

First United Methodist Church
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THE COMMUNICATOR - 2018



*Ada/Minneapolis United Methodist Community
Christ's Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving
From the Heart of the Pastor!*

The New Year, 2018 has come fast and we are already beginning the second month of the New Year. Many churches are seized by increasing membership for financial gain. More people in the pews means more money in the collection plate. What if all churches adopt a paradigm shift and begin to emphasize discipleship. Mark begins his gospel by announcing the coming of the kingdom of God; "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.....The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Then, Jesus went on to invite his disciples to "follow me!" And those who followed Jesus became his disciples, beginning with the twelve. I believe that Jesus is still actively calling his disciples to this day and will continue calling until the whole world, not only Minneapolis, or Kansas or the United States, but the whole wide world hears about this Jesus.

Jesus began his ministry by inviting or calling his disciples one by one; "Follow me and I will make you fish for people!" Each disciple invited had to make a conscious decision to follow Jesus and become the body of the Christ. There are many different kinds of disciples in the world. One may be a dedicated admirer of the ideas of a very learned and charismatic person, or one may be passionate about a particular strand of philosophy. This means adhering to a set of ideas or ideals, but the discipleship characterized as following Jesus is unique. What we are talking about in the case of following Jesus is adopting a lifestyle, a way of living that emulates Jesus in each moment, in every decision as to how we speak and act. Discipleship is a continuing journey into the abundant life for which we were created. It is a process of continual development through which we grow in maturity as we become more Christ-centered and fully surrendered. In a culture obsessed with end results and perfection, it is crucial to remember that, for a disciple, it is the journey itself that is important. Disciples are often described as "learners," but this is only one, potentially limited, understanding of discipleship. Discipleship in the biblical tradition is not just learning about Jesus; it means becoming more like Jesus, doing life the way Jesus did life. Hear what Paul says about discipleship; "I have been crucified with Christ, It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2: 20.

There is no one-size-fits-all for this journey of discipleship. Each one of us is uniquely wired to serve our purpose, and part of the journey is figuring out our strengths and weaknesses and exactly where we fit in. When you find yourself lost and stranded in the wilderness, do not give up, keep on trying. Again hear what Paul says concerning faith: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Through him we have also obtained access by faith into his grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our suffering, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us!"

Choosing to be part of the body of Jesus Christ, working to become more like Jesus, and joining fellow Christ-followers in mission and ministry are all broad strokes. They allow for unlimited possibilities for how your particular life of discipleship flourishes. This may be your year to make a difference. Do not give up. Find your niche. Join with your favorite group of disciples. After all we are not alone. Jesus promised his presence forever and ever! AMEN.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

LITURGISTS

4 - Tamala Lott
11 - Tamala Lott
18 - Cassie Bohl
25 - Cassie Bohl

ACOLYTES

4 - Connor and Jordan Peck
11 - Baxton and Gracen Grimes
18 - Maddy and Dalton Krueger
25 - Brinley Boyer and Joel Abell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

4 - Rosalee Tibbits
11 - Tamala Lott
18 - Puppeteers
25 - Cassie Bohl

GREETERS

4 - Doris Davis and Mary Ann Tasker
11 - Doris Davis and Paula Baccus
18 - Larry and Javine Bertrand
25 - Larry and Javine Bertrand

NURSERY HELPERS

4 - Deb Pounds & Becky McDuffee
11 - Angie Darrow & Becky McDuffee
18 - Tamala Lott & Becky McDuffee
25 - Kristi & Paul Ocker & Becky McDuffee

ANNIVERSARIES

9 - David & Debra Pounds
13 - Larry & Javine Bertrand
22 - Rodger & Diana Peck

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Joe Watkins
4 - Tamara J. Krueger
6 - Bruce Cleveland
7 - Mara Pounds
9 - Darda Wedel & Javine Bertrand
13 - Christine Watkins
14 - Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza
14 - Ruthie Sanders
16 - Pam Feldt
22 - Rosalee Tibbits
25 - Cheryle Hardesty

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed in February:

4 - Faith without Works Is Dead
11 - A Disciplined Faith
18 - Faithful Disciples
25 - The Good Fight of Faith

SECOND SUNDAY DINNER

Hosted by Finance Committee
Each family is asked to bring one main dish and either a side dish or dessert.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

CAMP UPDATE

With the increase of kids going to camp - which is awesome- and the price increase, we are asking that the parents pay \$50.00 per child to help cover expenses.

MISSIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

VALENTINE SUPPER

Saturday, February 10th
6:30 p.m.
\$15.00 per person
Please RSVP by 2-4-18

SILENT AUCTION

April 1 through April 8
Details to follow

TIES & TIARAS

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING GALA
Saturday, April 21st
Details to follow



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

February 11-12 L.E.A.F. Topeka
February 20 7:00 p.m.
Unit Meeting
Wesley Room

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!
Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza introduced and announced in church Sunday, January 28, that Doug Klee transferred his membership from the West Side Bible Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan to the First United Methodist Church in Minneapolis.
WELCOME, DOUG!

