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June 2016 Messenger

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The Messenger: June 2016

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Moderator, Sonja Martens, has issued a call to a special Congregational Meeting on June 12th after worship to approve additional spending required to repair the East Wall. While planning the repairs on the East Wall, the Trustees have discovered that the interior wall under the stone facade has become bowed and is being pulled out from under the third floor. Before the stone facade can be repaired, the wall must be pulled back into "plum" and

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reattached to the third-floor floor. Please plan to attend! The repairs are time sensitive. Click [here](#) to let Sonja know that we can count on you to fulfill our quorum.

From Pastor Howard



The Interim Ministry Sequel Unfolds

What a remarkable time we have had during the month of May as we have authored, “**Chapter One**” in our Interim Ministry *Sequel*, “**Behold! We are Doing New Things!**” Congratulations to everyone for our accomplishments in the month of May. Here are just a few highlights:

A successful completion to **Confirmation** on May 15th. **Esther Putzier** and **Greta Kulevsky** were baptized on Confirmation Sunday. **Aiden Kreun**, **Greta Kulevsky**, **Joey Miller**, **Mia Miller** and **Esther Putzier** choose to be confirmed and joined the church. **Anthony Fantin**, **Susie Lepow** and **Catriona Ray** completed confirmation education, wrote statements of faith, and choose not to be confirmed at this time. Thanks be to God for all these youth and their dedication to learning about the Bible and engaging in serious reflection around their faith journeys. We all look forward to the “New

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Things” that these newly confirmed members will bring to this faith community in the months and years ahead.

Jane Putzier transferred membership to EMC on May 15th – a “New Thing” in her life and ours.

An “**Adult Conversation**” was held on May 1st featuring **Al Levin** from NAMI and EMC member, **Gwen Williams**, with more than 20 participants. Ministry around mental health is indeed, a “new thing” for EMC. Gwen and I are discussing ways to further develop this ministry of offering educational resources for all on this topic. If anyone else is interested in helping advance this work this summer, please let [me](#) know.

Bell Choir and **Chancel Choir** completed their ministries on a “high note” May 8th and 15th! Thanks for the wonderful gift of music offered throughout the year. Maybe choirs are not a “new thing” overall for EMC, but each anthem/special music offered during worship, is, essentially a “new thing” sung and played from the heart and soul by these dedicated music ministers. May 22nd we were treated to the inspired gifts of **OVation**. Thanks be to God for the multiple ways our worship is enhanced by our music program.

The **Faith Formation** program for children, youth and adults completed their program year on May 22nd with a creative project of making images of Jesus. Thanks to the teachers who gave of their gifts of time, talent and creativity all year. Faith Formation outreach engaged EMC Volunteers in

Family Camp

EMC Family Camp has been cancelled due to a lack of registrations. If anyone is still interested, please contact Pastor Howard. There is a possibility that you could join the other two churches for the May 29 - 31 Weekend Family Camp. There also are two week-long family camps available July 24 - 29; and July 31 - Aug 5. All are welcome to enjoy these experiences at the Minnesota Conference's Pilgrim Point Camp.

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serving 14 members of **Families Moving Forward** at Parkway UCC on May 23. This ministry was a “new thing” last year and is now a continuing outreach for the future that both serves the needs of others, and enhances the lives of those who serve. We look forward to **Student/Teacher Celebration Sunday** on June 5th that will be offered during a “**Family Sunday**” service – always a highlight and a “new thing”. Thanks be to God for this ministry of Faith Formation.

All leadership slots were filled for 2016- 2017. Thanks to a hard-working **Stewardship Board!** Nineteen leaders also attended leadership training on May 16th to assure smooth and efficient transition of leadership and to initiate plans for the coming program year. We more clearly defined roles of the chair, the secretary and the board or committee representative to the church Cabinet. We also demonstrated and encouraged the use of our technology tools - **BREEZE** Database (**Charlie Green**); **FACEBOOK** (**Karin Miller**) and the Community section of our **Website** (**Robin Ray**). These tools were developed during this past year but now we are encouraging their use by all our leaders. New things, new challenges and new opportunities!

