

# Grace Courier

## First United Methodist Church

MAY 2023 | 30828 IRENE AVE. | PO BOX 688 | 651-257-4306

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### Mission Focus:

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge assists men, women and teens in gaining freedom from chemical addictions and other life-controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

They offer many services including outpatient counseling, licensed treatment, long-term recovery, legal services and prevention education.

They offer effective and affordable programs throughout Minnesota at all age levels no matter level or stage of addiction. In an environment that fosters love, trust, and respect, clients uncover the root causes of their addictive tendencies and work with dedicated staff to create new patterns of healthy living.

We are privileged to host the Teen Challenge Choir on Sunday June 11th. Men and women from the long term program will share their testimonies, sing worship songs and fellowship with our congregation. Please join us for brunch following the service for an opportunity to connect with and encourage them personally. Your financial gift to missions during the month of June will also go to support this important ministry.

### Church Events

- **June 7 - Praise Practice** 6pm
- **June 8 - Hope Circle** 11am  
**Picnic at Paradise Park**
- **June 10 - Braski Wedding**
- **June 11 - Teen Challenge Choir & Brunch** 9am  
**Graduation Recognition** 9am
- **June 13- Worship Team** 5:30pm  
**Trustees** 6:30pm  
**SPRC** 7pm
- **June 18 - Happy Father's Day!**
- **June 20 -Finance** 6pm  
**Admin Council** 7pm
- **June 21 -Adult Discipleship** 7pm

### Council Minutes May 16, 2023

Attendees: Chris Kneen, Dari Ferguson, Lloyd Jones, Rebecca Ervasti, Verna Hultman, Emily Honerbrink

#### Committee reports (full reports below):

- **Trustees:** Discussion of trees that need to be removed; trees will come down after spring field work. Also discussed selling unused land adjacent to Church as a means to pay for new roof (current roof 20+ years old). Trustees to explore options and bring to Council for approval.
- **Finance:** Help offered to set up tith.ly accounts on mobile devices (automatic giving). Tith.ly charges a small fee, so reminder to members that automatic withdrawals can also be set up free of charge through most banking accounts.

#### New Business:

Outreach to be managed by Council until new Chair/ Committee is formed. Took a look at past/ recurring events and discussed whether something was feasible - could really use volunteers to help out:

- Keep (if volunteer leaders found): - Living Nativity: Should keep, can we partner with another local Church? Need to figure out sound. - Children's Shop Day (Tami working on) - Easter Carnival - Puzzles, Pies, Potato Soup - Easter Breakfast - Christmas Dinner
- New: - VBS - Garage Sale
- Potentially off (unless passionate volunteers found): - Women's Brunch - Thursday night hotdogs - Parades - Hootenanny - Chili Cook-of

Other: Wendy Vanderwerf volunteered to serve as new Ad Council secretary, Emily Honerbrink to assume Member-at-large position. Still need to find new Council chair, please reach out to Pr. Chris or the office if you are interested. 651-257-4306 or office@lindstrommethodist.org

### Committee Minutes submitted prior to meeting:

Foundation Board Attendees: Dick Berglund, Dari Ferguson, Sue Hernick, and Shirley Oswald

Treasurer Report: Dick reported that the current Foundation Fund balance is \$289,034 and that no income or expense activity has occurred since the last meeting on January 15, 2023. Fidelity Account Authorized Individuals:

- It was decided to make the following changes to Authorized Individuals for the FUMC Foundation Fidelity Account:
  1. Remove Scott Lecy as an Authorized Individual
  2. Remove Donn Arnold as an Authorized Individual since he is no longer Chairperson of the FUMC Foundation Board.
  3. Add Darice Ferguson as an Authorized Individual since she is the current Chairperson of the FUMC Foundation Board.
  4. Retain Richard Berglund as an Authorized Individual since he is the current Treasurer of the FUMC Foundation Board.
- After these changes, Darice Ferguson and Richard Berglund will be the two Authorized Individuals for the FUMC Foundation Fidelity Account.

#### Administrative Counsel Meeting (Summer Camp Support):

Dari reported that she made the suggestion at the last Administrative Counsel Meeting that youth requiring financial support to attend Summer Church Camp should request aid from the FUMC Foundation by completing the Grant Application Form. The Foundation has supported campers in the past.

Grant Application Form: The revised Grant Application Form was reviewed and approved.



Committee Minutes Continued:

Scholarship Application Form:

The Scholarship Application Form was reviewed, and the following changes will be made for 2023:

Page 1:

- Change April 12th to May 1st
- Change June 1st to June 4th
- Change July 10th to July 9th
- Correct the FUMC email address from office@lindstrommethdist.org to office@lindstrommethodist.org

Page 3:

- Change the Note to “Note: A copy of your most recent high school or postsecondary transcript must be submitted with this application. If less than a year of post secondary education has been completed, please include your high school transcript.”