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee began 2018 with our "UMC Crocks Rock" Outreach Project. We are so pleased to have received 26 new crock pots that were donated by members of the congregation. In December, Donna Johnson assisted OCMA Christmas Store shoppers in filling out a form inviting them to sign up for our crock pot giveaway. Colette Henderson informed the committee and assisted with the application for a Grant through Thrivent Financial to assist with this project. Twenty-one meals - 10 Beef and Potato and 11 Italian Chicken-were prepared for recipients to go along with their new crock pot. Extra grocery items of canned vegetables and pasta were purchased with the remainder of Grant Money to be distributed to those receiving a crock pot. Pat Baccus, Tamala Lott, Deb Nichols, Ruthie Sanders, Tammy, Maddy and Dalton Krueger enjoyed an afternoon of assembling meals and bagging grocery items for the 21 recipients. Those receiving crock pots came to the church at several different pick up times/dates. All were very appreciative! The five crock pots left over will be the beginning collection for the next project (Fall of 2018 or Winter 2019). We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that donated a crock pot or assisted in any way with this project!
Outreach/Fellowship Co-Chairpersons - Deb Nichols and Tammy Krueger

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT
WAYS WE THINK WE AREN'T LYING**

"The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin." - Proverbs 13:3

There are all kinds of ways in which we lie and just because we don't tell a bold-faced, whopper-doesn't mean we aren't lying.

Little "white lies:

We tell these to spare feelings. Things like..."No, you don't look fat in those jeans" or "tell them I'm not here" or "I forgot" (When you really didn't.)

Lies of omission:

Situations in which we leave out certain details or facts, thinking that by doing so we aren't out right lying, even though we are creating a distortion of the truth by hiding information.

The 9th Commandment in the Bible says....

Exodus 20:16

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Simply put it means: "Do not lie".

Matthew 15:18-20

"But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

The Sin of Gossip: Gossip is a form of lying

The Bible says:

Proverbs 20:19 (King James Bible)

"He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

Proverbs: 20-19 (NIV)

"A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much."

Or...

New American Standard Bible)

"He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a gossip."

The Sin of Slander:

Leviticus 19:16

"You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD."

The dictionary defines SLANDER as:(Noun): The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to the person's reputation.

(Verb): Make false and damaging statements about someone.

Slander is lying. Slander breaks the 9th Commandment. It is a sin.

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Situation in which we leave out certain details or facts, thinking that by doing so we aren't out right lying, even though we are creating a distortion of the truth by hiding information.

-Author Unknown

February

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 5 TH Sun. after Epiphany Communion Hand Bell Choir Plays	5	6 6:00 p.m. Noah's Ark Preschool Board Mtg. Noah's Ark Classroom	7 5:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Meeting	8	9	10 6:30pm Valentine Dinner – Fellowship Hall
11 2 nd Sunday Dinner	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wed. (No service) 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Mtg.	15	16	17 Pastor's Mentoring Group
18 1 st Sunday in Lent	19 Presidents ' Day	20 7:00 pm UMW Unit Meeting in Wesley Rm.	21	22	23	24
25 2 nd Sunday In Lent	26	27 9:30am	28 8:30 FFA Group meet 9:00 am Salina District Mtg. at Wakefield			

Minneapolis First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Committee Meeting
January 10, 2018

The Administrative Council Committee ("ADCO") of the First United Methodist Church of Minneapolis, Kansas met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Dale Henderson, Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza, Gary Kay, Patti Bertrand, Steve Baccus, Deb Nichols, Tammy Krueger, Barb Kibler, Pat Baccus and Joan Miles.

Dale Henderson opened the Meeting and Pastor presented the devotion.

Minutes: The December, 2017 Minutes were approved by Steve Baccus and seconded by Gary Kay. All Ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Patti Bertrand presented the Treasurer's Report. Among other discussion, Patti advised the M&M's for 2017 have been paid in full.

Finance Committee Report: Chairman, Steve Baccus reported the Finance Committee will meet on January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee's Report: Dale Henderson reported in Trustee Chairman Nick Krueger's stead that new sensors will be installed in the parking light fixtures. The Trustee's will work on the lights in the church sanctuary.

The church has received legal documents stating that 1/16th of Jean King's estate has been bequeathed to The First United Methodist Church.

SPPR: It was announced that the SPPR Committee will host the second Sunday Church Dinner on January 14.

Education Committee: No report

Outreach/Fellowship Committee: Deb Nichols reported the committee will serve the MJSHS FCA Group on Wednesday, January 24. Tammy Krueger reported that for the Outreach Project for 2018 is for church people to donate Crock Pots to give applicants. Along with the Crock Pots, frozen meals will also be furnished. At the time of this meeting, 15 Crock Pots have been donated.

Missions Committee: No report.

