



# *“Where tradition and relevance meet”*

## *September 2021* *A Hearing Friendly Church - Try Our Looping*



First United Methodist Church ~ 403 East Ave. Red Wing, MN 55066



### Linda's Letter

Friends and church family, autumn is nearly here! We have been planning on new opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. The fall schedule includes (but is not exclusive to) confirmation, working on our Sunday School plan, small group, book study, and bells are scheduled to start practicing, too. Those are just a few things for this coming season but, friends there will be more growing in the spirit and transformation potential.

Our mission and vision are shifting slightly and align with the Minnesota Annual Conference. Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Vision: For every congregation to become a vital expression of the scriptural imperative to: grow in love with God and neighbor; reach new people; heal a broken world. (the formal sheet is in the newsletter.) We live out the values in our actions, ministries, book studies, sermon series and life together with the “Journey Toward Vitality Map.”

We encourage you to pick up a map at church after our Relaunch Kick-off 9/19, place it on the frig or somewhere you can visually be reminded of the work we are doing, the ways we are living and where your spirit is on the map! The map works for us to look at it and see two things (and who doesn't like a map?): 1. Where am I located on the map? 2. Where is the church located on the map at this time? We will use the Vitality Map to guide us in the next year of work in ministry and our time together.

You will notice us making some shifts and changes so that we can refocus on the world outside of our doors and in the community. How can we look at the ministries we do and see the ways we can reach new people and grow in love with God and neighbor? If those are our primary priorities, how best do each of us fit into the ministries and what may need to be tweaked for those things to happen? Who is missing and how do we invite them to be a part of this place?

Get excited with me for the upcoming season in our church!  
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### **Pastoral Visits**

I am vaccinated. If you would like to have a visit from me, or you would like me to bring communion to you, please call me 612-978-2917 ~ Pastor Linda



The Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

# *Mission and Vision*

**Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Vision:** For every congregation to become a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to:

## *Grow in love of God and neighbor*

### **The Great Commandment: Matthew 22:37-40**

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

## *Reach new people*

### **The Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20**

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

## *Heal a broken world*

### **The Great Proclamation: Luke 4:16-21**

"Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

**Adaptive Challenge:** To passionately and respectfully offer Christ in a Wesleyan way that speaks to our diverse cultural context.



**Lived Out Values:** We are committed to being a church that is

- Rooted in Jesus
- Grounded in Wesleyan Theology
- Inclusive of all Persons
- Engaged in the Work of Justice and Reconciliation



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women begins its fall schedule in September with the following gatherings in the Friendship Room with masks and social distancing. **All women** are invited to these meetings. **Donations for Emma Norton will be encouraged (see information below)**. If you have any questions, please contact UMW President, Jane Baker (388-9127, [janebaker@yahoo.com](mailto:janebaker@yahoo.com)).

- Mission Team, Wednesday, September 1, 1:00 pm
- Eve Circle, Monday, Sept. 13, 10 am, Sue Nelson, chairwoman
- Ruth Circle, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1 pm, Margaret Foster, chairwoman
- RV District Annual Gathering, Saturday, Sept. 25, 9-2:30, Stewartville UMC
- Mission Team, Wed. Sept. 29, 1:00 pm
- Conference UMW Annual Gathering, 9-3:30 pm, Saturday, October 2, Anoka UMC, in person or via zoom
- The rummage sale scheduled for October has been cancelled.

Several of our members will attend the District Annual Gathering on September 25 and will be able to take donations for Emma Norton. There will be a collection box in the church library for donations after September 1. Paper products that would be appreciated include toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates and cups, and personal hygiene items.

The district and conference UMW organizations will have their annual gatherings in September and early October. All women are invited. The River Valley District UMW Annual Gathering will be in Stewartville at the Stewartville UMC on Saturday, September 25, from 9 am until about 2:30 pm. The featured speaker will be Shawna Nelsen-Wills, Advancement Director from Emma Norton Services, who will update us on the upcoming renovation/building projects at Emma Norton.

At the Conference Annual Gathering, Saturday, October 2, our Bishop, Rev. David Bard, will give a greeting and worship. Other speakers will be from Emma Norton Services and Harvest Nation. For more information about, or to register for these events, please contact Jane Baker.

As we await the end of the pandemic, we can look for ways to serve our neighbors and our community. Most importantly, we can lift prayers for God to bring comfort, hope, peace, joy, and love to everyone affected by the unrest, health emergency, and conflicts in our world.

