

Tower Notes

May 2019

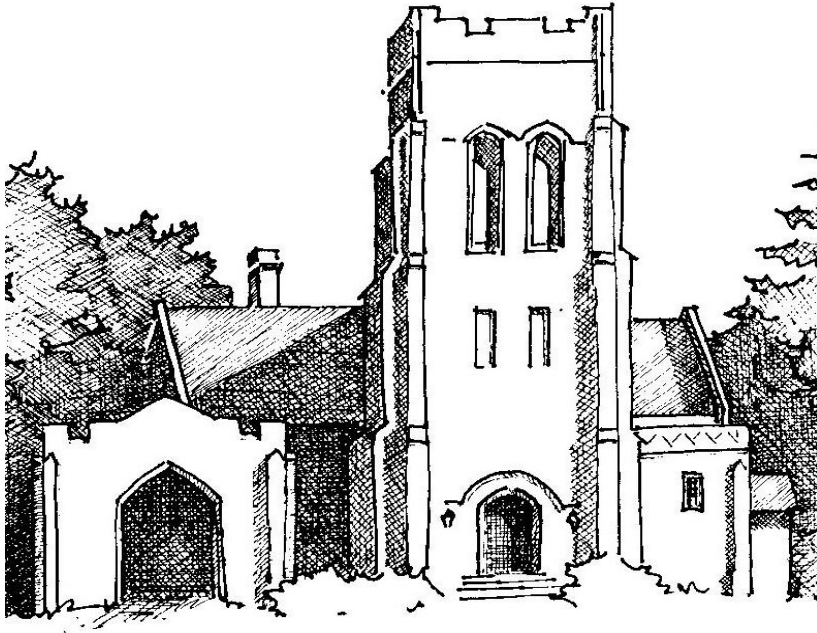
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**Worship Schedule: Sunday at 10:30 AM
YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US EVERY WEEK**

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| May 5 | Worship Service 10:30 AM
Communion, Food Shelf
Second Offering - Fuel Fund |
| May 12 | Worship Service 10:30 AM
Mother's Day |
| May 19 | Worship Service 10:30 AM
Second Offering - Fuel Fund |
| May 26 | Worship Service 10:30 AM |



Honor...your mother
Exodus 20:12

Pastor's Commentary

May arrives with gray and rain, poking fun, it seems, at what I want to write to you - or at least another reminder that I am not in charge of the weather. After all: Good Friday was the sweetest of days outside, and Easter arrived cold and rainy.

But....

Morgan Park houses have tulips on the southern faces, and the wild onion is thriving near the river lowlands. The robins are busy building their nests and will soon settle from their territorial ruckus into cooperative communities. The patio is open at the Iron Mug and people wave in recognition at passing vehicles. The pelicans at present are on layover at Chamber's Grove. I heard my first loon yesterday. Won't be long until the sound of lawnmowers echo off the concrete walls of homes around here.

Spring....resurrection.

And at the church, we've been gathering for the sweet sake of fellowship, cooking doughnuts and spaghetti bake and laughing with each other, our choir sang us through Good Friday and Easter and continues to sing every other week, the small groups that gather to share faith and conversation (finally) found a comfortable home in the old library. What else? There's an interest in creating new art for our sanctuary and worship space and an interest in exploring new songs and revitalizing ones you may not have heard in a long time. There's an interest in our grounds and landscaping, in summer events on the lawn (movies and picnics) ...on and on and on.

Friends, we too, as a community ministry, are living into resurrection.

I think we live it best in the small actions. We choose to live into resurrection every time we do not spread and perpetuate the anger and division we hear from those around us - nor the self-destructive statements we repeat to ourselves. We choose to live into resurrection every time we say "Yes" to the good things in our lives - to friendships and creativity and sharing, instead of rolling our eyes and finding things to complain about. When we lend a hand, or comfort somebody in a hard time, or simply listen well - yes - we are participants in resurrection.

So let us share this moment! In our Christian story just as our season, in the small things we do, in the sharing and friendships of a church community, in the knowing and remembering of what God has taught us: that anger and division and fear do not have the last word.

