

The Active Times



DELANO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Stewardship



"1 Peter 4. 10:

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift
each of you has received.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



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The following is an Op-Ed Piece I wrote for the National Religious Campaign Against Torture this past month...

It Goes Unnoticed

By Matthew Sipe

With all of the contention in Washington these days, I fear that what should be a major concern to Americans is slipping by unnoticed. As our leaders struggle with differing ideologies over how to order American society, in the midst of this domestic battleground, we will all pause to remember the violence that struck us 10 years ago on 9/11.

But as we pause and reflect, few will give thought to the use of torture by the American military and other officials. I am concerned because at no point in our nation's history has the use of torture presented a greater danger of becoming widely accepted than is the case today.

In 2009, two days after President Obama was sworn in, he issued an executive order halting torture and calling for the closure of the detention center at Guantanamo Bay. But more than two years later, Guantanamo Bay is still open and our government refuses to confront its history and fully investigate its use of torture.

Attorney General Eric Holder recently ended a two-year-long preliminary investigation into the CIA's use of torture on detainees, concluding that further investigation was not warranted and that the deaths of only two detainees would be investigated further.

It is undeniable that this country has engaged in torture as an interrogation technique. It is equally clear that President Obama and other leaders in Washington have failed the dignity of American society by not reconciling this practice.

Having the Administration's only investigation into the use of torture end with such a minimalist outcome demonstrates the need for a Commission of Inquiry to provide a complete accounting of our nation's use of torture. This is not a party-line issue, it is a test of this country's moral and ethical compass.

The use of torture is damaging to our society on multiple levels. It is in clear violation of the UN Convention Against Torture, which absolutely prohibits any form of torture at the hands of state agents. It is morally and ethically wrong. It leaves a humiliating and shameful legacy, and it is not an effective way to obtain accurate or reliable information.

It is time for the American public to stand up and demand action on this issue. If we want a just society, we must hold our leaders accountable. Furthermore, from a religious perspective, I intend to seek justice because torture is morally wrong and contradictory to the lessons our religions teach us about how to organize and lead our communities.

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PRAYER GATHERING GROUP



Sundays at 9:30am Starting October 2nd

Prayer Gathering will be held on Sunday's at 9:30am in the Chi-Rho room starting October 2nd, 2011.

All are welcome! See you There!



FOOD SHELF & THANKSGIVING TURKEYS: MONTH OF NOVEMBER

During the month of November, our church will be collecting food for the Delano Food Shelf. A table will be set up in the narthex starting the first Sunday in November. You can bring your items anytime during the month, and they will be delivered to the food shelf at the end of the month. Cash donations are always welcome. If you would like to give a cash donation, please mark it "Food Shelf".

In addition, Cohorn's are handing out Thanksgiving cards for turkey's again this year. Last year we received enough turkey cards that we didn't need to purchase a single turkey! Thank you! If you won't be able to complete a card, or don't need yours, the food shelf would welcome them. We will also take grocery receipts too! Please give all Thanksgiving cards, or grocery receipts to Grace Swenson. Thank you in advance for your willingness to give!!!



MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS (LARRY M. GOODPASTER)

Nashville, Tenn.: Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, President of the Council of Bishops, is urging United Methodists to commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9/11 with prayer and interfaith connection.

On behalf of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ in whom “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven....” (Colossians 1:19-20, NRSV)

On this, the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the tragedy of September 11, 2001, I call upon United Methodists and all people of faith to a renewed commitment to ministry of reconciliation, and to being witnesses of God’s love and grace for and in the whole world. As people of faith, we approach this anniversary with the gift of both memory and hope. None of us who watched in shock and horror as the events unfolded on that fateful day in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC will ever forget the images. We remember the innocent lives that were lost on that day. We remember the first responders who put their lives on the line to provide assistance in the midst of the devastation. We remember the ways in which the world reached out to embrace us in our pain and grief. And we remember the generous outpouring of more than \$20 million through the United Methodist Committee on Relief and our “Love in the Midst of Tragedy” special offerings.

