

Fourth Avenue UMC

Newsletter



June Transitions

By Pastor Amy Jo Bur

During June, we will celebrate some significant and joy-filled transitions for our church members. On June 8, we will congratulate two recent graduates during worship. Congratulations to:

Fern Schiffer, who graduated cum laude from St. Catherine University with a major in English and minors in American Sign Language and Communication Studies.

Danny Schiffer, who graduated from the Perpich Center for Arts Education where his area of studies was Literary Arts. He will be attending Knox College in Galesburg, IL, in the fall and was chosen to be the student speaker at graduation.

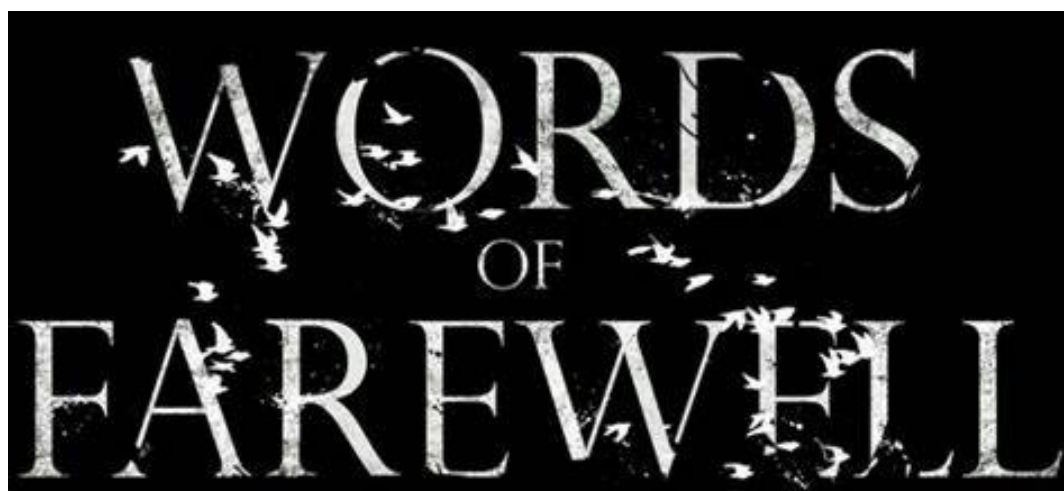
We give thanks for these educational opportunities to nurture their God-given gifts



and encourage their intellectual growth. We also say “well done!” to the determination and strength that they showed while focusing on their education.

On June 15, we will celebrate another significant and joy-filled transition as four of our young people prepare to be confirmed as members of the Church. Congratulations to: **Maddie Bur, Surprise Sonpon, Blayke Vrieze, and Jace Vrieze**, who have completed their confirmation class and are preparing to take membership vows. It has been a joy to lead their confirmation class and watch them grow in their faith, discover their God-given gifts, and grow in love of God and neighbor. We are blessed to have them become members of our congregation.

June 15 will also be the last Sunday that I will be leading worship at Fourth Avenue and Hope UMCs, with my last day packing and moving my office/books on June 16. While it is easy and joyous to celebrate our graduations and confirmations, it is always more difficult to say good-bye. It has been a pleasure to lead worship, meet new people, sing together, and join together in mission. I have been inspired by the missional focus of the people of Fourth Avenue UMC as the congregation has reached out through support of Falcon’s Nest, UMCOR, REM, Community Action Center, Midwest Mission, mission sewing, substance-free karaoke nights, Jesus Food, and many other areas of mission. I will continue to pray for Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church, may the blessings of God continue to rain down on its people.

