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Youth With a Mission is October Mission Focus

Youth With A Mission –
Erik & Ele Brohaugh

Youth With A Mission is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups, and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world.

Also known as YWAM (pronounced “WHY-wham”), we unite in a common purpose to know God and to make Him known.

Back when we began in 1960, our main focus was to get youth involved in missions. Today, we still focus on youth, and we also involve people aged 9 to 90. We currently have tens of thousands of

staff (called “YWAMers”) and we work in thousands of teams and locations.

Find out more about the Brohaugh's mission on their blog.

<https://sabigambia.wordpress.com/>

Erik grew up in Lindstrom as part of 1st UMC and met Ele, who is from England, working in the village where they still live while he was doing a training school with YWAM in 2002.



Children's Sabbath



Cradle Rocking to be held October 13

Children will be celebrated at our annual Cradle Rocking Service held on Sunday, October 13, at our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

The Cradle Rocking Service is based on a Swedish custom of rocking babies one year and under in a cradle while children sing songs over them.

If you know of anyone who would like their baby (one year and under) rocked, please contact **Sandy Gaudette**, 651-213-3127, or the church office, 257-4306.

Sunday School

Sunday School is underway – **Emily Honerbrink, Holly Maeckelbergh, Erin Thorvaldson, Taylor Thorvaldson and Kaitlyn Nelson** will be teaching this year.

Still working on some sort of program for the middle and high school kids.

Upcoming events:
Octoberfest, October 5th
Children's Sabbath, October 13
Children's Shop Day, November 2nd
Living Nativity, December 14th

CHRISTmas cookies will be available for sale as a Youth Fundraiser – stay tuned for more details.

Erin Thorvaldson

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Dates to remember:

Oct. 5	Octoberfest
Oct. 6	Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up
Oct. 13	Children's Sabbath
Oct. 19	Birthday Party for Cruz Forcier
Oct. 20	Mission Sunday

From the pastor...

Dear Friends,

At a recent Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting (September 9) we discussed the United Methodist Church's three-fold mission to *Grow in Love of God and Neighbor, to Reach New People, and to Heal a Broken World*. It was an open, honest, insightful and revealing conversation as we intentionally asked how our congregation here in Lindstrom is doing at fulfilling this three-fold mission and vision.

It was clear that while we are doing some things well, much more work, effort and understanding is needed in other areas. Why did I leave that meeting feeling hopeful? Because everyone present at that meeting committed to doing better at fulfilling these three basic tenets of the Bible that the UMC has chosen to unite around.

However, while feeling encouraged and hopeful, the committee member's commitments alone are not enough. We need our whole congregation to consider these three basic Biblical imperatives and also commit to doing better at fulfilling them.

So, if you feel ready and willing to explore how you can be an agent of spiritual change in our congregation as we try to be more intentional at meeting these goals more effectively, please take the time to answer the questions below. Answer them honestly. Reflect on the ways we are succeeding as well as the ways we are not. I invite you to then share them with me in person over coffee or lunch or in my office. You can also email them to me or give me a phone call and we can discuss that way. I am also interested in hearing ways that I, as your pastor, might better equip us to implement these three areas of the vision. Unfortunately, invitations like this sometimes result in negative anonymous responses. I am not interested in receiving anonymous responses. Negative is fine, anonymous is not. We are all part of the calling at First UMC to make known God's good news and we each have a role in making that happen. We should therefore, together, seek ways to accomplish that as effectively and enthusiastically as possible.

If you would prefer not to share your responses with me, I at least, encourage you to reflect on the questions during your own devotional time or with another church member, family member, or spouse. They are worth our time and effort to consider - myself, our leaders, and all of us. When we rally together and

support one another in our missional efforts, an exciting difference will be felt and there will be even more for us to celebrate and rejoice over in this place.

How do you see our congregation fulfilling the UMC's three-fold mission and vision?

1. Growing in love of God and neighbor?
2. Reaching new people?
3. Healing a broken world?

I look forward to this conversation with you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dale

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.

2019

Our next weekend will be October 31-Nov. 3. It's our first Co-ed Weekend and will be held at Faith Presbyterian. Our Rectora is Cathy Johnson Colman. This weekend is Co-ed, with men's tables and women's tables. It is not a couples weekend but couples are welcome. The experience will focus on the individual and their walk with the Lord. Sleeping rooms will also be by gender. This is also a Co-ed team. We are leveraging experienced leadership for this first Co-ed weekend.

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 **Scott Lecy**, 612-805-2524.

In Our Prayers...

