

From the Pastor...

This month we're going to together look at the legacy of Fred Rogers and how the messages of his decades-long children's television series intersects with what we know about Jesus and the Christian faith. Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, used his television show to find ways to communicate the Christian message to children, using themes of peace, love, forgiveness, hope and other themes that helped communicate Jesus' unconditional love, grace, to those who needed those messages reinforced in their lives.

Though he wouldn't say that he was trying to preach to children or even proclaim Christianity, he did see his television show as a ministry for good and all that he knew through his vibrant Christian faith informed the way he conducted himself and the topics that he broached in his series.

We could all use reminders of how to be good neighbors, of how we are loved just the way we are, of how we need to reach out to those who may feel left out or shunned because of who they are.

One of the ways that we can be good neighbors is to share our gratitude with those for whom we are grateful. We can thank that kind neighbor who shovels out our driveway or looks after our place when we are away for the week or weekend. We can thank that thoughtful person who lets us know if they see something that appears to be wrong with our property or comes to help us fix something that is broken.

I have been keeping a daily gratitude journal for over two months and the daily gratitudes have helped me see how blessed I am and how many people make a difference in my life. As I look through my journal I read thanksgivings for anything from a day alone to rest and regroup to a day filled with people to energize and delight; from a job that I find fulfilling to time off and away from it all; from reading glasses that help me see to an able body that enables me to get around to the places I need to go.

As the New Year rolls around, some of us make resolutions to help us focus our attention on something that we have neglected or been meaning to get around to. For years my resolution has been to make no more New Years' Resolutions and for years I have kept that resolution! But this year I'm resolving to pay attention to my gratitude and share my gratitude with the person for whom I am grateful.

Few of us say 'thank you' enough and I want to say thank you to all of you for the ways that you show Christ's love to one another in big and small ways throughout the year. You are a blessing!

~Pastor Holly

January Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1-1 Tom S.
 1-2 John K.
 1-3 Lois J.
 1-9 Kim B.
 1-11 Kayla B.
 Johnny K.
 Marcus W.
 1-14 Steve T.
 1-15 Ben P.
 1-16 Dorothy Be.
 1-17 Pat K.
 1-17 Virginia M.
 1-18 Dixie T.
 1-19 Jessa E.
 1-26 Dorothy B.
 Evelyn S.
 1-29 Ann S.
 1-31 Jane D.

Anniversaries

- 1-1 Taylor & Kim B.
 1-3 Gary & Chris S.
 1-7 Dave & Holly C.



*If you do not see your special date, please let Michelle know!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship Holy Communion 11am Confirmation	6 7pm Women's Bible Study 7-8:30pm OA meeting	7 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group 7pm Ad Council meeting	8 9am-4pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7pm Choir practice 7-8:30pm NA meeting	9 7pm Nominating Committee meeting	10	11 8am Men's Ministry
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Many thanks to all who gave me gifts at Christmas time. You were so generous and thoughtful. I enjoyed the gift certificates, handmade items, and goodies immensely.

-Pastor Holly

January 2020

Servant Schedule

Ushers: Pat Rylander and Craig Rylander

Sunday, January 5

Greeters: Tom & Connie Warneke

Coffee Service: Donna Keacher and Lisa Iverson

AV: Deb Hulbert

Children's Message: Donna Keacher

Sunday School: Donna Keacher

Sunday, January 12

Greeters: Dave & Nathan Aastuen

Coffee Service: Deb Hulbert and Carol Sorensen

AV: Kayla Parrish

Children's Message: Pastor Holly

Sunday School: Janet Rasmussen and Carole Alderks

Sunday, January 19

Greeters: Russ & Lois Janke

Coffee Service: Linda Richnofsky and Glenna Quist

AV: Melodie Paulsen

Children's Message: Lois Janke

Sunday School: Lois Janke

Sunday, January 26

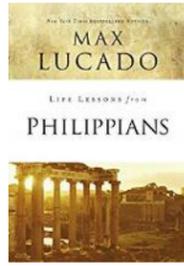
Greeters: Ed & Karen Kramer

Coffee Service: Bernie Sausen and Nancy Hebrink

AV: Dave Aastuen

Children's Message: Pastor Holly

Sunday School: Lois Janke



Women's Bible Study

You are invited to the Women's Bible Study on Philippians starting Monday evening, January 6 at 7pm. We'll be working through the book *Life Lessons from Philippians* by Max Lucado. Cost of a book (needed for this study) is 8 dollars. Please sign up in the nook.

