



MOUNDS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE ECHO

MAY 2017

Sunday, May 21st



Sunday School

We will be honoring the 5 different classes of our 2016-2017 Sunday School Program. We will celebrate the teachers and students during Worship.

Our Graduates

Honoring our friends who are graduating from High School, College or Trade School:

- Halina Decker, Nova Classical Academy
- Mariana Thompson, Nova Classical Academy
- Buddy Perales, Johnson High School
- Abby Picht, Tartan High School
- Jacob Picht, Hamline University



Following Worship:

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall to continue the celebration with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Words for Thought

Given with love, a fist full of dandelions means as much as a dozen roses.

May Worship at Mounds Park Church

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:25 a.m.

God promises a world of "All better!"

Large rusted spikes were wedged into a post salvaged from the fence pile behind a deserted barn. It had no use beyond firewood. But it was Good Friday, so I set the post in front of the children. "How is this like Good Friday?" The hands flew up and the answers tumbled in like a spelling list: nails, suffering, pain, wood, dead, old. They were willing to go further and so was I. "Tell me one word that Good Friday is: dying, suffering, killing, hurting - and then came the answer that everyone understood - OUCH! Good Friday was OUCH! No other words followed - everything had been said on the subject of Good Friday! "What then is Easter?" I asked. A tiny voice volunteered the final answer - "All Better!" **Easter is "All Better!"**

Easter says that day will follow night; however dark and merciless the gloom. Easter says that spring will follow winter that chill and bareness last for just a little while. Easter says that joy will follow sorrow; for grief walks with us sometimes as we go but tears are for the night; joy comes in the morning! Easter says that life will follow death; because Jesus lives, my spirit shall live also!

May 7th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Know his voice & follow Him!"

Meditation by Pastor Dennis

John 10: 1-10

Holy Communion

We will celebrate our confirmation class: Marshall Buck, Matthew Thompson, Trevion Figgs, Subashri Buck, Dylan Pluff and Tanushri Buck.

May 14th – Celebration of Women!

"Who's been the Cornerstone of your Life?"

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Meditation by Pastor Dennis

A special "Heart Rock Gift" hand-carved by persons in Haiti will be offered to each woman in the church in honor of women worldwide.

Special Music: Women's Chorus & Michelle Kaye

May 21st – Honoring our Graduates & Our Sunday School

"Oh! The Places You'll Go!"

Acts 17: 22-31

Meditation by Pastor Dennis

Celebrating Our Sunday School & Our Graduates

Halina Decker, Marianna Thompson, Abby Picht, Buddy Perales, Jacob Picht

Special Music: Gigi Decker

May 28th – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Meditation by Simba Sigauke

Liturgist: Bob Lucas

People Are the Church

Please keep these persons in your prayers:

- ♥ David Chuhel on the death of his brother, Dennis
- ♥ Tim, Mike & Helen Triplett on the death of brother & son, John
- ♥ Dan Gray's son, Chris, following an automobile accident
- ♥ Bill Holley, recovering from surgery
- ♥ Katherine Kue
- ♥ Barry Frantum
- ♥ Noah Martin
- ♥ Our Homebound Members whose birthdays are in May:
Mitch Rieken – May 5th

May Birthdays

Please be sure to contact the office if your birthday or anniversary was missing or misprinted.

Kaeden Johnson 5/1	Dennis Alexander 5/3	Mitch Rieken 5/5
Bruce Bogema 5/8	Anna Woolley 5/10	Stella Cannon 5/10
Keith Sorenson 5/11	Laqueisha Hunter 5/11	David Johnson 5/13
David Skelton 5/13	Austin Fink 5/15	Stefanie Schilling 5/18
Jan Potthoff 5/19	Harold Schultz 5/22	William Rassier 5/22
Declan Schoessow 5/23	Kaite Knack 5/27	Shelly Bissionette 5/27
Naavi Sinclair 5/28		

May Anniversaries

Bob & Suzanne Lucas	May 23
David & Annette Chuhel	May 29

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all of you who made my 99th birthday so memorable. I appreciated all the phone calls, visits, flowers and greeting cards. It was quite a milestone for me and I was so surprised that so many of my Mounds Park friends remembered my birthday. Hearing from each of you was a blessing and I pray that God will also bless you. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Marion King

Request for Furniture

Tiana Pluff is looking for some furniture. If you, or someone you know as the following items for sale or donation, please see Tiana. Items requested are: couch, dresser, microwave stand & china hutch.

