

Tower Notes

June 2019

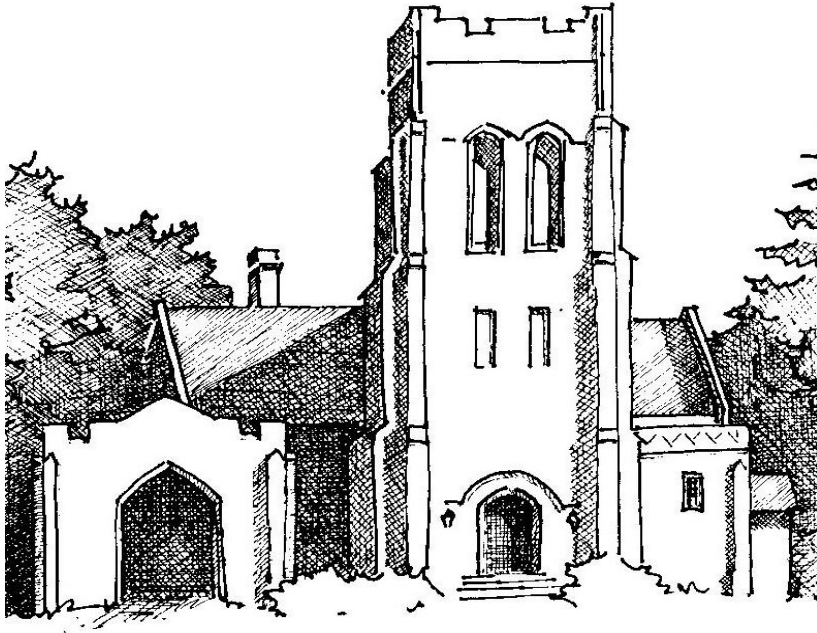
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**Worship Schedule: Sunday at 10:30 AM
YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US EVERY WEEK**

June 2	Worship Service 10:30 AM Communion, Food Shelf Second Offering - Fuel Fund Morgan Park Walk/Run 4:30 PM
June 9	Worship Service 10:30 AM
June 16	Worship Service 10:30 AM Second Offering - Fuel Fund Father's Day
June 23	Worship Service 10:30 AM
June 30	Worship Service 10:30 AM

*Lord, thank You
for loving fathers -
an image of
Your love for us*

~ Shari Smyth

Pastor's Commentary

Even as a kid, when it came time to pray in churches or in groups, I always lifted my head up and looked all around. It wasn't the heads bowed with closed eyes I was looking at, but (and here I might embellish a bit with age, but at this writing, this is how I remember it!) I wanted to catch a glimpse of that Holy Spirit I had heard so much about. Did it dance around above our heads in the form of angels or radiant light? Clouds or smoke maybe? Was that breeze I just felt the "mighty wind" mentioned in Acts, or just the HVAC system in the building—I mean, surely, that many people praying at the same time must have some effect!

It does. I still believe that.

And in my growing up, I've learned that it doesn't just happen in times of intentional prayer, in fact, connection with God and the presence of the Holy Spirit can—and does—happen in the everyday, the day-to-day, the seemingly mundane, and the chance encounters with our surroundings and the souls that share it. "You can catch grace..." (I am fond of sharing this quote from Annie Dillard in my sermons) "...as a person dips a cup in a waterfall."

So as the summer arrives, the best nudge in faith this overly-verbose pastor can provide is a recommendation to step out of your similar surroundings and see where the Holy Spirit might be nudging you in new and unique ways. Stop by for our picnics on Thursday nights, try a new activity in the church (arts, music, gardening, book club), or even just call Pastor Paul for a "sit-for-a-talk" or a "go-for-a-walk". Let this be a summer when your soul is nourished, and your spirit alights with the presence of God.

In Joy,
Pastor Paul



Message from the Moderator

Hello all!

It's so nice to see the sun and feel the warmth again. We've had our share of cold and rain. My grass is loving the sun so much that I've had to mow and it's about due to be mowed once more.

Thank you all who worked on the spring rummage sale. It takes a lot of work and it was a great success! I'm always amazed at how much stuff gets brought in to be sold, so thanks also for all who donated things.

By the time you get this message our annual Walk/Run will be history. This year again the Walk/Run promises to be a great event with a huge turnout expected. The weather also looks like it will cooperate.

New for us this summer is the Thursday grill outs in our church yard. I'm really looking forward to this. Bring something for the grill if you have it, and a dish to pass. Also, bring a lawn chair and yard games. I'm going to check on what I have for yard games. Maybe a challenging game of Ladder Golf! I'm sure this will be a fun time.

Happy summer and see you in church.

Karen Robnik, Moderator

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Remember in Prayer

- *Chet Johnson had a stent placed after experiencing a mild heart attack.
- *Sheldean Ion has a fracture in a heel.
- *The Letica family on the passing of Shirley's mother, Evelyn Frear.
- *Mike & Marna Fasteland's friend Bob is suffering from cancer.
- *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 our 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!

