Christian life. Grace pervades our understanding of Christian faith and life. By grace we mean the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit. While the grace of God is undivided, it precedes salvation as “prevenient grace,” continues in “justifying grace,” and is brought to fruition in “sanctifying grace.”

God is the “ground of all being,” ever creating in our midst, while entrusting us as partners and stewards of God’s vision for our world. As such, we remain open to God’s creating action within us, both individually and collectively. Jesus is our foundation, the One who teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to love our enemies and welcome the stranger. He is our peace, breaking down the dividing walls and ending the hostility. Christ is the very embodiment of Love; Emmanuel – “God with us.” It is our love for him that calls us to keep his commandments.

Christ brings salvation by restoring broken relationships between humankind and our Creator, and reconciling broken relationships between one another. After giving his whole life, including death on the cross, God raised Him on the third day, showing the power of Love and the hope of resurrection. Christ’s promise that an Advocate would be sent was fulfilled through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit, as Divine Presence, who enlivens us, transforms us, sustains us, and empowers all God’s children who would bring peace on earth.

The Holy Spirit calls us into community and sends us forth bringing good news to the oppressed, binding up the broken hearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and building a sustainable world for future generations. We envision this to be a world where workers receive a just reward for their labors, and the value of corporate structures is measured by their benefit to the community at large.

Our baptism is by water and the Spirit into God’s new creation, bringing us together as one in Christ, rejecting that which divides and demeans us. To work toward such a new creation, we take to heart our baptismal covenant to “renounce the spiritual

forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin; to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves; and to confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, putting our whole trust in his grace, serving him as our Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races.”

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome all God’s people, celebrating the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as signs of God’s grace, open to all who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

We reflect critically on our biblical and theological inheritance, and understand as John Wesley did: that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason, with Scripture being the primary source through which the other sources are engaged.

We understand that faithful people come to different conclusions on theological and political matters, and resolve to unite in love as John Wesley preached in his sermon on “Catholic Spirit” saying, “Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences. These remaining as they are, they may forward one another in love and in good works.”

We value the General Rules as John Wesley established: First, by doing no harm; Secondly, by doing good; and Thirdly, by attending upon all the ordinances of God; while striving to fulfill our baptismal vows by promoting the General Rule of Discipleship: “To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”

We celebrate our heritage of ecumenism and commit to continuing intentional interfaith encounters and explorations between Christians and adherents of other living faiths of the world.⁸

We are a Church created to participate in God's redemptive work in this world. We hold an unwavering commitment to the hard work of advocacy, justice, reconciliation and liberation. We work together in unity to build God's Beloved Community with more creativity than each of us can bring individually. And we encourage each congregation and its leaders to lead boldly within their context to realize our mission "to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Item 102 Statement Regarding the Traditional Plan

Relationship to the Scriptural Imperatives and Rationale:

WHEREAS an estimated 67% of US delegates voted against the Traditional Plan adopted by the 2019 Special Session of General Conference,

WHEREAS the ability to implement all three of our Gospel Imperatives (Grow in Love of God and Neighbor, Reach New People, and Heal a Broken World) with the LGBTQIA+ community and their Allies is not only inhibited but compromised by the punitive nature of the Traditional Plan,

WHEREAS the Minnesota Annual Conference has a history of affirming our commitment to a fully inclusive, grace-filled, compassionate church,

Action:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church formally recognizes that the Traditional Plan passed by the 2019 General Conference does great harm to the witness of The United Methodist Church.

The Traditional Plan, as presented, tightens restrictions on the ordination of LGBTQIA+ clergy while maintaining prohibitions and strengthening punitive actions on clergy who perform same-sex marriage ceremonies. We grieve this decision and the pain this discrimination causes our siblings throughout the world. Too often, our silence has done harm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Annual Conference will not perpetuate this harm in any form. We recognize the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry's primary responsibility for the enlistment and recruitment of ministerial leadership for our churches and other ministry settings (§635.2.a), and support their commitment to examining all applicants as to their fitness for ordination, licensing, and candidacy on the basis of nine characteristics alone, with special emphasis on the first four: Personal Passionate Faith; Evangelistic Heart; Emotional and Social Intelligence; Apostolic Leadership; Wesleyan Way of Discipleship; Leading Adaptively; Healthy, Holy Habits; Loves God's World; and Lifelong Learner. (Letter dated March 6, 2019)

Furthermore, members of the Minnesota Annual Conference commit to avoiding trials related to any aspect of ministry with and for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, with the understanding that the Rule of Christ is Jesus' primary teaching on the matter of resolving grievances (Matthew 18), while a Just Resolution process is noted as the primary purpose of reviewing a complaint in the 2016 Book of Discipline, suggesting the hope that "God's work of justice, reconciliation and healing may be realized in the body of Christ." (§362)

Silence is often harmful and serves to perpetuate discrimination. We will no longer remain silent. We say to our LGBTQIA+ siblings: you are beloved children of God, and you are beloved by us. We celebrate the many gifts and graces you bring to the church. We humbly seek forgiveness.

