



## *Pastors Pondering's*

Lent starts February 14th with Ash Wednesday. It feels like we just had Christmas! January is a restless month for me and I usually undertake projects I have been neglecting. This year I decided to rearrange our living space. We had been using one bedroom as a T.V. room, but it has become more and more difficult to get a full nights sleep in the same room as Kim. So, I moved into the other bedroom, moved the T.V., couch, and recliner into a much smaller space in the main living area. The large dresser I had been using as storage for household items didn't fit anymore so I will use it as a dresser in my bedroom. The finish is in really bad shape so I decided to sand and paint it. It has been difficult to find places to put the house-hold items I had stored there. In the midst of this I have been cleaning out a storage space in the basement of our condo to be used as an art room. This has taken many hours of scrubbing. I moved my canned goods cupboard so it needed to be emptied and cleaned. I regrouped my main pantry. I also had severe car trouble and the dealer gave me a brand new car to drive in the meantime. I have been loving the new car and I will buy it this week. This meant I had to empty my old car and haven't put all of the stuff in my new one until the deal is finalized. All of this regrouping has meant that my home is a disaster, and I am living in chaos. So, why am I doing all of this at once? Good question! It seems that one thing always leads to another and if I am going to do a task. I want to do it right. I am slowly getting each task done. Painting a few drawers on the dresser, while the paint is drying, I go down to the basement and scrub for an hour or two. Every time I walk by the table, piled high with stuff needing a place to live, I pick up something and put it away. It will all get done. I will adapt to all of the changes. I probably won't be able to find some things now that they are in different places and will feel disorganized for a time. But I will get a good nights sleep and soon I will be able to paint in a place that is organized and clean. I often think that ministry is like tackling all of the projects at once. Sometimes you get all of the paper work done and your desk is clean, but then there is a mountain of pastoral care work to do. You just finish with Christmas and then there is planning for Lent. There is reading you have been wanting to do. The conference wants the tables done and charge conference reports. The building needs capital improvements. I could go on. I love ministry and I love it here. It will all get done.

During Lent, what one aspect of your faith will you engage? Prayer, quiet time with God, reading scripture, finding something everyday to be grateful for, downsizing your stuff, giving, eating healthy, fasting ( not only from food), resting are a few suggestions. Oh, and don't do them all at once.

Have a blessed Lent.

*~Pastor Mickey*

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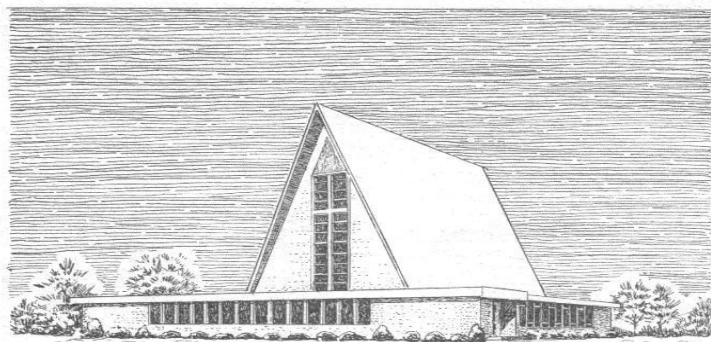
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Forbes Memorial Methodist Church

Proctor, Minnesota.

**Please join us on Sunday mornings at  
10:00am for Worship.**

If you would like to join virtually you can do so by going to

[www.forbesproctor.net/live-stream-worship](http://www.forbesproctor.net/live-stream-worship)

Or [www.facebook.com/forbesumc](http://www.facebook.com/forbesumc)

**Message to our Online Worship friends**

We are delighted that you worship with us on Sunday mornings. We are evaluating how many join us each Sunday so we ask that you leave us a comment and let us know how many are watching with you. We appreciate you and your response will help us know how effective our online service is. Thank you!

**What are the three main beliefs of Methodist?**

United Methodists believe in actualizing their faith in community actions speak louder than words. The three simple rules are:

***“Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.”***

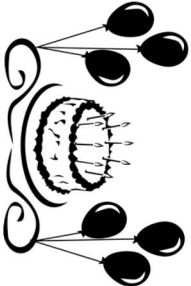
Some beliefs we share with other Christians are the Trinity God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Jesus' birth, death and Resurrection.

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship 10am	5	6 Men's Fellowship/ Maintenance 9am	7	8 UWF Luncheon 12:30pm	9	10
11 Worship 10am	12 UWF Exec. Bd 10am	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 6pm	15 Ad Council 6:30pm	16	17
18 Worship 10am	19 Lois Circle 1pm Fellowship room	20	21 Lent Service 6pm Lent Soup Supper 6:30	22	23	24
25 Worship 10am	26	27	28 Lent Service 6pm Lent Soup Supper 6:30	29		

## February Birthdays

- 5 Lois Drazich
- 5 Zachary Wetzel
- 9 Crystal Bushnell
- 16 John Cook
- 16 Paul Onnen
- 16 Judy Ziegler
- 17 Donna Forseth
- 17 Lorrie Parmeter
- 23 Phyllis Jensen
- 24 Beryl Peyton



## **Things to look forward too!**

**United Women in Faiths first Gathering of 2024** is Thursday, February 8th beginning at 12:30 in the fellowship room, program begins at 1:00 followed with coffee and fellowship. Mark your calendars and join us for the afternoon. Dorothy Bernard is the hostess, if anyone would be able to help Dorothy please call Nancy Krause 218-879-2650.. See you there!

