

# ***Tower Notes***

## ***July 2018***

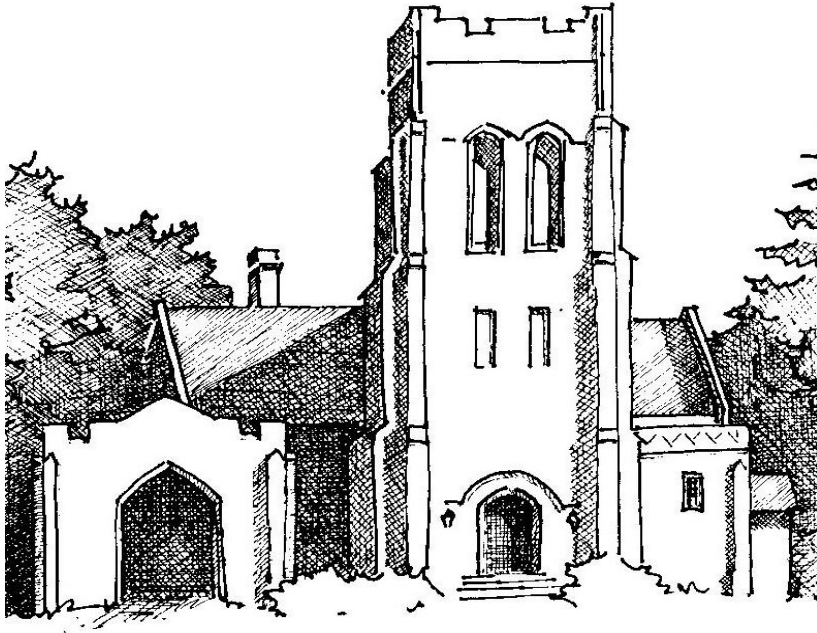
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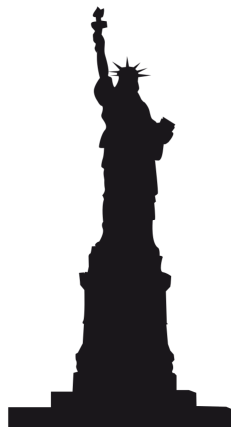
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**Worship Schedule: Sunday at 10:30 AM  
YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US EVERY WEEK**

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| <b>July 1</b>  | <b>Worship Service 10:30 AM<br/>Communion, Food Shelf<br/>Second Offering - Fuel Fund</b> |
| <b>July 8</b>  | <b>Worship Service 10:30 AM</b>   |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>Worship Service 10:30 AM<br/>Second Offering - Fuel Fund</b>                           |
| <b>July 22</b> | <b>Worship Service 10:30 AM</b>   |
| <b>July 29</b> | <b>Worship Service 10:30 AM</b>   |



## *Message from the Pastor*

I want to thank you for the warm welcome I've received at United Protestant. From my first visit to the congregation, to my time in the pulpit, to my valiant—but mostly feeble—attempt at the 5k Run, I've felt welcomed and supported.

Every minister arrives to a church with studied notions and ideas about what an effective ministry might look like, but any minister knows that it is the spirit of the people that truly makes a ministry work. In other words, I thought I'd forego the typical welcome picture of the well-dressed pastor in decorous attire, and opt for a photo of me literally running with the church. If there is one thing I have learned in my years of ministry, this is what matters most.

Since I've met you, I've been doing most of the talking (in the pulpit, in meetings, etc.)...but now it is my turn to listen. My schedule at the church is just beginning to take shape, but I want to invite you to **join me on Wednesday evenings** at the church, starting at 6pm. We'll call it: "Bring it to the Table—Thoughts and Questions Along the Way." What we'll talk about depends upon what we bring, but we'll run this race together.

With hope,

Pastor Paul VanAntwerp



*"Guide my feet, while I run this race!"*

## Moderator's Message

Hello, all

The main focus of our June 19th Council meeting was to act on the recommendation of the Search Committee. They had unanimously voted to recommend Rev. Paul VanAntwerp to be the next Pastor of the United Protestant Church of Morgan Park. After much discussion, the Council as a whole accepted the recommendation and decided to call for a congregational meeting to vote on the proposal. The date for the congregational meeting is Sunday, June 24. It was also decided that no July Council meeting will be needed, but if something comes up that needs our attention, a special meeting will be called, so our next scheduled meeting will be August 14.

A Pastoral Relations Committee has been formed, consisting of Dale Williamson, Marna Fasteland, and Kevin Behm. Their job will be to meet with the pastor from time to time to discuss any issues that might come up regarding wants, needs, likes, dislikes between the pastor and the congregation.

As you know, we are looking to fill the treat calendar for coffee after church. Please let me or Clarice know if you'd be willing to serve for a Sunday.

Thanks, and hope to see you in church!

Karen Robnik, Moderator

## AROUND UPC

### Remember in Prayer

\*The Stasiuk family. Peter passed away on June 28.

Memorial service will be July 9 at UP Church.

\*The family of Thomas O'Connell. He passed away on June 12, and memorial service was held at UP Church on June 22. He is the father of Crystal O'Connell Leal.

