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MONDAY 1:00-4:00

TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY 9:00-12:00

AND MOST FRIDAY MORNINGS

AUGUST 2019

Growing in Faith

It's almost time for school to begin again; kids and mothers may disagree on how exciting this reality is! Summer seems like a time to let loose and pack the most fun into every day, a time to get away and leave your daily routine behind. These are not bad things in general, but at what cost do we unplug and unwind and unbusy our lives in the pursuit of fun and freedom?

Children are not the only ones who need a break from school, but they also need the structure and stability of the school year. They deserve a safe, stress free environment to facilitate their education and development. Adults have the same needs for leisure because our lives are a bit more restricted and regulated than even a public school. Then again, if you've seen what educators have to achieve these days, teachers and students alike may feel school has more goals to be met than fun to be had.

We need a balance, for certain, if we are going to successfully navigate our way through life. Education is an essential, not just formal education, but anything we can do to help keep our minds sharp and our thoughts clear. We should be lifelong learners. This is no less true of our spiritual education. Here at First UMC we strive to provide our young students with good Biblical understanding, a love of praise for God, a sense of joy at being together, and we see growth in our kids which is a blessing.

For the most part, adults may choose to leave the education to children or young adults. This is a shame, because there is so much more to learn. You don't have to be a reader to enjoy learning, not with a world of audio books, lectures, and discussions available. I make it a goal to listen to at least one educational lecture each day on something I know very little about. I enjoy being informed because it broadens my perspective.

Where does this bring us to, all this talk of learning and study? I believe it brings us to a place of action. Realizing that our denomination faces many difficult days ahead, I believe we need to become much more familiar with God's word not so that we know which side of matters we should be on, but so we understand what the Bible actually says about these things.

It's not easy for people to want to study the Bible for various personal reasons. It's also not easy to want to bring the joy of studying Scripture into people's lives and find that the desire is not always there. I can only encourage and continue to invite, but in time we may feel compelled to undertake a congregational focus on studying Scripture. The Church is changing, and the world is becoming an even more complicated place. God has something to say about that but it's not always enough to hear a sermon or read an article.

"God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts." (Hebrews 4:12) Our minds, our hearts, our spirits can be discovered by God, and God alone knows what is at the heart of what we believe and do. I urge you to consider doing a study group or reading Scripture to keep your mind sharp, to keep your faith strong, and to keep your heart near to God.

Pastor Lori

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3	Jake Roemmich
	Elisha McLaurin
August 4	Grace Sharbono
August 7	Sarah Sievert
August 8	Scott Sievert
August 12	Bob Wang
August 15	Susan Goulding
August 17	Payton Hodgins
August 19	Ryan Hulst
August 24	Ralph Rath
August 25	Fran Dockter

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 9	James and Karlene McLaurin
August 16	Tony and Lara Prozinski
August 17	Jake and K Roemmich
August 20	Brian and Heather Erickson
August 21	Rex and Joyce Baker
August 26	Matthew and Cami Hodgins
August 31	Chuck and Jonielle Soderstrom

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LISTS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. IF ANY OF THESE DATES ARE IN ERROR, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!

Remember our residents in our local care centers: Marge Bye and Ervin Harlow, as well as Harold Jorgenson (Bev Oehlke's father) in the Good Samaritan; Glenn Hodous, Delcie Light and Mary MacArthur at Eventide.

Do you have a family member serving in the military? We would be honored to list their names and stations in the newsletter so that they may be prayed for by those in the church. Please contact the office at 662-2873 to provide this information. Thanks!

We also have placed the basket of toy soldiers in the narthex, meant for people to take home as a reminder to pray for our military personnel.

Everyone is invited to Grace Sharbono's 80th Birthday Party after church on Sunday, August 4th. Bring a card if you wish, but it's not necessary. Your presence is most appreciated.

Grace's family

MISSIONS UPDATE

While our ONE THING project is on hiatus for the summer, please share your ideas for recipients for future months with the Missions committee. They would appreciate your input and prayers as they select mission projects for the remainder of this year.