Congratulations!

To Joe and Jeanie Dalbec on the birth of their newest grandson, Aiden!

United Methodist Women

Mary Circle will meet on Monday, May 1st at 9:30a in the Fellowship Hall. See Sandy Abernathy with any questions.

Lydia Circle will meet on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00a in the Lounge. See Janice Soeffner with any questions.

The Elizabeth Circle will dine at Cafe Latte (850 Grand Ave.) on Monday evening May 8th. Meet at the restaurant at 6:00 P.M. For reservations, contact Pat Marzolf via email at patmarzolf@aol.com.

Adult Small Groups

Friendship Gathering will be held on Wednesday, May 31st, 2017. Please note this is the **fifth** Wednesday of the month! The meal will be: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, rolls and dessert. The program will be: JoAnn Bolles, singer, guitarist and recording artist. Come and enjoy a meal and enjoy great music! The suggested donation for the meal and entertainment is \$8.00 and reservations are due to Virginia Bonora, or the main office, no later than the Monday *before* Friendship Gathering. We hope to see you there!

Pastor's Class Starting May 7th for Three Weeks: May 7th, May 14th, May 21st
In the Baitinger Room

“Life's Essential Questions!”

James Ryan, the Dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Education has poised the six essential questions of life. He suggests that asking the right questions is far more important than seeking right answers. Asking the right questions inspires good answers and invites deeper understanding and more meaningful connections with people. The Church ought to be a place that welcomes and encourages questions, not a place that dishes out “right answers”. We'll examine Ryan's five most essential life questions that leads us up to life's most important question: “...and did you get what you wanted from this life, even so?”

Sunday Attendance

Worship

4/2: 69 4/9: 77 4/16: 200 4/23: 63

Sunday School

4/2: 35 4/9: 37 4/16: 28 4/23: 26

Articles

Easter Sunday Celebration Continues!

It was a Celebration of Resurrection!

April 16th - Easter Sunday was a wonderful experience at Mounds Park Church – it began with a passionate song of the Resurrection by Michelle Kaye, then a song by our Women's Chorus and then a great rendition of Hymn to Joy by Gigi & Bill Decker! Over 150 persons attended the service including: Judy Bartels, the Antonia Claudio family, the Casler's, Marian King, The Letnes family took up a whole row – including Dan & Bridget Letnes and their family, Bettie & Lisa

Malani & family, Jeanne Pettersen & son, Audrey Rieken & daughter & granddaughter, Stephen and Candace Schwab, Cindy & Logan Sweeny, the Cannon family, the Jean Thompson family, The Roark family, Gerald & Virginia Tiah & family, all the Wandersee's, Merle Kochsiek & her son & his wife, even Pastor Dennis's son – Stephen and his wife Ruth came. There were 20 children and 15 youth in attendance! **So far our Easter Offering has totaled \$1,878.00**

April 23rd – Easter II continued the great Easter Spirit with Dr. Charles Kemper in the house! He played many of our Easter Hymns and sang both the Lord's Prayer and Handel's "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth!" We celebrated the baptism and welcomed **Joan Louise Decker** as our 160th member of the church. Joan is a long-time Eastsider, 4/29/1957, she graduated from Park High School in Cottage Grove, in 1999 graduated from Metro State University in Human Services, she loves working with people, gardening, leading the Girl Scouts. Joan has worked for Ally People Solutions for 20 years. She married Andy, a writer on July 5th, 1980; her daughter is Allison who is 22. She is a Girl Scout Troop Leader who formed a new Girl Scout Troop here with McVay & the Karen Troop 60083.

