

The Redemption of Scrooge



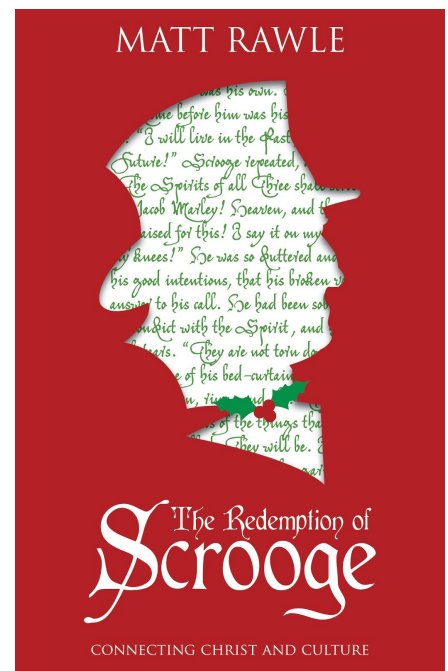
Superior United Methodist Church

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BAH HUMBUH!

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark, and sad character? The Redemption of Scrooge, from Matt Rawle's The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the Ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. Because Christmas Eve falls on a Monday this year we are going to begin this study on Monday November 26th, the week before Advent

officially begins so we can get all four weeks of the study in. We will have a class at 1:00 p.m. and one at 6:00 p.m. Due to my vacation the first two weeks Avis Shaw will lead the 1:00 class and Patty Studer will lead the 6:00 class. We will order books the beginning of November sign up in the office if you would like to participate. Books cost \$11.



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NATALIE'S NOTES

One of my favorite worship services during the year is the first Sunday in November for All Saints Day. During that service we are able to light a candle and remember those we have lost in the last year as their names are read, and also those we have lost in our lives. It is such a meaningful service to me. In building relationships with all of God's people (whether Christian or not) people have impacts on our lives, who we are, who we may become. When those people pass away, they are still with us, living as Saints in our memories and our hearts. For the last five years, I have made a point of taking time in our first Sunday in November service in order for everyone to have that opportunity as well. This year we will lift up and honor those we have lost in the last year:

Laverna Brandt
Donna Sibert
Dee Swihart
Bill Erickson
Allen Sander
Clare Wilson
Joby Hanson
Joline Allington
Arlo Doebling
Charlene Adcock
Larry Langer

During Communion there will be a time where

these names will be read and an opportunity for family and friends of that Saint to come light a candle in memory. Then while coming forward to take communion others are welcome to light a candle for others they have lost in their lives. I pray that you find this to be a holy moment, an opportunity to reconnect with a loved one in your life in a new and meaningful way. Know that if there are any saints that we've lost not listed, it is either because we were unaware and we do the best we can to make sure we have everyone.

Lord, for the multitude of the faithful whom we cannot remember, for the vastness of their number and the distance of their days, we bless your holy name. For the multitude of the faithful whom we do remember because they have touched our lives and given us instruction and inspirations, we bless your holy name. Amen.

Blessings
Pastor Natalie

Thank You's

-Dear United Methodist Church Family,

I wanted to do this in person but decided I couldn't. We the Langer and Rust families want to thank you all for your generous concerns, prayers and giving for Larry and his family. Words just can't express the gratefulness we have for you. Please continue with your love and prayers.

The Langer Family

-Thank you for all of your donations of candy and snacks for the Trunk or Treat!

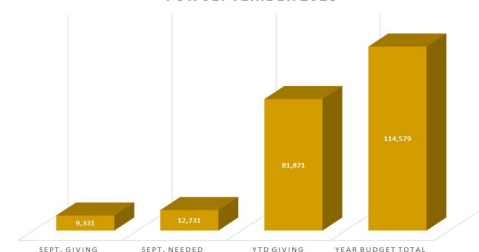
Children of FUMC and the Superior Community

Praise the Lord

On September 30th, our kids sang the song "Our God" in church service! They picked out the song and developed the moves all on their own! What wonderful young disciples we have in our church! Pictured Left to Right: Brantlee Woerner, Cooper Sheely, Truett and Callum McCord, Emmett Gentry, Chloe and Kaleb Drake and Kaymbri Cool.



