



A Call to 7:14 Prayer

*I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people.
 Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority
 so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
³ This is good and pleases God our Savior,
⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.
⁵ For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and
 humanity—
 the man Christ Jesus.
⁶ He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.
 -1 Timothy 2:1-6*

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Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

The Election season is underway. Last week the Democratic National Convention was held. This week the Republican National Convention made their case to the American people. The presidential candidates have been officially nominated, the contrasts in vision, leadership styles, values, and emphases have been drawn, and our country's season of discernment has begun.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Every four years the nation is at a crossroads of sorts, but this one feels particularly significant to me. At all times, God's people are called to pray. At momentous times such as these, the call to pray requires greater intentionality. We are called to seek God's heart and wisdom, the light of the Holy Spirit to discern God's will, and the grace to act accordingly. Today, I am calling on you to join me in an intentional season of prayer for our nation and the church. I am asking you to pause twice a day at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm to seek the Lord in prayer.

The time of the day is significant. It is inspired by a particularly powerful scripture reference found in the Old Testament book of Second Chronicles. It says,

*Then if my people who are called by my name
 will humble themselves and pray
 and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,
 I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.
 -2 Chronicles 7:14*





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. Just call Carole.

Upper Room

September/October



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

Notice the pattern for powerful prayer that is outlined in this verse. We are called by the name of the Lord. We are to humble ourselves before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are to seek the Lord by confessing our national and personal sins, admitting our contrition for our acts of rebellion, our resistance to God's call, our apathy, inertia, and our neglect. That's a bitter pill to swallow, yet so very necessary. But notice, the verse ends with an amazing *promise*. If we humble ourselves, seek God with contrite hearts, God promises to speak to us, grant forgiveness of sin, and bring healing and restoration to our nation and the Church.

If you're like me, you'll admit that you don't pray enough, especially when it comes to the health of the church and the future of our nation. I trust in all kinds of things (analysis, strategy, winsomeness), but not nearly enough do I ask God to mercifully and powerfully intervene. I believe that our nation is incredibly vulnerable right now, and no one has the answer other than the church of Jesus Christ (humbled and contrite before God on its knees).

The Apostle Paul tells us to pray for all things at all times (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and specifically to pray for our leaders, both spiritual and secular. This is what the world needs from the Church right now, instead of the outrage we are too often known for. So that's what we will do. We will pause twice each day at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm to pray for our nation and the church in response to God's Word in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

I hope you will join me as together we appeal boldly before the throne of grace, confident in the grace of Jesus Christ, asking God to change us, lead us, revive us, mercifully protect us and restore us.

For a restored nation and revived Church, I am sincerely yours,

Pastor Greg Ciesluk



Faribault Prays

24 Hour Prayer Walk

Sept 25, 3 PM - Sept 26, 3 PM

Ending Praise & Worship Gathering at 3:00 PM

at the River Church



Fourth Avenue UMC joins several church congregations in prayer over a 24 hour period for this annual event. More details to follow.



September Birthdays

Stephanie Hagberg	02
Kim Luedke	04
Father Henry Doyle	07
Zach Waterston	12
Madeline (Maddy) Schiffer	14
Kari VanDerVeen	16
Irene Eiler	18
Henry Morgan	18
Keith Stoos	18
Melva Ochs	20
George Smith	25
John Evans	26
Kelly Shimmin	26
Jesse Moen	27
Cheryl Kleeberger	29
Hunter Hale	29
Michael Grundman	30
Joe Jandro	30



September Anniversaries

Toby & Corrie Wikoff	05
David & Joyce Buresh	06
Kenn & Barbara Dubbels	10
Brent & Tamara Kern	14
Gordon & Carolyn Minshall	15
Jack & Jackie Luedke	16
Jesse & Ashley Osmundson	27



Worship Servers

September Ushers

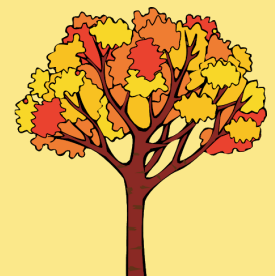
Karen & Dale Doehling

September Lay Readers

To Be Announced

September Acolytes

To Be Announced



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.

Calendar of Events

September 3	Trustees meeting 6:30 PM in Parlor
September 8	Ad Council
September 15	Finance
September 19	Rice County Piecemakers
September 22	SPRC meeting 6:30 PM



do
good
things



Please remember
our church's
Break Through
Prayer

Faribault Area Crop Walk Ending Hunger One Step at a Time Saturday, October 3rd 2020

What does CROP stand for? When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the **C**hristian **R**ural **O**verseas **P**rogram. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fund-raising events.

Please call Deb Jindra-Pope at 952-237-9693 for more information.



THANK YOU

Our church completed a two week delivery of Meals On Wheels from August 3-14. Without the volunteer drivers from the Faribault community this program would not survive and a lot of shut in's would be unable to remain in their homes. A big thank you to the following, who assisted with meal delivery, covering three routes every day each week: Kenn and Barb Dubbels, Linda Wilde and Jean Vincent, Dave and Kathy DuChene, Ronn Kotsmith and Donna Schuenke, Deb Jindra Pope, Shari VanDerVeen, and Pastor Greg.



CONGRATULATIONS!

On August 9, 2020 the Bequest and Gift Team on behalf of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church awarded \$1000.00 scholarships to 9 students pursuing their higher degrees. We are very proud to know these young people. Bequest and Gift Team would like to introduce you to the recipients.



- **Faith Jameson**, the daughter of Paula Jameson, will be attending South Central College in Faribault. She will be exploring possible majors as a first year student. Faith was on the A Honor Roll at Faribault High School.



