

Come and Join the Spirit's Movement



Sundays at 9 am
Fourth Avenue United
Methodist Church

Week of June 13-20, 2023

June 13-20 Calendar of Events

June 13 - Church Office Closed, Ad Council 6:30 pm

June 14 - Discernment Meeting 6:30 pm

June 15 - Rice County Piecemakers 7 pm

**June 18 - Worship with Anointing of the Sick, Father's Day &
Baptism of Alexander Zion Sonpon 9 am**

June 19 - Lakelanders 7 pm

June 20 - Church Office Closed, Finance 2:45 pm



*Pastor Greg will be gone June 19-25 (Red Rock Camp with the Confirmation Students).

June 18th Worship Servers

Acolyte

June 18 - Khaler Grant

Lay Reader

June 18 - Rod Mahler

June 13-20th Birthdays

Comfort Sonpon 6/13

Sara DuChene-Boyd 6/15

Miles Schiffer 6/15

Nicholas Sonpon 6/18



Offering for Week of June 6-13

June 11th

Unified Budget

\$1,441



Attendance for June 11th

	In Person <u>Worship</u>	On Line <u>Worship</u>
June 11	59	17

Important Congregational Dinner

A catered dinner will be held on~

Monday, July 10th at 5:30 pm

Joan Haun, MN Council of Churches will lead vital
discussions before the church vote.



Please RSVP by 7/3 to the church office at
fourthaveumcoffice@gmail.com



June 13-20 Anniversaries

Jim & Lu Ann Heyer 6/14
Robert & Sharon Nelson 6/14

Happy Anniversary!

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

2023 Annual Conference



Shari VanDerVeen & Phyllis Wegner along with Pastor Greg attended the 2023 Annual Conference in St. Cloud. They represented Fourth Avenue well.

The new Bishop, Lanette Plambeck, did the Episcopal Address. Both Shari & Phyllis liked and respected her.

Rev. Michael Beck did a wonderful program on an outreach program his church is doing called *Fresh Expressions*. It involves meeting people where they are like dog parks, softball games, or even tattoo parlors. The encounters have brought people to Jesus!



The conference showed how to promote the love of God through a relationship with their “neighbors”. Phyllis & Shari saw many examples of growing in love of God & neighbors, reaching new people, and healing a broken world. They also enjoyed the various discussions & music.



Minnesota Annual
Conference 2023

May 31-June 1

Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers!

Thank you to all the fathers that have loved us unconditionally over our lifetime, shown us how to love our neighbors, how to be strong in our faith and follow the path God has for us!



Church Office Hours

Summer Church Office Hours will remain 2-4:30 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday.

The church office will be closed June 13, 20, 21, & 22
while Kirsten is taking some time off.



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.



Do you enjoy getting to church and having a delicious cup of coffee?

Do you enjoy eating the yummy goodies at church?

Are you an early bird?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above three questions, we want you!!



We are in need of 2-3 people to make the coffee and arrange the treats on trays on Sunday mornings. We have individuals for the clean-up so just the set-up is needed. If you are willing, please contact Kirsten at the church office.

Rules for Discernment Meetings

- 1. We will speak for ourselves and from our own experience.**
- 2. We will allow others to speak for themselves with no pressure to represent or explain a whole group.**
- 3. We will listen with respect.**
- 4. We will listen with resilience (i.e., “hanging in there” when we hear something that is hard to hear.)**
- 5. We will set aside the need to persuade others to agree with us.**
- 6. We will not criticize the views of others or attempt to persuade them.**
- 7. We will not interrupt except to indicate that we cannot hear a speaker.**
- 8. We will “pass” if we do not wish to speak.**
- 9. We will participate within the time frames suggested by the facilitator.**
- 10. If in our dialogue, we refer to other people by name – people who are not present – we will show them the same respect that we intend to show each other. We will also not speak for them.**

Discernment Schedule & Links

June 14 - 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

June 28 - 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary



Week 2 Discernment Handouts are available in the annex.

- Rob Renfroe’s videos can be found at:**
- <https://www.youtube.com/@GoodNewsMethodist>**
- Adam Hamilton’s videos in response to Rob Renfroe’s videos can be found at:**
- <https://www.youtube.com/@proudtobeumc7269>**
- Each side has six videos. They range from 6 to 21 minutes each. Please watch the videos!**

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Office Hours: 2:00 pm-4:30 pm

Tuesday-Thursday

Staff

Choir Director: Kelly Landsverk

Accompanist: Doug Madow

Director of Children's Ministry:

Rebekah Ciesluk

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.