

# **MOUNDS PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**JULY 2017** 



# **National Night Out 2017**

# Tuesday, August 1, 2017 6:00p-8:00p FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Hosted by Mounds Park United Methodist Church
On Sidewalk in Front of Church

**Mounds Park UMC** will provide the main dish, one side, and drinks. We are asking our friends and neighbors to bring sides and desserts,

#### The Police Department & Fire Department will be here.

This is a great time to thank them for the services they provide the Eastside.

There will also be the opportunity to have your picture taken with these emergency responders.

McVay Youth-Voice Project will be here with games for kids of all ages.

Parents and kids interested in signing up for the M/W/F after school program can speak to one of four McVay Fellows during this event.

Community Leaders and other organizations may stop by at some point during the night! Be sure to greet them and have a chat when they arrive.

There will be games for children of all ages to play!

Come meet your neighbors! Bring your friends and family!

Volunteers are needed to help serve food and facilitate the activities, as well as set up and tear down. If you are available to help with any part of National Night Out, please call Jan Pluff (651-808-1018) or the church office and sign up to volunteer.

### Pastor's Corner

Dear Mounds Park United Methodists!

Hi everyone, warm greetings from your pastor Jay Jeong! I was listening to the song 'Greater Things Have Yet To Come' by Chris Tomlin when I was driving on my moving day to Mounds Park UMC. The Lyrics were repeated all day long in my heart: "For greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done in this city".

This song reminds me the word of Jesus in John 14:12, "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." Bishop Ough emphasized to us on 'Living Expectantly by the Holy Spirit' at the Annual Conference 2017.

We are the disciples of Jesus Christ who live expectantly by the Holy Spirit. As Jesus promised in John 14 before he left us, we expect the greater things will be done by the Holy Spirit. It is a season of growing, season of receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. We are a great congregation. We've been doing great things in many ways. As we continue to serve the kingdom of God together, I expect greater things will come to Mounds Park UMC. God will work through us for greater things in this community. Let us live expectantly in the Holy Spirit!

# **Words for Thought**

A Time For Everything: I remember one morning when I discovered a cocoon in the bark of a tree, just as the butterfly was making a hole in its case and preparing to come out. I waited for a while, but it was too long appearing, and I was impatient. I bent over it and breathed on it to warm it. I warmed it as quickly as I could and the miracle began to happen before my eyes, faster than life. The case opened, the butterfly started slowly crawling out. I shall never forget my horror when I saw how its wings were folded back and crumpled. The wretched butterfly tried with its trembling body to unfold them. Bending over it, I tried to help it with my breath. In vain. It need to be hatched out patiently and the wings needed to be a gradual process in the sun. Now it was too late. My breath had forced the butterfly to appear, all crumpled, before its time. It struggled desperately and, a few seconds later, it died in the palm of my hand. That little body, is I do believe, the greatest weight I have on my conscience. for I realize today that it is a mortal sin to violate the greatest laws of nature. We should not hurry, we should not be impatient- but we should confidently obey the eternal rhythm.

~ Zorba the Greek

# <u>Coming in Worship – Lectionary Readings</u>

#### July 2, 2017

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

#### July 9, 2017

Genesis 24:24-38, 42-29, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19

#### July 16, 2017

Genesis 25:19-24; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

#### July 23, 2017

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

#### July 30, 2017

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 25b

## People Are the Church

#### Please keep these persons in your prayers:

- ♥ Bob Lucas as he continues to recover after a Kidney Transplant
- ♥ Michelle Kaye's brother, Justin, who begins cancer treatments
- ♥ Ella Wilsey's dad, Don "Curly", who is 90 years old and having heart issues
- ♥ Eileen Henderson, who is expecting her 13<sup>th</sup> grandchild in July! Prayers for his safe delivery!
- ♥ Janice Soeffner's niece and nephew-in-law
- ▼ Ian Buck & Savannah Haslow as they move into their new home!
- ♥ Katherine Kue, Barry Frantum and Noah Martin who continue to battle cancer
- ♥ Carol Lewis
- ♥ Sandy Johnson
- ♥ Galen Decker and his grandma as they vacation across the country
- ▼ The Greater Twin Cities for peace, love and understanding of all its peoples
- ▼ The Dayton's Bluff Community
- Our Homebound Members

#### **July Birthdays**

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

Alisha Obedoza – 27<sup>th</sup> Mark Stockland – 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **July Anniversaries**

Gene & Marcy Casler – 1st

#### **In loving Memory of Rita Marie Mealey**

Rita was born on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1940 in Duluth, MN to Ferdinand & Mary Schmitt. She was the youngest of three in her family. She graduated from St Anthony's High School in Duluth. She met Erwin and married in 1962. Ann was born in 1962 and Betty in 1964. By 1968, the family had moved to Saint Paul and began living at 904 Euclid Street. Rita remarried in 1986 to Sonny Bilderback who passed away in 2012.

