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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Mike will be in the office all day Tuesdays and on Wednesdays from noon through the end of the church schedule. You can always contact Pastor Mike at 701-799-1174. Volunteers will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 to 4.

NOVEMBER 2021

Greetings everyone. Let's take a look at Luke 3: 3-17

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, **2** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." [a] **3** This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5** Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, **6** and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bear fruit worthy of repentance. **9** Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. **10** Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" **15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,[d] with whom I am well pleased."

Water is the source of life. When God created the world, it was one big ball of water. The wind swept across the water and God said let there be light. He then called up the land so there would be breaks in the water. Later in the week, God put fish in the seas. The water saved Noah after he built the Ark. The slaves were led out of Egypt through the Red Sea, and Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Water not only quenches our thirst; it is a symbol of purity and life. There are many instances in the Bible of our sins being washed away, the quenching of our spiritual life and the life-giving water of Jesus Christ. We use water to baptize those who are confessing their faith, or for the young ones whose parent or guardian is dedicating their life to Jesus Christ. It is an honor and a great responsibility to be a part of this person's faith journey. You have heard the saying "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, it is as important that we as a congregation take responsibility to raise up those in our midst who are new Christians, newly baptized Christians, and even those of us that have been around for a very long time. It is with the support and love of each and every one of us that we grow in our journey of faith to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and our Father God. We do this by coming together in worship and fellowship. We do this by checking on the well-being of those around us and by being in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ. This month, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and what better time to be thankful for those around us. Many of whom have been there when we most needed them. The responsibility we proclaim in our baptismal vows aren't for just that day, they are to last throughout our lives and the life of the church. *Amen*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 1 Mary Jane Eidsness
Leondro Cavanaugh
November 3 Hope Jury
November 7 Ella Wessels
November 10 Kaylee Hodgins
November 14 Tate Estenson
November 17 Brandon Atherton
Paulette Paulson
November 24 Elaine Rath
Marcia Ulrich
November 25 James Kirk
Ron & Sonia Knutson
November 27 Gwen Hodgins
Gary Wilhelmi

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
LISTS ACCURATE AD COMPLETE. IF ANY OF THESE DATES
ARE IN ERROR, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. THANK
YOU!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please be in prayer for: Sylvia Loehr, Mark Restemayer, Naomi Modrow, Delcie Light, Terri Belford, Chuck Hendrickson, Kathy Svidal, Corleen Rath, those battling cancer (Denice, Dennis, Keith, Doug, Vicki). Pray for all those affected by the coronavirus. Please pray for the finances of our church and for those who are unemployed or underemployed. Pray for the members of the military as well as fire, police, and emergency medical services. Pray for our country, which is badly divided and conflicted. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, whether to the coronavirus or from other causes. Pray for our state and national leaders. Pray for the school staff and students, as well as those learning at home. Pray for Tim Gulsvig serving in Jordan in mission work.

*If you have prayer concerns please contact
Pastor Mike at 799-1174.*

**Remember our residents in our local care centers:
Marge Bye and Harold Jorgenson (Bev Oehlke's father)
at Good Samaritan; Delcie Light and Lois Weed at
Eventide, Chuck Hendrickson at Odd Fellows.**

CURRENT WORSHIP FORMAT

We are worshipping together, with Covid restrictions optional. The service is live via Facebook at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Non-internet users may access the worship service recording by dialing 701-214-3752, a free call.

Our website address has changed and will have an updated look and new features. The new website address is www.1stumcdl.com. We also have a Twitter account at [FirstUMCDLND](https://twitter.com/FirstUMCDLND), and an Instagram profile [firstumc_dl](https://www.instagram.com/firstumc_dl), in addition to our Facebook page where videos and sermons can be found.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 6 UMW Bazaar 9:30 to 1:00 pm
November 17 Administrative Council meeting 7:00 pm
November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Worship schedule:

Sunday 9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship time
Monday 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 4:00 pm WOW children gather
5:15 pm Supper in Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship in FH
Thursday 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Supper
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Worship
(Small groups immediately after)

Office Hours:

Tuesday from 9 am to 4 pm
Wednesday from 9 am to 4 pm

Do you have a family member serving in the military? We would be honored to list their names and stations in the newsletter so that they may be prayed for by those in the church. Please contact the office at 662-2873 to provide this information.

FUMC Finance Report Operating Fund through October 24, 2021:

Income \$ 8,660.95 (includes automated giving)

*Amount needed per month to meet our 2021 budget is \$11,470

Remember to send in your offering when you're not in church. Consider the option of automatic withdrawals from your bank. Thank you for your giving!

Offering counters in November 2021: Lynn and Gwen Hodgins

Shoeboxes for Christmas is in full swing in our church thanks to the generosity of those providing shoeboxes, wrapping paper, wrapping expertise, and personal items for the boxes. There are still many empty, wrapped boxes on shelves at the back of the sanctuary. Have you considered bringing some joy to a child this Christmas who may not otherwise receive any gifts? Please help us make a generous contribution to Spirit Lake Ministries Shoebox Christmas this year! If you need someone to shop for you, call Marcia at 662-2034. And thank you, one and all!



