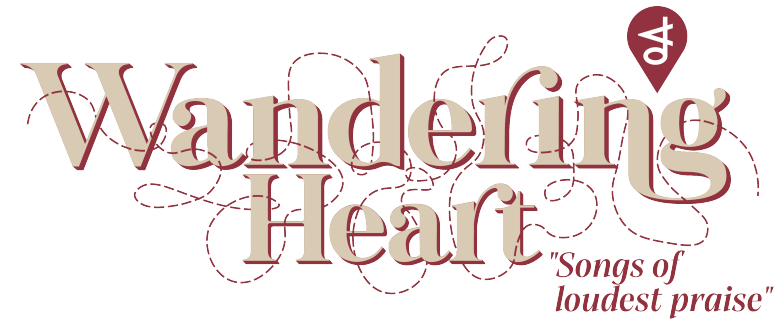




Welcome Baskets for New Emma Norton Residents

Between now and March 31 United Women in Faith will be collecting items for Welcome Baskets. There are two ways you can donate to this project:

- 1. Send a monetary donation.** We will do the shopping for you! Each basket costs about \$100 to assemble. Make checks payable to First UMW and mail to our Treasurer, Jackie Ankenman, at 2608 14th St. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301.
- 2. Do your own shopping.** Purchase as many items as you like! Drop them off at the UWF table in the fellowship hall. **Items included in the Welcome Basket are:** flat and fitted twin sheets, 1 pillow and pillow case, 1 blanket (comforter, quilt, winter blankets), hand & bath towels, toothbrush & toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, coffee mug. **Optional but appreciated:** lint roller, shower caddy, small picture frame (4x6), lotion & a journal.



March 24, 2024

Mark 11:1-11

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music

Story for All Ages

Opening Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Message

Song of Response

Time of Prayer

Invitation to Give

Music

Blessing

Postlude

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Welcome

We are
LOVE
FIRST

We are glad you are here!

OUR STATEMENT OF INCLUSION:

As people who follow Jesus by putting love first, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation. We honor and affirm the sacred worth of persons of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental capacity, education, economic means, marital status, and faith story.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The further mission of First United Methodist Church is to create and build inclusive Christian community through INVITING, FORMING and SENDING faithful, active disciples of Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday there is a fellowship time with coffee, lemonade and treats after worship. Turn left as you leave the sanctuary!

New with us?

We hope the following information will be helpful to you!

Accessibility: Portable amplification/listening devices are available in the lefthand (southeast) back corner of the Sanctuary at the Sound Booth. The entire building is on one level, and all areas are accessible. If you have accessibility needs, we want to make sure you feel welcome and safe! Please contact fumc@fumcscr.org and one of our staff members will work with you.

Single-stall Restrooms: Are available through the double doors at the end of the hall on either side of the hallway in the Education Wing.

Offering: During this time we encourage everyone, member and guest, to return their Connect Card with as much contact information and prayer requests filled in as you are comfortable with providing. Members may also take this time to give of their tithes and offerings if they haven't taken advantage of online options.

Communion: In the United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday each month at an open table. This means that everyone who wants to come and receive communion is welcome to do so. You do not have to be a member of the church or a United Methodist. All are welcome to receive God's grace through the bread and juice. If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements, please inform an usher. Home visitation Communion is available.

Learn more at www.lovefirstumc.org

Children & Youth

Ages 6 weeks - 5 years: Nursery is available Sunday mornings until 11:30am

Grades Kindergarten - Grade 2: Sunday School after worship until 11:30am

Grade 3 -Grade 6: Quest after worship until 11:30am

No Sunday School & Quest on Easter, March 31!

Grade 6 -Grade 8: Middle School Youth Group on Wednesdays from 6-7pm

Grade 9 -Grade 12: High School Youth Group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm

March 27 - Middle & High School Youth Group during Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Get Involved:

Please feel welcome to join in any opportunity you see that feels comfortable to you!

College Scholarships for FUMC Members Applications OPEN

College students who are or have been actively involved in First United Methodist Church are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to aid with college costs. Qualified students can apply for either or both the **Stevenson or Cater scholarships** online using the same application form. Previous recipients are eligible to reapply.

More information and links to applications are available at: lovefirstumc.org/scholarships

Your application will include writing about how you expect to serve God and your neighbor through the career path for which your college education will prepare you. The committee also requires a transcript of your latest year's work in high school or college plus two letters of recommendation. Details are on the application form.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Q. Williams, Scholarship Chair, at sandraqwilliams@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

Want to Put LOVE FIRST into Welcome?

Would you like to usher or greet on Sundays?

Connect with Jan Fruth: fruity191@q.com or
320 - 380 - 3372

Liturgical Arts Group

Looking for Volunteers

We would LOVE to have a few people to help with seasonal decorations in the sanctuary. We work hard, laugh a lot and have fun.

We are also looking for someone who can help doing a small calligraphy project.

if you are interested and have more questions just email Jill at: jillhaak@gmail.com

**Easter Flower orders are available online
or on your Connect Card!**



Holy Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00pm beginning the sanctuary with stations throughout the building and ending in the sanctuary.



Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary
(livestream available)



Easter Sunday, March 31
Sunrise Hike at 6:30am at Rockville County Park
RSVP needed at lovefirstumc.org/hike
Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am in the sanctuary *(livestream available)*