Even as we recall all of these events of a decade ago, we are also a people whose faith and hope in Christ Jesus turn our hearts and lives toward the future. We proclaim the Resurrection message that the future belongs to God’s reconciled new creation, and we live toward that time when the dividing walls of hostility will come down and God will wipe away every tear, and death will be no more. In a world of violence and revenge, of suspicion and fear, of mistrust and hatred, we dare to proclaim an alternative vision known throughout Scriptures as God’s Shalom. We believe that God works for good in all things, and that the goodness and mercy of God can overcome even the most tragic events and experiences in this world.

In the days and weeks ahead, communities will be marking this anniversary in a variety of ways, and we urge our churches to lead in planning for and providing services of worship and prayer. Let us build bridges of trust and reconciliation through these services by inviting and encouraging people of all faiths to come together for prayer. Let us work for personal and social holiness by practicing John Wesley’s General Rules for the people called Methodist, especially to do no harm and to do good. Let us seek to restore a sense of hope for the future by praying for and working for the healing of broken relationships. Let us remember that day of pain, suffering, and grief; but let us also seek to bind up the wounds and renew our efforts to work for peace with justice.

Above all else let us live as faithful followers of the Prince of Peace and, in the words of the author of the Letter to the Colossians: “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other....” (Colossians 3:12-13, NRSV) May our memory and our hope unite to move all of us toward peace and inspire us to live with compassion, confidence and courage.

Larry M. Goodpaster
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church



BIG ROCK PARK CLEAN-UP

Last Clean-Up Day is Tuesday October 4th!

The Last :(Clean-Up Day for Big Rock Park is Tuesday October 4th at 6:30pm. Clean-up begins at 6:30pm and will last about a ½ hour. The only requirement is to Share God's love of our community, bring some gloves, and sign a release form 1x per year! If you have previously signed a release you will not need to do so. Children under the age of 18 will need to have their parents sign a release form for them. We hope to see you there!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Please watch for announcements during church and upcoming

Chit Chats and Newsletters for updates on our

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Christmas Drive

scheduled for

November 6th to December 4th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We wanted to wish the following people Happy Birthday for the
Month of October!

Katherine Bomstad	Tom Lee	Phil Carlberg
10/01	10/01	10/05
Natalie Booth	Chris Howes	Dawn Wetter
10/06	10/06	10/09
Amber Shoutz	Paige Shoutz	Jack Burns
10/10	10/10	10/11
Dyan Pitts	Amy Meister	Nikki Dean
10/11	10/12	10/12
Samantha Fisher	Tatum Workman	Madeline Singleton
10/14	10/15	10/16
Sophia Czech	Jeff Wetter	Faith Johnson
10/18	10/20	10/20
Dan Forster	Sherrie Payne	Winfield Brand
10/21	10/21	10/22
Neil Nelson	Shelley Hutchins	Cheryl Gordon
10/22	10/25	10/26
John Burns	Brenda Klinkner	Dawn Schulz
10/27	10/28	10/28
Burt Koenecke		
10/30		

Please contact the office if any birthdays were missed so we can get them added to the database. You can contact the office at **763-972-3492** or e-mail at

deloumc@gmail.com

LOVE INC UPDATES



Love INC – Heartland’s Annual Sleep Out Event

October 8, 2011

Gather your friends, family and fellow church members and “Sleep Out” to support Love INC and support our neighbors in need. Sleep out on Saturday, October 8 and then gather for worship on October 9, 2011. Parents please fill out a permission/pledge form and return it to Michael Fredrickson on either Wednesday or Sunday before the event.

[You can also click here to download the form.](#)

Forms are also available in the narthex on the table next to the bulletin board.

PASTOR’S HEART CONTINUED:

“A true social order is based not on defeat of enemies but on the identification with victims through participation in Christ’s reconciling sacrifice,” says theologian William Cavanaugh in his book *Torture & Eucharist*.

I have been taught to love God, to love my neighbors, to pray for those who persecute me, and to turn the other cheek rather than fight back when someone strikes me. Torture is an abomination that runs contrary to these religious teachings. As a Christian leader, I can best speak for other Christians, but as a member of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, I join hundreds of fellow religious groups in calling on the government to assure that U.S.-sponsored torture never occurs again.

