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- The Fishing Challenge
- Minnesota Church Camps
- Lenten Soup Luncheons
- Ash Wednesday

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Take the Fishing Challenge! Together we can make a difference.

February Fourth Teller

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ANNOUNCING! Third Annual Fourth Avenue UMC Fishing Extravaganza Sunday, February 23, 2020

*Let's Go Ice Fishing
Jesus called out to them, 'Come, be my disciples,
and I will show you how to fish for people!'*

Dear Faribault: Fourth UMC Friends,

I am announcing Sunday, February 24 is **Invite a Friend to Church Sunday**. You love God and you love your Church. Now, let's invite Jesus to teach us to "fish for people" as he has called us to do. Perhaps it's the breakthrough for ourselves and our church for which we've been praying. Why not invite someone to come and experience the excitement of being part of the Body of Christ and the great movement of God? Our church staff and myself will plan an extra special inspirational worship celebration on that day and you invite a friend or two to join us. I will do this, too. Together, it will be a winning combination.

A few words about important spiritual preparation. First, pray that God would give you the desire to share the good news. One of the challenges we face as God's people is to keep our spiritual temperature hot to engage in the work of God. We can easily become complacent and stuck in the rut of our routines. That's why we must pray and invite God to purify our hearts and reignite our passion for God and the distant souls that God longs to reach. Without this foundational step, we will be lacking in spiritual energy and our motives will be impure.

Second, ask God to give you three names of persons that you sense God wants to draw into his loving embrace. Make an impact list- a list of these special people you long for God to touch with the power of the gospel. Put on your list people who you know who don't know Christ or need to grow closer to him, along with those who are hurting, are lonely, who've suffered a life-altering event or those in the midst of a stressful transition.

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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 507-334-1957 or e-mail her at caroleannjean@gmail.com.

You are welcome to join the prayer chain. Just call Carole.

If you notice a need for building maintenance, contact the trustees at: **Trustees.fourthaveumc@gmail.com**

Fragrances smell pretty and enhance nature. In church, please keep them to a minimum. We have some members who are very allergic to the smells of flowers and other items.

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Third, commit to praying daily for these people, asking God to reveal his love and open their hearts to the call of God. Couple this prayer with action to be an extraordinary friend. Get together with them, find common ground with them, let God direct you and unfold your journey with them. Love them, invest time with them, stay in touch with them, and see what door God opens.

Fourth, prepare your heart invite them to worship on Sunday, February 24. It's as simple as this: "*Jim, you know I love my church and my faith is very important to me and I have really value you. My church is having a very special Invite a Friend to Church Sunday on Sunday, February 24 and I would be honored if you would be my guest on that day.*" Your friend Charlie just may say, "Yes!" When people are polled why they don't attend church, the vast majority of them say, "Nobody ever invited me." Who knows? You might be the very person appointed by God to introduce a friend to a life-changing relationship with Jesus and the church. I believe doing this will invigorate our faith and infuse us with holy exhilaration.

So, let's take up the February Ice Fishing Challenge. The cold weather does something to people psychologically and spiritually. The winter drags on and people are looking for some relief. Your invitation just may be the surprising oasis from cabin fever. Let's break the ice with our friends, go fishing with Jesus for souls, and watch God move in and through us. By the end of the month, you just might have a wonderful fishing story to tell!

For a future and a hope, I am humbly yours, *Pastor Greg Ciesluk*

United Methodist Women

No February Executive Board Meeting

M and M circle regular meeting will be held February 13th 1PM at the church. The Program will be: Circle Bingo, Joyce Buresh leader.

February is **A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL** month. A special offering will be taken.

Memory Verse for February

*Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples,
and I will show you how to fish for people!"
And they left their nets at once and went with him.*

-Matthew 4:19-20



Saint Valentine—God Loves YOU!

There are many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day. "Valentine was a popular name in ancient Rome, and there are at least 50 stories of different saints by that name. Two "sketchy" legends begin with a bishop and a priest. Both were to have healed a child while imprisoned. This led to a household-wide conversion. They were executed on the same day of the year, February 14th, were martyred, and buried along the same highway. These stories stressed the saints' miracles & Christianity.

According to a children's story, "There were many people who did not like hearing about God's love and followed Jesus. The story tellers were put in jail for telling about God's love for others. When in jail, St. Valentine wrote notes to his friends, telling them to be courageous and to keep following Jesus no matter what. He signed his notes 'Remember your Valentine' and 'I love you.'"

