

Come and Join the Spirit's Movement



Sundays at 9 am
Fourth Avenue United
Methodist Church

Week of May 23-31, 2023

May 23-31 Calendar of Event

May 23 ~ SPRC 6:30 pm

May 24 ~ Bible Study 2 pm

May 28 ~ **Worship Service Pentecost (Wear Red) & Sacrament of Baptism for Alexander Zion Sonpon 9 am**

May 29 ~ Memorial Day Flag Raising at the Courthouse 9 am, Parade 10 am, Program in Central Park, and Short Program & Freewill lunch at the American Legion at Noon



May 28th Worship Servers

Acolyte

May 28 - Hanna Gehrke

Lay Reader

May 28 - Gary Braun

May 23-31 Birthdays

Christine Suess 31



Offering for Week of May 16-24th

May 21

Unified Budget \$2,057.00

Love Offering \$ 50.00

***Please continue to send in your Love offering. Thank you for all your support!*

Attendance for May 21st

	In Person	On Line
	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Worship</u>
May 21	81	4

Pentecost

Pentecost takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.



Summer Song Request

Is there a hymn or song that you have been wanting to sing in church? Send your request to fourthaveoffice@gmail.com or put your suggestion in the box in the annex. This will be a great summer of music that you help choose!



Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 2 to 4:30 pm

Love Offering Challenge

A *very* generous member has challenged the members of Fourth Avenue Methodist to donate \$400 to the Love Offering. If we as a church can raise \$400 (or more - we can do it together!), then the anonymous will donate \$600. Please come together to help strengthen mental health programs in Minnesota through the conference "Love Offering 2023"! Mark your check with "Love Offering". Thanks!



Prayer Chain

If you need prayer for any reason, there is an active group in our congregation committed to praying for you.

Contact **Carole Evans** at 507-210-6971 or e-mail her at caroleannjean@gmail.com.



**Minnesota Annual
Conference 2023**

May 31-June 1

MN Annual Conference



The Minnesota Annual Conference will be held May 31-June 1, 2023. **Phyllis Wegner** and **Shari VanDerVeen** are the Fourth Avenue delegates. Pastor Greg will also attend the conference May 30-June 1st.

You can watch a live stream of the conference by going to:
<https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC/> .

Seeking Special Summer Music!!

The 4th Avenue choir hoped you have enjoyed our music this season as much as we have enjoyed singing God's praises for our church services.

Summer is now here, let's continue to enhance our Sunday services with special music! Please let me know what Sunday you would like to share your musical talent with our congregation between **May 28th and September 17th**. Let's fill our summer services with a joyful noise! Thank you!!

Kelly Landsverk
Choir Director



Save the Date!!!

Please put **Sunday, June 25th** on your calendar for the **13th Annual Fit for Britt Walk at Shager Park at 1 PM**. If you would like to order a T-shirt, the deadline is **June 1st**. Please contact **Kelly Landsverk** to order a shirt.

Hope to see you there to remember Brittney, promote healthy lifestyles, and to be reminded it is **not ok** to drink and drive.



Discernment Update

Thank you to everyone that came to the first Discernment meeting after church on May 21st. Packets will be mailed out to those who were not able to make the meeting. If you have any questions about Discernment, please email your questions to fourthavenueumcoffice@gmail.com or bring them to church/Wednesday meetings. Please also include your name on the question to better clarify the question and answer.

There will be four meetings happening on **each Wednesday in June (7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th) at 6:30 pm.** The first meeting will include videos from Rob Renfroe and Adam Hamilton to compare both views on the issues. It will further clarify the process.

Please come to these vital meetings to help decide the future of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church.



Graduation Recognition Sunday

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 4th!**

We will celebrate our three high school graduates: Ella Prange, Comfort Sonpon, & Wyatt Gehrke. Our scholarship recipients will also be recognized. Congratulations to all of outstanding, young adults!



In Sympathy

Our condolences are extended to our sister, **Sara (Patrick) Morris**, on the death of her mother, **Marlys Steward**. You may send cards to Sara Morris at 3843 197th St. E., Faribault, MN 55021.

Marlys J. Steward, age 91, of Faribault died on Friday, May 19, 2023, at Allina Health Medical Center Faribault.

Funeral services will be held the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault on June 5, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Greg Ciesluk, pastor of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Brownsdale.

Visitation will be held at the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault for one hour prior to the service on June 5, 2023.



Marlys J., the daughter of Christ and Mary (Peterson) Mogen was born on October 14, 1931, in Hayfield. She married James H. Steward on July 2, 1950, and he preceded her in death on July 7, 2009. She was formerly employed by Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, Lavender Inn, Tempo Department Store, Brett's Department Store all of Faribault. She took great pride in working at Lincoln School in foster grandparent program for over 20 years and was known as Grandma Marlys and later at Child's Delight. Marlys enjoyed sewing, embroidering, card club, puzzles, dancing (in her earlier years) and spending time with her family.

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Nursery Attendant: Kim Luedke

Custodian: Ken Harren

Admin Asst: Kirsten Grunnet

Office Volunteer: Kathy DuChene

Sunday Worship/9:00 AM

Join us at 2:42 PM daily as we pray our church's Breakthrough Prayer.



Our Church's Breakthrough Prayer

O God, our God, we praise and magnify Your Name!

Great are You, Lord, and greatly to be praised

With you, all things are possible.

We know that you are *with* us and *for* us

and Your plans are for our good,

for a future and a hope.

Breakthrough into our lives and into our church.

Stir up afresh our faith.

Set our hearts aflame with the fire of your love.

Open our eyes to new, fresh possibilities

and fill us anew with the power of your Spirit.

Usher us into a new season of faithfulness

and fruitfulness for your Kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.