Torture is always and unequivocally wrong. God created all people with dignity and worth, and we grieve knowing that inflicting injustice and cruelty on another human being scars and diminishes all of us: perpetrators, victims, and policy-makers. God has created everyone with dignity and worth.

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the American people have a choice. Do we give in to fear, and in so doing compromise our values in an ineffectual pursuit of a false sense of safety? Or do our national values and ideals remain strong, even in the midst of great difficulty, by proving that we cannot be intimidated into betraying our beliefs?

I, along with many other citizens from all walks of life, firmly choose the latter, and support a thorough investigation into the use of torture by the United States and a permanent elimination of its use in the future.

Let us remember the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and let us think about what kind of country we want to be, as we unite in the effort to eliminate U.S.-government-sanctioned torture forever.

YOUTH PAGE

BEYOND BELIEF & CROSS TRAINERS



So, What's Going On In Youth Group?

Why do we love? What is love? How do we love? What is it's purpose? Love is peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self control. It is not self seeking or boastful. We love because Christ first loved us. Because he gave us the his son, the ultimate sacrifice to atone for our sins and to allow us to enter into a relationship with him.

Love is a beautiful and very important thing. Yet the thought or understanding of love can be often misguided. Through the scriptures we hope to uncover the true meaning of love and how we can better love one another as Christ loved us. Our prayer is that God will shape us and act through us, teaching us how to lead Godly lives while grasping the beauty, power, and significance of his love for us.

As we study the topic of love we find the Love Inc sleep out quickly approaching. Allowing us to put our faith into action! The purpose of the sleep out is to raise awareness of poverty in our community; to raise funds for Love INC and to help neighbors in need. All while having fun sleeping under the stars with friends on a chilly October night.

God is doing some amazing things in our youth group and we cannot wait to see what else he has in store for us. Please continue praying for our strength and guidance in the coming months and that God will use us in beautiful and big ways! Thank you DUMC for all you're love and support!

—Michael Fredrickson

UPCOMING YOUTH SCHEDULE

DATE:	TIME:	EVENT:
Wednesday Oct. 5	7:00 pm	Youth Group / Confirmation
Saturday Oct. 8	7:00 pm	Love INC Sleepout (at church)
Wednesday Oct. 12	7:00 pm	Youth Group / Confirmation
Wednesday Oct. 19	MEA BREAK	No Youth Group or Confirmation
Wednesday Oct. 26	7:00 pm	Youth Group / Confirmation
Wednesday Nov. 2	7:00 pm	Youth Group / Confirmation
Sunday Nov. 6	10:30 am	Youth-Led Worship Service (All Saints Sunday)

Big Waters Reflections

I once worked with someone who said that, in 55 years of life, only one thing had been truly impressive—the Grand Canyon. This person had wealth, education, health, and by most measures, a good life. As one who weeps over the beauty of a single dragonfly, this person’s observation greatly saddened me. Unfortunately, I believe this attitude is not unique. In many ways, we have lost our capacity for awe on any scale.

I believe that our reality is created by the stories we tell. (Thanks, Christie Neuger, *et al.*, for introductions to Narrative Theory.) If we are only impressed by things like the Grand Canyon, life will be pretty awe-less (or awful). But if we are impressed by small things (add your own to this very, very short list),

- Hoarfrost on a winter morning.
- The crackle of dry leaves underfoot on a chilly autumn afternoon.
- The endless shades of green on a summer hillside.
- The scent of lilacs in spring.

life acquires much more depth, texture, nuance, and awe.

It’s not that the big things aren’t wonderful too, but our opportunity for awe is much greater when we wake up each morning looking for things that make us sing and shout and dance in sheer joy to God for such blessings.

I believe that one of the primary roles of the church is to bring awe to a world that hungers for it, without even recognizing the incessant growling in its soul. Sometimes, our task is just to help people name their experience as awe—to point out those marvelous, exceptional shining moments, or sights, scents, sounds, tastes, textures. These are the times when God seems to be showing off for us, waiting for us to notice something special in our path.



