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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...

As I am writing this article, there are currently 328,912,423 people living in the United States. But while I write this, that will change: a child is born every 8 seconds, and we lose an American every 12 seconds. The oldest American, Lessie Brown, turned 114 on September 22nd. And as I said, the youngest Americans are arriving on the scene at the rate of about eight births every minute. This means that for the first time in history there are five generations in our families, churches, and communities. This is a great and exciting time! And it presents us with a great and exciting opportunity: to be a beautiful multi-generation church.

One of our Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) recommendations is to embrace this multi-generational reality, creating a multi-generational culture at our church in which the youngest and the oldest of our congregation come together to learn, laugh, and live amongst each other.

A quotation from our HCI Consultation Report:

There is a verse in the song, *For Everyone Born*, that goes:

**“FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE, A VOICE TO BE HEARD,
A PART OF THE SONG, THE HANDS OF A CHILD IN HANDS THAT ARE
WRINKLED, FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.”**

There is something about gathering at the family table, young and old, eating together, sharing stories together, laughing and learning together, that strengthens our bonds of love and affection for one another. To foster the sense that we are one family, this congregation needs more intentional intergenerational gatherings where they can learn each other's hearts.

I want to foster an environment where we “learn each other's hearts.” I want to start with a Sermon series on Generations, in which we learn about generational differences and gaining generational intelligence, so that any misunderstandings, tension, and even conflict can be avoided. Bridges between generations can be built, creating avenues and inroads to a beautiful multi-generational community. This sermon series will start November 4th, I hope that you will join us on this beautiful journey.

Pastor Kevin Coffey

SFUMC UMW's ANNUAL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3: 9AM-2PM

SOUP



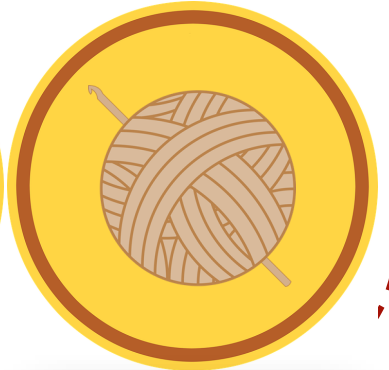
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BAKE SALE



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THANK YOU

Trunk-Or-Treaters!

*Oct. 31,
2018*



A Mission Trip to Gipo, Liberia

A message from Bonnie Gibbs

Several years ago I was on a Volunteers in Mission trip with the Glads and met and worked with a very special lady, Ada. She was born in Liberia, Africa and came to the United States and raised her family here. She still has family there and returns to visit and also to lead VIM trips. She invited me to join one of those trips and in March 2019 I am going with a team of about 15 people to Gipo, Liberia.

Previous mission teams have built a tech school for young people to learn all sorts of trades; electrical, plumbing, sewing, farming, gardening and cooking. Now, we are going to build a dormitory for the students so they are able to stay at the school and not have to travel miles and miles each day.

I was a little nervous about the whole idea until a meeting we had in April at Brooklyn UMC. Recently retired Pastor Linda from a north Minneapolis UMC had just returned from Africa. She had gone to an international meeting about Operation Classroom, Clinic and Church- now referred to as OC Ministries. One of our own members, Lovelle Meister, made several trips to Africa when this ministry was just beginning; and so the idea began for me many years ago. She was such an angel to me. And then I met Ada, another angel.

So, at that meeting in April, Pastor Linda shared pictures and stories about her trip and she also traveled to the school in Gipo. I met more of the team I will work with. We will make bricks, dig a foundation and teach the children in a little VBS school. I am bringing 2 Singer sewing machines and more supplies. We have bought our plane tickets and paid our fees for board and room.



If you would like to help, I am asking for donations for the materials we will be buying there for our building project. We will be staying in the home of a local pastor, using their van for transportation each day, buying the material we need and hauling them to the work site. We will be part of a team along with the local people at work on this next step to help the young people become productive members in their community. I am really getting excited.

At our church bazaar, I will be selling quilted items I have made and the funds will all go towards the building supplies. Also, our Ad council has allowed me to use the November 4th Communion Offering for this project. Please, keep all of us on this team in your prayers. We will be gone March 14 to March 28th, 2019.

I will be so happy to share with you about our trip when we return. Wouldn't you like to meet Ada? As I have been blessed to go on VIM trips with the Glads and mission trips to Louisiana with our youth, UMW and Early Disaster teams, and Texas, also; I have realized all our peoples everywhere are really family. I always come home so full of love for those we serve with and for. I get so much more than what I can give. Thank you.

-Bonnie Gibbs



Check donations can be made to:

Brooklyn UMC

Include in memo: Gipo Advance # 14369T

Proceeds will go to purchasing construction materials: Cement Block: \$2 ; Cement bag: \$10 ; Tools: \$5 ; Rebar: \$5

Early Disaster Response

Message submitted by Bonnie Gibbs

On a beautiful sunny October day last week six United Methodist men and women started their day by driving to gather at a farm near Northfield. This home of a retired couple had been hit by one of the tornadoes that devastated the lives of many Minnesota families the week before.

As a work crew, we were blessed to meet this family, to share an early morning devotion together, to hear their story and then to work clearing some of the over 100 trees that had fallen during the storm. Of all their buildings, only the house was hit by a tree that came down on the roof; not too much damage there, but they could not get up their drive-way until 30 hours of clearing trees and power lines was done.