\*Continue to remember those who are unable to be with us on a regular basis; members, family and friends who are dealing with health problems or surgery; those who grieve; those who have emotional, financial or other hardship; those who are traveling; those who serve our community, country and world.

\*If you would like prayer for yourself, family or friends, you may contact Sue Linde, 626-1272, and she will begin the prayer chain.

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### Thank You

\*Thanks to Scott Nickila for keeping up with mowing.

\*Thank you to Rev. Kathy Nelson and Rev. Sara Lund for their willingness to assist with visits, funerals, or as needed, during our search for a new pastor. It is very appreciated.

\*The Morgan Park 5K Run/2.5K Walk on June 3 was a great event. There were 71 people who completed the run or the walk. Many thanks go to Eve Graves for her energy and work in heading up the race/walk, coordinating the volunteers, picking up donations from businesses, all to make this a successful and fun event. Thanks to Mike Fasteland for helping with other details of the race, sorting out donations and announcing the silent auction and raffle. Many people volunteered to help with the race, set-up/clean-up, preparing and serving coney dogs, the bake sale, selling raffle tickets. Thanks to members and friends who brought bake sale items and generous donations for the raffle and silent auction; businesses who donated include DoTerra, Scentsy, Tortoise & Hare, Grandma's, Marine General, Austin Jarrow, Home Instead, Mr. D's, Trophy's Restaurant, Gary Milkhouse, Sammy's Pizza.

### Congratulations to the graduates!

\*\*Heather (Williamson) Conito received a Master's in Science of Nursing with specialty in Education from Walden University, with 4.0 GPA. She is pursuing her career at Rochester Mayo.

\*\*Hannah Johnson graduated from Denfeld High School. She is granddaughter of Dick & Sue Linde.

\*\*Laura Lowe graduated as Nurse Anesthetist from St. Mary's in Minneapolis. She is married to Jim Lowe Jr. and daughter-in-law of Julie & Jim Lowe. (And, on June 19, Charlotte Patricia was born to Laura & Jim.)

\*\*Mackenzie Hietala, granddaughter of Faye Hietala, graduated with honors from Stillwater High School (in a class of over 1000 students).

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### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)

June 12 to August 24 (no service on July 4)

Duluth School District ISD 709 is participating in SFSP. Breakfast and lunch provided to all children at no charge and meets nutritional standards established by the USDA.

Breakfast: 8-10:30 am Lunch: 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Meals include hot entrees, salads, sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, bread, milk and desserts.

Schools participating are Stowe Elementary, Laura MacArthur Elementary, Denfeld High School (cold lunch only), Lester Park Elementary, Myers-Wilkins Elementary, and Piedmont Elementary.. Adults accompanying children may purchase a meal for \$4.00.

Call the Child Nutrition Office at 218-336-8707 with questions.

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### 2018 Financial Report – year to date (6/30/18)

Income:	\$ 25,118
Expenses:	<u>23,034</u>
Difference:	\$ + 2,084

# UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

## July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship 10:30 Communion Fuel Fund Food Shelf	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Office 10-2	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship 10:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Council 7:30 Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Office 10-2	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Office 10-2	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 10:30 Fuel Fund	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Office 10-2	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Office 10-2	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship 10:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Office 10-2	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Office 10-2	<b>28</b> Ruby's Pantry Mission Creek Church 11 am
<b>29</b> Worship 10:30	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>August 1</b> Office 10-2	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office 10-2	<b>4</b>
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## **Coming Up in July**

- July 1           \*Communion, Food Shelf, Fuel Fund
- July 4           \*Independence Day
- July 10          \*Council Meeting 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- July 15          \*Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- July 28          \*Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm

## **Looking Ahead to August**

- August 5        \*Communion, Food Shelf, Fuel Fund
- August 14       \*Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- August 19       \*Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- August 25       \*Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm



### **July Birthdays**

1	Dave Huberty	3	Dale Williamson	4	Doris Mattson
5	Mary Beth Merila	7	Ray Merila	8	Kristy Merila
9	Zachary Nickila	9	Pam Herrington	10	David (Willie) Myers
12	Kalysta Rengo	15	Dick Linde	16	Kevin Behm
16	Shelley Young	18	Nathan Williamson	19	Brian Nickila
19	Doris Toman	19	Aaron Blevins	20	Connie Weast
23	Daphne Ridoux	25	Sue Linde	27	Laura Nickila
29	Bruce Nickila	30	Jessica Francisco		

### **July Anniversaries**

- 1     Paula & E.T. St. George           21    Heather & Kevin Conito

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**United Protestant Church  
Vision Statement**

*The United Protestant Church aspires to be a vibrant Christian congregation that is sustainable and welcoming to all, putting its faith into practice through its outreach activities. The church strives to be the center of the community's mind, body and spirit through its ministries and the programs it offers.*

*July 2018*

*100 Years  
1917 - 2017*

*Lord, friends and family  
are among Your greatest blessings.  
As I celebrate the  
independence of our nation,  
thank You for my dependence on them.*

Kjerstin Easton