**Big Waters
District Superintendent
Pam Serdar**



REFLECTIONS

FROM

YOUR

DS



Big Waters Reflections

“Reflections From Your DS Continued”

In Grand Marais off Inspiration Point, there is a little cove where the action of the lake and the formation of the rock have converged in a way that leaves the rock broken into geometrical shapes that are more angular than round. Visitors have found this to be a natural place to built all kinds of creative cairns (an easier process with rocks that are not rounded). I have watched folks built these cairns, and I am re-minded of the story of Jacob in Genesis 28:10-22, Jacob wakes from his sleep and says, “God is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy...” He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it.

Something about Inspiration Point draws people into a relationship with the Holy. It could be many things—the power and beauty of the lake, the chance to get away with family, or the shape of the rocks. I wonder how many of those folks building cairns were nones? I imagine that those cairns were their way of saying, “glory” to the Creator, even if they might not have put it in so many words. And that is where the church comes in—to give words to the experience of God, so that the grand story of God’s love and grace can be woven into their life stories.

Where have you seen God this summer? Have you pointed God out to those around you? Keep your eyes peeled! Here in Minnesota, we’re coming into the time of year when everywhere you look the bushes are burning. And if we name the source of our awe to a none, who knows, maybe they’ll decide to check us out.

Pam

PASTOR MATT'S BOOKSHELF

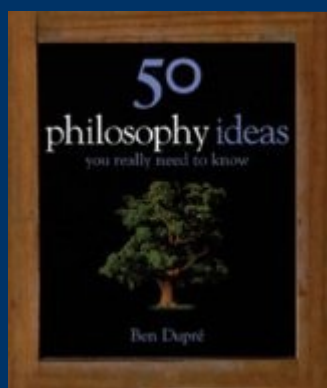
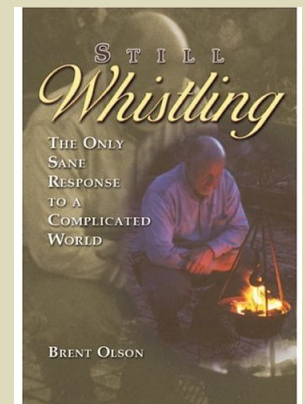
Welcome to my bookshelf! I do a tremendous amount of reading (both personally and professionally) and I want to share some of the things I'm reading with you each month.

The first book is one that is written by a Minnesota United Methodist Author. Brent Olson, who is a member of the Ortonville United Methodist Church, has written many books on life, family and faith. I first met Brent because he is a lay member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and he was one of the people interviewing me this past spring for ordination. After being questioned by him, I decided that I better read one of his books to understand him more! His book was such a wonderful read. It is a short collection of essays about growing up on a farm out on the prairie. I really enjoyed reading his book (which is available through the Delano Library). The second book is a brush up for me on philosophy. This is a handy little book that easily explains many of the major ideas in Philosophy. After reading it, I feel that I am ready to have a great philosophical conversation with someone—you are always welcome to stop by the office!

I am adding books to my online catalog all the time. You can view my online catalog of books at: www.librarything.com/profile/pastormatt.

Still Whistling: The Only Sane Response to a Complicated World by Brent Olson

Olson brings his keen insight, wit and wisdom to the everyday situations that are a part of our lives in a post-9/11 America. From the trials of a farmer, the expectations of a father, to the quest of a man of faith, he writes with optimism and shrewd intelligence. The reader will laugh and cry at these perceptive American vignettes from an award-winning author.