Page 5:

- Add a section titled: FUMC Activities
- Change Revised 4/2020 to Revised 4/2023

Scholarship Scoring System: The Scholarship Scoring System was discussed in detail, and the following agreements were made:

1. Add a Scoring Category titled “FUMC Activities”
2. Change the Scoring Category titled “Quality of Essay” to “Career Plans”
3. With the exception of “Previously Received Scholarship” change the numerical values for the remaining Scoring Categories to “Scale 1-5, 5 being best”.

Finance

Attendees; Verna Hultman, Lloyd Jones, Cindy Anderson

II. Review Statements

- Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance down a bit. Balance \$13,666.68. All apportionments paid. All bills paid. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$25,446.20. Savings \$42,012.10.
- Statement of Activities – March offering \$12,227.28 (budget \$14,333). The \$7,500 grant remains allocated to account 404. The money remains targeted for Children’s Ministry position. Key expenses over budget; gas/electric \$2,475.84 for March (budget \$1,250). Snow removal \$384 (budget \$167/month). Expenses are \$17,982.10 (budget \$16,161.76). Numbers get skewed for 1Q due to snow removal and utilities that will balance out 2Q and 3Q. Account 628 workers compensation for 1Q2021 is still being looked at. We changed payroll services at that time. The correction will be billing in April for \$286 as catch -up. Apportionments are paid for January, February and March. Suggestion is to look at paying apportionments as monthly cash flow is verified. Motion will be presented at tonight’s ad council.
- Dedicated Accounts – \$6,049 paid for windows from Memorials. The rainy day fund remains at \$8,000. The general savings has \$5,812. Total \$13,812.

III. New Business

- Childrens Ministry Grant – income \$7,500. Expenses for advertising and search total \$1,355. Remaining allocation \$6,145. Suggestion – if the Sunday becomes a stipend position, grant money could be used to compensate the honorarium.
- Committee member updates – Linda Ploog submitted her resignation as Finance Secretary. Linda offered to help train her replacement. Patsy Berglund is currently a back up. Open position will be announced.

Finance Minutes Continued -

- Counters – Erin distributed a schedule for counters. Short term the finance committee will need to coordinate the schedule. Cindy Anderson. Lloyd Jones, Pat McDermott and Jessica Anderson have volunteered so far. Don Honerbrink has volunteered to be a fill in when needed. Other counters include Irve Lecy, Dick Berglund, Roberta Ervasti, and Erik Stegmeir. Each Sunday requires a Lead Counter (fills out summary sheet) and a second counter. Ideally it would be good to have 6 lead counters and 6 assistant counters in the rotation.

IV. Old Business

- Financial Control Policy – needs update to reflect: Dedicated accounts, Tithe.ly, Paypal and Offering Counter procedures. • Tithly account access – completed an admin email and limit admin access to secretary. The working copy from Linda was added as Addendum C to the Financial Control Policy. When the new secretary is available, this will be reviewed.
- Discussed mileage reimbursement for the pastor. This account wasn’t used in 2022. A small budget was set – need a policy and submission form in place. Christ has a form. Request to close.
- Bi-Annual account audit is due April. Recommend moving to July.

Memorials

Present: Lloyd Jones, Shirley Oswald, Pastor Chris Kneen, Cheryl Hultquist-Auchterlonie

- Lloyd Jones will do finance part for the memorial committee.
- Shirley Oswald and Cheryl Hultquist-Auchterlonie worked on putting the layout of each memorial on paper together for the memorial book.
- Lloyd Jones will work with Erin Gallatin to put together final copy for the memorial book.

SPRC

Present: Pr. Chris Kneen, Tina Sparby, Andy Wilkerson, Tami Rehbein, Angela RempelEwert, Emily Honerbrink, Dorothy Lecy

- SPRC had a meet and greet with new District Superintendent Rev. Michelle Hargrave. She was very complimentary of our Church and how we maintained a respectful, loving environment through the discernment process. It was a great discussion, focused on moving forward and growth, and making disciples of others in the community.

