

June Fourth Teller

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*On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.
Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven
like the roaring of a mighty windstorm,
and it filled the house where they were sitting.
Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared
and settled on each of them.
And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit
and began speaking in other languages,
as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.
-Acts 2:1-4*

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Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

Come and join the Spirit's Movement is the invitation that is extended from the sign outside our beautiful historic church building. And as we gathered to worship on Pentecost Sunday, you could feel the Spirit of God enveloping and empowering our prayer and praise to God. Without any official change in our church's post-pandemic protocol from the Task Force on Reopening, people had laid aside their masks and the giddy smiles lit up the room. I was joyfully caught off guard as the joy of greetings being shared created a holy buzz in the Sanctuary as increasingly more and different people were joining the regathering of our church family that now includes several new people and guests to our worship celebrations.

The fire of the Holy Spirit was evident among us, too. The Sanctuary was beautifully decorated with Pentecost red reminiscent of the tongues of fire that fell upon the first Christians 50 days after Christ's resurrection, the fulfillment of Christ's promise that we would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon the faithful and enabled them to extend their witness near and far (Acts 1:8). Renewed from a recent visit with my family back home and nearing the year mark of the sting of personal grief, I found myself full of new energy to preach the Gospel and lead in prayer. And the Spirit through our vigorous and joyful singing permeated the worship space. The Spirit of God is surely among us at Fourth Avenue UMC.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and what a wonderful birthday celebration we had. It seems right to me that we extend our birthday celebration into the month of June. Let's leave up the red décor in the Sanctuary and keep wearing red on Sundays. I see this as an important time of renewal and revitalization of the Church following the 40 Days of Prayer this past Lent. Our three-fold theme will be...

- Regathering as God's People
- Reconnecting to Christ and One Another
- Renewing our Souls by the Spirit's Presence and Power





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.

You are welcome to join the prayer chain.

During the month of June, our Sunday messages and themes will focus on the Holy Spirit. We want to grow in our spiritual life so that we recognize the presence of the Spirit and welcome the Spirit more deeply into our lives. No matter who you are, where you live, or how much material blessings you've accumulated, the Spirit is with you because you are Jesus' disciple. The Spirit is moving in you—even now!

- He is there to help you pray in your weakness (Romans 8:26-27).
- He wants to help you repent and turn away from sin (John 16:8).
- He is ready to empower you to share the good news that "Jesus is Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:3).
 - He is in you to guide you into the truth (John 16:13).
 - He convinces you that God is your Father (Romans 8:15).

And this is just a partial list! As Jesus taught, "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

Furthermore, I am asking you to join me in offering this prayer:

"Come, Holy Spirit,
fill my heart and kindle in me the fire of your love.
Lord, send your Spirit on me, on my family, our church
and on all your people,
and we shall be renewed and recreated as you intend.
And I believe that you shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen."

Come and Join the Spirit's Movement boasts our church's sign. This invitation is for us and for our community. In closing, let me ask you to take up the task of connecting with members of our church family that have yet to return and renewing your commitment to invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to join the Spirit's movement through Fourth Avenue UMC.

For the Spirit's movement, I am sincerely yours,

Pastor Greg



WANTED: Faithful Servants

Looking for a simple way to serve God and build up our church? The church sign is in need of regularly being changed to reflect a fresh message to our community. A regularly changing message speaks to the new life that we have in Christ. The church is looking for a few persons who would be willing to change the sign. The task is not difficult, but it requires a servant's heart and a willingness to follow through. If you are interested and want to know more, contact Sue Allen (334-4308) in the church office or Pastor Greg (218-310-8813).

Scripture Memory Verse for June

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*
-Psalm 51:10-12

June Ushers
Kim Bossmann
Kelly Landsverk

Upper Room
May/June
2021

Upcoming Events

- June 3— Trustees 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
Operation 23 to Zero 7:00 p.m. in Library
- June 8— Ad Council 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
- June 10—UMW 1:00 p.m. in Parlor (David DuChene and Jack)
- June 15—Finance 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
- June 17—Rice County Piecemakers 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- June 20—Father's Day
- June 22—SPRC 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
- June 22-24—Annual Conference



Students in the News

FARIBAULT MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Honor Roll

8th Grade

Annabel Schiffer

B Honor Roll

8th Grade

Brody Hatfield
Jaxon Hilley

FARIBAULT SENIOR HIGH

A Honor Roll

9th Grade

Landon Hatfield

B Honor Roll

9th Grade

Parker Morrow

10th Grade

Ella Prange
Comfort Sonpon

11th Grade

Miles Schiffer



The Upper Room devotional booklet includes a daily reading of the scriptures & a brief life story. Stop by the Annex to pick one up, or call the church office and we will send you one. Donation - \$1.00.

Our Sympathy To



Our Sympathy to Joe and Sandy Jandro and family on the death of Joe's brother, **Eli S. Jandro**. Eli was born September 6, 1949 in Faribault, MN and passed away on May 5, 2021 at his home in Faribault, MN at the age of 71.

He worked as a machinist for over 30 years with Owatonna Tool Company. After retirement, he continued making custom parts out of his garage. He loved classic cars and proudly built and restored a 1936 Ford and a 1947 Chevy. He enjoyed playing cards, hunting, fishing and learning computers. He also enjoyed annual family vacations and his June trips to Texas to go shark fishing.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Nancy Craig, of Faribault; children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Thank You

Thank you to Marcia Speiker and Ed Kvestad for purchasing and installing a 32" Smart Television for the Nursery. This will allow parents that would like to stay with their children to watch the service and/or play educational programs for their kids.

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Gordon Orde and everyone involved for making our first three services in May such a blessing.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women met on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Irene Eiler served cake and ice cream. Each individual brought a bowl. The program consisted of each one telling the story and history of their bowl. The group voted to pay our Mission Pledge of \$100.00 to the District Treasurer and also to give \$100.00 to the Hope Center. It was a great time!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. David DuChene will share his story of Jack-his service dog. He'll share how he became connected with Believet Canine Service Partners in Northfield and being matched up with Jack. Lois Christen and Melva Ochs will be serving . Please come !!

Leave a Legacy Have you remembered the church in your will?



**A Special Birthday
Wish for
Ray Schulz!
He will be turning
80 on June 29, 2021**



June Birthdays

Parker Morrow	01
Darlene Nichols	03
Chris Schiffer	07
Lloyd Holling	08
Katie Hatfield	09
Joyce Morrow	10
Cody VanDerVeen	10
Nicholas Speiker	12
Amanda Weber	12
Comfort Sonpon	13
Sara DuChene-Boyd	15
Miles Schiffer	15
Nicholas Sonpon	18
Nathan Rosett	21
Kathie Vrieze	23
Dan Kucera	24
Jonathon Hatfield	25
Ray Schulz	29*
Tena Harren	7/01
Lauri Lammin	7/01
Ian Pope	7/01
Marlin Wegner	7/01

June Anniversaries

Dale & Karen Doehling	01
Cody & Kari VanDerVeen	07
Leon & Elaine Dibble	10
Dustin & Heather Loken-Hale	10
Dale & Karen Hauptli	11
Wayne & Marlys Rossow	11
James & LuAnn Heyer	14
Robert & Pastor Sharon Nelson	14
Lloyd & Alta Holling	25
Cody & Julie O'Malley	27



Vacation Bible School 2021

Conversation has started regarding having a Vacation Bible School for 2021. If you have any ideas or are able to help, please call Pastor Sharon or talk to her after the Sunday Service.

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Happy
Father's
Day

- ◆ Sunday Worship/9:00 AM
- ◆ Nursery available

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

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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.