

Montrose Messenger

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A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another:
just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.
~ John 13:34



April Showers bring May Flowers

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Pastor Paul's Column

"Shared ministry has always been integral to the health, life, and fruitfulness of the church."

~ Bishop Ruben Job



I just came across this quote from a former bishop of our church. He has since passed on into eternity. I've

been reading some of his reflections on John Wesley lately, and I have been struck by two things that Wesley focused on. One, we rely on the Holy Spirit for all things. And two, we are all witnesses to each other and witnesses that Christ's church makes a difference in people's lives.

I don't remember the quote exactly, but at one point Wesley emphasized our reliance upon the grace of God. He implied, or maybe it is just the way I took it, that out of all the good that is done in this world, none of it lives up to its potential unless we invoke the Spirit of God to be a part of it. There are so many wonderful things that are accomplished in this world outside of people's lives of faith. Yet, the results could be far greater for those being served and for those doing the serving, if we invited Christ to be part of the whole operation.

The second idea was that our calling as Christ followers is to be a witness in thought, word, and deed. Christ is the spark that ignites all of creation, and we can have no better purpose in life than to lift Him up. He offers hope and peace and salvation and love and forgiveness and healing to all. And, we are called to share His grace-filled gifts with all those we meet. We can't do it all by ourselves, and that brings me back to the quote from Bishop Job. "Shared ministry has always been integral to the health, life, and fruitfulness of the church."

As I near the end of my time in full time ministry, some call it retirement, I wonder if I have done all I could have done. In my heart of hearts I know that the two ideas I have mentioned above are so important, to rely on God first, and to recognize that we are part of a team. Yet, I wonder, have I done my part?

I feel like this last two years of semi-quarantine have really slowed us down. There were so many things I wanted to try in ministry here, and instead we jumped into the electronic age in ways that I never would have imagined. Ministry took a whole new turn, and I think we navigated those new waters fairly well.

I have always joked that my job as a minister is to work myself out of a job. What I mean by that, is best summed up by the following scripture.

33 No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins. (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

I believe there will come a time when we won't have to teach each other about grace, but have patience, it will happen in God's time, not in our time. Long story short, we are still learning.



Never forget, to quote scripture again (and the song "Change my Heart O God"), he is the potter, we are the clay. So, may he always mold us in the way of his Kingdom.

May God's Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven!

Pastor Paul

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May Worship Theme "Witnesses"

Sunday, May 1, 2022
Holy Communion Sunday

"Our House"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17
**Mortgage Burning Service follows
With Luncheon**

Sunday, May 8, 2022

~ Mother's Day ~

Sunday School Fundraiser
"Muffins For Mom"

during Coffee & Fellowship Hour

"Get Up! It's Mother's Day!"

Scripture: John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 15, 2022

"What God Called Clean"

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Celebrating Our Youth Sunday

"God Taps us on the Shoulder to
Open our Heart"

Scripture: John 5:1-9

Sunday, May 29, 2022

"In Memory of Her"

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

It's Official!



Effective April 20, 2022

Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf is our new District Superintendent (DS) and Cheryl Daschner is the new District Administrative Assistant (DAA).



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PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families

† **The Sandra Claire Family.** Sandra was a long-time friend of Pam Johnson's through Girl Scouts.



† **The Betty Beireis Family.** Betty's father passed away. Betty and her son attended MUMC about 2010.

† **The Dennis Prestidge Family.** Dennis is Bob, Keith, and Dick Prestidge's cousin. He passed away April 10th at 83 years old.

† **The Sarah Larson Family.** Sarah's mother passed away the week of April 11th. Sarah is owner of Headlands Café.

† **The Illiana "Lily" Peters Family.** 10-year old girl from Chippewa Falls, WI found dead April 25th. (14-year old Suspect arrested/charged.)

† **The Meri Ault Family.** Meri's grandson, Evan Joshua Pygman passed away April 26th.

† **The Paul Baker Family.** Paul's cousin Barry passed away after a routine hernia surgery.

Our Friends At Home

Living at Home -
Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers

Ukraine and other countries facing war/turmoil.

Prayers for all families that have lost loved ones and had to flee their homeland.

Keith Prestidge, as he continues his recovery at home. Great to see Keith at Easter Service!

Gloria Adickes, recovering well from cataract surgery.

Towns of Taopi & Spring Valley in So. MN hit by tornadoes. Taopi hit very hard, many families lost everything.