MONTHLY OFFERING SNAPSHOT
FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



Disclaimer :)

For your entertainment, we've purposely included a few errors in our November Newsletter as a reminder that we are all human and make mistakes! We invite you to scour it and look for them and if you find them, come by the office and point them out and the first one will receive a prize! Thanks for reading our newsletter so carefully and know that if we do happen to leave someone out of our Birthdays or Anniversary lists, we don't mean to. We either didn't know or it accidentally got overlooked.

OCTOBER MINUTES

2018 Annual Prairie Rivers District Church Conference

The 2018 Annual Prairie Rivers District Church Conference met on October 16th, 2018 at 7 p.m. hosted by First United Methodist Church of Superior, Nebraska. There were 57 people in attendance representing 12 different United Methodist Churches of the Southern Tier Network of our District. Present and representing Superior First United Methodist church were : Patty Studer, Marsha Ray, Jana Marr, Twig Studer, Jo Wilbern, Deb Woerner, Sue Rose, Roger Nelson, Linda Cox, Jo Wilbern and Pastor Natalie Faust.

District Superintendent Rev. Lance Clay called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. by singing "Spirit of the Living God." Rev. Lance preached a sermon discussing the importance of the Laity and how they are called to serve in our Mission Fields. He compared the laity to King David's soldiers fighting alongside him. The pastors can only do so much, but it is the laity that know the heart of the community, and the pastors need the laity to fight for God's kingdom. He touched on the importance of the Networks for support as well. We can use the network churches when we are struggling through things and the importance of the Network leaders in informing him when there are things multiple churches are dealing with in order to make resources available to help.

Following his message Lance asked for permission for us to vote as a collective whole on each item in our individual church conference booklets. We first voted on each pastor's compensation package with an unanimous yes. We then voted on the approval of mission shares owed to the Great

Plains Conference for the 2019 Calendar Year with an unanimous yes. Then we voted on the nominations of committees with an unanimous yes. We voted on the Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Ministers serving churches in our Network with an unanimous yes. We then voted on the report of retired pastor Rev. Harold Backus with an unanimous yes.

Lance then invited Rev. Natalie Faust, as hosting pastor to close the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Administrative Secretary



United Methodist Women

Superior UMW met on Wednesday, October 17 in the fellowship hall at 1:30. Meeting was opened with prayer with Sue Rose presiding. Nine members recited the UMW Purpose. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jo Wilbern and approved as corrected. Treasurer Sylvia Imhoff reported current balance in the treasury to be \$3,102.90.

Correspondence- Thank you cards were read from Reta Erickson, Langer family, and Adcock family.

Reports of Committees and Coordinators:

Linda Cox reported on the fall UMW District Retreat in Wood River and topics shared there of Leadership, Pathway to Prayer, and Lectio Divina. She also reported that she will be ordering the 2019 Mission U Sampler which includes deadlines for reports due dates. Elaine Guilkey made motion to allow this bill, Was seconded and carried.

Elaine reported this month's serving funeral lunches for the Langer and Adcock families and thanked all who helped.

Esther Martin reported that the new 2019 Programs were almost complete and also that she had purchased supplies for health and school kits and baby blankets. She noted that two slow cookers have been donated to the church kitchen.

Harvest Festival committee- Robert and Alaina Brown have Volunteered to co-chair the Hamiltons for the event this year as reported by Rev. Natalie.

Unfinished Business- Plans are completed for UMW Sunday on October 21. Several members will participate in the church service and there will be a guest speaker.

Following the business meeting, Elaine presented a lesson from the Book of Ruth, and collected the World Thank Offering for missions. Members participated in a Litany celebrating 150 years of UMW.

A delicious pumpkin dessert was served by Elaine and Esther. Next meeting will be December 1, 2018 at noon for a potluck luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Wilbern, Sec.