In God's Love,
Pastor Paul



Message from the Moderator

Hello and happy spring!

The Olive Garden spaghetti dinner was a great success. Lots of good food and folks here to enjoy it. The addition of music was wonderful. Can't wait for next year!

We have our annual rummage sale coming up on May 11, starting at 8:00 am and running until 1:00 pm. Please remember to bring items you want to donate. We will also have coney's for lunch and a bake sale. Please sign up if you can help. Also, early next month is the annual walk/run. It is set for June 2 with start time of 4:30 pm. Remember to get the word out. We are looking for items for the raffle, so think about places that might want to donate items for this or if you can donate something, that would be great too.

This year was the first time in my memory that we had a Maundy Thursday event. It was so meaningful. Thank you to Pastor Paul. Also, this year we had a Good Friday service which also was very emotionally meaningful. Easter Sunday breakfast was well attended and thanks to the guys and gals who worked that. Our choir has been active this year in the services. It's wonderful to be getting this music back in our church. Thank you all for keeping our church active and alive!

There are other things on the horizon, so keep tuned for more.

See you in church!!
Karen Robnik, Moderator

AROUND UPC

Remember in Prayer

*Remember those who are unable to be with us on a regular basis; members, family and friends who are dealing with health problems; those who grieve; those who have emotional, financial or other hardship; those who are searching or in time of transition; 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.

Thank You

*A very sincere thank you to Jeannine Peterson for her generous support of UP Church.

*Chet Johnson took 83 pounds of donations to the CHUM Food Shelf. Thanks to Chet and all who bring in food items for the Food Shelf.

*Mike & Marna Fasteland coordinated purchase of lilies for the altar, and decorated the Sanctuary for Easter, with help from Sue & Dick Linde and Kathy & Kevin Behm.

*There was a good turnout for the Easter pancake breakfast. Thanks to the men's group who prepared and served the food: Chet Johnson, Dale Williamson, Dick Linde, E.T. St. George, Kevin Behm, Scott Nickila, Russ Francisco, Brian Parenteau and Mike Fasteland.

*Thanks to Sandie Chelstrom for sharing her expertise when a number of people came out to make doughnuts, prepare a spaghetti pie meal, and enjoy fellowship on April 25.

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Baptism Congratulations



Greyson Robert and Ellore Raine, children of Kevin and Heather Conito, were baptized at UP Church by Pastor Paul VanAntwerp on April 21.

Bakeless Bake Sale

Donations for the Bakeless Bake Sale taken until June 1. Make checks payable to Women's Fellowship and return to Doris Toman or Char Marich, or simply drop envelope in the collection plate. Your support is appreciated.

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Rummage & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 11, 8:00 - 1:00

Coneys (take out available)

Clean, gently used items, including clothing, will be accepted. Items may be brought in any time. Clean out those cupboards and closets! Credit cards accepted. Call the church if you need help transporting your items.

Mark your calendar!

June 2: Morgan Park 5K Run/2.5K Walk, 4:30 pm

Bake sale, coneys, silent auction and raffle.

Thank you to Eve Graves for coordinating the race. If you would like to volunteer (way finding, water station, timing), please contact Eve as soon as possible at 218-355-0960 or email runnski@gmail.com. It's not too early to start thinking of and picking up raffle/silent auction items.

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KITCHEN FUN!

If you are a person that believes those two words go together - and that gathering with friends in our kitchen for creative cooking sounds fun - let us know! Contact Pastor Paul if interested.

LIBRARY/STUDY RENOVATION

You'll notice some changes in our library space. Books have been cleared out, and after a chance for people to look over and take what books they might want, remaining books will be taken to good homes! Comfortable couches and chairs will be brought in to create a small group gathering space. We'd love your input!

SUMMER LOVIN'!

It's been a long winter - let's welcome Summer with beautiful gardens and summer picnics. We'll be creating a "Monarch Waystation" garden on our grounds with milkweed and pollinator plants. Interested? Let us know!

