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The Lamplighter

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OUR MISSION

To make disciples by actively welcoming and encouraging all into a closer faith relationship with Jesus Christ; through worship, education, outreach and love.

From the desk of Pastor Kevin...

Healthy Church Initiative: Update

As many of you know, we are on a journey of transformation here at St. Francis United Methodist Church, and the vehicle for that transformation is the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI).

The Healthy Church Initiative is an intentional, strategic process in which a team of consultants and coaches come alongside congregations that are ready to move boldly into the future for which God is calling them.

This past weekend, we completed a milestone on this journey: our consultation weekend. A team of three consultants spent the weekend here at St. Francis United Methodist Church interviewing church staff and leaders, completing two focus groups, and observing the worship service. To prepare for this weekend, the leaders and staff at SFUMC conducted a self study looking at our history, the demographics of the church and the community, current ministries, and our finances. The consultation team also had a report from twelve "mystery visitors" who have visited us over the past 6 months, as well as the results of a survey that thirty of you completed.

The HCI Team has collected a mountain of data, and after analyzing all of it, they have identified our five strengths, our five concerns, and five strategic recommendations. The HCI consultants briefed the leadership team yesterday after church, and WE ARE EXCITED! We can't wait to share their notes with you! We will be having a Town Hall Meeting after Worship on Sunday, October 7th. We will be presenting our church's strengths, concerns, and recommendations, as well as answering any questions and addressing any concerns. We will have a follow-up meeting if needed on Sunday, November 4th, after church.

At our Wednesday night study, we are studying the Apostle Paul. The first week we learned about Paul's transformation on the road to Damascus. He was persecuting Christians on that road when he met Jesus and was blinded. When one is blinded they can no longer look out, but must look within to truly reflect on who they are. This consultation weekend has been a chance for us to honestly look at our church and who we are. Like Paul, we need to be transformed. As the scales fall from our eyes and we start looking to the future and what God is calling us to be, I hope that you will join us!

Thank you to everyone who made this weekend possible, and to those who attended the workshop on Saturday!

Pastor Kevin Cooper

Confirmation Dates:

Rehearsal dinner:

Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 pm

Confirmation Sunday: October 14

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, December 15, 3:00 pm

SFUMC's Annual Christmas Concert

FEATURING:

The Mystery Mountain Boys

Tickets: \$15

SFUMC Family Fun Trip: Pumpkin Patch Sunday, October 14

2:30 pm



**Know
YOUR
Candidates**

INVOLVED WITH ISD15?

If you are a member of the St. Francis Schools community, you don't want to miss your chance to meet the candidates for the 2018 School Board election this November!

A Meet-the-Candidates Forum will take place at the ISD15 District Office on **Tuesday, Oct. 30**, at 7:00pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT

@SFUMC

VOLUNTEER INFO:

October 31:

4:30—7:00 PM



We are looking for people with trunks and treats to share!

Donations can include candy and small toys to give to children with food allergies. For non-edible treat ideas, see the following web page:

<https://www.foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project/ideas-non-food-treats>

Contact the office for more information!

SFUMC's ANNUAL BAZAAR

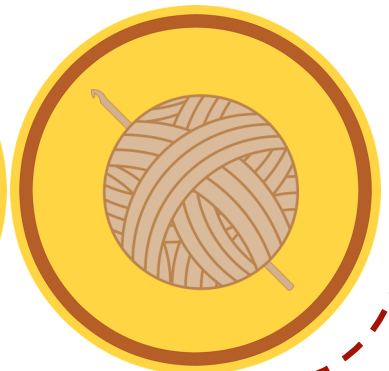
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3: 9AM-2PM

SOUP

PIE

BAKE SALE

CRAFTS





Have you met worship leader Jason?

A hearty "hello" to St. Francis UMC from Jason Honeycutt, your new worship leader. I'm so excited to be here with you and to introduce you to my wife Amanda and our daughter, Elliana. Amanda is a native Minnesotan and I'm a Georgia boy that's in the process of becoming one. You've already been involved in our family in that you've prayed for Ellie while she was in NICU in Children's Hospital in Minneapolis (for which we are so grateful). I know that God has a plan for each of us and Amanda and I are thrilled that His plan has brought us

your way. I've led worship for almost 10 years in Georgia and South Carolina but the warm welcome you've already extended to us leads me to believe that this ministry is going to be greater than anything I've experienced at any church so far. We're looking forward to getting to know each of you in the very near future; and please be aware that if I find out that you have some musical talent, I'll probably be asking you to share that talent to the glory of God. Once again, thank you for inviting us to be a part of St Francis; we can hardly wait to "roll up our sleeves" and get busy for the Lord.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Saturday, October 6: Feed My Starving Children
Contact Barb Anderson for more information!