November 2018 Worship

Assistants

Greeters:

November 4-Mary Tietjen

November 11-Jo Wilbern

November 18-Dorothy Rust

November 25-Alaina Brown

Ushers:

November 4-Stuart, Trent & Emily Tietjen

November 11-Phil Dean, Gail Mikkelsen, Chad Hansen

November 18-Tony Studer, Joe Wilson, Steve Fox

November 25-Bob, Ashlyn & Jordan Brown

Counter All Month: Mary Hamilton

Sound Technicians:

November 4-Angela Garver

November 11-Marsha Ray

November 18-Jeff Guilkey

November 25-Jared Ehlers

Communion Steward: Linda Cox

Acolytes:

November 4-Lauren Tietjen

November 11-Zak Corman

November 18-Lilly Edwards

November 25-Teegan Duncan

Memorial Report

IN MEMORY OF CHARLEEN ADCOCK

Ken & Linda Smith

Tom & Rita Adcock

Gladys Wederman

Jennie Ellman

J&M Cattle

Barbara J. Wilbern

Delores Teachworth Robb

Juston and Barb Thompson

Arma Jean Whitney

Richard & Sandra Hawkins

Mark & Linda Eggers

Ward Aurand

Pauline Hanson

Lenard & Colleen Krcmarik

Pat & Lloyd Jensen

Marvin & Avis Henning

Carlita Price

Overview of Proposals for General Conference Points included in this document are provided as a summary of the recommendations to the special 2019 General Conference. For more information, please read the entire report from the Commission on a Way Forward.			
	One Church Plan	Connectional Conference Plan (CCs)	Traditionalist Plan
Local Churches	<p>Summary: This plan, preferred by a majority of the Council of Bishops, would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline that prohibits same-gender weddings in UMC properties and ordination of “self-avowed, practicing homosexuals.” It would add language to protect churches and pastors who choose not to allow same-gender marriages.</p>	<p>Summary: This plan would replace the current jurisdictional conferences with three connectional conferences based on affinity: Progressive, Traditional and Unity. All 3 would use a general Book of Discipline (Articles of Religion, General Rules, Confessions of Faith) with the ability to adapt other portions to their context for ministry.</p>	<p>Summary: This plan, developed more fully toward the end of the Commission on a Way Forward process, broadens the definition of “self-avowed, practicing homosexual”, puts penalties in place for disobedience to the Discipline, and requires bishops, pastors and annual conferences to certify adherence to the Discipline.</p>
Clergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Most likely would make no changes in practice at the local level. <input type="checkbox"/> May rewrite wedding policies to explicitly allow or forbid same-gender weddings. <input type="checkbox"/> Will covenant with bishop on whether congregation will accept LGBTQ pastor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can choose affiliation. <input type="checkbox"/> Still will set wedding policies with churches in the “unity” CC able to set parameters for building use and/or wedding policies in either direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No vote unless the church disagrees with annual conference’s choice to stay in UMC. <input type="checkbox"/> Churches can leave as a partner in ministry but not as part of the UMC if they disagree with annual conference’s decision to adhere to Discipline.
Annual Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can exercise individual conscience. <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop & Cabinet would take theological convictions into account for appointments. <input type="checkbox"/> Ends potential for church trials. <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ candidates can be ordained and appointed to local churches that approve and can request transfer of candidacy if conference Board of Ordained Ministry or clergy session chooses not to ordain LGBTQ persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Will choose a CC. <input type="checkbox"/> Transfers subject to approval by Board of Ordained Ministry. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordination would be recognized across all 3 CCs. <input type="checkbox"/> Security of appointment determined by CC, with emphasis on protecting women and minorities. <input type="checkbox"/> Deacons and full-time local licensed pastors may see fewer opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Must maintain Discipline or leave for “autonomous, affiliated or concordat church.” <input type="checkbox"/> Just resolutions from complaints must include commitment not to repeat offense. <input type="checkbox"/> First offense results in one-year unpaid suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Second offenses result in surrendering credentials.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No vote is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Boards of Ordained Ministry and/or clergy session can discern whether to ordain LGBTQ persons. <input type="checkbox"/> General Conference can craft a way for churches to exit with grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jurisdictional conferences will vote to join a CC on simple majority vote (50%+1). <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences who want to join a different CC than their jurisdiction chooses may do so on a simple majority vote (50%+1). <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences could revoke every 4 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Must certify that it will uphold the Discipline. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences that won’t certify are urged to form “autonomous, affiliated or concordat” church, and churches that leave can’t use United Methodist name or logo past 2020.