Rita was employed as a Nursing Assistant working at Parkway Manor Nursing Home. She also worked in the kitchen at Concordia College.

Rita was a longtime East Sider who loved and supported her Dayton's Bluff Community. She was a member of the American Legion and VFW. She volunteered at the local Merrick Food Bank and was an active participant at the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center.

She was an active member of St. John's Catholic Church until it closed and then became a member of Mounds Park United Methodist Church in August of 2013 where she was elected a trustee, helped with Grocery Give-Away and the children's ministry, served as a communion steward and often assisted in the kitchen.

She loved her pets, to garden, take walks and embroider. She was a strong supporter of children and their faith development. Rita passed away at her home on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She is survived by her daughter Ann Zetterstrom and her husband Erik;

Her daughter Betty Foy and her husband Bryan; Her grandchildren: Brian McDonald and his wife Shelly, William & Christopher McDonald & Sarah & Britta Foy. Her great-grandchildren: Olivia & Amelia McDonald; Her brother, Robert Schmitt; Her sister, Patricia Standardi; Plus many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Services were held at Mounds Park Church on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Rita Mealey is a beloved child of God.

### **United Methodist Women**

<u>Lydia Circle</u> will meet on Saturday, July 1, at 10:00a in the Lounge. Please see Janice Soeffner with any questions.

<u>Mary Circle</u> will <u>not</u> meet during the month of July. Their next meeting will be in August. See Sandy Abernathy with any questions.

<u>Elizabeth Circle</u> will meet on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p. They will be dining at Burger Joe's (242 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, across from Cossetta's). Reservations are due to Pat Marzolf via email at partmarzolf@aol.com

## Adult Small Groups

**Friendship Gathering** meets on the LAST Wednesday of the month at 11:45a. It is geared towards persons 55 years and older, but everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! The suggested donation for the meal and program is \$8.00 and reservations are due to Virginia Bonora, or the church office, no later than the Monday before the meal. They will meet on **Wednesday**, **July 26**th. The menu will be: Meatloaf, Parsley Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. The program will be Mary Hall, singer, Guitarist and Recording Artist.

# Sunday Attendance

#### Worship

5/28: 55 6/4: 150 6/11: 49 6/18: 250\* 6/25: 73

\*Urban CROSS Worship:

Monday: 42 Tuesday:52 Thursday: 47 Friday: 61

# **Articles**

#### **Urban CROSS**

Thank you to everyone who helped make Urban CROSS 2017 a resounding success! We couldn't do this ministry without each and every one of you!

#### **Native American News in our Community**

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

John Wesley

On May 31, 2017, John and I attended an Open House for Ain Dah Yung Center. Ain Dah Yung provides a healing place for American Indian Youth and Families, especially the homeless, to thrive in safety and wholeness. Their main house is on Portland and Lexington Avenue. The have another facility in the Midway area of St. Paul. Ain Dah Yung is launching a Capital Campaign to provide another building for young adults in transition. This location is on University Ave near the Victoria Green Line station. We were served a wonderful meal of bison, chicken and wild rice dishes as they presented their architectural plans and recognized the organizations and agencies that are partnering with them to take this project onward. Director Deb Foster introduced many political leaders including State Representative Alice Hausman, Deputy Mayor of St Paul, Kristen Beckman, and Ward 1 Councilman, Dai Thao as well as others. We wish them the best in this latest endeavor.

The end of the school year Pow Wow was held June 2, 2017 at the American Indian Magnet School outside on the grounds behind the school. The Grand Entry in the afternoon and a meal after the first session of the dancing was well attended by a large gathering of students, school staff and community members. The second Grand entry began at 6:30 pm. Many vendors were present selling Pow Wow regalia, Native arts and food. Many different dances were experienced with several drum groups, including students from AIMS. It was a beautiful evening of our East Side community sharing the culture of our Native neighbors. Celebrate Native American culture and history through traditional food, art, music and dancing and

drummers come from all over the United States and Canada for these events. This summer will bring many Pow Wows in the area. A very large Pow Wow, (Wacipi) will be held at Treasure Island Pow Wow grounds outside of Hastings July 7-9. Many Nations and kinds of dancers come to this gathering, which is Free. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi (Pow Wow) is open to all communities held August 18-August 20 2017. This is a very large gathering. If you are a senior, it is free and there are shuttles from the parking area to the pow wow area. There is a small fee for others.

-Native American Ministries Coordinator, Jan Potthoff

#### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship .......10:30 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

Jay Jeong Pastor

Kaite Knack 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

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