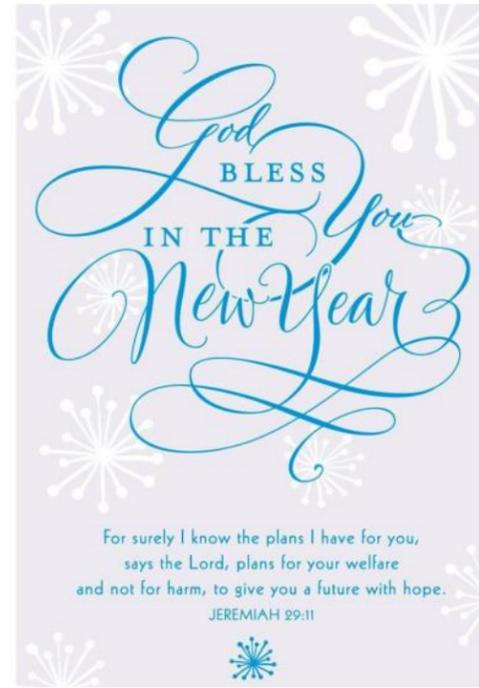
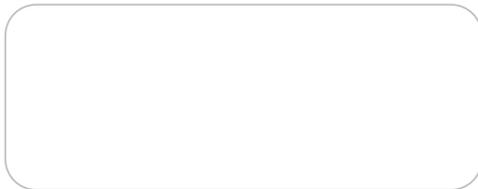
2019 Annual Church Conference

On Sunday, January 26 we will gather for a potluck meal, followed by our annual church conference, both of which will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We'll hear reports on what we've accomplished in 2019 and look forward to what lies ahead in 2020. You are invited!

Save the Date

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will sing here during worship on Sunday, February 23.

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JOY BELLS JOY!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Joy Bells Ministry this year. Every year we hear of families going through particularly difficult times during the holidays and how grateful they are that we help them have a Merry Christmas. As people were picking up the gifts for their kids along with a Christmas meal for the whole family to enjoy, they were so grateful for this ministry. Thanks to all who made brighter the celebrations of several families in the Wyoming and Linwood area! Thanks especially to Bea who coordinated it all. Well done good and faithful servants!



CHRISTMAS TEA

Thank you to all who helped make our annual Christmas Tea an afternoon to remember! The freewill offering helped pay for the food baskets for the Joy Bells families. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thanks to all who participated in and facilitated this year's Christmas Pageant! It was a joy to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with our pageant on Sunday, December 15 and especially to have a live baby Jesus lying in the manger. Our kids and adults all had fun retelling the story of Christ's birth!



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

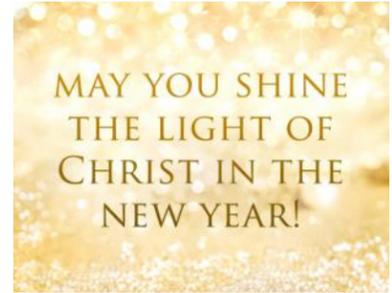
Thanks to all who rose to the challenge and gave to the Christmas Offering for Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge. Thanks especially to those who donated an amount equal to what you spent on Christmas presents for your friends and family this year! Your generous hearts are blessing those in need!



FALL DINNER

Thanks to your generosity at the fall dinner, we were able to donate 4000 dollars to these two worthy organizations: The Refuge and Lakes Center for Youth and Families.

Even more pictures are available in the photo gallery on our website at www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org!



Worship Services in January

Beginning the first Sunday in January, we will launch a sermon series called *Neighboring*. Taking a look at the legacy of Fred Rogers and how his television series reflected his Christian faith, we will remind ourselves of what it means to treat all people with genuine care and respect. Hop aboard the proverbial trolley and join us for a ride through the neighborhood as we look into what ways we are called to be neighbors to one another.

January 5:
Neighboring: War and Peace
Matthew 2:13-23

January 12:
Neighboring:
The Face of God
Genesis 33:1-11

January 19:
Neighboring:
Race and Diversity
Acts 8:26-39

January 26:
Neighboring: Children First
Matthew 25:31-46