50 Philosophy Ideas You Really Need To Know by Ben Dupre

In a series of 50 accessible and lucidly written essays, Ben Dupre introduces and explains the problems of knowledge, consciousness, identity, ethics, beliefs, justice, language, meaning and aesthetics that have engaged the attention of thinkers from the era of the ancient Greeks to the present day.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & "COFFEE WITH PASTOR"



It's that time of year again to start practicing for the Delano United Methodist Church's Children's Christmas Program. All kids pre-K through 4th grade are invited to participate and we need as many little sheep and angels as we can get! Practice is beginning on Sunday October 30th at 9:30am. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Terri Booth (763-479-1935) if you are able to help with even the smallest detail. In addition, Pastor Matt is starting an informal group for parents and members of the congregation on Sunday mornings at 9:30am (just while the Christmas practice is going on) called "*Coffee With Pastor*" and it is just that; a time of conversation with your Pastor. All are welcome to attend! It will be a great time to fellowship over a warm cup of coffee. Mark your calendars for the following rehearsal and "*Coffee With Pastor*" dates: Oct 30th, Nov 6th, Nov 13th, Nov 20th, Nov 27th, Dec 4th. The Dress Rehearsal will be held on **Saturday December 10th** at 9:30am, and the **Annual Children's Christmas Performance will be held on Sunday December 11th** at 10:30am during Worship. You won't want to miss it!



WELCOME BRADEN AND BLAKE DITSCH!

Proud and thrilled Parents Chonda and Peter Ditsch welcomed their twin boys into this world on September 7, 2011. Braden James Ditsch was born at 6:57pm weighing 4 pounds 10 ounces. His brother Blake Kevin Ditsch was born at 7:29pm weighing 4 pounds 6 ounces. Proud grandparents Kevin and Carlyn Farnum could not be more excited! At birth the boys were doing well, but due to being born at 34 weeks were in the NICU, but recently were able to return home and are doing great! Here they are!

They are so adorable!



CHURCH DIRECTORY



Delano United Methodist Church will be creating a new Church Directory that will be mailed out early in 2012! It will not be a picture directory, but a phone/e-mail directory. A current church directory is printed and on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex. We are asking that everyone look through the directory by **November 15th** and either put a check-mark next to your name if all the information is correct or fill out the **“Update Information”** form next to the directory with any information that is in-correct. If you do not see your name in the directory, please fill out the form as well, so we can add you to the directory. We want to be sure we don't miss anyone! If you do not wish to be included in the church directory, please fill out the form and note not to include your information in the directory. Changes can also be called into the office at 763-972-3492, or e-mailed to

delanoumc@gmail.com.

SIMPSON HOUSING SERVICES

Donations will be held for the Simpson Homeless Shelter at DUMC for the month of October. All you need to do is bring in your toiletry items that have accumulated at your house over the last few months. A basket will be placed in the narthex. These donations go to help those in need at the Simpson Homeless Shelter. Your donations really do make a difference in the lives of others!

STEWARDSHIP DINNER

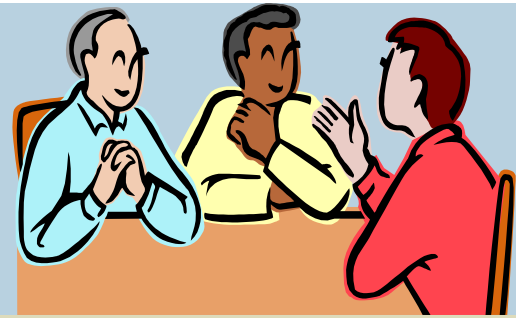
DUMC Mark Your Calendars! This year's Stewardship Dinner is being

held on:

Sunday October 30th following Worship

See you on October 30th!

MEN'S GROUP



**Men's Group Saturday October 8th at 7:30am
in the Fellowship Hall.**

It is such a great group that has a focus of fellowship and helping others in need! If you are interested in joining, please contact either:
Gary Threlkeld at 952-955-3586 or Marty Howes at 763-972-2095.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

We are in need of someone who is interested in taking over the volunteer role of Site Partner for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (food giveaway) at Delano United Methodist Church. The food giveaway happens on the second Monday of every month from 6:00-7:00 pm at the church. The site partner works with Second Harvest Food Bank and Love Inc. to distribute food boxes to those in need. Duties include: handling paperwork from second harvest, coordination of receiving boxes at church, obtaining participant signatures at monthly giveaways, problem solving, and coordinating volunteers (including delivery of boxes to local apartment complex). Training is provided. Please contact the church office at 763-972-3492 or e-mail at delanoumc@gmail.com if interested.