END OF MINUTES



Adrienne is looking for the following donations for the brunch, sign up will be available in the fellowship hall:

- 10 egg bakes (1-2 vegetable, 8-9 ham and cheese) I will share the recipe with parishioners who are willing to bake and donate
- 2 #10 cans of peaches (the big ones like you get from Costco or Sams Club)
- 30# of bacon or 15-20# of bacon and large bag of sausages from Costco/Sams Club

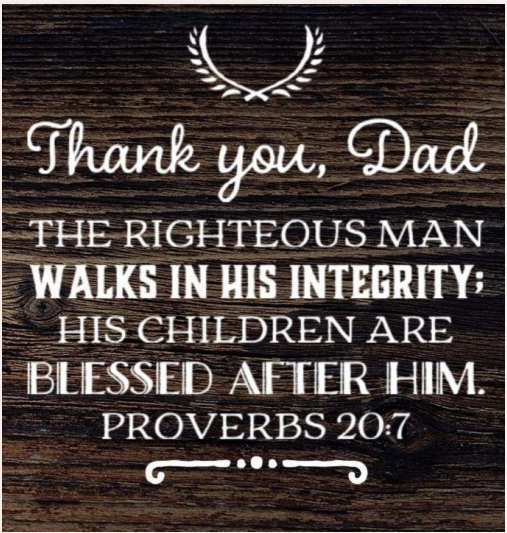
Kitchen help is always appreciated! Please let Adrienne or the church office know if you would like to assist.



Meals on Wheels - Route 2

JUNE 2023  
Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

- June 1 - Jim & Joyce Stafski
- June 2 - Mike Arendarczyk
- June 5 - Greg McCarthy
- June 6 - Greg McCarthy
- June 7 - Grace Schmidt
- June 8 - Jim & Joyce Stafski
- June 9 - Mike Arendarczyk
- June 12 - Michelle Gillespie
- June 13 - Cindy Kopp
- June 14 - Carol Carlson
- June 15 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- June 16 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
- June 19 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- June 20 - Jon Glader
- June 21 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostile
- June 22 - Bonnie Bielicki
- June 23 - Fred & Barb Prindle
- June 26 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
- June 27 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz
- June 28 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- June 29 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy
- June 30 - Fred & Barb Prindle

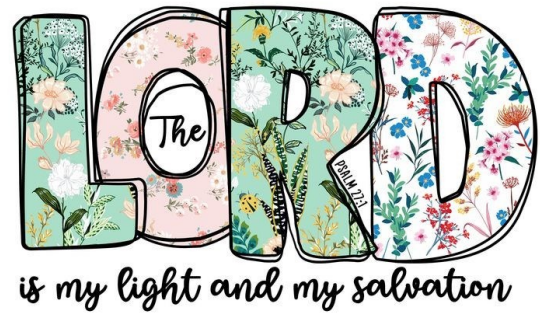


The Rev. John C Blackford  
Scholarship Applications  
Due JUNE 4th 2023  
Late Submissions will not be accepted  
Please contact Church Office with any Questions  
[office@lindstrommethodist.org](mailto:office@lindstrommethodist.org)

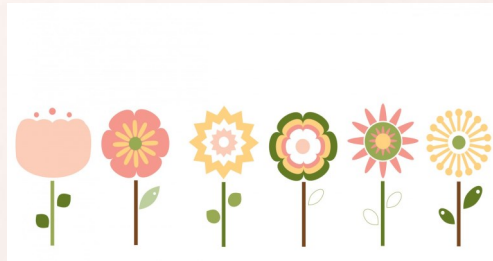
Happy Birthday!

- Irve Lecy.....June 3
- Mike Nelson ..... June 7
- Jan Gravelle ..... June 8
- Cheryl Hultquist- Auchterlonie.....June 9
- Ellie Stegmeir.....June 14
- Pam Bates.....June 21
- Brett Nelson ..... June 27

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.  
PROVERBS 22:6



Sunday School and Confirmation  
May 2023







THANK YOU!!!

A giant THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped clean up Crescent Beach Methodist Cemetery.  
We are so grateful for you!



COMING SOON!!!!

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

FUMC - Vacation Bible School 2023

If you would like to volunteer please contact  
Pastor Chris or the Church office



Graduation  
Recognition  
Sunday

There is still time to submit your graduate!

We would like to honor those celebrating a graduation this year!

Please have completed forms for Graduation Sunday recognition turned into the church office by June 7th.

Questions: [office@lindstrommethodist.org](mailto:office@lindstrommethodist.org)

2023 Confirmands  
Weston Stegmeir, Luke Leadholm,  
Cailey RempelEwert



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June 2023

Join us for Worship!

Church Office Hours:  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9am - 2pm

Church Office Email:  
[office@lindstrommethodist.org](mailto:office@lindstrommethodist.org)  
Pastor Chris' Email:  
[ckneen60@gmail.com](mailto:ckneen60@gmail.com)

We Are Here to Help!

Worship with us in-person every  
Sunday morning at 9am.  
Sunday School begins at 10am

Watch our Sunday service LIVE on  
our Facebook page.

Sunday Service is available to view  
on our website the following Tues-  
day at [lindstrommethodist.org](http://lindstrommethodist.org)