The Finance Committee would like to remind everyone that the option of giving your Church offering through electronic deduction from your checking or saving account is available. The necessary form is available at the usher's station at the southwest corner of the sanctuary. If you would like the form mailed to you, please contact the church office at 662-2873, or Gwen Hodgins at 662-5963. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this method of giving should complete the form and return to the church office or to Gwen Hodgins, finance secretary. Our bank, Western State Bank, will then set up the electronic deduction. This is an easy and convenient option of giving. If you have questions concerning the form, please feel free to contact Gwen.

FUMC Finance Report Operating Fund through July , 2019

Income \$ 4,636.00

*Amount needed per month to meet our 2019 budget is \$10,446.92

Remember to send in your offering when you're not in church. Consider the option of automatic withdrawals from your bank. Thank you for your giving!

FUMC Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2019

Members present: Pastor Lori Broschat, Arlene Kirk, Ray Russell, Perry Lundon, Fran Dockter, Leo Saylor, Tana Triepke, Laurel Goulding, and Marcia Ulrich.

Call to Order: Perry called meeting to order in the absence of Chairperson Chuck. Pastor Lori shared a devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Perry called for approval of the June 2019 minutes; motion was made by Leo, seconded by Fran, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Perry presented the balance sheet showing a balance of \$29,748.65. There is nothing unusual in the financial reports as of June 30th. Perry moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Leo, motion carried.

Finance Committee Report: The committee has not met this month. Leo reported that the committee is following through with suggestions from Administrative Council. He would like to inform the congregation that insurance premiums and utility costs are quite high so they are aware of our fiscal obligations.

Board of Trustees Report: Ray reported on a lengthy list of items to be addressed: a) Dennis made a new step and refreshed the paint; b) Vance sprayed weeds around the church and parsonage; c) the parsonage trim needs painting and the back deck is rotten and should be removed; the front deck needs painting; d) a tree on the south-west corner of parsonage is leaning on the house and should be removed; e) the A/C in the church was leaking water into the furnace and Klemetsruds have ordered a new pan for it (estimate \$400); f) Ray reprogrammed the thermostat in the sanctuary so no cooling will be on from Sunday evening until Saturday morning. He is working on the one in the large entry way; g) the outdoor sign should be replaced, and will take a good deal of work to remove it. Perry noted there are funds of \$1500 from the Elsberry memorial. Arlene suggested this would be a good project for memorial funds. Perry provided a mockup of a possible outdoor sign, which Ray will investigate.

The insurance inspection was completed with only a few things pointed out, including emergency lighting batteries and a fire extinguisher in the parsonage. Ray asked if the old insurance policies can be thrown out; if no pending claims, they can be disposed of.

Staff Parish Relations Report: No report given, committee plans to meet in August.

Missions Report: Our next brunch is September 29th. We will resume the One Thing project in September. May consider a back to school program for school supplies.

Endowment Report: Laurel updated us on the consolidation of funds held in many CD's. An account has been set up at Ramsey Bank in the trust dept. Funds have been placed, other than one remaining CD, to avoid a penalty. Kelli is working on a format for reporting to the endowment committee. Good progress has been made with the change.

UMW Report: No report available.

Education Committee Report: No report available.

Youth Group Report: Pastor Lori reported that Nancy contacted parents of middle school students and asked that one of them replace her for devotions, lessons, etc.

Worship Committee Report: Committee has not met.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lori reported on her initial meeting for the first phase of her non-profit leadership course held in Mitchell, SD recently. By July 2020, she will have completed the course. She finds it interesting, with many uncertainties that will become clearer as time goes on and believes that this will be beneficial to our church. The main focus is an applied project. Our church will be consulted about its most primary need and work with Lori on the project, with discussions to follow in the next month. She has an assigned coach, an individual with varied business experience, and conferences with him bi-weekly. She has 9 or 10 courses to complete by July 2020. She returns to Mitchell next year but has a mid-year retreat near Brookings in January 2020. She will update the congregation through newsletters.

Pastor Lori related that the metal church sign on the building was taken down and repainted by Clint Oehkle.

There will be a Breakthrough Prayer training on August 25th, in conjunction with a potluck after service. An invitation will be extended to some churches in our area. This date is also our summer joint service with Spirit Lake. Registration for the event is included in August newsletter. She suggests that we solicit as many people from our church as possible, as we are the host church.