Join us in packing meals to be shipped to high-need communities!



CYF MEETING:

1st Sunday Each Month
October's meeting will take place Sunday, October 7th after worship. Time is subject to change due to Town Hall meeting.

St. Francis United Methodist Church

Administrative Council

September 25, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Those Present: Amy Brady, Pastor Kevin Coder, Eric Kreiner, Joe Kunz, Wade Little, Sandi Golyer

Call to order—Amy Brady

Devotions—Sandi Golyer led devotions

Minutes—were read online and approved.

Treasurers Report: Joe K. handed out the financial report. CenterPoint is now charging more. Our giving is behind as of August. Tiffany has volunteered to come to the next Ad Council meeting. There is some question about some items and what expenses are really in them. We decided if she is here we should work on the budget, so all ministries should have their expenses for next year, figured out so we can include it in the budget. Tiffany also shared with Joe that we should have statements from the St. Francis Community Garden committee since they are under us and if they have a bad check we can be responsible. We question the low amount paid for payroll taxes and Joe will ask Tiffany.

New Router and New Computer: The router was free, Kevin got a new computer, not spending more than the \$725 allotted.

Old Methodist Church: The companies that are bidding on the job of demolishing the old St. Francis Methodist Church have been in touch with Kevin. They said their insurance companies won't allow us to remove the steeple ourselves. They will let him know how much it would cost us to have them save it.

Family Fun Night: turned out great! We need to plan for 150 to 200 people next year. It was great for parents to visit with others while their children were playing. We need to publish that we are collecting school supplies. Kevin is working with SFE principal and some other churches to get names for adopting families at Christmas, Kevin thought we could offer school supplies to these same people. Kevin still likes the idea of giving free haircuts.

Christmas Concert: Mystery Mountain Boys 3:00, we will publish in the Lamplighter and put flyers up and share on St. Francis social media sites. Sandi will make up flyers and tickets. We decided that all the tickets will be \$15.

Trunk and Treat: Kevin will let the Principal of SFE know that we are doing Trunk and Treat and see if he can let parents know.

Praise Team Stage: We have not received a bid from Jason yet.

T-Shirts Everyone likes having shirts and we talked of ordering more. Once the HCI gets going we will see if something comes out of it that we would like to put on a shirt. We will talk if we should order more in the Spring so we have what is needed for Pioneer Days. Sandi did buy extra children's and women's, she thought she ordered extra men's but she didn't. The extras can be sold or just 'checked out' for special occasions that we want to wear the T shirts.

Walk To Emmaus: an invitation has been sent out to many of the people in our congregation, a few men are going. Kevin really encouraged people to go. The men's week-end is October 25-28 and November 1-4 for the women.

Thanksgiving Dinner: We plan to deliver Thanksgiving Dinners again to people who request it. We will publish it in the Lamplighter and give out flyers to NACE and the Manna Market. Wade and Marilyn Townsend have planned it in the past.

Custodian: Tate Bodenbug was hired. We are paying him \$10 an hour to clean for 3 hours every other week. He is doing a good job, but that is not much time, so we encourage people to pick up when they see something needed to be done. We will re-evaluate when making the budget for 2019.

UMW: The bazaar will be November 3rd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Pastor Kevin closed with prayer.

Next Meeting and devotion: October 23, 6:30 pm. Devotions will be led by Joe Kunz.

Please see calendar updates on the following page.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Golyer

Dates & Meetings



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

September's UMW meeting will take place on Tuesday, **October 16th at 11:00 am** at church. We will be preparing for the annual Bazaar. Please join us!



The Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, October 6th, 8:00 am** at Mulligan's at the Ponds. (2881 229th Ave NW; Saint Francis, Minnesota)
All men are welcome!

Review and update calendar of upcoming:

(from pg. 5 Ad Council Minutes)

- September 28-30 - HCI week-end
- October 6, Saturday – Men's Group 8:00 at Mulligan's
- October 6, Saturday – Youth @ Feed My Starving Children
- October 8, Monday – Council of Ministries – 6:30
- October 10, Wednesday - Confirmation rehearsal&dinner
- October 14, Sunday – Confirmation
- October 14, Sunday – Family Fun Event @ Pumpkin Patch
- October 16, Tuesday – UMW @ 11:00
- October 21, Sunday – Laity Sunday and potluck
- October 23, Tuesday – Ad Council at 6:30
- November 3, Saturday – Bazaar – 9:00 to 2:00
- November 18, Sunday – Thanksgiving Potluck
- November 22, Thursday – Thanksgiving Delivery
- December 15, Saturday – Mystery Mountain Boys 3:00

On the 2nd Monday of each month, SFUMC sends volunteers to the North Anoka County Emergency Foodshelf.



