

DEVOTIONS

MONDAY 9.11.2017

Matthew 5:11-12

Closely study persecution you'll see believers in Christ are enduring perhaps the greatest amount of persecution in the history of Christianity. For those who live in places where belief is tolerated and Christians are just considered "unhip" or a bit out of touch, we need to be thankful that our lives make enough of a distinction from our culture to be noticed, even if it's a bit unfavorably. But at the same time, we need to pray for other believers throughout the world who are undergoing the wrath of hell for the faith.

TUESDAY 9.12.2017

Proverbs 29:25

Fear is such a paralyzing emotion. It robs us vitality, decision-making ability, and strength. Courage helps us step out of fear's paralysis and turn its nervous edge into power. But this kind of courage comes to us fully only when we know that all Satan and his allies can really have of us is our bodies. He cannot take our mind, our attitude, our faith, and he cannot take our relationship with God, given though Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 9.13.2017

Psalms 63:1

Addiction has been defined as "God-hunger directed to the wrong source of soul satisfaction." Psalm 63 reminds us this is true. Deep in us is a desire to seek after God because he is not far from us and longs to be know by us (see Acts 17). But often when our soul-craving need for God is greatest, he is the last place we turn for satisfaction.

THURSDAY 9.14.201

1 Peter 1:3

The great truth about Jesus' empty tomb is not that his is risen, but that he is living! His victory over death wasn't short-lived. He now lives to be our intercessor until he can return and bring us home. Our life is hidden with him so that no one and nothing can take it from us. How can we not praise God for such grace?

FRIDAY 9.15.2017

Isaiah 26:4

When we see mountains we feel small, knowing not only how much larger they are than we are, but also how much longer they have been here than we have. But God existed long before any mountain and will exist long after they are gone. The only rock of security, and all the forever's we have, are in him.

PRAYERS



First United Methodist Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Sept 9-10, 2017

WELCOME

Thank you for being in worship today! It's great to see you! Our mission is to "make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!" How do we do this? We "Love God & Love Neighbor!" We pray God blesses you in this time of worship! If you have any questions, please speak with one of our greeters or ushers. Ushers can direct you to restrooms, the nursery and busy bags for children! The bags are located in the back of the room. Hearing assist devices are available, please ask an usher.

SERMON NOTES

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We are grateful to those serving this weekend:

9:30 am Sunday (Downtown Campus) — Greeters: Darwin & Stacy Adamson; Ushers: TBD; Hospitality: Gary & Jan Cossette; Music: Joy for the Journey Band

11:00 am Sunday (Downtown Campus) — Greeters: Bob & Deanne Horne; Ushers: *Kathy Knecht, Richard Roberts, Jason Krueger; Hospitality: Nancy Budish; Office Angel: Eileen Dustin

A/V: Jeff Curfman (both), Organist/Music: Nancy Lilleberg

Saturday Night (South Campus) — Communion prep & Greeter(s): Dwayne & Kathy Ehrmann

Music: Dave Franzen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered at our South Campus starting Wednesday, Sept. 13th. Class runs for 12 weeks and will be FREE! Contact Pastor John Roberts to register for the class. pastorjohn@recoveryworshipfargo.org

NEW! Confirmation Overhaul and Re-Launch

We're excited to announce a brand new format and curriculum for our Confirmation class! We will be meeting on Wednesday nights from 7pm-8pm starting Sept. 20th. Confirmation is for any 8th grade student or older students who have not completed Confirmation. Pastor Ryan and several adults will lead the class. Contact the Church Office to register your student.

UMCOR School Bags

70 school bags for UMCOR are ready to be sewn. Instructions and fabric are waiting for sewers in tote box by the drop-off box. Return finished bags and empty Ziplocs to green basket. **Deadline for completed kits is Thursday, Sept. 14th at noon to the downtown campus.**

Adult Confirmation Class Volunteers Needed

Pastor Ryan is looking for 3-4 adults to be mentors and assist him in leading this year's class. Contact Pastor Ryan at pastorryan@firstumcfargo.org or call 232-4416 for more info.

UMW General Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12th in the downtown Fellowship Hall. Circles will meet at 4:30pm. Potluck meal at 6pm followed by the meeting. Topics include camp reports, special program by Youth Works agency, etc. Guest are welcomed!