TOASTMASTER'S CLUB TO START IN DELANO

Have you ever gone to municipal, church or service club meetings and listened to the “word whiskers” such as “ah”, “uh”, “like”, “you know” and wished there was a way to get rid of your own. Well, brothers and sisters, help is at hand, a group of Delano residents is interested in forming a local Toastmasters club. The meeting times for a new Delano club are set as the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8:00 AM at the Star West Chevrolet/Honda dealership in the conference room on the second floor of the auto building with continental breakfast. Meetings will be conducted in one hour. Interested individuals are invited to come. Membership is open to any female or male over 18. As a Toastmaster you will have an opportunity to plan and conduct meetings, give impromptu speeches (called table topics), present prepared speeches (using TMI manuals as a guide), receive a constructive evaluation and get rid of those pesky “word whiskers”. Evaluations are based on such things as organization, gestures, voice modulation, vocabulary and other techniques. The content is not evaluated and may be on any subject of your choice. Off color subjects and anecdotes are discouraged. Toastmasters will be of great assistance to you if you are, or thinking of, leading any church groups, teaching, serving as liturgist, etc. There is sometimes a misconception that Toastmasters is a club for speakers. Not so! It is designed to make one a better communicator. One year of Toastmastering will make you a better communicator and give you more poise (the ability to be ill at ease in an inconspicuous manner) when speaking or conducting a meeting. Additional years will help you maintain the skills you have learned. More information can be obtained from Dale Vander Linden (a fifty year member of TMI) at [763-972-6726](tel:763-972-6726).

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST CHURCH MEMBER JUDY REED!

On October 2, 2011 Pastor Matt will be recognizing our newest Church Member. . . Judy Reed! Welcome Judy to the family of DUMC! Below is a picture of Judy with her two children Abby and Lincoln.

**WELCOME
JUDY!!**



PAM SERDAR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT TO VISIT DUMC

October 19, 2011

DUMC's District Superintendent Pam Serdar will visit Delano United Methodist Church on October 19th from 7:15-8:15pm. All Leadership with-in the church needs to be present for this meeting. Her goal is to get to know the members of this congregation better as well as our ministry, and answer any questions that you may have of her. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! The SPPRC Committee will be meeting with District S.I. Pam Serdar from 6:30-7:15pm that same night prior to the all church meeting. Please mark your calendars for this great opportunity to meet your new District Superintendent and share together in a spirit-filled meeting! See you on October 19th at 7:15pm.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday November 6, 2010

Sunday November 6th is All SAINTS DAY at DUMC. During the service that day we will be recognizing family members, loved ones etc. who have passed over the course of this last year. If you would like someone recognized, please call the church at 763-972-3492, or send Alicia an e-mail at :

delanoumc@gmail.com.

Please include their full name and relationship to you.

Please have all names in by Tuesday November 1, 2010

WHY I GO TO CHURCH BY JOY KRIEG

For as long as I can remember, I have always gone to church. My parents instilled in me the importance of regular church attendance, and I still feel it is important to be involved in church. When I was quite young, I can remember sitting in my home town church next to my Dad (my mom didn't often sit with us as she played the church organ and also sang in the choir) and watching the sunlight stream in through the colored glass windows. I remember that I knew that God was all around us, but that we couldn't see Him. However, I was convinced that I could see God in church in that shimmering light stream. This made me feel very special, because, at the time, I thought I was the only one who could "see" God and therefore, God must love me very much! I didn't ever share this with anyone, but every Sunday, I would look forward to going to church and "seeing" God.

As I got older, I realized that what I was seeing was simply the light reflecting off of dust particles in the air. However, it was still hard to give up that childish notion that I had seen God at church on all those Sundays. Now that I am older still, I realize that I really did (and still do) see God at church: I see Him in the children's faces as they listen during the Time with Young Christians and Sunday School; I see Him through the scriptures and sermon; I see Him when I listen to the choir sing; I see Him as I sing the hymns; I see Him during the prayer time and lifting of joys, concerns and world changing events and I see Him during the sharing of peace with my neighbors.