Out Conference treasurer reports that church will receive a rebate check from its pension fund in the amount of \$3,836.57.

Old Business: Grace Sharbono's family is hosting an 80th birthday reception for her following worship on August 4th.

New Business: Tana introduced the idea of a one-day mission trip at Spirit Lake reservation, maybe in September. Mike Flowers needs list of people and skills. More on this will be shared with the congregation on August 25th. The faith walks on Mondays at 7:00 pm are going well, there is always room for more, including men and youth.

Meeting was adjourned. Pastor Lori dismissed us with a prayer. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Respectively submitted by Marcia Ulrich, Ad Council Secretary

Thank you for the cards you sent and your kind words, for sharing your memories of Mom with us, for your memorial gifts, for your presence at her memorial service, and, most of all, for your prayers and support.

The Family of Ruth Elsberry

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for: Sylvia Loehr, Mark Restemayer, Naomi Modrow, Glenn Hodous, Delcie Light, Jolene Wee, Becky Durbin, those battling cancer (Denice, Dennis, Keith, Doug). Please pray for the finances of our church and for those who are unemployed or underemployed. Pray for the members of the military as well as fire, police, and emergency medical services. Pray for our children, our schools and all who work with them. Pray for our country. Pray for our denomination to stay united amid discord and disagreement. Pray for those who no longer feel welcome in the UMC.

If you have prayer concerns please contact Pastor Lori at 381-0755. These can be private or shared concerns.

Breakthrough Prayer

Stop and pray this prayer daily at a time convenient for you. Be open to the changes God can bring to your life and to the life of our Church.

Lord, I pray for breakthroughs in my life, my church, and the world. Give me faith to see your Spirit at work. Reveal what you want to do through me. I trust in your grace in Jesus' name. Amen.

KDLR Radio Broadcast Ministry

Our Sunday morning radio broadcast costs us \$60 per week. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, please send your donation to the church office and let us know what Sunday you wish to sponsor. A sign-up sheet is also available in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Please listen to our weekly morning devotions at 6:10 am and our Sunday morning sermon broadcast at 9:05 a.m. on KDLR 1240 AM or 99.7 FM.

Contact the church office or use the form in the sanctuary to sponsor a Sunday.

August 4 K Roemmich in honor of Jake's birthday

August 11 Steve & Kelli Heilman in honor of granddaughters Harper & Mea Ulland's birthdays

August 25 Jocelyn, Garrett, Charlie, Kenley, Ashley and Landyn in honor of Chuck & Jonielle's 51st Anniversary

We appreciate your participation in this special ministry.

JUNE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Average</u>
2019	46	63	36			48
2018	59	48	60	35	72	55

Faith Discussion group made their way through the Bible, we're now becoming Faith Talk with an emphasis on applying God's word to our lives and bringing it into our situations. We will meet in August following worship to discuss women of the Bible. We will then be choosing our next subject matter. If anyone has a topic they would like to study, please contact Pastor

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 AA 7:00 pm
4 Communion	5	6	7 Evening Circle 7 pm @Marcia Ulrich's	8 Men's Pray- er Breakfast 8:00 am	9	10 AA 7:00 pm
11 Faith Talk	12 Miriam Circle 1:30 pm @ Park Manor	13	14	15 Men's Prayer Break- fast 8:00 am; Ladies Lunch 11:30 am	16	17 AA 7:00 pm
18 Faith Talk	19 Miriam Circle 1:30 pm @ Park Manor	20	21 Ad Council 7:00 pm	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am	23	24 AA 7:00 pm
25 Potluck after church, see Pg. 6	26	27	28	29	30	31 AA 7:00 pm

AUGUST SERVING GROUP

Chairpersons:

Dave & Dorene Herrmann 351-3527
Wayne & Karen Halle 662-4144

Helpers:

Ed & Verna Brown 398-5151
Sandra Gerrard 398-5395
Paul & Laurel Gouling 662-3925
Ardell & Suzanne Loken 662-4615

