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- Scholarship Fund
- Sympathies
- Finance

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A Few Inspiring Stories From A Most Unusual Easter Season

Dear Faribault: Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

It has been one of the most unusual Easter seasons I can ever remember. I want to share with you a couple inspiring stories here in my pastor's column.

Tour of Churches on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was quieter than usual around the world and here in Faribault was no exception. With the pandemic raging and people sheltering in place, congregations usually bustling with worshippers were not gathering to celebrate the queen of all feasts of the Christian year, their historical buildings stood quietly with parking lots essentially vacant.



A few days before, our own **Chris Schiffer** had an Easter epiphany, an inspirational thought that surely came from an interplay between his heart and the heavens. Having taken up the bagpipes a year plus back, a personal interest arising from his Scottish heritage on his mother's side, Chris thought he could provide a witness of music to the many, varied historic church buildings of our fair city.

And so, in the midst of Easter morning snow and sleet, with his wife Julie and myself his tiny entourage, he took his pipes on a tour of the city to stand in front of the town's grand edifices of Christian worship and offered two stanzas of Amazing Grace in each holy place. The tour began at our own Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church at the top of the stairs around the stately Greek columns, then down the street to the Congregational Church. Then, up to First English Lutheran Church and downtown to the Episcopal Cathedral of our Merciful Saviour, the River Church, and Trinity Lutheran.

Then the tour made its way to the East side up Ravine Street to River Valley Church where a neighbor came out to applaud the bold proclamation of the lone fearless piper and then over to our sister church Hope United Methodist in front of the familiar cross and flame.

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Then to the town's Southwestern corner for two stanzas at Our Savior's Lutheran, First Baptist, and wrapping up our itinerant journey with a grand faith-filled finale at St. Luke's Church on Ninth Avenue. There were stops along the way at a few other gathering places of Faribault's faithful, but the bagpipes remained silent to honor the sparsely attended services in progress or being live streamed. It was an Easter morning I will never forget. You can check out a recording of the Easter Sunday circuit proclaiming God's grace at Fourth Avenue UMCs Facebook page. Thank you, Chris Schiffer, for honoring our Easter faith and representing our church.

Easter Sunday Parade

With the celebration of Easter Sunday dampened by no "in person" worship gatherings to sing the songs of Christ's triumph over death and the familiar story of the empty tomb told afresh, some faithful local Christians looked prayerfully for a new creative way for the bold proclamation of Easter to be shared in a safe, yet sensational way. A great idea was hatched in a phone call between two Fourth Avenue UMC members. Suddenly, the organization of Faribault Prays adapted the idea and the plan for several mini Easter Sunday parades through the neighborhoods of Faribault came into being.

Though the Easter Sunday snow and sleet postponed the Easter parade, the show went on one week later on Sunday, April 19 beginning at 4 pm with a mini parade in every neighborhood. You just can't contain the power of the resurrection of Jesus and plumb its depths on one day! Utilizing the organization of the 24 hour annual prayer walk sponsored by *Faribault Prays*, caravans formed by local churches drove through the neighborhoods of Faribault with cars decorated with vibrant colors and Easter messages. Some piping Easter hymns of joy! You could hear the honking of horns proclaiming "Christ is risen!"

The caravans were formed by household units decorating their car as a family, getting in their cars, and meeting other carloads from their church at the church parking. Everybody kept their distance so as to keep the family quarantined and the community safe. They lined up their cars and away they went to their assigned route to proclaim the good news and bring joy wherever it went!

At Fourth Avenue UMC, the caravan consisted of Pastor Greg, Robert and Sharon Nelson, Jake and Verus Kandakai with their kids sleeping in the back seat, Sue Allen (our new Administrative Assistant) and her husband Chuck and daughter Katie, and Ieshia Mike (whom Pastor Greg recruited on the Friday before Easter at the Dollar Tree) and two teenage children. We were small in number, but strong in spirit.

Tentative Worship Servers

May Ushers

Wayne & Audrey Quiggle
Dale Hauptli

May Lay Readers

May 10—Rod Mahler
May 17—Ian Pope
May 24—Kelly Landsverk
May 31—Julie Schiffer

May Acolytes

May 10—Miles Schiffer
May 17—Ella Prange
May 24—Comfort Sonpon
May 31—Wyatt Gehrke



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 services.

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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 507-210-6971 or e-mail her at caroleannjean@gmail.com.



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.

In addition to our assigned route, we went by a few church members homes and honked extra loud to bring our Easter greetings. After our 45 minutes of pure pleasure, we offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the hope of Christ's resurrection and our desire that our little fun was a blessing to our town.