**The Welcome Basket that we provided for Emma Norton Services was delivered to the facility in late June. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project.**

## Outreach Ministries

### *Mission Market*

The Mission Market (MM) now has big variety of produce for you to chose from on our table even though gardening has not been the easiest this year. On Aug 15th we even had watermelon to go with the now generous amounts of tomatoes, peppers, & cucumbers. Earlier we had lettuce & beans which may be available again if rains come or watering holds up. Doug Sjostrom has provided eggs most Sundays & Diane & Ralph Korfhage have provided sweet corn. Bruce Duerkop has also donated veggies from his garden. This fall there may be squash, gourds, & pumpkins.

The MM is available Sundays in the Hamline Commons. The recipient of this years monetary donations will be Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity to help defray the cost of construction materials.

As of Aug 15th \$221.00 has been donated.

### *Red Wing Food Shelf*

The start of the school year brings more people to the Red Wing Food Shelf. Put your donations of nonperishable food items—peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta--for the Food Shelf in the marked container at the church entrance or in the offering plate (designated for Food Shelf). Also, you can support this year's virtual Red Wing Crop Walk during the weekend of October 2 and 3, from which 25% of funds raised will go to the RW Food Shelf, the other 75% to food and water projects around the world through Church World Service. Thank you for your generosity and for walking!

### *Family Fare Receipts*

Please continue to put your Family Fare receipts in the box in Hamline Foyer. In June we turned in \$150,000 of receipts and are awaiting our check for \$1000. We are now collecting another group of receipts. Receipts from 2020 and 2021 are accepted, receipts from 2022 will be accepted after January 1. Thank you for continuing to donate your receipts!

### *Prayer and Care Ministry*

The **Prayer and Care Ministry Team** will meet **Wednesdays, September 8 and 22, at 11 am**, in the Friendship Room with masks and social distancing. If you have prayer requests or joys, please contact Jane Baker (388-9127, [janebaker@yahoo.com](mailto:janebaker@yahoo.com)) or the pastor or church office.

## Caring Ministries Report - From Jane Stone, Care Coordinator

The fall 2021 issue of *Magnolia Journal* focuses on “Embracing the Winding Way Forward”. This is exactly what the church is doing. We want to move forward, but we continue to encounter challenges and barriers, primarily the delta variant of Covid, which force us to take detours and sometimes move backward before we can once again move forward.

Picking up on Pastor Linda’s recent sermon series about stories, I have thought about the importance not only of sharing our stories but also the importance of listening. I have taught listening skills to middle-school students, and I have taught “holy listening” skills to laity within our conference. Listening is SO IMPORTANT! I love this poem titled “On Listening” from the fall issue of *Magnolia Journal*:

In third grade you learned how  
To be an active listener.  
Sit up straight. Eye contact. Nod your head.  
Engage. Body posture. Nonverbals.  
And you looked good.  
(Still do.)

But, God  
Teach my heart to listen.  
Give me a heart and mind and soul  
That listens,  
That hears,  
That considers.  
Because I know the person  
Across the table from me  
Has a story to tell  
And they they are the way they are  
Because of their story.

So teach my heart to listen.

May we be able to gather around tables again soon and share our stories with one another. And when we do, may we listen not only with our ears but also with our hearts.

## September Birthdays

- 2 Jane Baker
- 3 Joe Motz, Lila Rice
- 8 Conner Zimmerman
- 9 Barb Featherstone, Dayne Zimmer
- 11 Brianna Beck
- 12 Dianne Korfhage
- 13 Krista Early
- 14 Dewey Baringer
- 16 Linda McCollough
- 17 Dave Baringer, Hannah Bystrom,  
Margaret Foster
- 19 Elmer Holmstadt, Stacy Kiefer
- 20 Sumner Boldt, Hannah Damman, Marilyn Ryan
- 22 Inez Chicquette, Kim Cory, Melissa Cushing, Josh Rikli
- 23 Ernie Schmidt
- 24 Danniell Black, Lila Black, Tobey Tunheim
- 26 Dustin Rassier
- 30 Lexi Rikli, Bob Stroupe



## September Calendar

Office is open Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—

All Sundays at 9:00—Worship In Sanctuary, Worship Online on Facebook or through PhoneLive.