So for me, I guess the main reason I go to church is to "see" God!

-Joy Krieg

SEXTING & CYBERBULLYING IN THE NEW AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

**Presentation: November 10th, 2011 ~ 7 p.m.
Middle School Auditorium**

In the changing world of technology, several unintended consequences have impacted students, schools and the community. Technological advancements in cell phones have led to the development of new methods of creating and sharing child pornography as well as other sexually predatory behaviors. As Sexting and Cyberbullying have grown in popularity, children and adults are often unaware of the possible consequences. Addressing these matters in a proactive restorative manner maximizes the impact of the intervention while minimizing the long term collateral consequences. This presentation educates adults on the seriousness and trends with this issue. It is comprised of first-hand stories, videos, statistics and other valuable insights to better inform of what's taking place in the daily life of our youth. The presentation is 90-120 minutes in length focusing on the consequences of Sexting. Cyberbullying is also addressed, specifically how traditional bullying has morphed to the new and more dangerous bullying with the use of technology.

6th – 8th graders will be attending a similar presentation in December.

Presenter: Brian Stoll, Senior Probation Agent, Wright County Court Services. Brian has been working with juveniles in the Criminal Justice System for nine years. He has worked in both correctional institutions and community corrections. Focused on evidenced based practices, he instituted a cognitive restructuring program aimed at youthful offenders. His expertise in the predatory offend registration process has been crucial in dealing with consequences from sexting and cyberbullying. Brian has presented training in a variety of setting ranging from large auditoriums to classrooms, and addressing educational and correctional professionals as well as students and parents. His expertise and presentation has been widely sought throughout the State of Minnesota.

BOOK CLUB



Book Club will be meeting again on:

Sunday October 9th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Book Club will be watching the Movie, “The Secret Life of Bees”.

Hope to See You There! All Are Welcome!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2nd is World Communion Sunday at DUMC. Here is a little bit of history behind this special day. In 1940 the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America established World-wide Communion Sunday—originally a Presbyterian observance—as a global, interdenominational event. Prompted by the impact of World War II, the Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. It aided the work of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (now the United Methodist Committee on Relief), the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities. In 1971, The United Methodist Church changed the name of the observance to World Communion Sunday and redistributed the offering to support the Crusade Scholarship Program (begun in 1944), the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program and the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. In 1980, Chaplains and Related Ministries was moved to World Service funding, but the World Communion Sunday offering continued to assist racial- and ethnic-minority persons pursuing various avenues of ministry. The 2008 General Conference changed the name of Crusade Scholars to World Communion Scholars. World Communion Sunday calls the Church to be the catholic inclusive church. || (Par. 263.3, The Book of Discipline 2008) Gifts provide college scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and for international students. Your generous contributions support:

World Communion Scholarships, related to the General Board of Global Ministries—50 percent of the offering. These are for international and U.S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) graduate students. At least half of the annual amount goes to ministries beyond the United States.

Ethnic Scholarship Program, affiliated with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM)—35 percent of offering. This benefits undergraduate students.

Ethnic In-Service Training Program, GBHEM—15 percent of offering. Racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations receive these scholarships.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SALLY DYCK

Are We Worth Joining?

When it comes to professional sports and sports teams, I'm a "none."

In other words, when asked what professional sports or teams I follow or root for, I would have to check "none." I used to follow sports. I even had a subscription to *Sports Illustrated* for a while when I was a pastor of a local church. It was great for sports analogies in preaching. Since preaching is always culturally coded, as a woman I found it particularly helpful to use some sports analogies from time to time.

For instance, in a sermon I preached the morning before the Browns were in a play-off game for the Super Bowl, I used Ernest Byner as an example of a 14th-round draft pick who made good. Then he fumbled on the Denver first-yard line that afternoon and the Browns were out of the running. There were some nasty comments about my jinxing the game. You have to be careful with these sports analogies, I discovered. You can create conflict!

