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9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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Most of you have received our Stewardship letter and the new budget for 2019.

Our 2019 Budget

Church Operations..... \$140,600

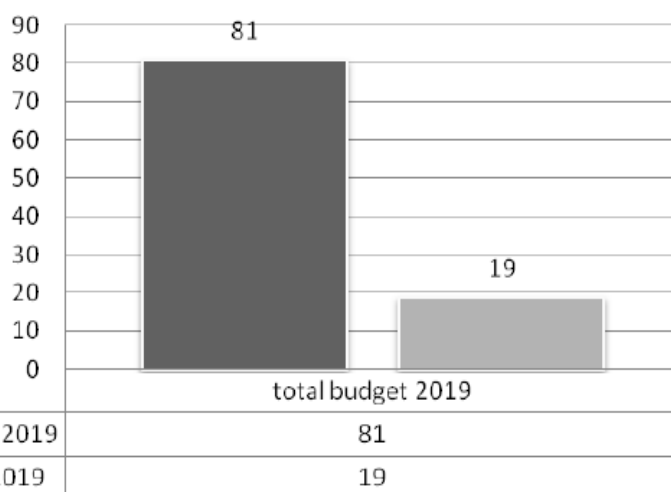
Apportionments..... \$21,144

Budget Total..... \$161,744 plus Capital Improvements (\$23,000) for Trustees.

This is a 19% increase in our overall budget for 2019 but it is not a 19% increase in our operating budget. The increase in our overall budget is a result of including our assessed Apportionments for 2019 into our church operating budget. It has been a number of years since we have included our Apportionments that are a part of our commitment to the Minnesota Annual Conference into our Operating Budget so it seems like a large increase but in reality it is only showing our total budget needs in one budget instead of separating our Operational Budget and our Apportionments.

Here are how the percentages break out:

2019 Budget



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Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

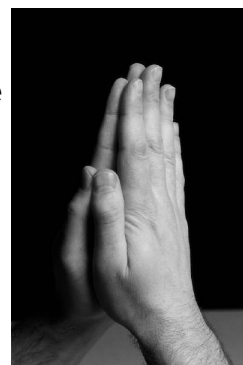
Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Nikki and Jon Schultz, Michael Schumacher, the Tollefsons, the Ecoff family, the Conway family, the Johnson Family, All who are dealing with emotional stress.



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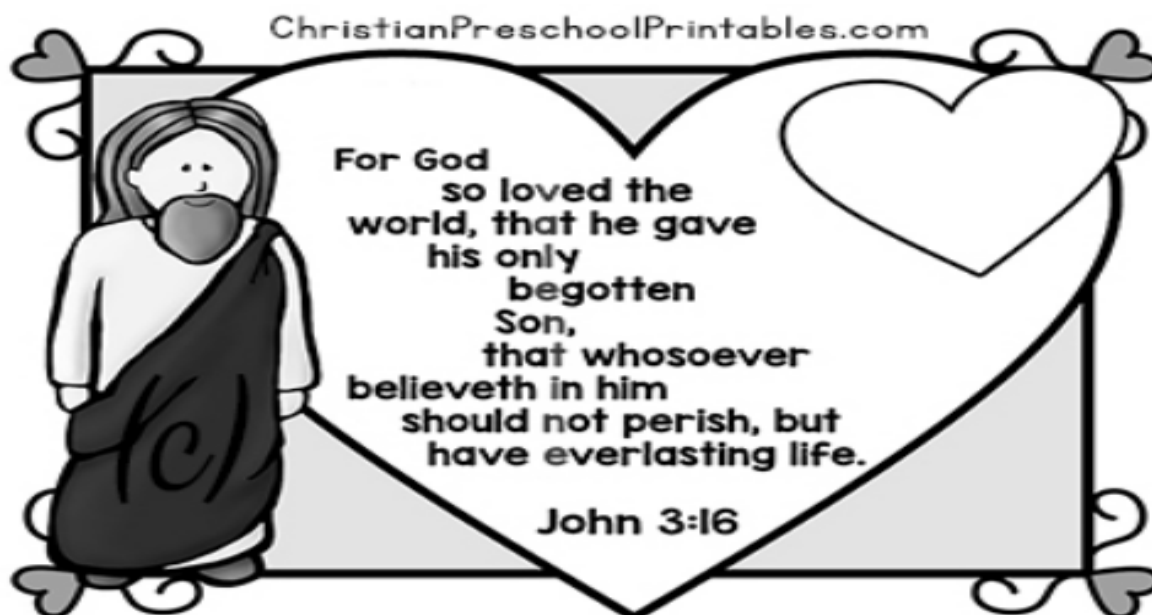
Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office the following dates in February: 4, 12, 18 through 22.

