



GRACE COURIER

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Mission Focus: Union Gospel Mission

Fighting homelessness, addiction, and poverty since 1902

Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities provides Christ-centered pathways and programs that provide comprehensive care to people struggling with homelessness. They also offer emergency shelter and 3 meals a day to hungry neighbors.

They do not rely on government funding; almost all of their funding comes through donations from individuals and businesses.



While other homeless shelters provide meals and a place a stay for people from our community, Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities goes further to provide a permanent pathway off the streets.

- They are gospel-centered. Their goal is to form disciples of Jesus Christ.
- They provide personalized programs to help individuals get out of poverty, homelessness or addiction.
- They offer education and job training
- Medical and mental health clinics

If you would like to support the efforts of the Union Gospel Mission please indicate missions on the memo line of your offering contribution.

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Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us on Wednesday, **February 17th** for our Ash Wednesday Service at **7pm**.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season and it is period of self examination and prayer.

There will be hymns, scripture and the imposition of ashes.

The ashes symbolize our humility before God, and our recognition that we are mortal. It is a time when we reflect on what we need to change in our lives in order to live responsibly and lovingly as followers of Jesus Christ.

Youth Sunday

The youth at FUMC will be helping out with the worship service on February 7th.

Traditionally this would be Souper Bowl Sunday however with Sunday School starting just a couple weeks ago, it will be a scaled down version.

Third grade bibles will be handed out and the children will be assisting Pastor Chris with the service.



Dates to remember:

- Feb. 7 - Youth Sunday
- Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 21 - Mission Sunday



From the pastor...

My first Wednesday evening with the Confirmation Youth I asked if they considered themselves to be Christians. The answer from every one of them was "yes". Every young person said they had made a decision to ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior at Christian Summer Camp.

Because the cost of Christian summer camp is anywhere from \$300 to \$500 and the value of sending our youth to camp is demonstrated above, we are starting the Camper Buck program to assist in lowering the cost of camp.

This is the way it works – The youth in the church can sign up in the sound booth or nursery or church office to help run the camera, media or sound during the worship service or help in the nursery (if they have a Red Cross babysitter certificate) or assist an adult teacher in Sunday School.

For every event a young person serves he/she will earn five dollars in Camper Bucks. In the early spring when families are signing their youth up for camp the church will tally up how much each youth has earned and we will write a check to the Christian Camp they plan to attend on their behalf.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who can sign up?

Young people in Sixth grade or above.

2. How does a young person sign up?

The young person needs to sign up ahead of time so the adult leader will know who to count on. After the event is over the youth needs to complete the Camper Bucks time sheet and have the adult leader sign-off.

3. What if I want to donate toward the Camper Buck fund?

You can designate a financial gift to the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund or the Camper Buck Fund by writing said Fund in the memo line of your offering contribution to FUMC and the dollars will be used to send boys and girls to Christian camp.

If you have more questions please ask Pastor Chris.

Lenten Food and Fellowship

Beginning Sunday, February 21st continuing every Sunday until Palm Sunday, March 28th we will be hosting a learning event about the extraordinary life of Jesus of Nazareth as told by Dave Stotts, host of Drive Thru History.

The lessons were filmed on location in the Holy Land at 50 ancient sites in Israel. The goal is to share the gospel in a fresh and compelling way. Our group will focus on the lessons describing Jesus' final journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

Those interested can join the pastor for homemade soup and bread in the Fellowship Hall (socially distanced) at 5pm and at 5:30 move to the Sanctuary for a video lesson and discussion on the life of Jesus.

If you are uncomfortable with the meal portion, please show up in the Sanctuary for the video lesson and/or discussion afterward. I trust each person in our congregation can make their own decision regarding participation. I hope Lenten Food and Fellowship on Sunday evenings this year enhances your appreciation for what God has accomplished in Christ.

If you are interested in participating contact the Church Office at (651) 257-4306. If you would like to volunteer to make soup or bring bread, then let Sarah in the Office know that as well.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Chris



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

In Our Prayers...