In 1380s Geoffrey Chaucer wrote a poem called "Parliament of Fowls" that has the line: "For this was a Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird comes there to choose his mate." This put more romance into the holiday and by the 1400s, nobles began writing poems known as 'valentines' to their love interests."

Whatever your belief, it is a fun holiday to let others know we care about them. Let it be a time for us to show our love for others in our lives.

Upcoming Events & Committee Meetings

Worship

February 23—Bring a Friend to Church today;

Events

February 2—"Let's Climb a Mountain" Pastor Greg Ciesluk

February 4—Girl Scouts 6:00 –7:00 PM

February 4—Emmaus Potluck 6:00 PM

February 5, 12, 19, 26—Choir 6:00 PM

February 6—Trustees 6:30 PM

February 6—Operation 23 to Zero, Library, 7:00 PM

February 11—Ad Council 6:30 PM

February 18—Finance 6:30 PM

February 25—SPRC 6:30 PM

February 26—Ash Wednesday, Potluck 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Worship in Sanctuary at Fourth Avenue UMC

February 27—Soup Luncheon Preparation 12:30 and/or 5:30 PM

February 28—Soup Luncheons begin 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



February Ushers

Dale & Karen Doehling
David Brown, Cheryl
Tjosaas

February Lay Readers

Feb 2—Kelly Landsverk
Feb 9—Kim Bossmann
Feb 16—Julie Schiffer
Feb 23—Ronn Kotsmith

February Acolyte

Feb 2—Comfort Sonpon
Feb 9—Wyatt Gehrke
Feb 16—Aubrey Hatfield
Feb 23—Miles Schiffer



Worship services online!

- www.fourthaveumc.org
- click on the "VIDEO" menu—
- OR on HOME page
- Scroll down right side - see options for the worship service.

OR go to

YouTube and search for 4th Avenue UMC to find several videos—choir, special music, and entire worship

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Infants Remembered In Silence

23rd Annual Family Friendly

Pancake Breakfast & Bingo Bash

Faribault American Legion
112 5th Street, NE

February 9, 2020

Breakfast: 8:00 AM—12 Noon

Bingo: 1:00—3:30 PM

Bake Sale and Silent Auction

For more information or to Donate

Contact IrisRemembers.org

or call 507-334-4748

Children and Adults Welcome!

Soup Luncheon

PLENTY of excel**LENT** soup will soon be made and served to our community by many ta**LENT**ed and re-**LENT**less workers from our church. Soup Luncheon preparations have started and have we mentioned that this all takes place during **LENT**? Don't be si**LENT** – please spread the word! Here are some details:

Important dates to put on your calendars:

** **Saturday, February 22nd** at 9:00 AM we will be cleaning the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. (there will be treats!)

****Thursdays** are food prep days starting **February 27th** – one group meets at 12:30 PM and another group meets at 5:30 PM.

****Soup Luncheon dates are Friday, February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd.**

Please use the sign-up sheets in the annex to let us know your availability.

There are many ways to help: cleaning the kitchen on Feb. 27th, baking pies/desserts for each Friday, soup prep, working in the kitchen or dining room on those Fridays, and if you aren't physically able to help maybe you would like to donate money to help us buy milk, soup ingredients, etc. Please contact us if you would like to join this 4th Avenue United Methodist soup team!

The soup luncheons are a major source of needed revenue for the operation of our church but we also plan to share those proceeds with a local mission which will be announced soon. We believe this is a great way to lead our community in expressing Christian generosity, engaging in mission, and building a Christian community/coalition beyond our local church to heal a broken world! We look forward to working together with you, making this a very meaningful event!

Kelly Landsverk (507)334-3202 or (507)330-2840; Chris Schiffer (507)400-5978; Irene Eiler (507)334-6939.

Kids of all ages are invited to Camp Minnesota 2020!

OH WHAT FUN CHURCH CAMP IS!



Minnesota has three major church camps within the state. Visit their website to learn more about them.

Northern Pines is in Park Rapids, MN; www.northernpinescamp.org

Christian youth & friendship camps, discovery camps, family camps, Time Apart for older adults.

Koronis Ministries is in Paynesville, MN; www.koronisministries.org

Trailblazer camps, Horse camps, Teddy Bear Camp, Ultimate Challenge camp, Teen Specialty Week, Summer Theology for adults, Labor Day Weekend Retreat, Grand Camp (grandparents & youth).