The beginning of Southwest Corner repairs was re-scheduled from May 20th to June 10th. We don't look forward to the inevitable disruption of construction, but we do look forward to completing this long-delayed essential repair. All of our in-reach and outreach ministries depend on a well-maintained “home base” which is our beloved

Search Committee

We are narrowing our search to the final candidates. Please keep the search committee and all of our candidates in your thoughts and prayers.

Doug Toth

Preschool News



We are enrolling for the 16/17 school year and will be having an open house on June 8th from 6:30 to 7:30.

Daylight



Click [here](#) to read

church facility.

An analysis by structural engineers was conducted on the **east wall** prior to proceeding with the planned exterior work. This analysis resulted in the need for additional structural work. (See Moderator's Call for Congregational Meeting following worship on June 12th to approve spending.) We are not only doing "new things", we are assuring that what we do is thorough and long lasting.

In May, the **Pastoral Search Committee** has met weekly and has narrowed the list of applicants to be the new Settled Pastor to a few exceptionally well-qualified candidates. A truly "new thing" is about to begin once their selection is brought to Cabinet, a Congregational meeting is scheduled for a vote on calling the candidate, the start-up for this ministry is scheduled, and the Interim Ministry time is brought to a close. ***"Behold! We are Doing New things!"***

Pastor's Message - part 2

Vacation:

I will be on vacation from Tuesday, May 31 through Monday, June 13. Thanks to **Rev. Molly Cox** for offering Pastoral Care coverage during my vacation. For any urgent pastoral care need, Molly can be reached either by **email** or on her cell phone: (952) 564-7847. Molly will also officiate communion

nurse Susan Garofano's update on the overall health of the children at Daylight.

Please continue to keep the people of Kenya, the dedicated people who support Daylight, and the staff and children at Daylight in your prayers.

Blessings!
Pam

June Calendar

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June Birthdays

June 2
Alex Heetland

on Sunday, June 5th. **Janet Anderson** has planned this Family Sunday worship and Student/Teacher Recognition event. Janet will be preaching as well. On June 12th EMC will offer a service based on the liturgy used at the MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting that will be led by **Sonja Martens**. Sonja will also deliver the sermon. Thanks to all who assist in these ways during my time away.

Wider Church Upcoming Events:

Edina Morningside Community Church, United Church of Christ (EMC) is engaged in many ways with the wider church, particularly, the **United Church of Christ** (UCC), During the second week of my vacation, I will be attending three separate UCC events held at the **College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN**. Any of you who choose to, may also join me and/or be in prayer as they are occurring. The first event is June 7 – 9 when Minnesota is privileged to host the **National Gathering of UCC Open and Affirming Churches**. This event is followed on June 9 and 10 by the **Minnesota Gathering of UCC Open and Affirming churches**. Finally, the regular **Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference UCC** will be held June 10 – 12. **Rev. Traci Blackmon** will be keynoting both the National Gathering and the MN Annual Meeting. She is the National UCC Executive Minister for Justice and Witness Ministries. She is also the founder of “Black Lives Matter” which she initiated in Ferguson, Missouri. Onsite registrations are still available. For

June 4
Matt Grim
June 8
Charlotte Beegle
June 12
Bob Reid
June 16
Diane Sowden
June 18
Doug Engelke
June 20
Darla Young
June 25
Charlie Preston
June 26
Chuck Clay
&
Donella Neuhaus
June 27
Dan Jurgens

Messenger Deadline



June 27th is the deadline for articles to be included in the July Messenger.

complete information, click [here](#).

Wider Church and Pastoral Search

As you may be aware, the entire Pastoral Search process for EMC is made possible by the work of the **Minnesota Conference UCC, Acting as an Association**. Associate Conference Minister, **Rev. Rick Wagner** has met with, regularly consults with, and advises our Search Committee. All applicants submitted their national UCC Ministerial Profiles through the MN Conference UCC. In order to have a profile, the applicants must have already been approved for ordination through a Committee on Ministry and been granted **authorization as an ordained minister** through an Ecclesiastical Council directed by a UCC Association.

