

# The Fourth Teller

Fourth Ave United Methodist Church  
219 4th Ave NW, Faribault, MN  
August 2010

“Seek After God, Savor God’s Word, Share God’s Love, Serve God’s People”

## Pastor Dennis Tamke

Dear Fourth Avenue  
United Methodist Church,

Rose and I are thrilled to be a part of the Fourth Ave. family. We are feeling overwhelmed right now on two fronts. First, my mind is absolutely spinning with all the things I need to know about you and the church, so many new faces to remember and get to know, history that must be digested, a new “standard operating procedure” to get to know.

Secondly, we are overwhelmed by the kindness and love you have already shown in welcoming us. There is an obvious feeling of anticipation for good days ahead.

I need you to know that first and foremost, I am here to love you and to be loved by you. If we accomplish that, there is no limit to what we can do together. I have been really gratified at the number of comments and cards that all say basically the same thing — “we are glad you are here, how can we help you?”

I am also aware that there is grieving to be done. You grieve for Pastor David and Lisa. They are wonderful people who have meant a lot to you and I know that. Please don’t ever think that your love for them is a threat of any kind to me. I am honored to stand on their shoulders.

I also grieve in the leaving of the people at First and Fellowship UMCs of Austin. We had 5 terrific years together and I will miss them dearly. It is my deep hope that in our grieving, we will discover each other. I need your love and support and I’m praying that you will need mine. We will build our new relationship slowly and intentionally.

Lastly, for now, my door is always open. Please don’t hesitate to take advantage of that.

*Shalom,*

*Pastor Dennis*

**Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah 's Ark**

**One:** Don't miss the boat. **Two:** Remember that we are all in the same boat. **Three:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. **Four:** Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big. **Five:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. **Six:** Build your future on high ground. **Seven:** For safety sake, travel in pairs. **Eight:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. **Nine:** When you're stressed, float a while. **Ten:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. **Eleven:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

## LAY DELEGATE TO MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

Pastor Dave and I attended the 2010 Annual Conference session from June 2<sup>nd</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> at the St. Cloud Civic Center. Bishop Sally Dyck presided over the Conference. The conference theme was "RETHINK WORSHIP". Early Americans called their conferences "a little heaven below".

The theme was rich and the worship was powerful. Our guest worship consultant and leader was Marcia McFee from Lake Tahoe. She is an author, worship designer and leader, professor, preacher, and artist. Her engaging and interactive style was both refreshing, inspiring, and unforgettable. She combined her background and experience in professional companies of music, theater and a variety of worship and preaching styles in order to bring a fresh experience of the gospel to each worship setting. Marcia has a passion for helping the church to worship God fully. She travels extensively doing workshops to help congregational leader and worship teams. What we do in worship matters for who we are becoming. We don't think our way into acting, we act our way into thinking. Ministry is a contact sport.

Wednesday evening banquet was held. The theme was Give Us Our Daily Bread. Bishop Sally Dyck gave a powerful message on Awe to Odd. That evening I took our Love Offering that was \$271. The offering goes to support mission projects in Minnesota and around the world. This year 30% goes to Saint Petersburg, Russia; 30% to Native American Ministry.; and 30% to new worshipping communities in Minnesota, which is New Day UMC, Big Lake, Spirit River Community UMC, Isanti, and Good Samaritan UMC, Saint Peter; and 10% to Volunteer in Mission Scholarships for first-time participants from Minnesota. The total as of Thursday was, \$71, 396. There will be more added, as not everyone gave their offering on Wednesday night.

Both Pastor Dave and I felt that the Remembrance Service that was held on Thursday morning was one of the most beautiful services we have ever attended. This service honored Clergy and Spouses that have passed away this year.

The Plenary Session started on Thursday. (You can go to [minnesotaumc.org](http://minnesotaumc.org) and get the full report) The compensation schedule for the Pastors first 8 years of service has changed. This will increase the salary for pastors coming out of school with loans that need to be paid off. Once they get to step 8, the steps would remain the same as they are now.

The next action item took a great deal of discussion.

It was to amend The Book of Discipline on 161 F, The words that would be omitted from the Book of Discipline would be The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.

The rationale is that the United Methodist Church has historically welcomed into membership "all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition".

The outcome is that all people will recognize that even though we disagree with each other, the United Methodist Church is truly welcoming people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

This item passed, however it will need to go to General Conference and pass, before you will see a change in the Discipline. I don't believe it meets until 2012.