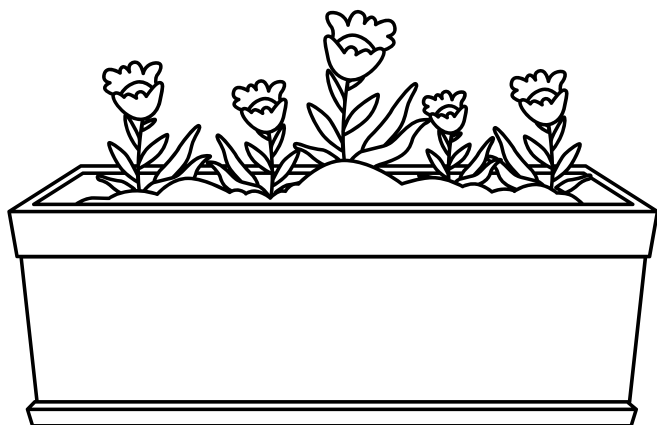


Trustees

By Marcia Speiker

Trustees are busy with a new project. We are calling it “Sprucing up the church”. We are working to get the outside looking great and welcoming. The entire exterior of the church will be pressure washed including the front steps. Peters ProWash will be doing the work. They are the same ones that removed the graffiti from the south side of the church. We will also have the front steps recaulked after the pressure washing.

To help with the outside appearance John Strieff has agreed to head our new “Gardening group”. We have 6 people so far willing to help with watering flowers, pulling weeds and dead heading flowers. New mulch will also be put down. We have flowering pots donated to help decorate the front of the church. The plaques for those that donated to our “Adopt a window” have been ordered and will be put up soon.



WORK IN PROGRESS

The vandalized window on the west side of the church has been replaced. We will be looking for volunteers to help remove the old church pews downstairs. We hope to get the bathrooms remodeled to make them handicap accessible soon on the main floor of the education wing. We appreciate anyone willing to help with any of the projects, contact anyone on Trustees if you are willing to help.

Community Events

Sunday, June 29th is the date for the Fit for Britt Walk/Run - We will meet at Shager Park at 1 - the walk starts at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there to visit and/or walk!



Congratulations

2025 Graduates!!

Fern Schiffer

Danny Schiffer

Confirmation:

Maddie Bur

Suprise Sonpon

Blayke Vrieze

Jace Vrieze

Happy Birthday

6/1 Parker Morrow

6/5 John Streiff

6/6 Jean Bauernfeind

6/7 Chris Schiffer

6/8 Lloyd Holling

6/9 Katie Hatfield

6/12 Nicholas Speiker

6/12 Amanda Weber

6/13 Comfort Sonpon

6/15 Sara DuChene-Boyd

6/15 Miles Schiffer

6/18 Nicholas Sonpon

6/21 Nathan Rosett

6/23 Kathie Vrieze

6/24 Dan Kucera

6/24 Darlene Nichols

6/25 Jonathon Hatfield

6/27 Joe Purfeerst

6/29 Raymond Schulz

Happy Anniversary

6/1 Dale & Karen Doehling

6/10 Leon & Elaine Dibble

6/10 Heather Loken-Hale & Dustin Hale

6/11 Dale & Karen Hauptli

6/11 Wayne & Marlys Rossow

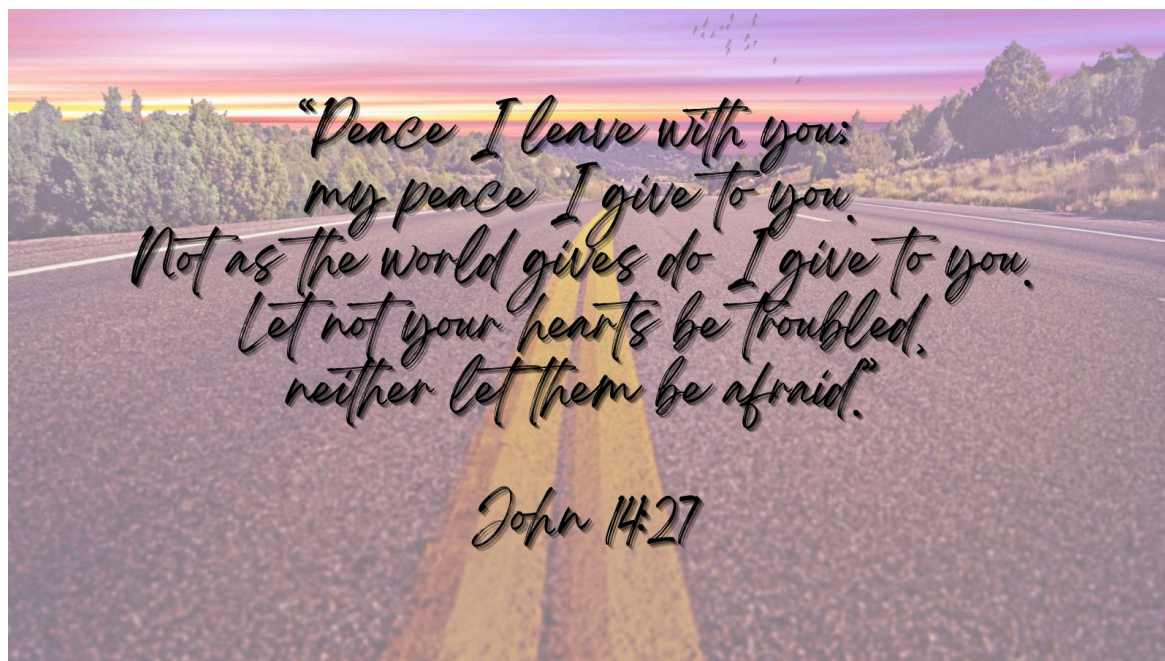
6/14 James & Lu Ann Heyer

6/14 Robert & Sharon Nelson

6/25 Lloyd & Alta Holling

6/27 Julie & cody O'Malley

Pastor Shawn Stoll will begin pastoral ministry in Faribault on July 1. For pastoral emergencies during the time of pastoral transition (June 17–June 30), please contact Rev. Jef Olson at (507) 951-1271.



Unified Budget Receipts

May 4 \$ 1,280.00

May 11 \$ 2,729.00

May 18 \$ 2,139.57

May 25 \$ 949.00

Checks payable to REM & given to
Carolyn Hanson on 05/18/25:
\$725.00

Love Offering: \$100.00

Calendar of Events

Sun. June 1 ~ 9am Worship

Mon. June 2 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Wed. June 4 ~ 1pm-3pm Spiritual Direction Group w/ Ruth Hickey

Thurs. June 5 ~ 6:30pm Trustees in Parlor

Thurs. June 5 ~ 7pm OP23-O in Library

Sat. June 7 ~ 10am-12pm Jesus Food Pack at Farbo Mall

Sun. June 8 ~ 9am Worship

Sun. June 8 ~ Recognition of Graduates

Sun. June 8 ~ Pentecost Sunday (wear red)

Mon. June 9 ~ 6pm Mission in Parlor

Mon. June 9 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Thurs. June 12 ~ 12pm Woman's Group in Parlor

Sun. June 15 ~ 9am Worship

Sun. June 15 ~ Confirmation

Sun. June 15 ~ Pastor Amy Jo's last Sunday

Mon. June 16 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Thurs. June 19 ~ 7pm Piecemakers in FH

Sun. June 22 ~ 9am Worship

Mon. June 23 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Sun. June 29 ~ 9am Worship

Mon. June 30 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Tues. July 1 ~ Pastor Shawn's first day

Sun. July 5 ~ Pastor Shawn's first Sunday





Risen Christ, you break through the walls we build and roll away the stones we cannot move. You call forth life where we feared only death, and summon hope from the deepest tombs of despair.

In this Easter season, break through our weary spirits, break open our cautious hearts, break into our

waiting churches.

Awaken us, O God, to dreams we have not yet dared to dream. Stretch us beyond what we see, and lead us where only resurrection light can guide.

By your Spirit, make us bold in love, relentless in hope, audacious in grace, and alive to the new creation you are making among us.

Roll away every stone, and set our feet running toward the future you have already redeemed.

In the name of the Risen One, Amen.

June 1-7: Luke 22

June 15-21: Luke 24

June 8-14: Luke 23

June 22-28: Acts 1

June 29- July 5: Acts 2

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