- Wednesday September 1—1pm Mission Team ,  
6pm Sunday School Meeting
- Wednesday September 8—5:30 pm Finance Meeting,  
6:30 Council Meeting
- Monday September 13—10am Eve Circle
- Tuesday September 14 —1pm Ruth Circle  
6pm Bell Rehearsal
- Wednesday September 15 — 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Sunday September 19— Welcome Back Sunday
- Monday September 20 —**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Saturday September 25 — 9-2:30pm RV Dist. Annual Gathering—UMC Stewartville, MN
- Wednesday September 29 — 1pm Mission Team

**Relaunch 2021**

- Planned relaunch for September 19!
- We ask for your enthusiasm and excitement to build, and your patience as we work to refresh. We call it the fall season of E's: enthusiasm, encouragement, embrace, excitement, elation, and e(a)nticipation.
- Invitational time at First UMC for your neighbors and friends to be a part of our faith community.
- 9am! Worship on Sunday mornings.
- Our Foyer will be focused on the ministry year ahead.
- The "Goings On Around at Church" uses the tv in the foyer for announcements.
- Our Prayer Board will have a new location, returning to the back of the sanctuary. Stop and check it out.
- We will tap the Fourth Street entrance as the "history hall" for our archivist and history people to share their finds and photos.
- Pray for our infection rate numbers to be lower in Goodhue County as we move into the autumn season.
- Small Group meets beginning in October for 10 weeks on Saturday mornings. (Call the office to sign up) Dianne Korfhage will lead this small group (meeting in person).
- Confirmation begins October, we will gather 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10am. (Call the office or Pastor Linda to sign up.) This class is for 8<sup>th</sup> to 12th graders. It will be following worship.
- Chair Yoga will be on the same Sundays of confirmation—all are welcome.
- Children's Programming is yet to be determined based on rates of infection.

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**Sacrament of Communion**

We have been careful in providing communion, using the elements that are prepackaged to lessen the possible transmission. If you are homebound or limited transportation, please contact the office to be put on schedule for delivery of the sacrament to you.

We have a special communion service in the planning for World Communion Sunday for October 3.

**Notes and Reminders**

Office Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9-3.

If the doors are locked, please ring the doorbell.

Pastor Linda's schedule varies but is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you want to come in the building on Wednesday, please call and set up an appointment. There are times she is in meetings or doing things in the community.

Our "Blessing Box" is being updated! The box was having water issues, even though it has been a drought year. We thank Bob Stone for building a new one, and we are looking for a painter to finish it off.

When the Blessing Box is finished, we invite you to drop an item or couple of them into our box when you are around the church building. There are boxes located around town to help people out. We also continue to take non-perishable items for Red Wing Food Shelf.



# Coming Soon

**Photo Directory** – we are working to update our directory. We know some of you have updated your email addresses, maybe even phone number change from landline to cellphone only. We need an accurate reading for our records and your fellow members. We will be asking you to check the list at church.

We will offer picture Sunday again on September 19 after worship.

We will schedule photos for our homebound, please call the office and ask for a time for the photo to be taken.

## Book Study

Heal a broken world is one of our imperatives and we will work on that through our teachings, sermon and book study this fall. One of the books we will offer for a Zoom study is "The Four Promises, A journey of healing past and present trauma" by Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II. Dr. Bell is a pastor from Camphor UMC in St. Paul. We will also include some other readings.

The study will begin in October and be an online evening zoom gathering. Please let the office or Pastor Linda know so we can sign-up and order his book.

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**Please join us after church for Chair Yoga.** Stretching, strengthening, twisting and balancing are all done with the assistance of a chair. This class can be enjoyed by beginners and experienced yogis alike. If you have always wanted to try yoga to bring calm and balance into your life, this is the class for you. Breathing exercises will also be introduced. We will meet every other Sunday at 10:00 am, following worship, starting in October. Taught by Cate Vermeland, 200-hour YTT and Chair Yoga Certified.

Cate

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**FIGHT HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**  
**Get out your walking shoes for**  
**VIRTUAL CROP WALK**  
**October 2 and 3**



Hunger increased in this past year. The United Nations estimates that 10% of the global population were undernourished last year - up from 8.4% in 2019. **The hopeful news: YOU change lives and help impact hunger when you raise funds by walking. Of the funds that we raise, 25% will go to the Red Wing Food Shelf, the other 75% to fight hunger around the world.**

Walk whenever and wherever you choose by Sunday, October 3.  
Sign your name on the sidewalk in front of the church with chalk.

Several ways to donate:

- Write a check to "First UMC" with an amount designated for Crop Walk
- Write a check to "CWS/Crop Walk" and mail it or give it to the church office
- Give cash donations designated for Crop Walk to the church office
- Give online at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/redwingmn/> Click on "Donate" at the top and choose "General" as the recipient

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**Sunday Worship Service**

9:00 a.m.

Please note the change,  
Starting 9/12

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