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Mission Focus!



80 million children are trapped in the cycle of poverty. Orphaned and vulnerable children living in extreme poverty are abused, sick and isolated from their community. Through Zoe Empowers children who once lived in poverty become entrepreneurs, providers, and leaders in their community who know their worth and abilities. The organization equips children to overcome poverty by addressing all areas of life including child rights, food security, health and hygiene, secure housing, community connections, education, income generation, and spiritual strength. Most importantly, children learn that God loves them and experience the gospel in action.

First United Methodist Church will help Zoe Empowers to make an impact when you designate a portion of your offering to "missions" in April. A little bit makes a big difference! It costs less than \$300 to equip one child to overcome extreme poverty and become part of a strong and healthy community in just three years. Be even more connected by signing up for encouraging stories of orphan empowerment to be sent to your email inbox or to become an official ministry [prayer partner](#) and receive weekly updates on the [Zoe Empowers website](#).

Church Events

- Feb 2 New Members Meeting
- Feb 3 Adult Bible Study - Meeting every Monday at 10:00am
- Feb 5 3:00 pm - Care Ministry
6:00pm - Praise Practice
- Feb 8 6:00pm - Puzzles, Pies, Potato Soup
- Feb 9 Noisy Offering Sunday!
- Feb 11 5:30pm - Worship Team
6:30pm - Trustees
7:00pm - SPRC
- Feb 17 Church and HELP closed President's Day
- Feb 18 6:30pm Finance
- Feb 19 Confirmation Ski Trip
7:00pm - Church Council

Youth Education Ministry

meeting each Wednesday

Confirmation (gr 6-8) 5-7:00pm

KICK (gr K-5) 6-7:00pm

Join us for Worship!
Worship with us in-person every
Sunday morning at 9am.
Watch our Sunday service LIVE on
our Facebook page.
Sunday Service is also available to
view on our website
lindstrommethodist.org



Follow FUMC
on Facebook
for more fun
events!

We are here to help!
Church Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am - 2pm
Church Office Email:
office@lindstrommethodist.org
Pastor Chris' Email:
ckneen60@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels - Route 2 February 2025

Coordinator: Bonnie Bielicki 651-470-8806

- February 3 - Jeff & Sue Meinholz
 - February 4 - Carol Carlson
 - February 5 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
 - February 6 - Jim & Joyce Stafki
 - February 7 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
 - February 10 - Mike & Lenora Madigan
 - February 11 - Greg McCarthy
 - February 12 - Duane & Debby Lee
 - February 13 - Grace Schmidt
 - February 14 - Bonnie Bielicki
 - February 17 - Michelle Gillespie
 - February 18 - Carol Carlson
 - February 19 - Fred & Barb Prindle
 - February 20 - Jack Danielson & Gary Gerke
 - February 21 - Irve & Dorothy Lecy F
 - February 24 - Paul Robinson
 - February 25 - Fred & Barb Prindle
 - February 26 - Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
 - February 27 - Phil & Joan DeMunck
 - February 28 - Duane & Debby Lee
- Thank you for volunteering!



Happy Birthday

Jay Mauleon- McCallson..... February 6

Bruce Larsen.....February 10

Emily Honerbrink..... February 12

Erin Thorvaldson.....February 15

Lily Sorenson February 19

Jeff Meinholz.....February 21

Lindsey Olson February 23

Shannon Mauleon- McCallson February 27

Thank You!



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

2024

\$18,856.00

A VERY successful season, even being one week shorter due to a late Thanksgiving!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

January 2025

January 20, 2025

Committee Members as follows:

- Leader-Barb Prindle
- Member—Nikki Olstad
- Member—Barbara Robinson
- Member—Lenora Madigan
- Member—Mike Madigan
- Member--TBD
- Member—TBD
- Lay Leader—Andy Wilkerson
- Pastor Chris Kneen

Purpose: To work towards making First United Methodist Church a visible presence in the Chisago lakes Community; in a responsible manner ensuring the best balance of opportunities and use of church resources.