SCRIPTURE READERS

August 4 Sylvia Loehr
August 11 Nancy Lundon
August 18 Marcia Ulrich
August 25 Joyce Carter



USHERS

August 4 Vance & Hope Jury
August 11 Steve & Kelli Heilman
August 18 Jeff & Melissa Stotts
August 25 Perry & Nancy Lundon

OFFERING COUNTERS

Arlene Kirk and Joyce Baker

Looking for talented, willing folks to be a part of a mission trip to Spirit Lake Ministry Center in the fall. Mike and Libby would like to know what skills and gifts we can offer to do some much needed work at the home of one of the elders of Spirit Lake. Look for the signup sheet in the worship service or contact Pastor Mike for more information at 701-799-1174.

Pastor Lori asked me to share my experience with Breakthrough Prayer training. I was fortunate to be a part of a group of 10 people from Trinity United Methodist Church in Sequim, WA to attend a Leadership Institute at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS almost 3 years ago. The first workshop I attended was entitled Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. I had no idea what this was about, and when I heard about the greater purpose and power of prayer as we ask God to breakthrough in new and miraculous ways, I was excited to share the practice of Breakthrough Prayer with my church family. Now as a member of FUMC, I am enthusiastic to participate in the upcoming Breakthrough Prayer training and encourage you all to come and witness the marvelous ways that PRAYER can impact our church and community. Consider this...."Just as the physical body requires food for fuel, the body of Christ, the church, requires food as well. And that fuel is prayer." I hope to see many of you at the training on August 25th!

Want to be a part of an awesome experience?

Breakthrough Prayer is asking God to breakthrough (open the flood-gates of heaven) with God sized possibilities here on earth. There are so many ideas for prayer that can help light that spark or reignite that fire for those in your congregation and/or community to pray without ceasing.

There is a Breakthrough Prayer training near you

- Location – [Devils Lake UMC](#) – 601 5th St NE, Devils Lake, North Dakota
- When – Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- [Information](#)
- [Video](#)
- [Register Here](#) – Please register by Friday, August 23, 2019
- ***This workshop is free – No charge – lunch is provided***

Who is the workshop for?

- Prayer Team
- Laity
- Pastors

"The power of prayer becomes even more evident and you will be changed by participating in this event. This workshop impacted me significantly and I would recommend it to everyone!"

What a powerful way to give God the Victory!!

WHO'S IN THE PEWS?

Following a recent suggestion by a parishioner, a short questionnaire was created as a fun way to get to know our church family. These will be included in the newsletter as we receive them. Maybe you'll find something in common with someone and start a conversation!

NAME: Dorothy Hodous
SPOUSE'S NAME: Glenn
OF CHILDREN: 4
OF GRANDCHILDREN: 7 & 16 great-grandchildren
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Edmore School, taught school (1947-1951)
JOB TITLE: Cook, then para-teacher
OF YEARS AT THIS JOB: 35
RETIRED: 2008
OF YEARS IN DEVILS LAKE: Born & retired here
HOME TOWN: Devils Lake, lived in Edmore from 1956 to 2009
FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Christmas & 4th of July
FAVORITE FOOD: Meat, potatoes, vegetables and desserts
HOBBIES: Used to do lots of wheat weaving
WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?:

NAME: Jonielle Soderstrom
SPOUSE'S NAME: Chuck
OF CHILDREN: 2, Jocelyn and Shane
OF GRANDCHILDREN: 5, Carsyn, Garrett, Joshua, Ian & Charlie Jo. 2 great-grandchildren, Kenley & Landyn
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Studied at NDSU and graduated from Minot State in 1977. Taught designer at lumber yard. Owned & operated Creative Impressions.
JOB TITLE: Teacher, designer, store owner/operator
OF YEARS AT THIS JOB: 29 years at Creative Impressions
RETIRED: 2012
OF YEARS IN DEVILS LAKE: 40 years
HOME TOWN: Langdon
FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Christmas
FAVORITE FOOD: Everything!
HOBBIES: Embroidery, using laser etcher, designing, learning how to use my Cricut.
WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?: Everyone is always surprised to hear I taught school; Home Economics & Art while we lived in Minot, also taught at Berthold.