Blessing no deaths, only minor injuries.

Duane Brunko, Jane Gessinger's dad. His bladder cancer treatments aren't going as expected. He will be moving back to MN to be closer to family. Added prayers for patience during transition.

Jerry Untiedt, needs prayers for recovery after suffering a heart attack.

MT, ND, SD hit by two blizzards in a week! +3 ft. of snow, highways closed, powerlines down, many without power, included Pastor Paul's dad.

Terry & Diane Rux traveling back to MN from AZ, via OR.

Jean Kuhn. UPDATE: Jean is back in MN and started chemotherapy, 3 sessions, then an exam to determine future surgery.

Red River Valley area, impacted again by flooding.

Blessings and Celebrations

Jacque & Roger Vanderlinde's son Ben, safe in Tel Aviv, Israel April 7th when shooting occurred a block away.



Dan Baker, Pastor Paul's dad, celebrating his 90th Birthday April 20th!

Familiar faces at Easter Worship Service!

The beautiful sanctuary and celebrating Easter with all the Easter flowers and floral cross!

Covid-19 case rates continue to remain low, but seeing an uptick. Stay diligent!

Josh Illies, nominated for Central Lakes College Brainerd Award of Excellence!

Jared & Austin Peterson-Lomker, both starting jobs at Functional Industries April 25th!

Debbie Baker, retiring April 26th!



We celebrate all the special April Birthdays & Anniversaries!

During the last week of April, I have heard five different reports on suicide statistics, all very alarming! Among Military Veterans, Police/Fire personnel, Teens, Military personnel, and Medical personnel & Veterinarians. Suicide is the 8th cause of death in Minnesota, 10th in the nation. (Kim Wagner)

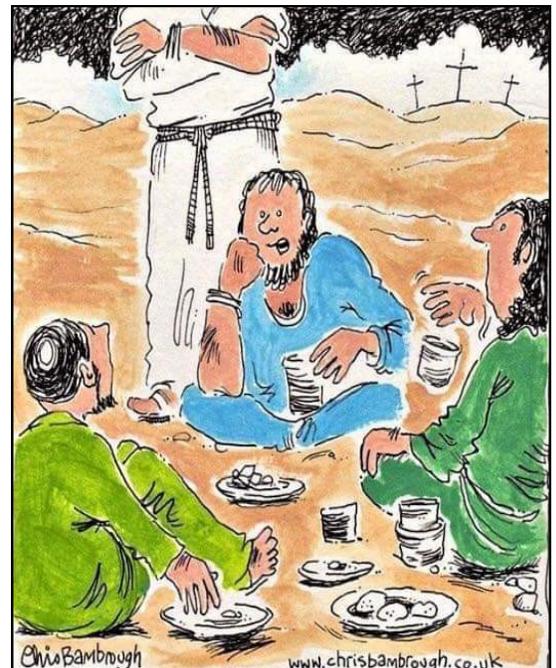
PLEASE... IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE, REACH OUT TO SOMEONE OR CALL 1-800-273-8255 OR TEXT "MN" TO 741741



FLORAL EASTER CROSS is a FAMILY TRADITION

For the past 50 years Linda Marquette has been one of the people putting up our live Easter Cross. Linda says that her mother started this tradition long ago, and 50 years ago she started helping her mother decorate our sanctuary with these lilies.

In the time since then, the next generation has learned to help Linda with this ministry. And so today we want to say thank you to Linda and everyone else that has been a part of this beautiful and meaningful project. You have made our Easter just that much better!



Chris Bambrugh www.chrisbambrugh.co.uk
I know he was really special but dead men dont come back. He's standing behind me, isnt he...

United Women In Faith "Hannah Circle"



Meeting on the third Mondays of the month at 7 pm!

NOTE: Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16th at 6 pm at the Red Lodge in Waverly

At our April meeting we watched the video announcement of the "relaunch" of United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith. For more information, there's a brochure on the table in the narthex or at the back entrance. You can also find more information on UWF's Facebook page or their new website <https://uwfaith.org>

UWF Hannah Circle is sponsoring the FREE JUNE COMMUNITY MEAL June 16th ~ 5 pm - 7 pm at the Community Center ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you'd like to join us at our May meeting, we're meeting at the Red Lodge restaurant in Waverly at 6 pm. We'll start with a short devotion then enjoy dinner and discuss our plans for the remainder of this year. **Please RSVP to the email below by Sunday, May 15th.**

Please contact us at: montrosemmumw@gmail.com with any questions. We'd love for you to join us or provide comments/suggestions on what you'd like to see your United Women in Faith Hannah Circle group do!