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, February 14, 2019**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will talk about crafts for Bazaar 2019. You may also bring a project of your own to work on. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Please note that Conversation, Bible & Friends will **not** meet on **Monday, February 18**.



Fellowship Events

On January 13th our fellowship event was showing ‘**favorite winter activities**’. People brought in pictures, articles, games, and things they do outdoors. It was a wonderful display of different things to do during the Minnesota winter weather. There were some **WOW** things that people brought in to show what they do and achieve during the winter months.

Thanks everyone for helping to make this the **Biggest and Best** Winter activities display Faith UMC has ever had!



M & M Night

M&M Night (Meal and Movie) was held January 20th. Fifty-five people endured the cold Minnesota weather with sub zero temperature to enjoy the fellowship at Meal and Movie Night (M&M Night). People stated how much they enjoyed the movie, ‘**The Ultimate Gift**’ which was an inspirational story of what truly matters in life.

Thanks to those who made the hot dishes, the cookies, purchased the bread, help set up the tables, serve the meal and the clean up. **You done Good!**

Evidently the hot dishes were tasty as almost all of the pans were completely emptied. Also received comments on the tasty cookies and bars. Thanks again everyone!

Put the date of the next Meal and Movie Night on your calendar. It will be **March 17th**. The movie will be ‘**Turn Around Jake**’. We will tell you more about it in the March newsletter.

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It breaks down like this if everyone who gave in 2018 gave just 19% more in 2019 we would meet our budget in full. Here are some examples:

2018	\$5.00 = \$0.95	2019	\$5.95
2018	\$50.00 = \$9.50	2019	\$59.50
2018	\$100.00 = \$19.00	2019	\$119.00
2018	\$1,000.00 = \$190.00	2019	\$1,190.00

We are not asking for 19% of your income just an increase of 19% over whatever you gave in 2018.

We have received 10 pledge cards for 2019 so far. Our goal is 40 by February 10th. If you have not placed your pledge card into the offering plate or mailed it into the church office please do at this time. Remember it does not matter so much the size of the pledge but creating a new healthy habit of pledging whether \$1.00 or \$100.00 or \$1,000.00.

Thanks for Your Generosity

Pastor Victor



The Mission Team met on January 14, to discuss “Hands-on Mission” projects for team. There are many opportunities in the community, but where can we fit in? The team would like to include the entire congregation.

Report on Flood Buckets. We collected items for 5 flood buckets. The flood buckets went to Sager Brown Distribution Center in Louisiana. One of our members (Sherry Scholljegerdes) volunteered to work at Sager Brown for two weeks. She was willing to take buckets. We are looking forward to a report on how buckets are used and where they go.

Bethlehem Inn – Needs volunteers. There is a Volunteer application on-line. We will contact the director to come out to talk to us regarding what the needs are and give update on the facility.

The Mission Team will coordinate **Special Sundays**. These Sundays are listed below.

- Human Relations Day Sunday: January 20, 2019
- UMCOR Sunday: March 31, 2019
- NAMS: May 5, 2019
- Peace with Justice Sunday: June 16, 2019
- World Communion Sunday: October 6, 2019
- United Methodist Student Day: November 24, 2019
- If you have an idea, let us know.

Anyone interested in joining the Mission team contact a team member (Bob Hunter, Linda & Duane Griffin, Edy Barber, Lorraine Wick, Roberta Walker, or call Barbara Friedl 833-6095.)

Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most people succeed because they are determined to.

THERE once was a Louisville University quarterback who dreamed of playing pro football. Upon graduation, however, no pro team drafted him. So, he wrote to several teams and finally got an opportunity to try out for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He gave his best effort but wasn't chosen. His friends said, "You got a raw deal. I guess it's time to hang up your cleats." But the young athlete didn't give up.

He continued to knock on doors and write letters. Finally, he received another invitation. But again, he didn't make the team.

Most people would have given up long before this point, but not Johnny. He was fanatic about his dream. From his early days of playing sandlot football, he had been obsessed with this goal. So, patiently and persistently, he continued to pursue tryout opportunities. Finally, he was invited to try out for the Baltimore team, and he made the third string! Through training and many long hours of drills and fitness building, he worked his way up to be starting quarterback. Indeed, he became one of the greatest quarterbacks ever to play in the NFL. The dreamer's name? Johnny Unitas.

Keep driving until you arrive at your goal line!

*Stand your ground, and after you
Have done everything....Stand firm then.*

Ephesians 6:13-14

From "God's Little Devotional Book"

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room. Our hostess will be Karen Ferch and Shirley Hansen will lead devotions. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth will meet **Tuesday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.** at the home of Linda Griffin. Linda will also provide the program. All are welcome to attend.