Dayton's Bluff Community Services First Board Meeting Scheduled

The New Board of Directors of Dayton's Bluff Community Services will hold their first meeting on Wednesday evening, **May 3rd starting at 6:30 p.m.**

Help is Needed getting The Kidder House Ready - Saturday, May 6th

Everyone is invited to help prepare the Kidder House, located at 1000 Wakefield Avenue, for its first tenants on **Saturday, May 6th from 10 to 11 a.m.** This will be your chance to see Howard Kidder's home as the church makes it available through the services of Emma Norton to families in need. There is need for light cleaning, dusting, arranging furniture, organizing the kitchen, changing light bulbs. There will be something for everyone to do. Perspective tenants will be visiting the house starting on Monday, May 8th – we want it ready for them.

Celebration of Women!

Calling all Women to Worship Sunday, May 14th 10:30 a.m.

We hope you will make it a priority to be in worship this Sunday!

On this special Sunday, we will be celebrating all the many gifts, graces and accomplishments that women provide to our world and to our own lives. They could be mother's, aunts, sisters, bosses, caregivers, teachers, daughters.....they have been meaningful, inspirational, generous, supportive leaders. We want to hold up and celebrate their examples and offer our deepest gratitude. For many of us, they have become our cornerstone. Several of our children and some of our adults will share how the women in their lives have supported and helped them.

"Who's been the Cornerstone of your Life?"

Meditation by Pastor Dennis

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Special Music by The Women's Chorus

Michelle Kaye & the Children singing – "Thy Word"

Written by Amy Grant

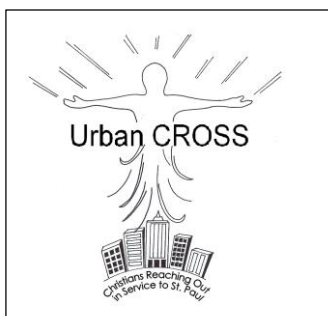
A special "Hand-Carved Heart Rock made by persons in Haiti will be offered to each woman in attendance in honor of the accomplishments of women worldwide.

Meal In a Bag Request

Please donate cans of fruit and/or soup during May for the Meal In a Bag Emergency Food Program. You may put them in the MIAB plastic bin under the coat rack by the lounge.

United Methodist Women Rummage & Bake Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rummage Sale through donating items, helping set up and price all the items, those who ran the sale on Saturday and everyone who supported the United Methodist Women through your purchases! The Rummage and Bake Sale brought the UMW \$850.00. The money collected from this sale will be used towards: the Mounds Park Camping Scholarship Fund, God's Closet, Pennies for People and Emma Norton Services.



Urban CROSS

What is it?

Urban CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Service in St. Paul) is a week-long service event that is hosted by Mounds Park UMC... it's a "grass-roots locally grown mission project". Our church challenged the youth ministry to help better meet the needs of our neighborhood, to be a greater asset to our community. Since 2010, the Dayton's Bluff/Mounds Park neighborhood has

experienced youth and adults from our church, community, the metro area and beyond as they came together in mission. So, in other words, our church hosts a mission trip. We get to "throw the party" as we feed, provide for showers and sleeping accommodations, event t-shirts that are worn every day by our "missionaries" (and laundered by one of our church volunteers), worship together, fellowship together... oh, and work together. We're bringing the Gospel to the front doorsteps of our neighbors. During the spring, our neighbors submit work requests which our Project Team assess. Projects include the likes of indoor and outdoor painting, yard work, landscaping, minor construction, repairs, clean-up and even planned demolition. Through Urban CROSS we have been able to build some incredible relationships with our neighbors, sponsoring local businesses (restaurants, other churches, etc...), and with each other. There's something about working side-by-side to build bridges. It's also rewarding, as we go about the neighborhood (on my daily walks) to mentally note all the different places we have worked at as I walk by. We are truly a church OF the neighborhood.

2017 Theme: "Many Nations Rooted in Love"

Our Wednesday Evening Community Event

On a special note: Our Wednesday Evening Community Gathering this year will be an "East Side Festival of Nations". We are inviting ethnic groups and organizations to join us and present to the community their culture, through items and through performances. This event will take place on Wednesday, June 14th, from 6:00p-8:00p at Indian Mounds Regional Park.