Sunday School & Confirmation Class News

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday, May 1st 9:30 am - making table centerpieces for the Mortgage Burning Celebration!

Saturday, May 7th 10:30 am - special session baking muffins for Mother's Day fundraiser!

Sunday, May 8th 9:30 am - hosting Mother's Day Coffee & Fellowship Hour; Fundraiser "**Muffins for Mom**".

Sunday, May 15th 9:30 am - Inspirational Sunday. Kids will do canvas painting project.

Sunday, May 22nd 10:30 am - NO CLASS! AWARD SUNDAY!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, May 4th 5:30 pm - Final preparations/sturdy for Confirmation Sunday.

Wednesday, May 11th 5:30 pm - Final preparations/study for Confirmation Sunday.

Wednesday, May 18th 5:30 pm - Rehearsal for Confirmation.

Sunday, May 22nd 10:30 am CONFIRMATION CLASS CEREMONY!

SCRIP News!



In early May, **ShopWithScrip** will be rebranding to **RaiseRight**. With this rebranding, participants using the website will have the same features and benefits that have only been available on the RaiseRight Mobile App.

With the launch of the RaiseRight Mobile App, ShopWithScrip provided an enhanced way for participants to shop for and access their gifts cards making it even easier to fundraise anytime, anywhere. Now all that will be under One platform! One experience! One Name!

Once the launch of the new brand takes place, you will be able to access the website & the mobile app using the same login and password you use today. The website will have enhanced features such as ship to home, saving favorites, and an enhanced gift card wallet.

The new site experience, plus the existing RaiseRight Mobile App will permanently replace the MyScripWallets so if you are still using this feature on your mobile devices, you will want to download the RaiseRight Mobile App from the App Store for Iphone users or Google Play for Android users.

Watch your emails in the upcoming weeks for more information.

Scrip order dates for May will be the 2nd, 16th, and the 27th due to Memorial Day.

And don't forget Mother's Day is May 8th. There are some great bonuses going on right now thru May 5th. It's a great time to get a jump start on those graduation gifts or end of the year teacher appreciation gifts.

There truly isn't an easier way to be able to help support the church, and even participating by using Scrip to purchase your groceries or your gas each week makes a big difference. The first quarter of 2022 (Jan - Mar) we earned \$380.46 in rebates just by people spending money in ways they normally spend their money everyday!

And remember, we have the following GIFT CARDS ON-HAND for those last minute gift needs!



Questions? Please contact Angie Ferrell (763) 442-4876 or Kelly Rux (952) 221-8659.

FREE

MONTROSE COMMUNITY DINNERS

Happening the 3rd Thursdays of the Month!
MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER

From 5 pm to 7 pm

Community Dinners will offer a fun night for everyone and includes dinner, make-and-take crafts, games and story time for the Kids!

Meals sponsored by Grace Place Collaborative and Local Family Donations.

Save The Dates For "THANKFUL THURSDAYS"

 Thursday, May 19th ~ Plate Tacos

 Thursday, June 16th ~ Asian
Meal sponsored by MUMC UWF Hannah Circle
Volunteers needed to help

 Thursday, July 21st ~ Tater Tot Hotdish

**Ask us how to become a
Community Meal Sponsor!
612.803.0946**



CAMP MINNESOTA

Minnesota
Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church
Camping & Retreats Ministry

Camping Season starts in June!

- Northern Pines Park Rapids, MN
- Koronis Ministries Paynesville, MN
- Kowakan Adventures BWCA, Ely, MN

A huge welcome to you from Camp Minnesota, a year-round ministry of Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Camp Minnesota offers cutting edge summer camp experiences for all ages and interests, high quality space for retreats, meetings and conferences, delicious meal service, and warm hospitality.

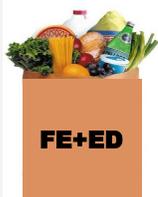
Whether you're looking for a first-time camp experience, a family or personal retreat, a space for your next meeting or conference, or a Boundary Waters adventure, Camp Minnesota welcomes you. If you've experienced a time at one of our three beautiful sites, you know the joy, peace, and life-giving time apart that awaits you.