Goals for 2025

- Attract 2 or more regular visitors to our fellowship
- Provide hospitality and helpful information to visitors

A meeting date will be set for January or early February to review annual calendar, past events, and to establish objectives that will support the 2025 goals.

We have two openings on the committee. If have asked two other people, but they have other obligations. If anyone is interested or has suggestions on filling these two openings, please let me know.

Barb Prindle - Outreach Chairperson



Congratulations

Irene Sparby

on Ringing the Bell!!



First United Methodist Church Foundation Board

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2025

Our Mission: "Direct funds toward initiatives that support personal enrichment of its church family and community, thus moving toward a more Christ-centered life."

Call to Order: The meeting was Called to Order on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 10:10 AM by Dari Ferguson.

Attendees: Dick Berglund, Dari Ferguson, Sue Hernick and Sonny Sparby.

Opening Prayer: Dari led the board in an opening prayer.

September 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes: The September 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Sue moved and Sonny second to approve the Meeting Minutes. The Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Dick reported that there was no credit or debit activity since the last Foundation Board Meeting and that the current Foundation Fund balance is \$361,437 (See Attachment A). The Treasurer Report was reviewed. Sonny moved and Sue second to approve the Treasurer Report. The Motion passed.

New Business Camphor Memorial UMC Donation Request: A request was received from the Camphor Memorial UMC to donate money toward their Scholarship Grant Fund. Dick moved and Sue second not to make this donation. The Motion passed.

Review of Scholarship Application Form: The current Scholarship Application Form was quickly reviewed and it was decided to review this form in more detail at the next Foundation Board Meeting. Two items that were noted about the current form were as follows: 1. Review "Page Breaks" to make sure there is enough space after each heading to write a response. 2. In addition to "Hand Delivery" and "US Mail", should email be an option for delivering the Scholarship Application Form to the FUMC Office? Page 2 of 4

Future Dates: Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarship:

4/6/2025 (Sun) – Review Application Form at Foundation Board Meeting

4/24/2025 (Thur) – Application Forms available

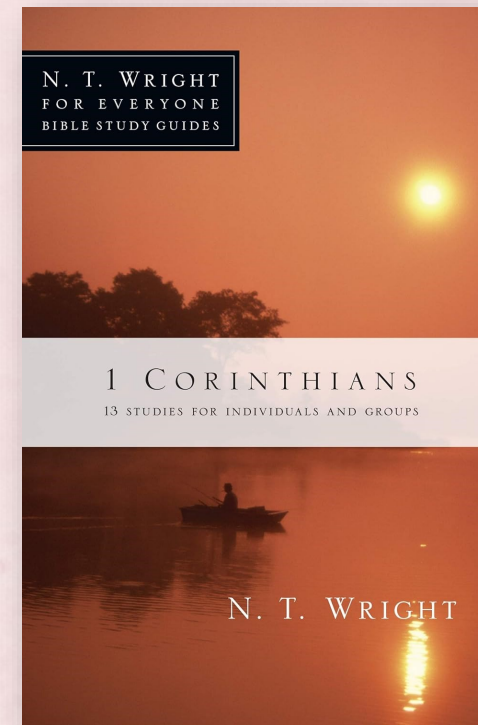
6/6/2025 (Fri) – Application Forms due

6/17/2025 (Tue) – Evaluate Scholarship Applications at Foundation Board Mtg

7/20/2025 (Sun) – Award Scholarships Foundation Board Meetings:

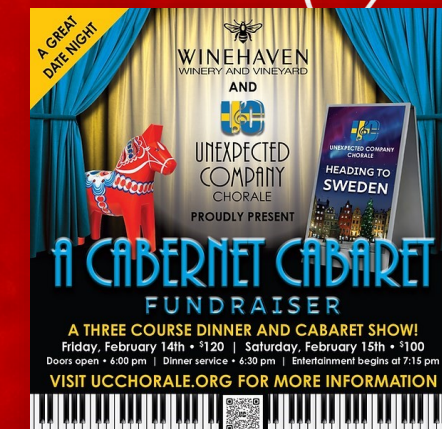
4/6/2025 (Sun) 6/17/2025 (Tue) – Evaluate Scholarship Applications 10/5/2025 (Sun)

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.