"GRILLS ON" Potluck Picnic and Lawn Games

Beginning in June, on Thursdays after work, Pastor Paul will have a grill going on the church grounds. Bring something to throw on the grill and whatever you might have to share. Somehow, in our sharing, all are fed. It always works out. Invite friends and community. (P.S., your pastor fancies himself a rather proficient player of Bocce Ball...you've been warned.)

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2019 Financial Report – year to date (4/30/19)

Income:	\$ 17,511
Expenses:	22,190
Difference:	\$ - 4,679

Easter Memorials 2019

Thank you to all who have given memorials honoring loved ones

- ◇ In Loving Memory of Ronald "Ron" Benson from his wife Donna and family
- ◇ In Loving Memory of "Papa" Ron Benson, Robert & Anne, Marshall & Keith Benson from Kathy & Kevin Behm and family
- ◇ In Loving Memory of Alfred Bothun, Eilef & Emily Bothun, Paul Johnson, Victoria (Johnson) Peterson & Albert Peterson from June Bothun and family
- ◇ In Memory of Bob Davey, Victoria Johnson Peterson, Paul Johnson and J. Albert Peterson from Isabel Davey and family
- ◇ In Memory of parents Gerald & Isabel Erickson, sister Marilyn Bergstrom, friends Eva, Helen, and Fern from Clarice Erickson
- ◇ In Memory of family and friends from the Fasteland family
- ◇ In Memory of Ryan Hietala, Randy Hietala, Norman & Esther Hietala, Victor & Ebba Bjork, Jacob Dylan Hietala and Kari Hietala Schuster from Faye and the Hietala family
- ◇ In Memory of Bob and Family from Joyce Hollingsworth and family
- ◇ In Memory of William David Ion, Rosemarie & Wesley Bradford from Sheldean Ion and William
- ◇ In Memory of Joyce, Paul Johnson, Victoria Peterson, and Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Meyer from the Chester Johnson family
- ◇ In Memory of Edwin & Mable Linde and Douglas & Alice Merrill from Dick and Sue Linde
- ◇ In Memory of Allen & Margaret Lusk and Susan Galvin from their family
- ◇ In Loving Memory of George Marich from Char and family
- ◇ In Remembrance of my mother Evelyn Moe from Karen Moe
- ◇ In Memory of my father Carl Moe, stepmother Helen, brothers Ray & Ronald, and sister Rene from Karen Moe
- ◇ In Memory of dear friends Gloria Chelstrom and Jackie Eckard from Karen Moe and in Memory of Brenda and Natalie Turner from "Auntie" Karen
- ◇ In Memory of Gayle (Curly) Morrison from wife Billie and sons Garry and Kevin and families
- ◇ In Loving Memory of my son Scott Lindvall, sister Diane Rendulich, brother Jerry Nelson, mother and father Roy & Evine Nelson from Cheryl Paskett
- ◇ In Memory of Jackie Morris from Cheryl Paskett and Shari Mortorelli
- ◇ In Memory of John Nickila, Mr. & Mrs. William Toprock, Donna Tribou and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Nickila Sr. from Claudia Nickila and family
- ◇ In Memory of Isobel & Dan Rapaich, and George Rapaich from the Rapaich family
- ◇ In Memory of Bruce Robnick and Paul Erickson from Karen Robnik
- ◇ In Memory of Vern Rominger from Cari Elliot and Linda Rominger
- ◇ In Memory of Bob Davey, Grandma Victoria, Patricia and John White from Debbie and Terry Therrell
- ◇ In Memory of Helen & Anton Lehti and Ila & Jacob Toman from John & Doris Toman and family
- ◇ In Loving Memory of Robert Davey, George Williamson, Ella Williamson, Harry & Marie Silverthorn, Paul Johnson, Victoria Peterson and Richard Larsen from Dale & Donna Williamson, Heather & Kevin Conito, and Nathan & Jill Williamson

Morgan Park 5k Run and 2.5k Walk
Sponsored by United Protestant Church in Morgan Park
Sunday, June 2, 2019 4:30 PM
88th Ave. W. and Arbor St. Duluth, Minnesota

Where and When:

Both the 5k Run and the 2.5k Walk start and finish at the United Protestant Church on Sunday June 2, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Entry Fees:

5k Run/2.5k Walk - \$15 before May 30th, \$25 May 31st to race day

Family Entry of 4 - \$45 before May 30th, \$60 May 31st to race day

All proceeds will be used to help support all programs associated with United Protestant Church in Morgan Park.