**Men's fellowship/Maintenance day!** Tuesday March 9th at 9am-noon. **Open to all men.** Join us!

**Hillside UMC** is looking for an Administrative Assistant, beginning March 15, 2024, for 8+ hours per week. If interested in this part-time position, please contact Sandy Wilmot, Chair – SPRC

**Lent schedule** Ash Wednesday service will be February 14th at 6pm. Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays at 6pm February 21st- March 20th. Soup and Social will follow Lenten Services at 6:30pm. Join us in the fellowship hall.

### **PROCTOR FOOD SHELF MISSION**

The Proctor Food Shelf is the one year round mission we do with our community. Area Churches Together operate the food shelf. It is located in the Proctor Area Community Center and open every Wednesday from 10am-1pm. Our church operates the food shelf the fourth Wednesday of each month. We have 15 faithful volunteers that work at the food shelf. I know myself and the others find this mission very important to our community. This last month we served 111 families. If you would like to join us call Carol Lonke @218 624-2981.

A word about the March Food Drive. In March all monetary and food donations are matched in some dollar amount by the size of the food shelf through The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. As you know The Area Churches Together have a little "friendly" contest to see who can raise the most and there is a "lovely" Campbell Soup Can Trophy that the winner gets to have all year in their church! You also know we have won that trophy many times!!!! That says how important this mission is to Forbes Church. Thanks to all who have taken part and LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!

## Prayers

Forbes' prayer chain invites you to join them in intercessory prayer for friends and family alike.

If you feel the calling from God to take part in this group, contact Mary Ann Suliin, Nancy Kalland, Nancy Krause, Phyllis Jensen, Betty Johnson, or Roberta Kephart.

Send your requests their way and they will lift them up in prayer. All requests are kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise.



**In Our Prayers**

Bill Drazich

Mary Ann Suliin

## **Thank you!**

Through your financial partnership with Global Ministries and UMCOR, you are...

- helping restore communities devastated by war and natural disasters;
- providing shelter to the displaced;
- offering medical care, prevention and healing through a network of hospitals and clinics; and
- sharing the gospel in over 60 countries.

**Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion on the world.**



**WE ARE NOT  
A TEAM  
BECAUSE WE  
WORK TOGETHER.  
WE ARE  
*a team because*  
WE RESPECT,  
*trust, and care*  
*for each other.***

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## **Thank you!!**

Thank you to all the workers of the January Pasty sale. Our success is a direct result of your willingness to help and the pasty leadership team that prepares and plans. You are appreciated along with all who purchase our delicious pasties.

A chance to give...  
An opportunity to live your faith...  
A choice to develop a mission for God...

*Take a moment to learn about two organizations in our area that help to heal a broken world.*

The Ruth House at 1419 Belknap Street in Superior, Wisconsin, provides a warm safe drop-in for the homeless along with free meals and a free store. As the temperatures drop, the Ruth House doors open as a place to stay safe overnight.

This is a place for those less fortunate for many reasons that we may not understand.

Ruth House doesn't ask a lot of questions or place blame. They are there to just help individuals without a place to stay or a warm meal to eat. They are there to initiate a change toward hope for our brothers and sisters through love and understanding in action.

This month Forbes' Missions lifts The Ruth House need for:

LINENS:

+pillows, blanket & sheet sets

+towels & wash clothes

PERSONAL ITEMS & HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

+deodorant

+underwear – children & adults male & female

+bras – new or gently used

+sanitary items

+lotions

+shampoo & cream-rinse

+toothbrushes + toothpaste.

WARM CLOTHING:

+thermal underwear

+wool socks, hats, mittens & gloves

Place them in church narthex in large green round bin on wheels.

Harbor House, also located in Superior, Wisconsin, is presently in need of monetary donations to finish purchasing and remodeling a large complex that will allow them to bring services together under one roof. Harbor House offers unique gifts to the community including emergency funds and shelter, transitional housing, and support services such as household items, food and personal items that help sustain struggling women with families.

Learn more by checking them out online. Knowledge leads to Responsibility...

Both of these organization, Ruth House and Harbor House live the Methodist Vision lifted up by John Wesley many years ago:

"Do all the good you can,

By all means you can,

In all ways you can,

In all places you can,

At all times you can,

To all the people you can,

As long as ever you can."

by John Wesley

***This is your chance to practice your faith in action...***

***Time – Talents - Resources...***

## Why are there different colored altar cloths?

"The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle there is an **ordinary time** of growth symbolized the color green. Thus there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year." (***The United Methodist Book of Worship***)

- **Purple**, representing both royalty and penitence, is traditionally used during Advent and Lent.
- **Blue** symbolizes hope and may also be used during Advent.
- **White** and **gold** are used at Christmas and Easter to symbolize joy and festivities.
- **Red** symbolizes the color of fire to represent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. During Holy Week it represents the blood of Christ. Red is also used for ordinations, church anniversaries and civil observances such as Memorial Day and Thanksgiving.
- **Green** represents growth and is used during Ordinary Time (the season after

**Secretary hours have changed!** Catrina will now be available and in office Monday 10:00am-Noon, Wednesdays Noon– 2:00pm, and Thursday 10:00am-Noon!

*\*\*For reimbursement's on any purchases or charges to the church made on your behalf requires an expense form. They can be found in the Treasurer's box in the office.*

### Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

Forbes wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Application forms are available from the Financial Secretary Rory Johnson @rjohnso4@proctor.k12.mn.us

Sign up today.

### Forbes Financial Summary

	December 2023	<u>Year to date</u>
Income:	\$ 16,841.27	\$ 140,080.98
Transfer:	\$ 0 0.00	\$ 100.00
Expenses:	\$ 7,871.83	\$125,768.27
Balance:	\$ 20,034.97	\$ 20,034.97

Balance Sheet posted on narthex bulletin board.

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*Within this Newsletter you will find events  
hosted by United Methodist Church and/or  
event's happening in our Community!*

***We look forward to seeing you!***

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