Join us for our *Winter Bible Study meeting each Monday at 10am, Please see Tami Rehbein for more information.*

With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, Tom Wright walks you through I Corinthians in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Perfect for group use or daily personal reflection, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. It is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide the group more deeply into God's Word. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom.



2024/2025 Season Dates

Cabernet Cabaret Fundraiser

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Spring Concert - From Minnesota, With Love

Friday, May 2nd @ 7:30PM

Sunday, May 4th @ 3:00PM

The new carpet has been installed in the Church Office and Pastor Study thank you Memorials for funding this.

Also a big thank you to all that helped move furniture around

Irv Lecy, Greg Anderson, Jack Danielson, Alan Hultman, Fred Prindle, Dick Berglund, Erin Gallatin, and Pastor Chris Kneen.

Thank you all very much.

LLOYD JONES





**PUZZLES! POTATO SOUP! PIE!
OH MY!**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

6:00 pm

PUT TOGETHER YOUR TEAM OF FOUR- JOIN THE FUN

CONTEST FEE IS \$25 PER TEAM. MUST PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING
(651)257-4306 OR BY email: office@lindstrommethodist.org

**PRIZES FOR WINNERS AND MOST CREATIVE TEAM THEME
SOUP AND PIE ONLY? FREE WILL OFFERING**

SUPER BOWL NOISY OFFERING



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th 9:00 CHURCH SERVICE

Bring your spare change and join in this special offering that
promises to be **NOISY!**

**BRING A CAN OF HEARTY SOUP FOR DONATION TO THE FOOD
SHELF.....WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS IF YOU WISH!
FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS WITH SUPER SNACKS!**

FUMC Finance Meeting December 17, 2024 @6:30pm Meeting Minutes

- I. 6:30 - Open meeting – attendees; Verna Hultman, Jessica Anderson, Cindy Anderson, Lloyd Jones, Chris Kneen
- II. Review Statements
Statement of Financial Position –Current checkbook balance. \$29,960.08. Current balance for Doris Brand trust account \$26,256.78. Savings \$62,494.88.
Statement of Activities – November offering \$25,691.61. (budget \$15,748.19). Total expenses \$18,001.28 (budget \$15,998.19). Overall expenses came in under the annual budget. Vote to approve payment for the remaining 2024 apportionments.
Dedicated Accounts – Youth camp has a balance of \$2,595.69. All requests have been paid. The rainy-day fund remains at \$8,000. The current savings reflects a temporary deposit from the roof insurance and is higher than typical at \$65,086.86. Lloyd will allocate the roof to the Trustees dedicated account.
 December update– two more Sundays remaining. Total amount needed to balance corresponds with typical giving Sunday.
 III. New Business
 December discussion regarding: One check was received \$23,500. Lloyd will follow up with the insurance company for remaining coverages. Updates pending for January with possibility of looking for financing options to pursue roof repairs. The current roof is showing damage from aging with some shingles missing. The roof was installed in 2000. Lloyd (and trustees) will pursue bids for repairs.
 Venmo is now up and functional for the church.
 IV. Old Business
 Budget – The budget was presented at the Charge Conference Sunday November 24, 2024. Approved as submitted.
 Electronic sign – discussion around promoting and communicating with local travelers with on-going programs and activities. A quote has been provided to the trustees. Continued discussion for January meeting.
 Next meeting Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 PM
 V. 7:00 – Adjourn.

**2024
Financial Contribution
Statements
Are now available**