We commit ourselves to creating the inclusive church God intends us to be. We seek to undo the harm caused by exclusion and discrimination through systemic forms of oppression against all marginalized people both inside the church and in our greater society. We recommit to working for the full inclusion of all people.

Outcome: The Minnesota Annual Conference is clear across the Connection that we consider the Traditional Plan to be detrimental to our witness, and the Minnesota Annual Conference will not perpetuate the discrimination and harm caused by it.

The Lay Leader Corner

by Les Johnson

In keeping one more time with Pastor Linda's baseball theme, our team of position and utility players are moving forward! We have some great things going on in our church and it's an exciting time to be at Community UMC. This month we celebrated the retirement of our wonderful organist Sharon Ruhnke, and the beginning of our time with Dan Ritter as our new Music Director. Dan is a great talent on organ and piano and is excited about being a key part of the music program. While our choir and bell choir are not large, their ministry of music is very well done and plays a significant role in our worship. Dan's enthusiasm and presence with us will help us continue that tradition in many ways.

We also are getting moving on the way we present our church to the rest of the world. We have new church t-shirts, just in time for the Columbia Heights Jamboree parade at the end of June. The t-shirts express two important ideas. First, they include our condensed mission statement – Reach, Grow, Send, with God's Love, and second, they have the message that All Are Welcome at our church. Both of those sentiments are very important right now.

We have added a WELCOME flag to display on Sundays and other events, and we are working on a church logo that reflects who we are and can give us a consistent identity in our communications. And, finally we are working to update our web presence with a more up-to-date look and easier management of web content.

So, what's the point? It's all part of revitalizing our congregation and continuing to be relevant in our community and in our world. Most churches like ours are struggling as memberships decline and financial support dries up. Our church has recently added new members (Hooray!) and has had a very positive response to our recent campaign for additional operating budget funding. We are at a point, where we could let our church fade into irrelevance. But we are going a different direction with positive energy and a renewed sense of vision for our church and our mission in the community. I for one am very proud of the direction we are taking as we continue our mission of being disciples of Christ to the world.

Charge Conference June 2019

Our Charge Conference took place on June 23, presided over by Rev. Dennis Alexander. We received reports from Anita Thompson and Joe Bush. We elected: Les Johnson as Lay Leader, Naomi Jones as Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. Our Core Leadership Team beginning July 1 is served by: Rondine Mehling, UMW Representative; Trustee minded leaders: Bruce Olson, Rod Bruns, Karl Wigert; Staff Parish Relations minded leaders: Carol Felland, Kathy Johnson, James Bordewick; Finance minded: Jim Reinholdson, Kristine Rodriguez, Kari Trench. We thank them for their work in the coming year.

We thank Bill Schneider for his service on the Staff Parish team for the last three years.

Notice: Craft Shop

The craft shop on our main level has new items for Spring. The profits from the sales go to the church operating budget. The sales have slowed recently. If you would, please stop in and check out the new items. It was also a suggestion that if the sales do not increase other decisions may be made by the crafters. Please stop in and see Pat Good in the craft shop.

July 2019

July 2019							August 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 30	Jul 1 Office Closed 4:30pm Women's Meal at Culver's (Culver's)	2 10:00am NE Seniors Meeting (Asbury Room)	3 9:45am Adult Bible Study	4 Independence Day—Church Office Closed!	5 Office Closed 11:00am Chair Yoga	6
7 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 12:00pm Elevate Church	8 Office Closed 5:30pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Tie Dye for Pride	9	10 9:45am Adult Bible Study	11	12 Office Closed 11:00am Chair Yoga	13 Columbia Heights Pride!
14 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:15am Blood Pressure 12:00pm	15 Office Closed	16 8:30am Clergy One on Ones (Wesley Room)	17 9:45am Adult Bible Study	18	19 Office Closed	20 Newsletter Deadline 11:30am Feed My Starving Children (Feed My Starving)
21 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 12:00pm Elevate Church	22 Office Closed 5:30pm Community Dinner	23	24 9:45am Adult Bible Study	25	26 Office Closed	27 8:30am SACA Produce Drop (Southern Anoka Community Assis, 627)
28 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 12:00pm Elevate Church	29 Office Closed	30	31 9:45am Adult Bible Study	Martha's Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 AM —4:30 PM		

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Pastor Linda McCollough

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

July Events

July 1 (Mon)	4:30 pm Women's Meal at Culvers
July 3 (Wed)	9:45 am Adult Bible Study (repeats on Wednesdays)
July 4 (Thurs)	Independence Day! Office Closed
July 5 (Fri)	11:00 am Chair Yoga
July 8 (Mon)	5:30 pm Community Meal
July 12 (Fri)	11:00 am Chair Yoga
July 13 (Sat)	2-5 pm Columbia Heights Pride at Sullivan Lake Park
July 20 (Sat)	<i>Newsletter Articles due for June</i>
July 22 (Mon)	5:30 pm Community Meal
July 27 (Sat)	8:30 am SACA Food Giveaway