Cole Anderson; Sandy Danielson; Brad Elshaug;
Brian Elshaug; Olga Determan; Nate Clark;
the family of Vernon Fredrickson

Our Deepest Sympathy...

to the family of **Vernon Fredrickson**. Vernon passed away Monday, Sept. 23 at the age of 1001/2.

A Memorial Service will be held Sat., October 5.
Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. with the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at the Panola Cemetery following the luncheon.

You are invited to a Birthday Party!



All are invited to a birthday party for Cruz Forcier, who's turning 5, on Saturday, October 19, 12:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Happy Birthday, Cruz!

Monthly Giving update

Our General Fund Budget for 2019 is \$192,053, which becomes \$16,004 per month.

General Fund giving for August was \$21,960.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

New Financial Secretary

Lloyd Jones will be our new Financial Secretary. If you have questions about your giving to First UMC, please see Lloyd. Thanks, Lloyd!

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!



Shirley Knopf.....October 2
Pat Kertzsch.....October 4
Bob Christie.....October 7
Lloyd Jones.....October 10
Will Caldwell.....October 11
Matthew Anderson.....October 12
Kelsey Olson.....October 15
Rylan Tomczak.....October 17
Rowan Tomczak.....October 17
Cruz Forcier.....October 19
Sharlene Arnold.....October 24



Happy Birthdays!

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.

Annual Highway Clean-Up scheduled

FUMC is an official part of the Adopt-A-Highway project. Our highway is County Rd 19, from County Rd 14 to Karmel—2 miles.

This fall we will be heading out to our highway on Sunday, October 6, 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed.

Questions? See **Lois Anderson**.



Church Council Minutes

February 17, 2019

Present: Pastor Dale, Terry Keesee, Lloyd Jones, Adrienne Stegmeir, Erin Thorvaldson, Juanita Morgan, Scott Lecy, Sarah Clark, Emily Honerbrink

Trustees: New playground borders have been installed. Waiting for price on rock. New parking lot light should be installed soon. Heating units will be cleaned October 2. In the process of updating estimates for flooring in Fellowship Hall, also will be looking at the flooring in the kitchen. Heating unit by back door will be updated/fixed.

Foundation: No report

Missions: 2020 monthly Mission Offerings have been planned

Publicity & Social Media: Barb Prindle will be joining the team

Lay Leader: No report

Staff/Parish Relations Committee: SPRC has met and discussed our church's commitments to meeting the three mission statements of the Methodist Church. A summary of our discussion was submitted to the District Superintendent, who will be meeting with the committee Sept. 26 to help us review our hopes and suggestions and to finalize what is realistic for us at this time and how we might proceed.

Finance: August was a good month financially totaling \$21,968 in giving, however, August looks good on paper but that is a little misleading. There are some FUMC givers who apply their pledges in one lump sum at some time during the year which is fine. One of those situations happened in August making the August total giving amount look significantly larger than it would be if you averaged those lump-sum payments over the entire year. When the August amount is subtracted, the total for August 2019 is similar to the prior years 2018 & 2017. August was a good month for the lump-sum(s) to happen since it was also a three pay-day month resulting in additional expenses over and above most months. When measuring the total Year to Date amounts, 2019 is around \$9,500 ahead of 2018 and in excess of that from 2017. Do not get overly excited about this surplus because expenses for 2019 through August have increased by \$9,000 leaving us nearly identical in the checking account from last year. Stewardship Sunday this year will be October 27(?) and the 2020 Budget will be prepared in November. Any additions, changes, modifications or reductions will be considered at that time.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry: Met Sept. 15 and worked/decided on teachers. Holly Maeckelbergh, Emily Honerbrink, Erin Thorvaldson, Kaitlyn & Taylor Nelson will be leading. There is a need for Middle School and Senior

High Programs.

Hope Circle: Resumed meeting Sept. 11 after a summer hiatus. We continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Hope Circle room at church. Sharlene Arnold is Chairperson. Two members each month lead in devotions and prayer and provide refreshments. "New" people are always welcome. We are currently examining projects that we could commit to in the coming year. We want to be both a social gathering and a "mission" Circle that will benefit our church.

Hospitality: We continue to encourage people to help at Fellowship Time after church. A sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall is available for people to indicate if they can serve, make treats or both. We are also trying to encourage people to sign-up to be Greeters before Sunday morning worship. Schedule of Sundays is on the table next to the Sunday treat schedule. Put an "OK" by your name(s) if you will greet.

Bells: Will be playing in September and October. There will be no Youth Bells this year.