How can YOU help?

As the June 11-17 week of Urban CROSS approaches, we set our list of ways people can still step forward to help. Examples are: Prayer Team for Urban CROSS overall, Prayer Partners for individual 'campers', help with the kitchen for breakfast, lunch or dinner; working out on the sites, being a driver of supplies, chaperoning a work team, **chaperoning overnight at the church**, helping with the Wednesday Evening Festival of Nations, t-shirt launderer. If you'd like

to make financial or in-kind donations, you may talk to Pastor Dennis or our Administrative Assistant, Kaite.

Requests for work projects and registrations for campers

Registrations for week-long campers and project requests is May 15. Forms are available on our web site and in the church office. Camper registrations are \$125. More scholarship money is available if needed. Homeowners who request help are not expected to pay for our time. However, we DO appreciate financial help with materials that will be used (paint, tape, wood, etc.), if you are able.

Event t-shirts

You don't need to be a week-long 'camper', nor anyone who has stepped forward as one of our volunteer staff, and not even a sponsor, to have your own t-shirt. For a suggested donation of \$10 to Urban CROSS, you can order your own. Just call the church office with your name, phone # and size. A sign-up order sheet will also be passed around church during May.

Urban CROSS "All Hands On Deck meeting" will be on Sunday, May 21 immediately after church. All team members are requested to attend. Each team will report in, thus giving everyone the needed details of the week. Lunch will be provided.

Urban Cross Prayer Partners Needed!

Every year, one of the things the Urban Cross Ministry Team strives to do is pair someone from Mounds Park UMC's congregation with one (or two) campers for Urban Cross. As a Prayer Partner, we ask that, in addition to adding their name(s) to your daily prayers, you send a letter of introduction before camp starts, a card to be delivered on Wednesday Evening of Urban Cross, and a letter to be sent following Urban Cross. If you are interested in being paired with one of our Urban Cross campers or have any questions, please contact Kaite in the office (651-774-8736).

Children & Youth

End of the Year Confirmation Party

We've had a great first year – time to celebrate!

As the first year of Confirmation comes to an end, we are holding a party on Sunday evening, May 7th starting at 6:00 p.m. We have a Confirmation class of 9, plus two teachers. We have combined efforts with Silver Lake UMC and it's been a great partnership!

Sunday School Celebration

Mark your calendars! Sunday, May 21st will be our church wide Sunday School Celebration! We will honor all the students and teachers who have made our Sunday School Program such a resounding success! Following Worship, there will be a reception downstairs with an Ice Cream Bar to continue the celebrations. Everyone who has attended Sunday School even once over the year will be honored, so be sure your friends and relatives who have come over the school year and joined in a class be there as well.

Celebrating our Graduates

On Sunday, May 21st, we will honor those persons in our congregation who are graduating from high school, college or trade school. We will be honoring those graduating from high school: Halina Decker, Nova Classical Academy; Mariana Thompson, Nova Classical Academy; Buddy

Perales, Johnson High School; Abby Picht, Tartan High School; and those graduating from college or trade school: Jacob Picht, Hamline University. Please be sure to let Eric know if you or a loved one will be graduating this year.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship10:30 am
Fellowship.....11:30 am
(Communion is the 1st Sunday of every month)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Every Sunday (Sept-May)
:
9:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School, Pastor's Class

10:45 a.m. (in worship 10:30-10:45 a.m.)
Infants & Preschool Sunday School,
Children's Sunday School, Youth Sunday School

Those Serving Us

Dennis Alexander	Pastor
Kaite Knack	Children's Ministry Coordinator, Church Secretary
Eric Buck	Outreach Ministry Coordinator
Phyllis Carlson	Organist, Women's Chorus Director
Gigi Decker	Special Music & Accompanist
Bob Lucas	Bell Choirs
Jan Potthoff	Coordinator of Worship Environment
Katherine Kue	Asian Ministry Coordinator

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