We made a dent in the number of trees that need clearing and we let that family know we cared. It was a good day.

Our conference offers training for Early Disaster Response Training. The work can be hard. The people are worth meeting and the work is so meaningful. Neighbor helping neighbor.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SALVATION ARMY BELL-RINGING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 ; SHIFTS BETWEEN 10 AM—8 PM

Sign up on the Youth Board - contact Barb Anderson for questions!

Thank you volunteers!

On Saturday, October 6, a group of volunteers from SFUMC visited Feed My Starving Children and packed meals to be shipped to high-need communities.

Thank you for going out and serving others!



St. Francis United Methodist Church Administrative Council

October 23, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Those Present: Amy Brady, Pastor Kevin Coder, Eric Kreiner, Marilyn Emstad, Joe Kunz, Wade Little, Sandi Golyer, Tiffany Bitzan (financial secretary)

Call to order—Amy Brady

Devotions—Joe Kunz led devotions

Minutes—were read online and approved.

Treasurers Report: Tiffany has volunteered to come tonight, since she can explain the reports better and has a handle on some of the items in going up next year. Joe Kunz handed out the financial report and the general ledger. There were many questions asked Tiffany, she will try to find a different report that she can make it clearer for us, especially this time of year when we are working on the budget. Eric took good notes and he will share what we decided on as a budget.

Old Methodist Church: No decision has been made of which demolition company to use. Once the city decides that the company will contact Kevin.

Communion Offering: Bonnie asked if an offering could go to offset the cost of materials for a mission trip she is going on. It was decided that the November offering will go to this.

Pastor Kevin closed with prayer.

Next Meeting and devotion: November 27, 6:30 pm. Devotions will be led by Eric Kreiner.

Review and update calendar of following:

November 3, Saturday – Bazaar – 9:00 to 2:00

November 4, Sunday – Town Hall meeting

November 11, Sunday – Charge Conference and voting to accept or reject HCI recommendations

November 25, Thursday – Thanksgiving – delivering dinners

December 15, Saturday – Mystery Mountain Boys 3:00

*Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Golyer*

Welcome New Members:

Dan & Dot Dutcher

Jason, Rachel, Zach, Ryleigh, & Avah Montanye



Dates & Meetings



United Methodist Women
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November's UMW meeting will take place on Tuesday, **November 13th at 1:00 pm** at church. It will be a dessert meeting, and we will discuss what missions to support.



The Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd, 8:00 am** at the Oak Roads Grill.
(2351 181st Ave NW ; Cedar, MN 55011)
All men are welcome!

Children, Youth, & Families

The next CYF meeting will take place **Sunday, November 11th at 11:00 am**, right before the charge conference.

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, November 12th**, 8:00a—12:00p.



November's book club meeting will take place on **November 6th at 6:30 pm!**

The book for December's meeting will be *Buttons and Bones* by Margaret Frazer.



COMMUNION OFFERING

Each month, we take a special communion offering to benefit a local organization. November's communion offering will go toward a **Volunteers in Mission trip to Gipo, Liberia.** 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 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
Fellowship Snacks Setup	Jean Moon & Dot Dutcher	Jodi Roppe & Sandi Golyer	POTLUCK Setup/Cleanup: Barb Hanks & Janice Davis	Patrick & Amy Brady
Counters	Bonnie Gibbs & Marion Schulz	Marilyn Townsend & Colleen Olson	Sandi Golyer & Joe Kunz	Bonnie Gibbs & Marion Schulz

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Host	Marion Schulz	Barb Hanks	Marilyn Townsend	Jodi Roppe	Marilyn Emstad
Liturgist Reader	Marilyn Emstad	Joe Kunz	Marion Schulz	Tom Baumann	Sandi Golyer & Bev Tennison
Nursery	Sara Coder	Marilyn Townsend	Rebecca Kreiner	Jodi Roppe	Sara Coder
Sunday School Assistant	Jodi Roppe	Rachel Montanye	Bonnie Gibbs	Jill Overby	Jodi Roppe
Ushers	Wade Little & Sandi Golyer	CJ Davis & Bob Coons	Tate Bodenburg & Wade Little	Bev Tennison & CJ Davis	Bob Coons & Tate Bodenburg
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OCT 28	OCT 29	OCT 30	OCT 31	1	2	3 8 am: Men's Breakfast 9:00am- 2:00pm: UMW's Annual Bazaar
4 COMMUNION "VIM Mission— Gipo, Liberia" After Worship: -Town Hall (after TH)	5	6 6:30 pm: Book Club Happy Birthday! Cora Peterson	7 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group Happy Birthday! Samantha Roppe	8	9	10
11 CHARGE CONFERENCE 11:00 am: CYF meeting Happy Birthday! Cindy Rogers	12 8a-12p: NACE 6:30 pm: Council of Ministries	13 11:00 am: UMW Meeting @ church Happy Birthday! Dwight Moon	14 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group	15 Happy Birthday! Easton Bodenburg	16	17
18 THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday! Barb Glad	19	20	21 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group	22 THANKSGIVING Meal Delivery 11:00a-2:00p 	23	24
25 Happy Birthday! Parker Coons- Schmidt	26	27 6:30 pm: Ad Council	28 6:30 pm: Adult Small Group	29	30	DEC 1