For strength for today, bright hope for tomorrow, and a multitude of blessings,

I am yours,

Pastor Gray



Scripture Verse for May

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
 -Acts 1:8

Tentative Events & Committee Meetings

- May 3—Girl Scouts on line
- May 7—Trustees, 6:30 PM
- May 12—Administration Council, 6:30 PM
- May 10—Mothers Day
- May 19 —Finance; 6:30 PM
- May 20—Pastor at The Emeralds 10:00 AM; Pleasant Manor 10:45 AM worship service
- May 21—Pastor at New Perspectives 10:45 AM worship service
- May 25—Memorial Day
- May 26—SPRC; 6:30 PM



SOUP LUNCHEONS

As we all know, this wasn't a typical year for our Lenten Soup Luncheons. We were able to host three of the six but, due to the Coronavirus, we will have to resume our luncheons this fall. We are still waiting for bills to come in so we can tabulate the earnings from the luncheons that we were able to have.

Stay tuned, everyone, for updates and plans for future soup luncheons. These days may be uncertain but what we know for sure is that our continued love and support for each other and for the community is unscathed. Be sustained in faith until we gather again.

The Soup Luncheon Committee

Update from Minnesota Conference

As we are preparing this newsletter, we have received guidance from the Minnesota Annual Conference that all in person worship gatherings are to remain suspended through May 30, 2020. Stay tuned for new developments.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women are in need of a treasurer. If anyone has the skills to help out in writing and depositing checks, please see **Joyce Buresh** or **Donna Schuenke**. The treasurer would not need to attend meetings.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED



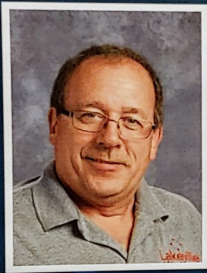
Because of the Novel Coronavirus pandemic, the Bequest and Gift Team has decided that our scholarship deadline for the 2020 – 2021 school year will be extended. Because we aren't sure what the next school year looks like, we will review our deadline in late May.

Please watch this space for the new deadline to be announced.

Students can go on-line to the church's website and download the application forms, which can be submitted any time up to the deadline. They will be in our file. If you have questions please contact Kirsten at danishchick43@gmail.com or 507.332.8293.

Bequest and Gift Team

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN DANA TILSETH



FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

Dana Tilseth
Distinguished Service
Award

Each year, Lakeville Area Schools presents Friends of Education Awards to honor outstanding individual contributions to the district. The awards recognize people whose service has been ongoing in one of four categories: distinguished service, education, business/community partnership and volunteer service.



Good News
April 14, 2020

Dana Tilseth has worked in the district for 30 years, most of it at Kenwood Trail. He has a deep knowledge about mechanical systems and can figure out how to fix anything. Tilseth makes himself available to everyone in the building at any time. Students know they can approach him to help open a locker or clean up a spill. He always has a positive attitude when working with students and staff. **Fourth Avenue is BLESSED to have Dana and Cheryl Tilseth as part of our Church Family.**

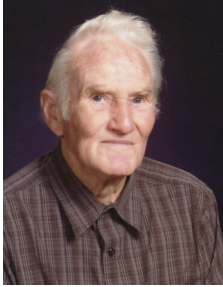
UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Current projects: getting bids on the removal of mold, youth room/choir room carpet tiles, finish casings around heating units in office area/chapel , installing new drinking fountain in main hallway.

Future Projects: getting bids for painting of the sanctuary and dome, cleaning classrooms on lower level and on third floor of the education wing, replacing toilets, painting the office area. Getting bids for replacement of the carpet in the chapel and for flooring in the main hallway and basement hallway in the education wing.

And the list goes on.....

Our Sympathies To



Charlotte Glarner and family upon the passing of her husband, **Colin Keith Glarner**. Colin was born October 25, 1932 in West Concord and passed away on March 26, 2020 in Faribault at the age of 87.

Colin will be remembered as the “Taystee Bread Man”, for stripping and refinishing furniture in the “Strip N’ Shop”, for his love of old Ford tractors and his passion for recycling. Colin and Charlotte have been members of 4th Avenue since November 5, 1961.

The funeral service for Colin is pending.



Sandy & Joe Jandro and family upon the passing of **Travis T. Johnson**. Travis was born January 17, 1968 in Faribault and passed away on April 17, 2020 at his home in Faribault at the age of 52. Travis was the son of Sandy & Joe Jandro, brother of Wanda (Dwayne) Weber, and Uncle to Christian and Amanda Weber.

Travis enjoyed outdoor sports and was a motorcycle and classic car enthusiast. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Travis was employed at McQuay International, Harry Lindberg Co. and Joe Jandro Transfer before starting

his own company TJ Trucking of Faribault.