- **Brandon Kern**, the son of Brent and Tammy Kern, will return to Minnesota State University, Mankato for his 3rd year. Construction management is Brandon's chosen major.



- **Kaylee Kern**, the daughter of Brent and Tammy Kern, will be in her third year at Minnesota State University, Mankato and is majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Kaylee was on the College of Allied Health and Nursing Dean's List for spring of 2020.



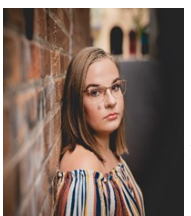
- **Kelsey Kern**, the daughter of Brent and Tammy Kern, will be attending Hamline University with a marketing major and a strategic communications minor. Kelsey was on the spring 2020 Dean's List.



- **Emily Kiker**, the daughter of Kim Luedke, is attending South Central College and is seeking a degree as an LPN.



- **Brody Kucera**, the son of Dan and Pam Kucera, is a third year student with a Finance major and Music minor at Hamline University. Brody was on the Dean's List at Hamline.



- **Chloe Kucera**, the daughter of Dan and Pam Kucera, is a first year student at Hamline University majoring in Creative Writing. She's still exploring to determine a minor. Chloe was on the A Honor Roll at Faribault High School.



- **Andrew “Andy” Prange**, the son of Brad and Elizabeth Prange, will be a second year student at University of Minnesota, Duluth. Andy’s major is mechanical engineering.



- **Suzanne “Suzi” Quigg**, the daughter of Rob and Kelli Quigg, attends Boston College with a major in History.

Above is information about the nine talented scholarship winners for the 2020-2021 school year. We encourage you to talk with them whenever you see them or drop them a card when they are at college/university and get to know them better!

The essays these young people wrote were to relate how the scholarship would help them reach their educational goals and how it would enable the students to grow in their Christian faith and in service to God. Some of the responses were: Someday, I will give back to the community and God’s people! I listen to the values of my church and school. I know I was meant to work with children. I would like to start a nonprofit organization...like a soup kitchen. I will honor my church by including my Christian faith and values in all that I write. When things got hard at school...there was always faith to turn to. To grow in Christian faith is a lifelong journey.

Kirsten Strnad for
The Bequest and Gift Team

OUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The body of faith here at Fourth Ave UMC wants to surround our high school graduates (Faith Jameson, Madeline Schiffer and Chloe Kucera) with love and encouragement. We hope these blankets will remind them that “God is in their corner!” Pastor Greg also encouraged our graduates to “STAND OUT” in their lives for Christ in this world.

These handmade blankets are a gift from the United Methodist Women on behalf of the entire church.



A NOTE FROM KELLY

COVID-19 Puts a “Fermata” on our Group Music Activities

I'm sure all of you are as tired of living this nightmare caused by the Coronavirus as I am. I miss everyone and our former lifestyle! COVID-19 has taken so many things from us: lives, hugs, jobs, school, vacations, and other gatherings – especially church (well, at least now we can gather as long as we mask up!), just to name a few.

This virus has also taken away our opportunity to continue our fall schedule as a choir and Praise Band, I regret to report. I miss all of you so much and will miss our rehearsal times together but we will just have to wait this out and resume when it is safer. A cheesier way to say it (knowing me, I'm sure you saw this coming): We are all singing the *blues* due to COVID-19. It has *rocked* our world and brought a major *decrescendo* to life as we knew it. Until we are able to pick up the *tempo* and all that *jazz*, stay well, my friends, and pray! As we all navigate the *dynamics* of these uncertain times, let music comfort you as in the lyrics found below written by Dolly Parton.

“When Life Is Good Again”

When life is good again, I'll be a better friend, A bigger person when life is good again, More thoughtful than I've been, I'll be so different then, More in the moment when life is good again...

I'll open up my heart and let the whole world in, I'll try to make amends when life is good again...

We've been brought to our knees, we've been so ill at ease, There are no guarantees but you know life goes on, This too shall pass away, bring new and different days, We need to change our ways and right our wrongs...

I'll open up my doors again and hear the message in the wind, Repent of all my sins (Hallelujah) when life is good again...

I'll try to be someone on which you can depend, A helping hand to lend, let's open up our eyes And see what's goin' on if we're to move along From where we've been...

Let's open up our hearts and let the love shine in...

We've all got knees to bend and we'll just pray 'til then, Ask God's forgiveness when life is good again...

And it's gonna be good again, it's gonna be good again, It'll be alright...

God's the reason for all things, you want rainbows, you get rain, We'll all be forever changed, I'll sail my boat and fly my kite, walk in the park, go out at night And hold my loved ones extra tight, When everything is on the mend, I'll even drink with my old friends, Sing and play my mandolin, We'll make it through this long dark night, Darkness fades when faced with light, But everything's gonna be alright when life is good again...

Keep the faith and the love of the Lord in your heart... God bless all of you!

Kelly Landsverk, choir director and member of the Praise Band

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September 2020 Fourth Teller

“Heal our Land”

**Forgive, oh Lord, and heal our land,
and give us eyes to seek your face and hearts to understand
that You alone make all things new,
and the blessings of the land we love are really gifts from You.**

Refrain:

**If my people will humbly pray
and seek my face and turn away from all their wicked ways.
Then I will hear them and move my hand
and freely then will I forgive and I will heal their land.**

**Unite our hearts in one accord,
and make us hungry for your peace
and burdened for the poor,
and grant us hope that we might see
the future for the land we love, our life, our liberty.**

Refrain:

**If my people will humbly pray
and seek my face and turn away from all their wicked ways.
Then I will hear them and move my hand
and freely then will I forgive and I will heal their land.**

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