
“At First”
First Congregational UCC
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May 2021

Holy Communion

has been changed to Sunday, May 16th, instead of May 2nd. Rev. Ted Bowman will be our Worship Leader.

Rev. Bowman is an ordained minister who has spent much of his life involved in Grief and Loss Work. Ted has been on the adjunct faculty of the Universities of Minnesota and Saint Thomas in St. Paul. He was the presenter for "Loss of Dreams, Ambiguity, and a Pandemic" for the United Way of McLeod County in March this year, and will be returning in the fall to continue with the United Way, and other agencies here in McLeod County. Ted comes to us from his home church, Saint Anthony Park United Church of Christ, in St. Paul.



Highest honors go to **Maxxwell and Ethan Lehmann** for all their hard work getting all their Sunday school done and sent back in this year. They have FILLED the bulletin board with their papers and we appreciate them doing them and sending them back in. Thanks boys!



We've been talking about it for a year now, and it's finally set!

First Congo's Rummage Sale!

It will take place in the fellowship hall on **Friday, May 14th from 8am-4pm and Saturday May 15th from 8am-2pm.** Come and peruse all the offerings and bring home something 'new to you'!

Also: If you haven't already donated and you would like to, please call Kari Warner at 224-554-9492 to schedule a drop off time, or drop off Tuesdays or Wednesdays during office hours.

Minnesota Conference

Annual Meeting

The Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting will held **June 7-13, 2021**

All events are online only.

If you would like to join any of the events, please call the church office for times and dates of different workshops.

Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right of justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion – their very lives – for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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May

1. Robert Hoppie
3. Atreyu Wangerin
Audrey Forcier
Nathan Warner
6. Ethan Kottke
7. Paul Johnson
8. Rolf Marsh
Karen Benson
10. Chris Boesche
11. Elaine Reynolds
12. Amanda Tesch
Justin Forcier
16. Dan Biederwolf
20. Joan Walford
22. Jacob Paul
23. Vernon Forcier;
Maren Warner
25. Cassandra Forcier
26. Larry Olson
LaDonna Brinkmann
27. Ken Stenzel
30. Stan Hoof

Memorial Service

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Janet Winn**. Janet passed away peacefully on April 13, 2021. A private Memorial Service was held at Johnson McBride's Funeral Home on April 24th.

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A Note From Adam Thompson, Our Pulpit Supply

Hello First Congregational community, my name is Adam Thompson and I thank you for welcoming my family and I to worship with you. I am a seminary student at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul working towards a Master of Divinity and ordination with the UCC and focusing on leading congregations and missions. I live in Edina with my wife Amanda, son Aidan and twin daughters Sofie and Grace and my oldest son, Joel, is a junior at Gustavus. In my "free time", sailing, camping and cabin time with the family top the list of activities. "Prayer hikes" on local trails are essential to me as a spiritual practice to talk openly and informally with God, raising questions and concerns out loud in nature has had a profound impact in my discernment and spiritual growth. I often reflect on a passage from Jeremiah 29, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (NIV) I am grateful for the opportunity to serve First Congregational Church, see you soon. Peace, Adam Thompson

Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting

April 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Present were Linda Landon, Jan Mackenthun, Sue Bacon, and Evon Draeger,

Jan opened our meeting with a prayer.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were not read and approved.

Linda reported that inventory remains available for sale in the Ways and Means. For sales, contact Linda, Chris or Wendy.

OLD BUSINESS:

No supplies have been purchased since we are still in Covid mode and have not had any events in the church.

We did purchase 12 over-sized gray throws that are in the white cupboards. The cost was \$35.00 each. One was given to Pastors Bob and Casey as a going away gift from Women's Fellowship. There are large rubber bands available to hold the throws together and they can also be tied with a wide ribbon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on how Women's Fellowship would be handling funeral receptions once they are again considered safe by the MCH. Due to our declining and aging membership, it was decided to make adjustments to the services offered depending on availability of workers and size of the funeral.

Refreshment choices:

1. Desserts and beverages prepared by the membership.
2. Family arranged catered meal.

We would hope to be able to setup, serve and clean up the reception but this will depend on availability or workers so any catered meal may require that the caterer also be available to provide disposables and staff.

When serving a public meal, home prepared food is not an option but must come from a licensed kitchen or provider.

A church reception will take coordination via the Church Secretary, Pastor, Family and Women's Fellowship Board.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting, September, 2021

Respectfully Submitted
Evon Draeger, Secretary

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15 am Worship Service Jan Mackenthun - Worship Leader Christian Ed Board Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:15 am Worship Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Rev. Ted Bowman, preaching	17	18 NOON - Trustee's Meeting @ Church	19	20	21	22
23 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:15 am Worship Service	31					