Erik & Eleanor Brohaugh and family

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



Confirmation

Our confirmation program is up and running and the youth have been busy in the kitchen. Pastor Chris has started "Cooking and Confirmation" on Wednesday evenings with youth in grades 6-8.

They start the evening making a dinner and dessert then spend time enjoying some fellowship and discussion about becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. This is a photo of the group making tater tot hotdish this past month.



Happy Birthday!



Gerry Gaudette.....February 1
Terry Kopp.....February 3
Joshua Anderson.....February 8
Bruce Larsen.....February 10
Josh Salaba.....February 12
Katie Leadholm.....February 14
Erin Thorvaldson.....February 15
Jeff Meinholz.....February 21
Steve Oehme.....February 21
Christine Von Lange.....February 23
Marie Keefe.....February 28
Paula Oehme.....February 28

H.E.L.P. - Health Equipment Lending Program

One of the great ministries of our church is our health equipment lending program. It provides medical equipment free of charge to people who need it short term. Items are on loan for up one year if needed.

Some of the equipment offered for rental:

- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Canes & Crutches
- Commodes
- Knee scooters
- Bath aides
- Bed tables
- And many more small items that help/assist with recovery.

If you or someone you know needs equipment please don't hesitate to call or stop in to the Church Office.

H.E.L.P. Hours: M-F, 9:30a-12:30p

Monthly Giving update

Our General Fund Budget for 2020 is \$174,321, which becomes \$14,527 per month.

General Fund giving for December was: \$12,600

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Look for new budget numbers for 2021 next month!

Worship Attendance in January

January 3 — 46 (337 Facebook views)

January 10 — 70 (180 Facebook views)

January 17 — 58 (310 Facebook views)

January 24 — 54 (250 Facebook views)

Foundation Board

The foundation committee would like to remind you that we grant funds not only for post high school educational needs.

If you're planning on attending any Christ Centered event that requires an admittance fee, please pick up a fund application form in the Foundation PO Box or from Sarah in the Church Office.

Upon completing the form, return it to Donn Arnold or Sarah in the Church Office. The Foundation Committee will look over your request and notify you in a timely manner as to their decision about your fund request.

Sunday Messages Available Online!

Can't make it to Church on Sunday? No problem! We stream our service **live** on Facebook at 9am every Sunday. You can watch it by simply logging in to your Facebook account and searching for Lindstrom Methodist.

Don't have Facebook but want to watch church live? Head to our website: lindstrommethodist.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click the Facebook link in the bottom left corner.



Missed watching church live? Don't worry, we post the previous Sunday's worship service on our website Monday morning. If you head to our website, lindstrommethodist.org you can click on the video right on our homepage and watch whenever it is convenient to you!



Church Council Minutes

January 19, 2021

Church Members Present: Pastor Chris Kneen, Andy Wilkerson, Erin Thorvaldson, Emily Honerbrink, Scott Lecy, Cheryl Lecy, Donn Arnold, Tom Ervasti, Linda Ploog, Lloyd Jones, Bret RempelEwert, Adrienne Stegmeier

The January meeting was conducted virtually; opened with Devotion and Prayer led by Pr. Chris

Treasurer's Report (Scott Lecy): December giving was up, but expenses were also up. With almost \$15,000 in giving it was the best month of the year. Scott went over the 2020 year end budget, and the changes for the 2021 budget. *Council approved budget.*

New Business:

Live Stream Technology Upgrade (Bret RempelEwert): Bret gave a presentation outlining three potential scenarios for upgrading our A/V tech so that folks who are worshiping from home, or who want to view services at a later time, have a better experience. *Motion passed to have Bret, Craig and Scott continue to explore/research; final proposal to be presented at February meeting.* An interim solution was also presented, which will rely on some equipment purchases and the borrowing of cameras. *Motion passed to put \$500 towards the interim solution.* **Volunteers will be needed to learn/run the new equipment once it's in place, if interested please contact Bret or the office.**

Sunday school: Pr. Chris met with the Sunday school teachers 1/18. **New this year:** Children will stay in Church with their families until after Communion. At that point, they'll go to the classrooms for their lessons. Sunday School ends at 10:30am

Camper Buck Proposal: If children/youth of the Church are interested in earning money for a Christian camp, they will be able to sign up for various worship/volunteer roles around the Church. Youth would be responsible for signing up and getting an adult to sign off. *Motion passed.* If you are interested in donating funds, please contact the office or place it in the offering with a note that it's for this program.