I thank you for sending me as your delegate from Fourth Avenue. If anyone would like to have the opportunity to be the 2011 lay delegate, please let me know. I have enjoyed going and would like to share this with someone else.

*Phyllis Wegner*



## MEALS ON WHEELS

It's that time of year again--time for Fourth Avenue folks to deliver Meals On Wheels. Our dates this year are August 2-6 and August 9-13.

As most of you know, this is a valuable volunteer service that delivers nutritious meals to shut-ins who cannot make their own meals and without this program, could not remain in their homes. The time drivers are needed is 11:15-12:30 Monday through Friday. We need drivers to deliver five routes a day for these two weeks. If you can and would be willing to help with this valuable service, please call me; I will also be calling volunteers who have participated in the past, and there will be a sign-up sheet available at church on Sunday morning. Please help with this if you can as it is a very meaningful and necessary service that is provided through Three Rivers Community Action and would not be sustainable if not for volunteer drivers like you and me. Thank you in advance for volunteering!!!

*Shari VanDerVeen,, Home Delivered Meals Coordinator  
Home: 507-331-5302 Cell: 507-491-6570*

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## JUNE HAPPENINGS AT FOURTH AVENUE

On June 13, 2010, we said "good bye" to Pastor Dave and Lisa Brown. Brunch was held after the morning service. Pastor Dave was presented with a gift from his friends at Fourth Avenue, to use as he desires as he starts Storm Faith Community Ministry. There was a time for those that wanted to say a few words to them as they embark on a new journey. We wish them well as they start their new venture in Ministry.

**GOOD LUCK**

**WELCOME**

On June 27, we welcomed Pastor Dennis and Rose Tamke to Fourth Avenue. A reception was held in the Annex following the service. Everyone had a chance to meet and get acquainted with them as they become part of our church family. Welcome Pastor Dennis and his wife Rose.

On June 18 - 20, a church campout was held at the Faribo Campground. Our Church service was held at the campground clubhouse on Sunday, June 20 with Father Doyle as our speaker. Coffee and donuts welcomed everyone at 8:30. After the service, game of sandbag baseball was enjoyed by many. Those that didn't play, cheered on the teams. At 11 o'clock, a potluck dinner was enjoyed by all, with the usual wonderful food.



Thanks to everyone who helped with any or all of the June happenings.

*Phyllis Wegner, SPPR Chairperson*



## Trustees

The roof project is nearly finished. The trim tin will need to be completed.

Sid Spurgeon did a great job on the media center in the rear of the sanctuary. We still need to run the cables under the floor and hook up the sound to the Berene Room and Nursery.

We have called some paint contractors to receive bids on painting the west windows on the Education Wing. We are also updating our Church Key List. If you are no longer in need of a church key, please turn it in to the Church Office. Thanks!

*Stay Cool, Ernie Morris, Trustee Chair*



## Christian Pipers Kick Off

A Bible verse that most of the Pipers have memorized well is:  
Luke 24:41b "Do you have anything to eat?"  
We can take care of that.



**Christian  
Pipers**

After the long hot summer of busy schedules, vacations and weekends at the lake - it's time for the "Pipers" to re-group for food, fun and fellowship.

**Saturday September 18, 6:30 p.m. at the church.** Bring a dish to pass and your own utensils. Beverage will be provided. Remember to invite a guest to share the fun. Expect some surprises. Don't miss it!

## Roofing Project Update

Our roof project is almost complete. We have paid Kato Roofing \$20,000 with \$9,438 coming from donations from you, our congregation, and \$10,562 from the Unified Budget. The remainder of the bill will be paid with any additional funds from the congregation, \$9,000 from Gift and Bequest funds, and the remainder from the BP&I Fund. We are sincerely grateful to each of you who have contributed to this project.

*Donna Schuenke, Finance Secretary*



## "YOU RAISE ME UP" PROJECT

The Elevator Committee met on July 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. A review of the project up to this date took place to inform Pastor Tamke. The next meeting was set for August 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. All those interested are encouraged to attend the meeting.

*Don & Anna Cook*




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**UMW News**


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## UMW NEWS

**DATES TO NOTICE:** Next UMW Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, August 30 at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. There is a district "Into Missions Studies" at Glendale, UMC on August 10, 2010. I have a registration form and they are in "The Link".

The River Valley District Annual Meeting is September 11, 2010 at Evangel UMC, Rochester. They are inviting nominations for district member of the year and must be sent in before August 15. I also have a list ready to send for the memorial service for members who have passed away since last August.