I used to be a Browns football fan. But then Art Modell—their owner—snuck out of Cleveland during the night to Baltimore, taking the team with him. I never really got back into the Browns after that. Sports bureaucrats don't care about the fans on the couch or stadium seats. They just care about themselves!

I was an Indians fan for a while. The new stadium in Cleveland is wonderful. In both my and Ken's churches were parishioners with season tickets and we often went to games, especially play-offs. Then one summer they went on strike, ending the season early. The Indians weren't as good after that and I began to think it was all about getting my (or someone's) money without any thought for those folks who worked concessions, grounds, stadium, and other support services who never regrouped their funds. Players are just in it for the money!

I don't know the rules for soccer. As one kid in one of my churches said to me one day, "You mean you went to school before soccer?" Yeah, something like that. So I never learned the rules and so I never really know what's going on. It's hard to enjoy or relate to something you don't understand!

Hockey entails a complete commitment on the part of kids and their parents. Hockey always took kids out of Sunday school and confirmation, not to mention their parents out of church. Hockey is filled with fanatics!

I used to watch a football game or two on the television but even when I resolve to watch the whole Super Bowl, I just fall asleep. I have too much to do to waste a couple hours on a game!

I've been to the finish of the Tour de France once and it was exciting. I watch the highlights with Ken. I believed Floyd Landis didn't dope. He insisted that he didn't and he ruined his marriage, his family, his finances, and his career—not to mention the sport—insisting that he didn't. But he did dope. Lance Armstrong doped. They're all dopes. Along with Clemmons and Bonds and the rest of them. You can't trust any of these so-called athletes!

Who else says this . . . about us?

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

You may have figured out by now that this isn't really a hyperbolic diatribe about professional sports. It's my way to try to understand what it's like for people who have a view of the church from the perspective of a none—you know, those who, when asked what their religious affiliation is, mark "none."

You may have been passionately arguing against me up to this point in my column, as I telescoped my bad experiences with professional sports. Yet maybe it helps us, or at least me, understand what is difficult for me to understand: why people would be nones when it comes to church.

Some nones see the church as always embroiled in conflict. And they just don't need any more conflict in their lives, which are already filled with conflict in their families, workplaces, and communities. Is your church able to offer a place where people can differ in love?

Some nones see the church as just caring about money. I can't believe that's the case in most United Methodist churches because we seem to have an aversion to talking about money. But we still call on people to give in such a way as to make a difference through their money as well as other resources. Do we know how to ask people to give of their resources in such a way that they connect their gifts with their faith and desire to make a difference in the lives of others?

Some nones, even in our minimally liturgical services, don't understand what's going on or why. Furthermore, we may as well be speaking a foreign language when we speak about biblical and traditionally Christian concepts. How can we communicate our worship practices to people who don't have the faintest idea what we're talking or singing or praying or reading about because they never learned the language/rules/songs/prayers/practices?

Some nones see Christianity as some kind of cult or a bunch of fanatics who don't have the same real life concerns as they have. Do we live our faith passionately as well as "keeping it real"?

Some nones see church as a "waste of time;" when they have better things to do, even if only taking a much-needed nap. How do our worship services help people reflect, deepen, and strengthen their lives—as opposed to "waste" their precious time?

Some nones judge all of us by the few churchgoers they know or read about who have hurt them in some way. How do we live as Christians leaders to the highest standard so as not to disappoint those who trust us?

We all make decisions about any business, company, industry, institution, or organization based on our personal experience of it, just as I try to point out in this faux diatribe against professional sports. Increasingly in our world, people are less tolerant or loyal toward anything or anyone. Therefore, we all must humbly recognize that each of us and our congregations are a living witness to the grace of Jesus Christ. The challenge is to follow Jesus in such a way that others say, "I want what he/she/they have."

That's the definition of a vital Christian.

That's the definition of a vital congregation.

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.



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Fellowship: Kevin & Carlyn Farnum & Garry & Sarah Hellmich	Fellowship: Bob & Sharon Lucas & Jody Nelson	Fellowship: Apple Sunday	Fellowship: Marty & Chris Howes Julie Sipe & Danita Fisher	Fellowship: Stewardship Dinner