NEW! Small Group Study Starts Sept. 28

Join Pastor Ryan for a study called "Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity." Class begins Thursday, Sept. 28 @ 6:30pm for 5 weeks. Sign-up for a book at the welcome center. Books cost: \$7

Café First Begins with a Celebration

Join us on Weds, Sept. 13th from 5-6pm for a meal in the fellowship hall. We will be celebrating the ministry of Jon Danuser, who has been an amazing cook for our meals! Jon has accepted a new job that will not allow him to continue cooking for Café First, so let's gather to give our thanks to Jon! We are in need of an individual or team of folks willing to lead our Café First meals! We're hoping to continue this ministry, but we need you to make it happen! If you are interested please contact the office at 232-4416 or Pastor Ryan at pastorryan@firstumcfargo.org

Meet Our Missionaries!

Join us Wednesday Sept. 13th after the Café First meal in welcoming Ardell & Gordon Graner and learn about their ministry in the Dominican Republic.

CROP Hunger Walk

The annual Fargo/Moorhead CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, starting at 1:30. If you are interested in signing up to walk or want more information, contact Wally Sizer (218-233-7933; evenings 7:30-9:00 are best). If you wish to donate, Cindy Yeager and Deb Brooks will be walking and you can give to them. Donations can be made on-line in Cindy's name by going to www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond/Donate and clicking on Donate to a walker, and entering Cindy Yeager when asked for a name. Donations given to Wally will be passed on to one of the walkers.

Hurricane Harvey UMCOR Donations

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the world's most recognizable and trusted relief agencies. Every dollar donated through UMCOR goes directly to the affected area because all administrative fees have been paid for by churches that pay their apportionments. How can you donate to UMCOR? Place your donation in an envelope, mark it for UMCOR Hurricane and place in the offering plate. Or go online to www.umcor.org and simply give.

SMALL GROUPS

Caring Closet

It's Caring Closet is a ministry that provides free children's clothing to anyone in need. The service is open to the public on the first, and third Tuesday of the month 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the downtown campus in the fellowship hall. The group meets weekly to sort donations received. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact the office or Phyllis Crowe @ 701-367-3445.

Quilters

The quilting group meets each week on Tuesdays, 1 to 4pm at the downtown campus on the lower level. All are welcome and its as simple as tying a knot.

Coffee w/ Conversation

Have a little free time Thursday mornings? Like to visit with friends or meet new people? Join us at 10 am in the dinette at the downtown campus for some 'coffee and conversation' and snacks. Not a coffee drinker? That's ok.

UMW

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons though Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of missions. Groups meet monthly. If interested, please contact the office for more information.

Growing Together—Community Garden

Members of our congregation and other community volunteers work in the garden during the growing season each Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome to share in the joys of planting, tending and harvesting the fresh, nutritious vegetables that are grown. If interested, please contact the office for more information.

Have a blessed week!

Monday 9/11/17:

- Caring Closet Sorting (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am

Tuesday 9/12/17:

- Staff Meeting (1st Flr. Conference Room) - 9 am
- Quilters (Lower Level) - 1 pm
- UMW General Mtg. (Fellowship Hall) - 3:30 pm

Wednesday 9/13/17:

- Café First Meal (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm
- Women's Open AA Mtg. (South Campus) - 6 pm
- Bell Choir (Sanctuary) - 5:15 pm
- **Graner Presentation (Fellowship Hall) - 6 pm**
- Youth Group Activities (2nd/3rd Flr.) - 6 pm
- Financial Peace (South Campus) - 6:30 pm
- Choir Practice (Choir Room) - 7 pm

Thursday 9/14/17:

- Coffee w/Conversation (Dinette) - 10 am
- Care Team Mtg (Celebration Center) - 11 am
- Women's CoDA (South Campus) 5:30 pm
- Community Garden Sale (South Campus) - 2 pm
- It's a Good Thing NA (Fellowship Hall) - 8 pm

Friday 9/15/17:

- Al Anon Meeting (Celebration Center) - 6:30 pm
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (South Campus) - 7 pm
- Recovery Anonymous (South Campus) - 7 pm

Saturday 9/16/17:

- AA Open Meeting (South Campus) - 10 am
- Shirley Syverson Funeral (Sanctuary) - 2 pm
- Saturday Night Worship (South Campus) - 5:30 pm

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