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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.*

## *Hello from Pastor Matt!*

My name is Matt Sipe and I am an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. I am married to Julie, an RN who works in the Labor and Delivery department at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia, MN. We have two children: Nora (11) who loves all things music and art, and Marshall (9) who loves all things sports, especially college football. I have served churches in Minnesota and Illinois.

I was a public school teacher for five years and I received my call to ministry through teaching. Seeing the brokenness in my students, I knew they needed Jesus in their lives and I was not able to provide that faith-based background as a public-school educator. I see my calling as one that helps bring families and generations together to grow in their faith.

My passion has been working as a peacemaker for God's Kingdom. I enjoy sharing Christ with other people and helping folks see the love and grace that is right there in front of them (prevenient grace). I want more people to know about this (justifying grace) and I make it a point to share that with others I meet. I hope to encourage others on this journey to move forward, as Wesley says, onto perfection (sanctifying grace).

I will be praying for you until we meet each other on January 6, 2019. If you'd like to get in touch with me, please send me an email at [pastormattsipe@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattsipe@gmail.com)



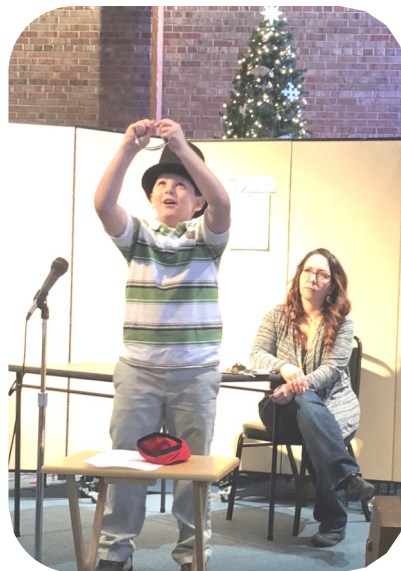
*Grace & Peace, Pastor Matt*

# Children's Program 2018

On Sunday, December 9th 2018, our Sunday School students presented their annual children's program! The program was entitled: "What? No Angels?"

*Photos submitted by Sandi Golyer*

Thank you Sunday School students and teachers for all of your hard work!





# Communication Policy Updates

As of December, 2018, SFUMC has updated its policies for digital and physical communications. The updated policies are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and can also be found on the church website at <https://sfunitedmethodistchurch.com>.

In accordance with a decision by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, **all communications to the congregation must first be approved by the church office staff.** This includes newsletter submissions, e-mail notices, postings on bulletin boards, and distribution of flyers or pamphlets. This helps to ensure that all distributed information is timely and relevant, and also protects the privacy of SFUMC community members.

For any questions or concerns related to these policy changes, members are welcome to contact the church office via phone or e-mail:

PH: 763-753-2273

E: [sfumc.office@gmail.com](mailto:sfumc.office@gmail.com)

Thank you for your cooperation!



## *Blood Drive: Thank you!*

The annual blood drive on Thursday, December 27th was a success! While we did not meet our goal of 45 units, we were able to collect 40 units of blood for the Red Cross.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave blood, who helped set up and tear down, and who helped to organize the event!

# Human Relations Day

Sunday, January 20, 2019

## *What is Human Relations Day?*

Human Relations Day is one of the special Sundays celebrated by the United Methodist Church. These special Sundays are opportunities for the church to focus on service. Human Relations Day allows us to offer our collective gifts to extend a helping hand to people in crisis struggling to overcome formidable obstacles.

**“Every year we honor Human Relations Day on the Sunday before the national recognition of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. Like Reverend King, we believe everyone has the right to realize their God-given potential. That’s why we celebrate Human Relations Day!”**

*-from umcgiving.org*

The Human Relations Day offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Every contribution makes a difference!

Lord, use us to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke!

Isaiah 58:6

Lord, You are a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Allow us to be your hands and feet, providing comfort and care to the oppressed.

Psalm 9:9





# Dates & Meetings



January's UMW meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 8th** at 12:00 noon. Taco Salad will be provided!



The Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am** at Oak Roads Grill. (2351 181st Ave NW, Cedar, MN 55011 )

All men are welcome!



## Adult Small Group

Adult Small Group will not meet the first week of January. Future meetings are planned—look for more information soon!

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, January 14<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00a—12:00p.



There will be no book club meetings in January or February—enjoy the holiday season!



## COMMUNION OFFERING

January's communion offering will go toward **a mission trip** church members will be taking in February. More information will be given during worship on January 6th!

**Worship**  
**Sundays, 10:00 am**

**Monthly Potluck:**  
**Sunday, January 20**

# 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 January is Bev Tennison	<b>JANUARY</b>			
	6	13	20	27
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tate Bodenburg	Mackenzie Coons-Chambliss	Lucy Golyer	CJ Davis
<b>Host</b>	Janice Davis	Jill Tetrick	Marion Schulz	Marilyn Townsend
<b>Liturgist Reader</b>	Marilyn Emstad	Janice Davis	Joe Kunz	Marion Schulz
<b>Nursery</b>	Jill Tetrick	Rebecca Kreiner	Jodi Roppe	Marilyn Townsend
<b>Sunday School Assistant</b>	Rachel Montanye	Jill Overby	Jodi Roppe	Rachel Montanye
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandi Golyer & Bev Tennison	Tate Bodenburg & CJ Davis	Bob Coons & Bev Tennison	Tate Bodenburg & CJ Davis
<b>Fellowship Snacks Setup</b>	Dot Dutcher & Jodi Roppe	Janice Davis & Sandi Golyer	<b>POTLUCK Setup/Cleanup:</b> Colleen Olson & Marilyn Townsend	Patrick & Amy Brady
<b>Counters</b>	Marion Schulz & Sandi Golyer	Marilyn Townsend & Colleen Olson	Sandi Golyer & Joe Kunz	Marion Schulz & Sandi Golyer
Communion Steward for February is Bev Tennison	<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
	3	10	17	24
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ryleigh Montanye	Tate Bodenburg	Mackenzie Coons-Chambliss	Lucy Golyer
<b>Host</b>	Sandi Golyer	Janice Davis	Jill Tetrick	Marion Schulz
<b>Liturgist Reader</b>	Sandi Golyer / Bev Tennison	Tom Baumann	Marilyn Emstad	Janice Davis
<b>Nursery</b>	Rebecca Kreiner	Jill Tetrick	Barb Anderson	Jodi Roppe
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# JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DEC 30	DEC 31	1	2	3	4	5  8 am: Men's Breakfast
			Happy Birthday! CJ Spawn		Happy Birthday! Wanda Rakow	
6 EPIPHANY SUNDAY  COMMUNION: Mission Trip  Welcome Pastor Matt!	7	8  12:00 pm: UMW Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	14 8am-12pm: NACE  6:30 pm: Council of Ministries	15	16	17	18  Happy Birthday! Jim Gibbs	19
20  POTLUCK & BIRTHDAYS	21	22	23	24  Happy Birthday! Marissa Smith	25	26
27  Happy Birthday! Toby Tennison	28	29  6:30 pm: Ad Council Meeting  Happy Birthday Elise Overby	30	31	FEB 1	FEB 2