Greeters for November

November 7	Vance & Hope Jury
November 14	Dennis & Joyce Anderson
November 21	Steve & Kelli Heilman
November 28	Perry & Nancy Lundon

Scripture Readers for November

November 7	Sylvia Loehr
November 14	Joyce Carter
November 21	Marcia Ulrich
November 28	Nancy Lundon

November Serving Group

Chairpersons:	Vance & Hope Jury	662-2070
	Chuck & Jonielle Soderstrom	662-6060
Helpers:	Gayle Gette	662-4256
	Matthew & Cami Hodgins	662-1818
	Jocelyn Soderstrom	662-1951

Fran's Garden Group is on hiatus until April 2022 due to conflicting dates with Thanksgiving and Christmas, and in consideration of colder months early in the new year.



The Church office is now open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each week. Volunteers are needed to work in the office on those days. The duties are answering the telephone, taking messages for Pastor Mike and greeting church visitors. The days are broken into 2 time periods, either 3 or 4 hours long. Volunteers are not expected to commit to a weekly time slot, but can volunteer as time permits in their schedules. If anyone has an interest in volunteering, please contact Gwen Hodgins at 662-5963 or sign up during coffee hour following Sunday morning services.

United Methodist Women News

The annual church bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 6th**, from **9:30 am until 1:00 pm**. We are in need of people to work at the bazaar. There are signup sheets located in the dining room for workers at the bazaar and also for help with preparations in the days before. We encourage everyone to participate...men, women, and children, even if you are not a member of UMW! Any time you can spare to help will be greatly appreciated.

The church will be open the week of the bazaar as follows:



Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 2nd and 3rd, during normal office hours of 9 am to 4 pm; and Friday, Nov. 5th from 9 am to noon.

Someone will be at the church during those times to accept any donated items you wish to leave. Please enter through the west door, by the office. Please price donated articles prior to bringing them to the church. This is a great help to those persons doing the set up. There is a *suggested* price list for pricing baked and canned goods. Copies are available in the dining room. Also, if possible, please price all items that you donate for other areas of the bazaar.

UMW members, remember to bring a pie for our pie and coffee sale. There will be a Holiday Room, Bakery, Country Store, and jams, jellies, pickles and relish available for purchase. Any items you wish to donate to any of these rooms will be greatly appreciated. There will also be greeting cards and napkins for sale.

Be sure to join us for lunch on the day of the bazaar. We will be serving barbeques, vegetable beef soup and homemade pie.

Thank you for your support of this important fundraising event of the United Methodist Women.

FUMC Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

Members Participating: Gwen Hodgins, Perry Lundon, Marcia Ulrich, Ray Russell, , Arlene Kirk, Joyce Carter, Fran Dockter, and Pastor Mike Flowers.

Call to Order: Perry called the meeting to order. Pastor Mike offered prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 2021 meeting were printed in the October newsletter and emailed to council members. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: A Balance Sheet through September 30, 2021 shows a balance of \$99,254.20. Perry moved to accept the report, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

Finance Committee: No report provided. Committee will meet before the next Ad Council meeting and review the upcoming budget. Ray offered a proposal for streaming needs for our church from the UMC Foundation technology grant money. Maximum grant amount is \$2,000. Deadline for application is October 31st.

Trustees: Per Pastor Mike, the parsonage has been shown 3 times, with some interest. Also, the church roof was fixed at cost of \$750, with the bill paid.

UMW: Per Joyce, the UMW are prepared for its Fall Bazaar on November 6th. The incoming UMW president is Jonielle Soderstrom, effective January 1, 2022.

Education Committee: Per Gwen, WOW is going well. The number of children ranges from 7 to 9. Per Mike, our conference website has a Feeding the Dakotas Hunger grant up to \$1,000 for new community programs. Deadline is November 15th. There is also a breakthrough ministry grant we could apply for, on the basis of the Celebrate Recovery program which meets in our church. The deadline for that is October 31st. Joyce moved that Pastor Mike prepare the paperwork for those two grants, seconded by Fran, motion carried.

Staff Parish Relations committee: No report provided.

Missions committee: Per Marcia, Shoeboxes for Christmas is the emphasis through November. The committee will serve a Missions brunch on October 31st.

Worship Committee report: Per Pastor Mike, the WOW theme week will carry over from the prior Sunday's service.

Pastor's report: Pastor Mike feels the WOW services are going well. He would like to find an evening per month for a movie night, would start with the film, The Chosen. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st from 4 to 6 p.m. in the west parking lot for more exposure. It is not mandatory to decorate a car and people are encouraged to participate. He would like to prepare a business card with our weekly worship times on it to be included in the kids treat bags.

Endowment Committee: No report provided.

Old Business: The Charge conference on October 10th went well.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Pastor Mike lead us in prayer and the meeting was concluded. **The next meeting will be on November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectively submitted by Marcia Ulrich, Ad Council Secretary