

SMALL GROUPS

Care Team

The Care Team was created in June, 2016 to supplement pastoral care. The ministry includes visitation to homebound, care to those needing support, grief booklet ministry, sending care cards and birthday cards to those over eighty and to kids ages 5-11, caring closet, organizing social outings and sponsoring workshops. The Care Team currently consists of ten laypersons and two clergy and persons with an interest in our ministry are welcome to join our team.

Caring Closet

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.

Seekers Bible Study Group

The Seekers is an adult bible study group that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am at our downtown campus in the volunteer center on the lower level.

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 drinks, great conversation, and snacks.

Missions Team

The Mission Team is a group of people interested in works of mission and being the hands and feet of Jesus on all levels; church, city, state, national, and in the world. We meet monthly to help encourage, coordinate, promote, and support activities, individuals, and groups in mission. Please join us if you have similar interests.

PRAYERS



First United Methodist Church

Fargo, North Dakota

September 2, 2018

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 Others!" 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:

10:00 am Sunday — Sanctuary

Communion Prep: Eileen Dustin, Char Koll

Communion Servers: Dianna Hatfield-Clemenson

Greeters: May Pomeroy, Kathy Tofflemire

Ushers: *Delores Ault, Richard Roberts, Jason Krueger,

Hospitality:

Organist/Music: Donna Atherton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMCOR Kit Info

Check the Missions Team Board at the main floor Welcome center. The supply lists for the Hygiene (formally health) and School kits are available for taking. A supply of gently used 1 gallon sealable bags are available in a tote next to the drop off box to use for Hygiene. Monetary donations for items or shipping costs are also welcome. The Conference kit pick-up collection will be here at FUMC Sept. 17th—Sept. 21st.

Kick-Off Carnival - Sunday, Sept. 9th

Games, prizes, food, and fun for everyone! Volunteers and donations needed. Please check out the table outside the Sanctuary in the lobby for more information.

Sign Up Today!

Check out our large bulletin board to sign up for greeters, ushers, and hospitality positions on Sunday mornings for the program year! Handouts are available for each position summarizing duties involved.

Fall Program Schedule:

Sundays Starting Sept. 9th:

9:30 am - Contemporary Service (Chapel) & Sunday School (2nd & 3rd Floors)

11 am - Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays:

Sept. 5th:

Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 5 pm

Youth Family Fun, Forms & Pizza (Chapel) 6:30 pm

Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7 pm

Starting Sept. 12th:

Café First Meal (Fellowship Hall) 5pm

Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 5 pm

Prayer Shawl Group (1st Flr Lobby) 6 pm

Writing Your God Story (Fellowship Hall) 6pm

Youth Group (2nd & 3rd Floors) 6:30 pm

Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7 pm

Are You Interested in Hosting a Small Group

We're looking for a few folks who would like to get together with 8-10 people on a regular basis to study the bible, have fellowship, pray and/or serve together in our community. If you're interested in this kind of group, please speak with Pastor Ryan to get started.

New Small Group: "Writing Your God Story"

Beginning Sept. 12th a small group will be forming a supportive environment to encourage us to write our own "God Story." The group will meet for 6 weeks on Wednesday evenings, following the community meal in the Fellowship Hall. Participants will bring drafts of a story they would like to share with others. Members read other's work and offer feedback. Topics are open and can include your relationship with God, how God works in people's lives, reflections on loving your neighbor, etc. Bring to the first meeting 10 copies of original writing between 500 and 1000 words. For more information contact Dianna Hatfield Clemenson (701)238.7443 or Dianna@HatfieldBooks.com

Seekers Adult Bible Study

The Seekers class will start up again on Sunday September 16th at 8:30 am in the Volunteer Center. Class study will include a focus on heaven and hell, a Bible study(yet to be determined) and possibly guest lecturers on major world religions. Everyone is welcome so stop by and check us out!

Financial Peace University Begins Sept. 25

Money doesn't have to be stressful! Learn how to take control of your money, pay off debt, plan for the future and give like no one else! This 9-week class begins September 25th at 7pm in the Chapel. Register and purchase materials online at www.daveramsey.com/FPU or call our office for assistance(232-4416). Class is led by Kimberly Johnson and Jon Peterson.

Community Garden Sale — Tuesdays

Tuesday afternoons, 4pm-7pm, the community garden sells produce at the South Campus, 3910 25th Street S.

Dorothy Day House Assistance

Café First provided and entrée and so we are needing donations to help purchase salad or fruit, bread and butter plus dessert for the monthly meal FUMC provides. Contact Char Koll for more Info.

Help End Hunger at the FM Crop Walk

The Fargo-Moorhead 2018 CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 7. The walk aims to increase awareness of hunger issues both locally and to raise money to combat hunger. One fourth of the money raised is used locally and the rest is channeled through Church World Service to other parts of the world. If you are interested in walking and getting sponsors, see or call Wally Sizer (218-233-7933—evenings are best) or register on-line (go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond> and click on register; then encourage people to sponsor you on-line).

NEW! Men's Group Gathering - Sept. 19th

Men of First! We're gathering on Wednesday, September 19th! You're invited to eat with others at the Community Meal from 5-6pm and then join us for prayer, study and fellowship from 6-7pm. All men are welcome!

August Worship Stats

8/5	10am = 137	Wed = 21	Total: 158
8/12	10am = 132	Wed = 22	Total: 154
8/19	10am = 141		Total: 141
8/26	10am = 136		Total: 136

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TODAY 9/2/18:

- Recovery Worship (South Campus) - 10 am
- Worship Service (Sanctuary) - 10:00 am
- NA Clean & Free Meeting (Fellowship Hall) - 8 pm

Monday 9/3/18:

- **OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day**

Tuesday 9/4/18:

- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - 9 am
- Caring Closet Distribution (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- Quilters (Quilters Room) - 1 pm
- Community Garden Sale - 4pm-7pm
- Mission Team Meeting (Dinette) - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 9/5/18:

- Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) - 5 pm
- Gambler's Anonymous (South Campus) - 5:30 pm
- Women's Open AA Mtg. (South Campus) - 6 pm
- Men's Small Group (Vol. Center) - 6 pm
- Youth Family Fun & Forms (Chapel) - 6 pm
- Choir Practice (Choir Room) - 7 pm

Thursday 9/6/18:

- Caring Closet Sorting (Fellowship Hall)- 9 am
- Coffee w/Conversation (Dinette) - 10 am
- UMW Exec. Team Mtg. (Celebration Center) - 11am
- It's a Good Thing NA (South Campus) - 8 pm

Friday 9/7/18:

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

Saturday 9/8/18:

- AA Open Meeting (South Campus) - 10 am