Course:

A totally flat **5k** loop winding through the village of Morgan Park. Scenic course with water stops.

Running and Walking Rules:

Runners and walkers will be on the same course.

Participants entered in the run may walk at any time if they desire.

Walkers must walk the entire 2.5k.

5k Run: Trophy to the Overall Male and Female winners



2.5k Walk: Trophy to the Overall Male and Female winners.

**Refreshments, raffle, silent auction, bake sale
and coney dogs at the finish!**

Contact: runnski@gmail.com or go to Northlandrunner.com for more information

UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office 10-2 Women's Fellowship 1:30 pm Bring it to Table 6 pm	2	3 Office 10-2	4
5 Worship 10:30 Communion Fuel Fund Food Shelf	6 Lectionary Study 6:00 pm	7	8 Office 10-2 Choir 6 pm Bring it to the Table 6 pm	9	10 Office 10-2	11 Rummage & Bake Sale 8 -1
12 Worship 10:30 Mother's Day	13 Lectionary Study 6:00 pm	14 Council 7:30 Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm	15 Office 10-2 Bring it to the Table 6 pm	16	17 Office 10-2	18
19 Worship 10:30 Fuel Fund	20 Lectionary Study 6:00 pm	21	22 Office 10-2 Choir 6 pm Bring it to the Table 6 pm	23	24 Office 10-2	25 Ruby's Pantry 11:00 am
26 Worship 10:30	27 Memorial Day Lectionary Study 6:00 pm	28	29 Office 10-2 Bring it to Table 6 pm 6 pm	30	31 Office 10-2	June 1
2 Worship 10:30 Communion Fuel Fund Food Shelf	3 Lectionary Study 6:00 pm	4	5 Office 10-2 Women's Fellowship 12 noon Bring it to Table 6 pm	6	7 Office 10-2	8
9 Worship 10:30	10 Lectionary Study 6:00 pm	11 Council 7:30 Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm	12 Office 10-2 Choir 6 pm Bring it to the Table 6 pm	13	14 Office 10-2 Flag Day 	15

Coming Up in May

- May 1 *Women's Fellowship, 1:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- May 5 *Communion, Fuel Fund, Food Shelf
- May 11 *Rummage & Bake Sale, 8am-1pm, coney's
- May 12 *Mother's Day
- May 14 *Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- May 19 *Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- May 25 *Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm
- May 27 *Memorial Day

Looking Ahead to 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 at the Iron Mug
- June 11 *Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- June 16 *Father's Day
Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- June 21 *First Day of Summer
- June 22 *Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm

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### **Monday: 6 pm Bible Study: The Week Ahead**

Every Monday at 6 pm, Pastor Paul welcomes you to join him in the first look at the Lectionary texts for the following Sunday. This is a time for questions and conversation in our lives of faith - and your participation greatly assists in creating a meaningful sermon on Sunday. Join us!

### **Wednesday: 6:00 pm "Bring it to the Table" at the Iron Mug**

Join us for a time of fellowship with church and community. What we talk about depends on what thoughts you bring to the table! C'mon over and let us treat you to some good food and conversation. Need a ride? Call the church or Pastor Paul.

### **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.



### May Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kylie Davis        | 4 Jerry Toman  | 10 Brian Parenteau |
| 11 Isaac Fredrickson | 13 Cathy Dale  | 15 Heather Conito  |
| 25 Ken Donald        | 27 Nick Marich | 28 Jeff Nace       |

### May Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 Pam & Gerald Herrington | 19 Kari & Jason Rengo |
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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.*

*May 2019*

*100 Years  
1917 - 2017*

## MEMORIAL DAY

June 27

Teach us, Lord,  
The best way to pay an unpayable debt  
Is to show with our lives that we didn't forget

Fred Bauer