Zoom: Motion to purchase Zoom account for Church to use (\$140/year). *Motion passed.*

Outreach: Pr. Chris proposed mailing postcards to the surrounding neighborhoods before Christmas and Easter, inviting people to come try out the Church. Looking into printing solutions. *Motion passed.*

February Meeting: Will discuss Chairperson position. If interested, please reach out to Andy Wilkerson or Pr. Chris.

Crucial Conversations: A special discussion focused around race in America is in the planning stages. More information to come.

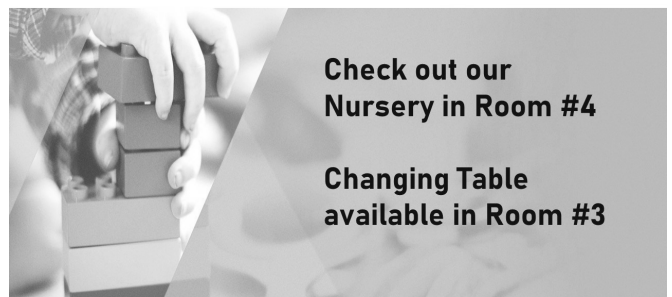
Closing Prayer - Zoom dropped our meeting, but Andy graciously prayed for everyone afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Honerbrink

Nursery

We are pleased to be able to provide a Nursery during the worship service on Sundays. It is designed for infants to age three. There are lots of activities to keep them busy in the nursery and welcoming adults and older youth to help out.

Children are always welcome in the worship service!





MEALS on WHEELS AMERICA

TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

Drivers for February 2021

February 1 - Greg McCarthy
February 2 - Greg McCarthy
February 3 - Wendy Braski
February 4 - Gary Gerke
February 5 - Donn & Sharlene Arnold

February 8 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
February 9 - Cindy Kopp
February 10 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
February 11 - Jim & Joyce Stafki
February 12 - Jim & Joyce Stafki

February 15 - Michelle Gillespie
February 16 - Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
February 17 - Bonnie Bielicki
February 18 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
February 19 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

February 22 - Jon & Britney Glader
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February 24 - Gary Gerke
February 25 - Fred Prindle
February 26 - Fred Prindle

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:
Juanita Morgan, 257-9268



- Age 3 to 5th Grade
- Learn about people from the Bible!
- Fun crafts and games!
- Children sit with parents to start Sunday Worship then are dismissed for class.

Contact Us! We'd love to hear from you!

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am - 1 pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7pm SPRC	3 5:30p Confirmation	4	5	6
7 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School Youth Sunday	8 <div>Office Admin, Sarah on Vacation</div>	9 7p Trustees	10 5:30p Confirmation	11	12	13
14 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School  Valentines' Day	15 Office Closed President's Day	16 6p Finance 7p Church Council Newsletter deadline	17 5:30p Confirmation 7p Ash Wednesday Service	18	19	20
21 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School Mission Sunday 5p Lenten Food & Fellowship	22	23	24 5:30p Confirmation	25	26	27
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Pastor Chris Kneen

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!

In-person Worship 9:00 a.m.
Children leave for Sunday School during Worship

Watch our service online on our Facebook page.

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...	Chris Kneen
Office Administrator...	Sarah Sandgren
Children's Coordinator...	Erin Thorvaldson
Choir Director...	Tom Ervasti
Church Council Chairperson...	
Custodian...	Cheryl Hultquist
Finance Chairperson...	
Financial Secretary...	Linda Ploog
Foundation Chairperson...	Donn Arnold
Lay Leader...	Andy Wilkerson
Lay Member to Annual Conference...	
Mission Chairperson...	Adrienne Stegmeir
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