LOVE INC: No report

Worship Committee: Pat Baccus extended appreciation on behalf of the Worship Committee for the help received during Advent Season.

United Methodist Women: The next UMW Meeting will be on January at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room.

Noah's Ark Preschool: No report.

Old Business: Nothing was discussed.

New Business: Each ADCO Member was presented copies of their job descriptions and duties to be reviewed.

Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza's Report: Pastor reported there is one person from our church in the hospital.

The Network Clergy and Laity Leaders will continue to meet every month at our church in the Wesley Room.

This year will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the merger of the EUB and United Methodist Church.

On Sunday January 28, there will be a "Remembrance of our Baptism" for the new ADCO Committee members.

Discussion was held regarding major issues currently impacting the Methodist Church denomination. The most pressing of those pertains to ministering to the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) community. There was a conversation about having an all church meeting to discuss further and seek broader church input. No decisions were made.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor.

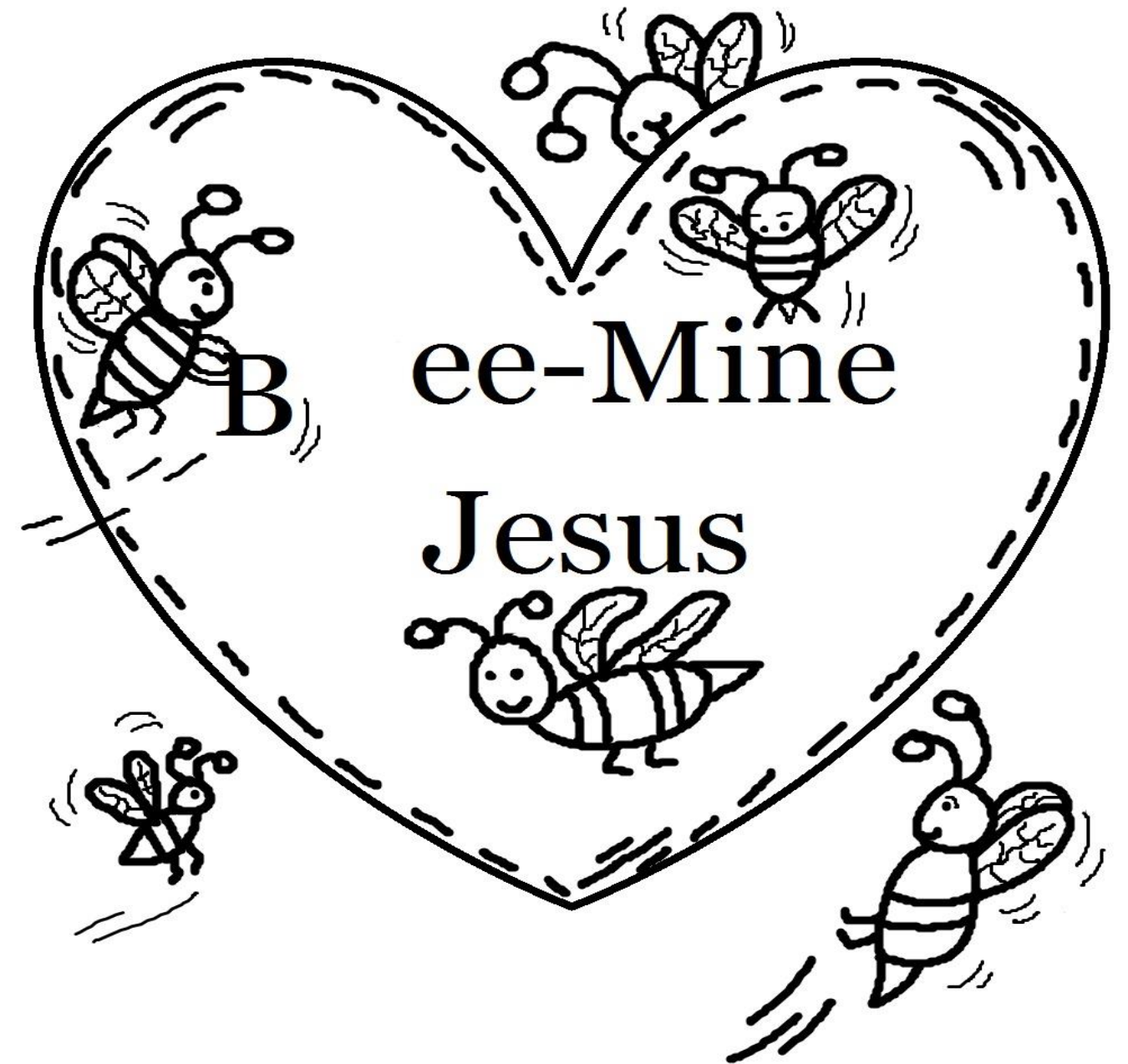
The next meeting will be held on February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Miles

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1Co 2:9- But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.