A special membership pin and award was given to Phyllis Wegner for her work on SPPR, conference attendance and reporting conference updates to the congregation, helping with soup luncheons and many other ways she services the church.

The Executive Board is accepting nominations for someone you have noticed that has "gone that extra mile".

Both circles have served the nursing home pie parties this summer. Please remember to stop by and visit the Reading Program table. *Lois Christen, Vice President*

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### **New Literature - UMW Reading Library**

- 1) *Caring for Mother* - a daughter's long goodbye. 2) *My Tummy Talked in Humorous* - Poems and Devotions for adults who love children. 3) *Play With Me* - Two friends on a spiritual journey with kids. 4) *The Road of Lost Innocence* - The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine 5) *The Undertaker's Wife* - Wisdom and Musings—Life in a small town funeral home. 6) *They Take Our Jobs* - Myths about immigration

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

Naomi Circle - will meet Wednesday, Sept 8th at 9:30am at the Church. Glorene Southworth and Lois Christen will host.

Miriam Circle -will meet in September.

\*\*\*\*Miriam Circle has plenty of **homemade potholders** made by Bonnie Hammer for sale. Please contact Donna Schuenke if you are interested.\*\*\*\*



*With Sympathy* **The church extends its sympathy** to the family and friends of Dorothy Lips who passed away on June 1, 2010

**The church extends its sympathy** to the family and friends of **Mary Louise Taylor** who passed away on June 27, 2010.

**The church extends its sympathy** to the family and friends of **Brittney Rose Landsverk** who passed away following a car accident that occurred on April 2, 2010.

**The church extends its sympathy** Dale & Karen Doehling and family upon the death of Dale's mother, **LaVerna Doehling**, who passed away on July 7, 2010.

**The church extends its sympathy** Donna & Dale Herbst upon the death of Donna's brother-in-law, **Dennis Holicky**, who passed away on July 7, 2010.

Please remember these families and friends in prayer during this time.

## Thank You

To our church family: Thank you so very much for the cards and calls when I had my knee surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Dave for the hospital visits. Your love and concern are what makes Fourth Avenue such a special place in our lives.

*Carolyn Minshall*

## ADDRESS CHANGES

### April O'Rara

128 12th Avenue SE  
Faribault, MN 55021-6404

### Annalin Madson

525 South Cedar #3  
Owatonna, MN 55060-3254

### Pastor David E & Lisa Brown

789 157th Street  
Roberts, WI 54023-5923

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit please let the office know at 507-334-4308.

Because of privacy laws the hospital and other care facilities are not able to give us this information. Thank you for your help.

Anyone having **garden flowers**



for the alter, please feel free to share them with the congrega-

## HOSPITALIZED



June/July  
Joe Jandro  
Dan Tersteeg  
Andy Brown



## NEW MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming new member Geraldine Gibbs to Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church. Geraldine is the mother of Jeanne Michel and grandmother of the Landsverk, Bossmann and Vrieze families.

### FROM THE LANDSVERK'S

The words "thank you" don't seem adequate enough to express the gratitude we feel for all of the love, prayers, and support we have received. Brittney touched the lives of many and our lives have also been touched by all of you. Everything you've done is truly appreciated. God bless you all.

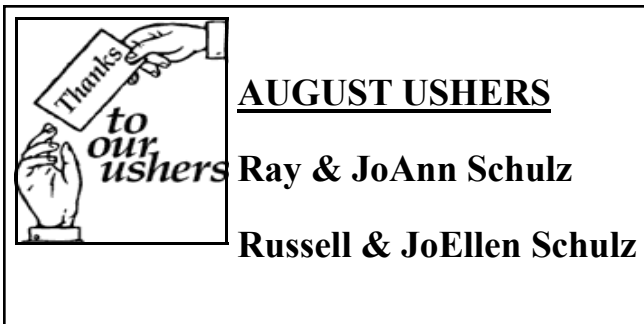
*Ron & Kelly Landsverk*

Thanks to Sara Steele for updating our church website.

Visit our church website to see the fresh ideas from Sara.

**Our website is: [www.fourthaveumc.org](http://www.fourthaveumc.org)**

Sara has also been very instrumental in helping with the office computer when it was attacked by a vicious virus.