- *Thank you to Julie Lowe for heading up the Rummage & Bake Sale on May 11. Thanks also to Kathy Behm for overseeing the bake sale, Mike Fasteland & Kevin Behm for serving up the coney, and to the many people who helped with set-up/clean-up, in the kitchen, and with the rummage and bake sales.
- *The music for Mother's Day service was beautiful. Linda Bray, Ashley Lund, Kathy Lee, Laura Judson and Gayle Jazdzewski joined Cathy Dale and UP choir members to share their musical and vocal talents.
- *Scott Nickila found a grill to use for Thursday "Grill's On" picnics.
- *Thanks to all who worked to spruce up the church lawn and flower beds.
- *A group of people packed up the books that were left in the Fellowship Hall and took them to a good home.

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Flag Day - June 14
Lord, on this Flag Day, wherever in the world our flag is flying, please bless that place. ~ Gina Bridgeman

Summer Schedule Changes

Monday's Bible Study will be cancelled for the summer, but if interested, here's a "book club" option: Pastor Paul will be re-reading the books of the amazing Christian writer Brian Doyle this summer and would love to share in reading and conversation. Brian was an amazing man with a beautiful faith. As Pastor Paul wrote in a recent weekly reminder: *He helped me to see the world with amazed and loving eyes again - so I'm happy to share his books!* Let me know if you're interested in reading along with me.

Also, **Wednesday's "Bring it to the Table" will be cancelled for the summer months.** C'mon over to the church on Thursdays for picnics and fun!

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Thursdays in June (beginning June 6): "Grill's On!" Community Picnic (5:30 - ?)

We'll set out the tables, break out the lawn games, and fire up the grill. You bring a lawn chair, a friend, something to put on the grill, and something to share as a side (nothing fancy, just share what you have - and if you don't have anything, we'll have plenty to share!).
Note: Have any extra lawn games tucked in your garage? Bring those too!

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Weekly Email Update

Each Friday, UP Church sends out a church-wide email including reminders of upcoming events and a note from Pastor Paul. Interested in receiving this? Send a note to the office. Also, we will have paper copies of the updates available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex.

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Discerning our Call (Skills and Interests)

Have you filled out your "Skills and Interests" form yet? These forms are located on the table in the Narthex, as well as downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. As our church increases in activity and membership, we want to welcome everybody to explore new avenues to express their faith, utilize their gifts, and learn new things. Sharing your specific areas of interest (no experience necessary!) helps the church define our ministry goals as we look toward growth and discernment of God's call.

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2019 Financial Report – year to date (5/31/19)	
Income:	\$ 21,457
Expenses:	\$ <u>27,479</u>
Difference:	\$ - 6,022

UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10:30 Communion Fuel Fund Food Shelf Walk/Run 4:30	3	4	5 Office 10-2 Women's Fellowship 12 Noon at Iron Mug	6 Grill's On 5:30 pm	7 Office 10-2	8
9 Worship 10:30	10	11 Council 7:30 Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm	12 Office 10-2 Choir 6 pm	13 Grill's On 5:30 pm	14 Office 10-2 Flag Day 	15
16 Worship 10:30 Fuel Fund Father's Day	17	18	19 Office 10-2	20 Grill's On 5:30 pm	21 Office 10-2 First Day of Summer	22 Ruby's Pantry 11:00 am
23 Worship 10:30	24	25	26 Office 10-2 Choir 6 pm	27 Grill's On 5:30 pm	28 Office 10-2	29
30 Worship 10:30	July 1	2	3 Office 10-2	4 Independ- ence Day	5 Office 10-2	6
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Coming Up in June

- June 2 *Communion, Fuel Fund, Food Shelf
Morgan Park 5K Run/2.5K Walk, 4:30 pm
- June 5 *Women's Fellowship, 12:00 Noon, lunch at Iron Mug. All ladies are invited.
- June 11 *Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- June 16 *Second Offering - Fuel Fund
*Father's Day
- June 21 *First Day of Summer
- June 22 *Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm
- June 30 *Independence Celebration Concert - featuring Duluth Superior Symphony
Orchestra brass ensemble - 5:30 pm, outdoor performance at GND REC.

Looking Ahead to July

- July 4 *Independence Day
- July 7 *Communion, Fuel Fund, Food Shelf
- July 9 *Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- July 21 *Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- July 25 *Fish Heads & Friends, Blues to Bluegrass, 5-8 pm, GND REC
- July 27 *Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm

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### **Wednesday (2nd & 4th): 6:00 pm Choir Practice**

No experience required - All skill levels welcome! Just bring your desire to sing (and a song you'd like to share if you have one!).

The UP Church Pastoral Relations Committee will meet periodically to visit about our Ministry at UP Church. The committee is made up of Pastor Paul, Kevin Behm, Marna Fasteland, and Dale Williamson. Please feel free to contact any of these folks to share your perspectives on the programs and activities at our church.

Church Contact List: Please let us know if you have a new home address, phone number or email address, so we have up-to-date information.



### June Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Mike Rapaich       | 9 Todd Nickila             |
| 18 Donna Benson      | 19 Charlotte Patricia Lowe |
| 27 Ernest Strandberg |                            |

### June Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Jeri & Keith Erickson   | 11 Jill & Nathan Williamson |
| 29 Karen & Kenneth Donald | 30 Beth & Peter Bagley      |

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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.*

*April 2019*

*100 Years  
1917 - 2017*

**Joyfully praise God**  
**Encourage one another**  
**Strive for maturity in Christ**  
**Use our gifts to serve**  
**Share the good news**