Pastor: SPRC met on Sept. 9 in preparation for DS annual visit Sept. 26. Children, Youth and Family Committee met Sept. 15 after worship to plan ministries for this school year. Began fall preaching series "Claimed: Wildly Loved by God" Began fall Adult Bible Study "Making Sense of the Bible. Ongoing Pastoral Care/Counseling – home, office and nursing home visits. Been tending to Vernon and Marilee Fredrickson in Vernon's final days of life. Barb Prindle has been added as an administrator on our Facebook page. She will post weekly encouraging/uplifting images/verses meant to be shared on other's Facebook pages. Thank you, Barb! Invited three members to serve as "at-large" members on Council. Emily Honerbrink has agreed to attend this evening's meeting to see if it's a good fit for her at this time. Am waiting to hear back from the others. A special thank you to Erin Thorvaldson and Wendy Vanderwerf for coordinating our Rally Sunday fun, food, and mission display table. The weather did not cooperate for us to be outside, but it was still a good morning. Please thank them when you see them. Met with CLACA (Chisago Lakes Area Clergy Association) Sept. 11, Led worship at Point Pleasant Aug. 27 (every fourth Tuesday). Thinking about stewardship Sunday ideas.

Special Events: Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 5th from 4-7p.m. A supper will be held at 6:00p.m.

Worship Attendance in September

Sept. 1—71

Sept. 8—70

Sept. 15—88

Sept 22—70

Newsletter sent before Sept. 29...



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

Oct. 1—Marvin Hultquist

Oct. 2—Gary Gerke

Oct. 3—Irv & Dorothy Lecy

Oct. 4—Greg McCarthy

Oct. 7—Michelle Gillespie

Oct. 8—Ron & Juanita Morgan

Oct. 9—Larry & Shirley Knopf

Oct. 10—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Oct. 11—Bonnie Vasatka

Oct. 14—Phil & Joan DeMunck

Oct. 15—Cindy Kopp

Oct. 16—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre

Oct. 17—Donn & Sharlene Arnold

Oct. 18—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Oct. 21—Irv & Dorothy Lecy

Oct. 22—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker

Oct. 23—Bonnie Bielicki

Oct. 24—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Oct. 25—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Oct. 28—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Oct. 29—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum

Oct. 30—Fred Prindle

Oct. 31—Jon Glader

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:
Juanita Morgan, 257-9268



Tech Ministries Schedule

Oct. 6 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Oct. 13 – Sound: Scott Lecy

Accompanist: Nancy Thalacker

Oct. 20 – Sound: NEEDED

Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Oct. 27 – Sound: Craig Stockel

Accompanist: Nancy Thalacker

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, October 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 the church office, 651-257-4306, or **Lois Anderson, 651-213-1036**.

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 Dale 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:

office@lindstrommethodist.org

Pastor Dale's email address:

dale@lindstrommethodist.org

Sunday Messages available online

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

Pastor Dale writes a blog on the website and posts it on Tuesdays.

October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p		1	2 5p Family Dinner 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Confirmation 7p Worship Team	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 10a Visitation 11a Memorial Service for Vernon Fredrickson 4-7p Octoberfest!
6 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship World Communion Sunday	7 6p Bell Choir	8 6:30p Trustees	9 5p Family Dinner 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Confirmation 7p Worship Team	10 9:30a Hope Circle	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Children's Sabbath Cradle Rocking	14 6p Bell Choir	15 7p Finance 7p Church Council Newsletter deadline	16 5p Family Dinner 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Confirmation 7p Worship Team	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 12p Cruz Forcier's Birthday Party— fellowship hall All are invited!
20 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday ~ YWAM—Brohaugh	21 6p Bell Choir *** Carol	22 Schmidt	23 5p Family Dinner 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Confirmation 7p Worship Team on vacation	24 October 21-25	25 Pastor's Day Off ***	26
27 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship	28 6p Bell Choir	29	30 5p Family Dinner 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Confirmation 7p Worship Team	31 Unidos en Cristo Weekend Oct. 31-Nov. 3		

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Pastor Dale Stiles

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 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 Confirmation

7:00p Choir

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...

Administrative Secretary / Treasurer...

Children's Coordinator...

Choir Director...

Church Council Chairperson...

Custodian...

Finance Chairperson...

Financial Secretary...

Foundation Chairperson...

Lay Leader...

Lay Member to Annual Conference...

Mission Chairperson...

Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...

Trustees Chairperson...

Worship Team Leader...

Youth Coordinator...

Dale Stiles

Carol Schmidt

Erin Thorvaldson

Terry Keesee

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