Kowakan Adventures is in Ely, MN; www.kowakanadventures.org

Teen or Group Trek Boundary Waters Adventure, BWCA canoe trips

Off-Site Camps—Urban C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out in Service in St. Paul), Lake of the Woods Fishing Camp for Adults., Family grandparent/grandchild Camp at Koinonia, South Haven, MN

Affiliated Camps—Star Lake Wilderness Camps; S.T.O.R.M. (Service to Others in Relational Ministry) at Stewartville, MN or Elk River, MN

“Who can attend camp? Everyone is welcome at camp! Our camps are open to all regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability of handicap, national origin, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity (including gender expression), dietary restrictions or food service needs. Our camps do not tolerate discrimination, harassment, and bullying against any person for any reason.”

Registration: 5 ways

1. **Visit www.campminnesota** for registration.
2. **Phone (855) 622-1973** Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-5 PM.
3. **Scan and e-mail** completed forms to camps@campminnesota.org.
4. **Fax form** to (612)870-1260.
5. **Paper registration mailed** to: Camp Minnesota, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 400; Minneapolis, MN 55404. Checks are payable to Camp Minnesota.

Prayers for the Season



Please stop and pray
daily at 2:42 pm

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.

Student News

Congratulation to **Suzanne Quigg** named to the Dean's List for Boston College 2019 fall semester

Congratulations to **Brody Kucera** was one of 105 students named to the Hamline University School of Business Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

"May you gather daily blessings to your heart and relish their presence.

May you go to sleep each evening aware if being held in the embrace of a merciful and welcoming God.

May you hear the marvelous music singing in your soul every moment, lauding the exquisite gift of being alive" excerpts from Joyce Rupp, o.s.m.

Home Made Soup's On!

**February 28th, March 6th,
March 13th, March 20th,
March 27th, April 3rd**

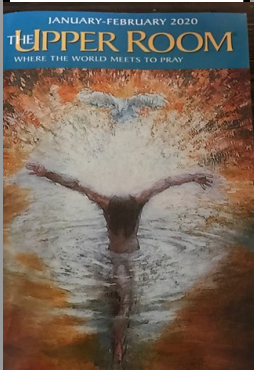
The Faribault Community is invited to feast on our delicious home made soups served every Friday for six weeks starting February 28th. Our Lenten Soup Luncheons have been served for over 20 years. Stay tuned for more details to follow.



Congratulations to **Zach and Cortney Waterston** on the birth of **Blake Bradley Waterston** on January 13. Proud grandparents are Brad and Elizabeth Prange



Upper Room
January/
February



The Upper Room devotional booklet includes daily reading of the scriptures & a brief life story. Stop by the Annex to pick one up. Donation - \$1.00.

Special Notices

We rejoice in the birth of **Kensley Harren**, born to Andrew and Amanda Harren of Waseca. Proud grandparents are Ken and Tena Harren. Little Kensley has been hospitalized since birth with several surgeries on the horizon so keep her and her family in your prayers.

February Birthdays

- Thomas Hartman 01
- Julie Schiffer 03
- Wanda Weber 03
- Gerald Hildebrandt 05
- Phyllis Ford 07
- Ernie Morris 07
- Tamara Kern 09
- Kenneth Geary 14
- Kevin Vrieze 18
- Kenneth Dubbels 19
- Landon Hatfield 21
- Sandra Jandro 22
- Williams Sonpon 22
- Dustin Hale 25
- Elaine Dibble 28
- Dwayne Weber 28

February Anniversaries

- John & Carole Evans 05
- Jacob & Verus Kandakai 11
- Kevin & Kathie Vrieze 14
- TSGT Nathan & Kari Rosett 16
- Raymond & JoAnn Schulz 23
- Sidney & Kate Spurgeon 23

Sympathies

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Phyllis Borchert**, long-time member of Fourth Avenue UMC, who died on January 8. Her celebration was held on Feb 1 at Boldt Funeral Home.



Take the February Fishing Challenge!

Let's Go Ice Fishing!

Invite a friend and neighbor to church February 23rd!

We are called to pass the message of Christ's gospel along. The Good News is for all people. As a family of God in Fourth Avenue UMC, we are steeped in God's love. Picture God's love overflowing from Fourth Avenue UMC toward others. The love of God in us, spilling out of our church doors, into the community, inviting our friends and neighbors to join us on Sunday mornings. Send your invitations for others to join you on February 23rd. Invite at least 3 friends and/or neighbors to join you in worship at 9:00 AM.

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- ◆ Sunday Worship/9:00 AM
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Coffee Fellowship/10:15 AM

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www.fourthaveumc.org

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

February 2020 Fourth Teller

Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten Journey Begins in Ashes



Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Fourth Avenue and Hope UMC's
meet at Fourth Avenue UMC
6:00 p.m. Simple Potluck in Parlor
7 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Pastor Greg Ciesluk

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