#### St Cloud State Dean ' s List

Jackie Ann VanZuilen has been announced to the St Cloud State University spring semester Dean ' s List. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale. *Congratulations !!*

### An invitation to discover the Roots of the Methodist Church in England

United Methodist Church members throughout Minnesota are invited to join Rev. Chris Kneen of Hastings United Methodist Church on a tour October 20-29, 2010 to England featuring Methodist Church heritage and the life and ministry of John Wesley in England. The experience also includes an exploration of British history, architecture, art and culture visiting the cities of London, Oxford, York, Harrogate, Epworth, Bristol and Bath. Departure from the Twin Cities on roundtrip non-stop flights to London. Contact Pastor Kneen, 651-437-4398, [pastorchrich@hastingsumc.org](mailto:pastorchrich@hastingsumc.org) or CrossingBorders at 800-990-6811 for a brochure detailing the itinerary, inclusions and cost.



**JULY**



**AUGUST**

<b><u>JULY BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
Lauri Lammin	01
Ian Pope	01
Marlin Wegner	01
JoAnn Schulz	02
Daniel VanDerVeen	02
Ella Prange	03
Pat Pecore	04
Patricia Purfeerst	06
Edward Fritz	07
Elizabeth Gryc	07
Betty Homeier	07
Daniel Tersteeg	09
Aprilynn Orara	10
Abigail Malecha	12
Molly Boyd	14
Mikayla Miller	14
Jewel Grundman	15
Rodney Mahler	15
Andrew Nagel	15
Bill Korff	16
Sid Spurgeon	17
Karen Doehling	18


  

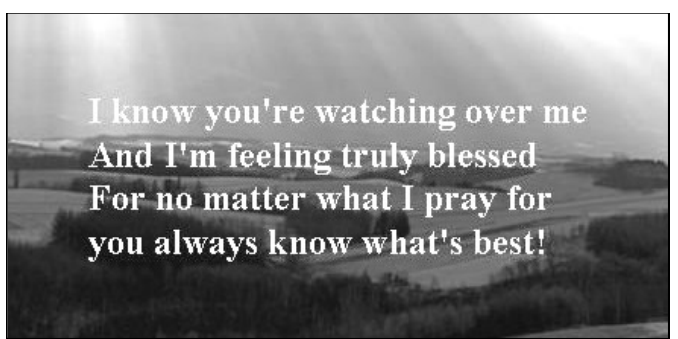
<b><u>JULY ANNIVERSARIES:</u></b>	
Phyllis Borchert	19
Mary Ann Brugger	20
David Grundman	20
Audrey Eiler	21
Russell Schulz	22
Fern Westerhouse	22
Rev. David E. Brown	24
Jack Luedke	25
Patricia White	29
Kayle & Marian Becker	02
Richard & Sandra Caron	05
Marlin & Phyllis Wegner	06
Dwayne & Wanda Weber	13
Ron & Barb Swartwoudt	14
Grant & Lauri Lammin	18
Amalie & Tyler LeMieux	18
Robert & Lila Scholtes	19
Daniel & Shari VanDerVeen	20
Andrew & Elaine Nagel	30

<b><u>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:</u></b>	
Frank Hellevik	01
Shirley Kaiser	01
Irene Schulz	01
Robert Ford	04
Shari VanDerVeen	05
Bob Hammer	07
Kathy Heise	07
Ron Landsverk	07
Jean Mahler	08
Shawn Steele	08
Caralyn Swanson	08
Carissa Schrot	15
Anna Cook	17
Liz Hartman	17
Christopher Hunt	17
Kim Bossmann	21
Phyllis Wegner	21
Lisa Brown	24
Ruth Krull	25

<b><u>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:</u></b>	
Aubrey Hatfield	27
Elizabeth Prange	27
Leon Dibble	28
Ethan Einertson	29
Carissa Orr	29
Brandy Marlin	30
Bernice Beardshear	31
Michael & Marcia Grundman	09
Amanda & Chad Einertson	11
Shawn & Sara Steele	14
Don & Jeanne Michel	19
Russell & JoEllen Schulz	19
Ernie & Marge Morris	20
Tom & Kim Bossmann	22
Allan & Becky Baker	30

 New Prayer Chain members are always welcome. Call Irene Eiler at 334-6939 or Donna at the church office at 334-4308.



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*August*

Worship/9:00 a.m.

Parlor Fellowship 10:15 am.

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<p>September 2010 Fourth Teller Deadline/Sunday/August 15 /Noon</p> <p><b>Please Join Us For Worship!</b></p>	<p><b>Choir Director:</b> Lois Vranesh</p> <p><b>Church Organist:</b> Frank Hellevik</p> <p><b>Custodian:</b> Ernie Morris</p>