Wider Church UCC and Nathan Roberts

Nathan Roberts, the US Director of the Daylight School in Kenya, was just approved for ordination, pending a call, on May 24 at an Ecclesiastical Conference at Lynnhurst UCC Church in South Minneapolis. **Pam DeLaitre** and I were in attendance. Congratulations to Nathan!

EMC Volunteers with the MN Conference UCC

I have long been active in many volunteer positions with the MN Conference UCC as well as having served as the Acting Conference Minister for four months in 2013. I currently serve as the Chair of the

Nominating work Group. I am pleased to share that I have also been nominated to serve as an Alternate Delegate to the **UCC General Synod 2017 and 2019**. As an alternate, I will only attend if the elected Delegate is unable to attend. Also, upon my recommendation, EMC member *Charlie Green* is being nominated to a two-year term on the **MN Conference Development Committee**; and EMC member *Barb Green* is being nominated to serve a two-year term on the **Committee on Ministry**. They will be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting June 10 – 12. Thanks to the Greens for their willingness to serve. I fully believe that the life and ministry of EMC is greatly enhanced when your pastor and your members are engaged in these meaningful ministries.

Pastor Howard

Christian Education Update

Economic Justice Returns!



The Capri Theater in north Minneapolis will be screening the Academy Award-winning Best Picture *12 Years A Slave* on Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Watch a powerful movie about the roots of American injustice at the theater where Prince made his debut. [**RSVP**](#) so that I know to watch for you before grabbing a seat.

Morningside U: Summer Addendum

On Saturday, June 18 from 10:00-12:30, I'll host a follow-up to the memoir workshop I hosted in January. Whether or not you attended that first meeting, you are welcome to come to the EMC library to engage with other writers, share your work, and do some exercises to help you get ideas onto paper, organized, or edited.

Morningside U Is Looking for a Super-Volunteer

The Board of Christian Education and the Marketing and Membership Committees have some great speakers interested in participating in the 2016-2017 program, and we've got a template for what works. What we don't have is the time to get the details organized and made into a brochure for the fall. Is this a ministry that you would like to handle? If so, please connect with [Janet Anderson](#).

Summer Faith Formation for Young People

We'll hold a faith formation class for kids in grades K-12 once a month this summer. Young people are welcome to come with friends on Sunday, June 26th when we will get trendy and do some coloring and meditation. We'll light candles, choose coloring pages, say a prayer, and see if we can be silent for twenty minutes as we work.

Volunteers Needed!!

We need volunteers to set up and work the Church Rummage Sale. The sale is scheduled for August 11-13, with set up beginning August 5. Please contact [Sonja Martens](#) if you can help in any way during that time.

Start saving those unwanted "treasures" from home to donate to the sale!

Morningside Theatre

Alex, Jim and I are gearing up for this summers EMC's Morningside Theatre Camps!

Monday June 13th, begins our new 2 week Elementary Camp, that meets mornings from 9-12:00 in Fellowship Hall, where we will be staging a 30 minute production of Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*, Kids Edition. Performances are June 24th at 7PM and June 25th at 10AM. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

In the afternoons we will be joined by Highlands Elementary music teacher Katie Widen, to lead our "castle themed" kids camp from 1:30-3:30 each day. (We still have a few spots left in this camp for 5-7 year olds. Registration forms can be found at emcucc.org. Spread the word!) They will give an informance on Friday June 17th at 3PM in Fellowship Hall and it is free and open to all!

Our Youth production of *Once Upon a Mattress Jr.* will begin on Monday June 27th, with daily rehearsals from 8:30-12:30 M-F. (There is no rehearsal on 7-4.) They will perform 4 shows:

Thursday 7-14 and Friday 7-15 at 7PM, and Friday 7-15 and Saturday, 7-16 at 10AM. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

Join us in the castle this summer!!

Jane Williams

Financial Update

We are providing you financial information regarding pledges each month in the Messenger. Please make every effort to keep your pledge payments current.

Direct Deposit is the best way to assure that you are current. The form to authorize direct deposit is available on our website. Click [here](#) to access the form.

Messenger Financial Report

	4/2016	Year to Date
Budgeted Pledges	\$18,463	\$73,850
Actual Pledges	\$20,417	\$68,350
Difference	\$1,954	-\$5,500



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