The funeral service for Travis is pending.



Rod Mahler and family upon the passing of **Carol M. Beaupre**. Carol was born November 30, 1946 in Faribault and passed away on April 6, 2020 at her home in Faribault at the age of 73.

Carol was a sister to Jean Mahler, Rod Mahler’s wife.

Carol is remembered for her 30+ years of working in local hardware stores: Mahler’s Hardware, Fillipi’s Hardware Hank and Donahue’s Ace Hardware. She

loved visiting with her grandchildren, vacations with her husband Ken and serving luncheons at Parker Kohl Funeral Home .



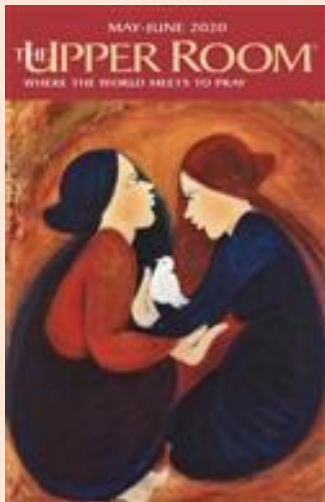
Don (and Jeanne) Michel, Marjean Michel, Richard Michel and families upon the passing of **Howard A. Dokken**. Howard was born on September 7, 1941 in Faribault and passed away on April 19, 2020 at his home in Faribault at the age of 78. Howard was a brother in law to Don Michel and Richard Michel.

Marjean Michel was a sister-in-law. Other survivors include lots of nieces and nephews.

Howard had previously been employed as a carpenter, working at St. Olaf College in Northfield, and WalMart in Faribault.



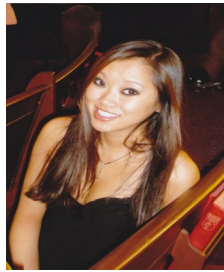
Upper Room
May/June
2020



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

Remembering

Brittney Rose



May 1st, 1990 was the happiest day of our lives. A beautiful May basket was delivered to us, making us parents of a precious baby girl from Korea. Even though Brittney's time with us was short, we will never forget her. Every year, the last Sunday in June, we have a "Fit for Britt Walk" in her memory. However, due to the pandemic, we are saddened to say we are canceling the walk. This year instead, on Sunday, June 28th, maybe we could all perform an act of kindness to make someone's day and we would love to hear about it. We think Britt would like that. Stay safe, healthy and please don't drink and drive. We love all of you so much, church family.

Ron and Kelly Landsverk

May Birthdays

Donna Morgan	01
Kirsten Strnad	04
Blayke Vrieze	05
Sarah Ciesluk	06
Nathan Ebert	08
Christian Weber	12
Andy Prange	13
Marjean Michel	13
Annabel Schiffer	14
Barb Swartwoudt	17
Barb Dubbels	21
Devin Shimmin	22
Christine Suess	31

May Anniversaries

Charles & Donna Morgan	04
Pastors Greg & Dianne Ciesluk	23
Myron & Brenda Kamrath	24

Thank You to all who are participating in the Day Activity Center (DAC) paper drive. Every little bit helps. The box is by the East Parking Lot door. DAC members collect it during each week.



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

Kathy Reports:

The Trustees have negotiated our lease with Ruth's House. As of April 1, 2020 Ruth's House has agreed to contribute \$350.00 monthly instead of \$100.00 monthly. This amount will definitely help towards us covering cleaning, utilities and other expenses in that portion of the building. Thank you to Ruth's House!

Our Easter Offering for 2020 is \$670.00. At our last Church Council meeting, the group voted to designate this amount to our general budget to help with operating expenses.

Our Food Shelf Offering (Noisy Coin) for two Sundays in March totaled \$214.00. This amount will soon be sent to the Faribault Food Shelf.

Our designated apportionment giving totals \$675.00 for January through April of this year. This amount will soon be sent to the Minnesota Annual Conference and designated toward our 2020 apportionments.

The \$100.00 designated for One Great Hour of Sharing was received in our Ash Wednesday offering. This amount will soon be sent to the Minnesota Annual Conference and designated toward One Great Hour of Sharing.