**Come and experience Christ, Creation, and
Community with Camp Minnesota.**

www.campminnesota.org/campsessions

**ATTN: MUMC Youth! There is scholarship funding
for you to attend camp. See Pastor Paul or Kim**

FE+ED Update



A had another successful food distribution, even with the "appearance" of Roads Closed! Luckily everyone was able to access the Community Center since construction really hasn't begun.

We were extremely lucky to be able to provide nice, full boxes of food this month. Second Harvest Heartland (SHH) is experiencing many issues including growing pains from transitioning to a new site, new leadership, new systems, supply chain issues, and food shortages.

We received more jalapeno peppers than I have ever seen, also heads of cauliflower. We were concerned when we learned we would not get apples, carrots or onions since we always order those items. Being able to get milk consistently has been a blessing, and eggs! We ordered cream pies as a treat this time since available at an amazing price. People seemed surprised and delighted to get a pie!

SHH accepts donations all year. On Wednesday, April 27th they had a special "match by Cargill Day". Watch for future ads on TV and/or Radio for these super opportunities to help your dollars go farther. In the meantime... we can always use more volunteers to help at our monthly distributions!

Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- 200 pounds of bread from WCCA Food Shelf!
- Meat from Buffalo Food Shelf!
- Chicken from KFC!

April Statistics:

- 8,145 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 123
- Individuals served 399
- New, first time families 2
- Veterans served 25
- Communities served 14

The next food drop is Tuesday, May 24th!

Report prepared by Pam Johnson, Secretary





May



MUMC needs YOU!
SATURDAY, MAY 21st
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
At DELANO UMC

MUMC has 16 spots reserved to Pack manna meals for FMSC.
SEE SIGN-UP SHEET IN NARTHAX.
 (Minimum donation \$10 per person)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 11:30 am Burn Mortgage Celebration & Luncheon	2 SCRIP ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	3 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (F)	4 5:30 pm Conf. Class (C) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)	5 6-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	6	7 10 am Sunday School Project 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
8 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) Holy Communion	9 6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	10 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (F)	11 5:30 pm Conf. Class (C) 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)	12 6-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 6:30 pm TRUSTEES (K) 6:30 pm 4H Club (C)	13	14 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
15 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)	16 SCRIP ORDER DAY! 6 pm Hannah Circle (OFF) 6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	17 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (F)	18 5:30 pm Conf. Class (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O) 7:15 pm Church Council (L)	19 6-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	20	21 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm FMSC (OFF) 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
22 9:30 am Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service Celebrating Our Youth (S) 12 pm Alyssa Prestidge Confirm Party (F)	23 6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	24 12:30 pm FE+ED Set-up (MCC) 3 pm FE+ED Distro (MCC) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (F)	25 5:30 pm Conf. Class (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)	26 6-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	27 SCRIP ORDER DAY!	28 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
29 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service	30 	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Worship Service on Sunday, May 22nd will be a very special day to celebrate our youth! Hazel Rose Marquette will be baptized, Sunday School Awards, Confirmation Sunday and our 2022 Graduates will be recognized! We hope everyone will be present to celebrate!</i></p>			

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

2nd-Chad Larson
 6th-Reina Valli
 7th-Jeff Peterson-Lomker
 12th-Lee Reinhart
 15th-Jen Sanchez
 16th-John Hylland

17th-Laura Vanderlinde
 22nd-Brianna Dockter
 22nd-Skyler Chaffins
 23rd-Linda Prestidge
 30th-Ben Gudvangen

ANNIVERSARIES!

18th-Ronda & Allen Spreeman
 31st-Brenda & Randy Segler



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FE+ED

**FE+ED
For Each and Every Day
(4th Tuesday of the Month)**

**UPCOMING FOOD
DISTRIBUTIONS:
May 24th
June 28th
July 26th**

Starting at 3:00 pm

This is a drive thru event at the
Montrose Community Center

Volunteers are needed & welcome starting at
12:30 pm to pack food boxes!

FE+ED offers a drive-thru food distributions every
4th Tuesday of the month! Pre-packed boxes/bags of
dairy, produce and food items will be distributed starting
at 3 pm until gone at the Community Center parking lot.

Go to the FEED website for more information:

www.fe-ed.org



*We invite you
to join us on
Sunday Mornings
and Have a Pew
Just For You!*

- ♦ *Coffee & Fellowship Hour 9:30 am*
- ♦ *Worship Service 10:30 am*

*Watch our Worship Service Live on
Facebook or anytime at our website,
www.montroseumc.com*

*Blessing on Your Day.
Reverend Paul Baker, Pastor*