



From Staff Parish Relations **Pastoral Change Announcement**

To Forest Hills Church congregation:

Bishop David Bard intends to appoint The Reverend David Werner to Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester Minnesota. The new appointment will begin August 1, 2022.

Our District Superintendent, Cynthia Williams, will use information from our church's profile, and past consultations, and conversations with our Staff Parish Relations (SPR) Chairperson and committee members to assist the Bishop and Cabinet in making a new pastoral appointment. Cynthia's first meeting with our CMMT/ SPR team is scheduled for the first week of May 2022 to discern the pastoral needs of our church.

The process is following the Itinerant System. "The itinerant system is the accepted method of The United Methodist Church by which ordained elders, provisional elders, and associate members are appointed by the bishop to fields of labor. All ordained elders, provisional elders, and associate members shall accept and abide by these appointments." (From The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016)

We thank Pastor David, and the Werner family for the past 13 years of care and service to Forest Hill United Methodist Church.

Further information will be addressed in emails and/or church newsletters.

Steve Betker
SPR Co-Chair

Monthly Church Events

May 1	HOLY COMMUNION 8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30am - Grow Group
May 2	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
May 4	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Echo, Youth Group, 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 5	10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - National Day of Prayer (at the VFW) 12:00pm - Sarah Circle
May 6	8:00am - Grow Group
May 7	9:00am - United Methodist Men
May 8	MOTHER'S DAY 8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
May 9	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
May 11	10:00am - Birchwood 4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Echo, Youth Group, 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 12	1:00pm - UMW Meeting
May 13	8:00am - Grow Group

Slow Release Sermon

I have heard it said that worship songs are a “slow-release sermon”. Often during the week, I find myself humming a melody that we sang in church and it isn’t long before the words follow and before I know it, my mind and my mouth are singing God’s truth. It’s the same truth I heard preached on Sunday, but the music helps me reaffirm it all later down the road.

I believe it is very important to carefully consider the words we sing in our services. Like the lyrics on the radio, the message a song sends sticks with us. Those melodies will pop back up seemingly out of nowhere. What sort of message will reverberate in our minds? How do these messages affect our hearts?

For this coming month, we are introducing a new song entitled, “Let Your Kingdom Come”. It is nothing more than a prayer set to music that cries out for the glory of God to reign in this world and in our lives. The song does not leave us without a sense of responsibility, as verse two puts it:

“Lord use us as You want, whatever the test
By grace, we’ll preach Your gospel
Till our dying breath”

Then the chorus resounds with a same request that Jesus instructed his disciples to make:

“Let Your kingdom come, Let Your will be done!”

Music is always a creative undertaking. Musicians and artists are putting together something new and yet the best worship songs do not deviate from the primacy of God’s word. They retain the ancient ideas that have carried the Church and will continue to carry the Church into the future until His kingdom comes!

For the King!

-Pastor Andrew



May 15	8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 3:00pm - Unexpected Company Choir
May 16	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
May 17	10:00am - Rebecca Circle
May 18	11:00am - Romeos & Juliets 4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Wed Programming 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 19	6:30pm - AMT
May 20	8:00am - Grow Groups 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
May 21	6:00am - Community Care
May 22	ST ANDREW SHELTER 8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 6:00pm - Theatre Intensive
May 23	ST ANDREW SHELTER 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:00pm - Theatre Intensive
May 24	ST ANDREW SHELTER Annual Conference
May 25	ST ANDREW SHELTER Annual Conference 4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Wed Programming 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 26	ST ANDREW SHELTER
May 27	8:00am - Grow Group
May 29	8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
May 30	Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED

Youth Group

We have started our next series “Acts: A Movement.” This is a four-week series that focuses on the first four chapters of Acts. This series is designed to help students learn about how the movement of Christianity began and discover insights about their own faith in light of how the first followers of Jesus lived.

Week 1 – Acts 1:1–11

Week 2 – Acts 2:1–41

Week 3 – Acts 2:42–47

Week 4 – Acts 3 & 4

Pastor Cassi

Red Rock Camp - June 20-26

Spend a week with God experiencing his renewing love and saving, healing power at Red Rock Camp on the shore of Lake Koronis near Paynesville, MN. Red Rock Camp is for the whole family, there is programming for ages 0-100! When people attend Red Rock Camp and are touched through children, youth and adult evangelists and teachers, they partake in a five-fold mission to: Encounter God, Experience holiness, Equip generations, Empower leaders and Engage communities. Amazing things unfold when people gather and seek Christ for a week. Nothing is impossible for those who believe!



Join your pastors at Red Rock Camp this summer! It is a wonderful week to relax, renew and reenergize with God and others.

Forest Hills offers scholarships for those with financial need and incentive dollars to all who attend. Signup for those in the lobby or speak to Pastor Cassi in the office. To register go to Campminnesota.org and choose Red Rock Camp when registering.

May Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy!
If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Jason Keintz	5/14
Avery Yetter	5/17
Morgan Lindholm	5/21
Julie Hovey	5/27
Conner Keintz	5/30

Wednesday Meals:

May 4 - UM-Men

- pancakes

May 11 - Staff

- TBD

May 18 - Rosenbaums

- Chicken & Rice

May 25 - Lindholms

- Manicotti

Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. The theme of the [2022 Annual Conference](#)—which will take place May 24-25—is “Jesus: Healer.”

Bishop David Bard invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as a generous expression of God’s wild and extravagant love.

“Even in difficult times, Minnesota United Methodists have shown themselves to be generous in sharing the healing love of Jesus,” he said. “Our world confronts countless challenges, and though one offering cannot meet or overcome them all, it can do good and bring healing in the name and spirit of Jesus.”

Our Love Offering this year will address food insecurity by supporting three Minnesota United Methodist food ministries. Funds will also assist those in need in our nation and world by supporting Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia and Volunteers in Mission trips.

The funds from this year’s offering will go to:

- The Red Bird Missionary Conference in Appalachia (40 percent)
 - Food insecurity across Minnesota (50 percent, divided among the three ministries)
 - Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato (17 percent)
 - Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis (17 percent)
 - West African Family and Community Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center (17 percent)
 - Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent)

Forest Hills will be collecting this offering Sunday May 8 and May 15 during the service.

St. Andrews Family Shelter Week May 22-28!

We are excited to again offer this critical expression of God’s love through volunteering to provide evening meal and overnight hosts.

Our week to volunteer will be May 22-28.

Volunteer to bring and serve a meal or stay overnight.