Lenten Soup Luncheons-**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU** who supported and worked on this project. I do not want to miss anyone so I am not mentioning names but just know that I appreciate all of you! I have a breakdown below of income and expenses for the first three luncheons:

\$14,016.25	Donations and Income (included in this total is \$2,000 for matching gift from Bequest and Gift)
\$ -3,756.96	Less Expenses
\$ -1,630.00	Less (Bequest and Gift Matching Funds Not Yet Used)
\$ - 500.00	Less To Habitat For Humanity
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\$8,129.59	Profit for First Three Luncheons

Habitat for Humanity:

\$ 370.00	Received in Gifts
\$ 500.00	Received From Soup Luncheon Profit
\$ 370.00	Received From Matching Funds of Bequest and Gift

\$1,240.00 Amount Due to Habitat for Humanity So Far

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR CONTINUING WITH YOUR GIFTS TO FOURTH AVENUE DURING THIS TIME OF THE PANDEMIC AND UNCERTAINTY . I AM PLEASED TO REPORT ALL BILLS ARE CURRENTLY PAID AND THERE IS A SPENDABLE BALANCE IN THE CHECKBOOK AT THE END OF APRIL OF \$23,358.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS...

Kathy D., Treasurer

Checking Account Balance December 31, 2019				\$22,290.00
Receipts for 1/1/20 to 4/30/20		Expenses for 1/1/20 to 4/30/20		
Unified Budget	\$54,254	Program Area	\$1,029	
Fund C-Parsonage Interest	\$1,962	Building and Grounds	\$13,241	
Loose Plate Offering	\$519	Administration Area	\$2,644	
Apportionments 2020	\$675	Pastor's Compensation	\$29,681	
Ruth's House Gift	\$650	Other Staff Compensation	\$9,458	
Rural Evang. Missions - Liberia	\$120	Main Level Air/Heat Project	\$1,083	(Reineke)
Initial Offering	\$59	Lenten Soup Luncheons-Change	\$700	
Rice County Parking Lot Rental	\$500	Lenten Soup Luncheons-Expenses	\$3,757	
Study Books	\$20	Fbo Plumbing & Heating-Boiler #5	\$5,400	(BP&I)
Easter Offering 2020	\$670	Fbo Plumbing & Heating-Service Call	\$150	(BP&I)
Lenten Soup Luncheons-Donation/Income	\$14,016	Plumbmaster's-Drinking Fountain	\$994	(BP&I)
Lenten Soup Luncheons-Change	\$700			
Lenten Soup Luncheons-Community Gift	\$370			
Faribault Food Shelf-Noisy Coin Offering	\$214			
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$100			
Transfer From Money Market Funds	\$7,627			
Total Income 1/1/20 thru 4/30/20	\$82,456	Total Expense 1/1/20 thru 4/30/20	\$68,137	
Checking Account Balance 4/30/20				\$36,609
Designated Youth Leader/Internship				(\$2,510)
Designated Emergency Mission Fund				(\$59)
Designated Wednesday Night Alive				(\$235)
Designated Church Growth				(\$1,000)
Designated Rural Evang. Missions-Liberia				(\$850)
Designated Easter Off. 2019 (for Missions)				(\$1,000)
Designated Sanctuary & Altar Decorations				(\$78)
Designated Ramp It Up				(\$3,590)
Designated Apportionments 2020				(\$675)
Designated UMCOR Nomads				(\$20)
Designated Poinsettias				(\$50)
Lenten Soup Luncheons-Community Gift				(\$1,240) (Habitat)
Faribault Food Shelf-Noisy Coin Offering				(\$214)
One Great Hour of Sharing-Ash Wed.				(\$100)
Held Bequest & Gift \$ (for LSL Comm. Gift)				(\$1,630)
SPENDABLE FUNDS April 30, 2020				\$23,358

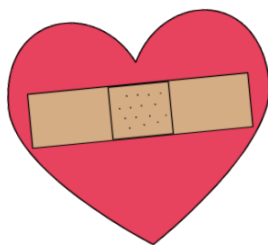
Coming in August

Vacation Bible School



Volunteers are needed to help with the planning. This is a valuable experience for our children and youth. **Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and notify the church office of your willingness to serve.**

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“RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED”

- ◆ **Sunday Worship/9:00 AM**
- ◆ **Sunday School**
- ◆ **Coffee Fellowship/10:15 AM**
- ◆ **Bible Study Groups**

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

May 2020 Fourth Teller

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Administrative Assistant:

Sue Allen

Hearts for Hope

Something new. You've probably seen hearts in the windows of homes in our community and in businesses throughout the town. We are now inviting our church members to provide homemade hearts to put in the church's main entrance front window. You'll notice there are already some there, but there is lots of room for more.

Consider working with your families to cut out some hearts, large and small, out of construction paper or computer paper or whatever you have and bring them to the church during office hours, Tues- Thurs, 9 am – 1 pm. Simply drop by the office and introduce yourself to Sue Allen our new Administrative Assistant, let her know you have hearts, and she will provide the tape.

Let's send a warm message of love and hope to our community.