Overview continued from other side	One Church Plan		
Council of Bishops	<input type="checkbox"/> Council continues as one body providing spiritual leadership. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments will reflect convictions of bishops and annual conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> Bishops will be protected if their consciences will not allow him or her to ordain LGBTQ persons.	<input type="checkbox"/> Funded by connectional conferences at comparable levels. <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight and accountability falls to bishops of each CC. <input type="checkbox"/> Each bishop, active and retired, chooses a CC. <input type="checkbox"/> New bishops would be elected at organizing conference in 2022.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active and retired bishops must certify they will adhere to Discipline. <input type="checkbox"/> Bishops who will not certify adherence no longer receive compensation of expenses as of 2021 and will be encouraged to leave for "autonomous, affiliated or concordat" church.
General Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to operate as they do now. <input type="checkbox"/> Have to adjust to potential declines in funding, as sustainability issues are separate from the Commission on a Way Forward's task.	<input type="checkbox"/> Jointly funded boards include Wespeth, GCFA, UMCOR, Archives, parts of GBGM and the Publishing House. <input type="checkbox"/> Task force would evaluate each general agency and propose new model for UMC by 2025. <input type="checkbox"/> Program agencies would only serve CCs that desire participation. <input type="checkbox"/> Justice ministries structures would be determined by CCs, with expected emphasis on sexism and racism.	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to operate as they do now. <input type="checkbox"/> Each agency can contract with churches that leave the UMC.
Related Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/> Likely no changes. <input type="checkbox"/> Commission conversations with members of these organizations indicate this plan makes it more likely for most institutions to maintain their affiliation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Properties owned by annual and jurisdictional conferences follow them to their new CC. <input type="checkbox"/> Institutions can choose to relate to one or more CCs, as their bylaws allow.	<input type="checkbox"/> No changes unless they choose to do so within the bounds of their own bylaws.
Finance & Pensions	Two petitions are recommended for any of the three plans: <input type="checkbox"/> Any church that leaves would have to pay their proportionate liability of unfunded pensions for their annual conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawing clergy would be removed from benefit and annuity risk pools and have accrued benefits transferred to an individual investment account.	<input type="checkbox"/> Same 2 petitions as One Church Plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal fees to navigate legacy connections. <input type="checkbox"/> Wespeth stays intact and extends to CCs. <input type="checkbox"/> Medical and pension liabilities remain the obligation of the annual conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Wespeth will reassign pension liabilities for churches that opt to go to another CC. <input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences manage budgets to care for boundary reconfiguration costs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Same 2 petitions as the One Church Plan.
Episcopal Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and benefits would be paid by each episcopal area in the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Other expenses would be shared via apportionments. <input type="checkbox"/> No changes to Central Conference funding.	<input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and benefits would be paid by each U.S.-based CC. <input type="checkbox"/> No changes to Central Conference funding.	<input type="checkbox"/> No changes to Central Conference funding.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

November Calendar

Sunday November 4th: Time Change-Fall Back!

Tuesday November 6th: SPRC @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday November 7th: DCoM Interviews

Thursday November 8th: Chapel @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.

Monday November 12th: Bingo @ Good Sam @ 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday November 14th: Harvest Festival

Saturday November 17th: Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday November 20th: Memorial @ 5:05 Trustees @ 6:30

Thursday November 22nd: Thanksgiving Day

Monday November 26th: Redemption of Scrooge Advent Study @ 1 p.m. OR 6 p.m.

Weekly Groups

Sundays-Confirmation Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Mondays-Yoga 7 p.m.

Wednesdays-Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Confirmation 7 p.m.

Sunday Funday Leaders

November 4th-Leader: Angela Garver
Helper: Julie Drake

November 11th-Leader: Jana Marr
Helper: Esther Martin

November 18th-Leader: Haley Coffey
Helper: Ashley Siebenneicher

November 25th-NO SUNDAY FUNDAY!



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What's Up at FUMC?

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