Volunteers can sign up on the board outside the office for each month. The next volunteer date will be: **Monday, October 8th**, 8:00a—12:00p.



October's book club meeting will take place on **October 2nd at 6:30 pm!**

The book for November's meeting will be *The Dollhouse* by **Fiona Davis**.



COMMUNION OFFERING

Each month, we take a special communion offering to benefit a local organization. October's communion offering will go toward **"UMCOR."**
Thank you for your generosity!

Volunteer Ministries

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4:10

Communion Steward for October is Bev Tennison	OCTOBER			
	7	14	21	28
Acolyte	Matthew Smith	Lucy Golyer	CJ Davis	Makenzie Coons-Chambliss
Host	Marilyn Townsend	Jodi Roppe	Marilyn Emstad	Janice Davis
Liturgist Reader	Marilyn Emstad	Marion Schulz	Sandi Golyer & Bev Tennison	Joe Kunz & Matthew Smith
Nursery	Jill Tetrick	Sara Coder	Marilyn Townsend	Jodi Roppe
Sunday School Assistant	Jodi Roppe	Rachel Montanye	Bonnie Gibbs	Jill Overby
Ushers	George McMullen & Bob Coons	CJ Davis & Tate Bodenburg	Dwight Moon & Wade Little	Dwight Moon & Tate Bodenburg
Fellowship Snacks Setup	Barb Hanks & Janice Davis	Patrick & Amy Brady	POTLUCK Setup/Cleanup: Jill Tetrick & Bonnie Gibbs	Colleen Olson & Marilyn Townsend
Counters	Sandi Golyer & Joe Kunz	Bonnie Gibbs & Marion Schulz	Marilyn Townsend & Colleen Olson	Sandi Golyer & Joe Kunz
Communion Steward for November is Jill Tetrick	NOVEMBER			
	4	11	18	25
Acolyte	Tate Bodenburg	Mackenzie Coons-Chambliss	Lucy Golyer	CJ Davis
Host	Marilyn Townsend	Barb Hanks	Jodi Roppe	Jill Tetrick
Liturgist Reader	Bonnie Gibbs	Tom Baumann	Marion Schulz	Janice Davis
Nursery	Sara Coder	Jill Tetrick	Marilyn Townsend	Jodi Roppe
Sunday School Assistant	Jodi Roppe	Rachel Montanye	Bonnie Gibbs	Jill Overby
Ushers	Bob Coons & George McMullen	Tate Bodenburg & CJ Davis	Dwight Moon & Wade Little	Tate Bodenburg & Bob Coons
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Counters	Bonnie Gibbs & Marion Schulz	Marilyn Townsend & Colleen Olson	Sandi Golyer & Joe Kunz	Bonnie Gibbs & Marion Schulz



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Sat

SEPT 30	1	2 6:30 pm: Book Club	3 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group	4 <i>Happy Birthday! Dale Hanks</i>	5	6 8 am: Men's Breakfast 4:30-6:30pm: Feed My Starving Children
7 COMMUNION "UMCOR" After Worship: -Town Hall Meeting -CYF Meeting (after TH)	8 8a-12p: NACE 6:30 pm: Council of Ministries	9	10 6:30 pm: Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner <i>Happy Birthday! Joshua Fenton Carol Hingtgen Meghan Kimpling</i>	11 <i>Happy Birthday! Bruce Herdina & Lincoln Coder</i>	12	13
14 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 2:30: Family Fun Event @ Pumpkin Patch <i>Happy Birthday! Rebecca Smith</i>	15	16 11:00 pm: UMW @ Church	17 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group	18 <i>Happy Birthday! Jacob Coons</i>	19	20
21 LAITY SUNDAY POTLUCK & BIRTHDAYS <i>Happy Birthday! Marni Powell</i>	22 <i>Happy Birthday! Barb Anderson</i>	23 6:30 pm: Ad Council <i>Happy Birthday! Weston Golyer</i>	24 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group	25	26 <i>Happy Birthday! Amanda Davis</i>	27
28	29	30	31 4:30-7:00 pm: Trunk-or-Treat 	NOV 1	NOV 2	NOV 3