

Sumner Center UMC Newsletter

June 2025

A note from Pastor honoring our fathers.... Father's Day is a special time to celebrate, honor, and reflect on the unique role of fathers in our lives. It is a day not only for showing appreciation but also for turning our hearts towards the divine calling and responsibilities bestowed upon fathers. The Bible provides profound insights into the role of fathers, revealing the heart of God's design for family and leadership. Fathers are called to be providers, protectors, teachers, and examples of love and faithfulness. Consider these verses that illuminate the sacred role of fatherhood:

- Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."
- Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
- Psalm 103:13: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."

These scriptures remind us of the father's pivotal role in nurturing and guiding their children, modeling the love and compassion of our Heavenly Father. And the beauty is that **we honor all men who hear the call to mentor our children**. For your gift of time, attention and leading by example is a blessing! The heart of a father, stepfather, mentor, or faithful friend reflects qualities of strength, wisdom, patience, and love. Just as God is described to His people, earthly faithful men are given the gift to mirror His care and guidance. To accept the call to be a positive role model in a child's life is to embrace a calling that demands sacrifice, humility, and steadfastness. For this calling is not merely about provision but also about presence. A man's gentle words, unwavering faith, and open arms provide security and reassurance. Through their actions, they can speak volumes, teaching children trust, kindness, and the value of integrity. Fathers and Father figures leave behind legacies—of love, character, and faith. Children carry these legacies into their own lives, shaping the world around them. Father's Day is a time of gratitude, reflection, and celebration. Whether through prayers, scripture, or heartfelt moments, let us honor the fathers and father figures who have shaped our lives. Let this day be a reminder of God's love, as reflected in the ministry of fatherhood. May we cherish and uplift the fathers among us with the same grace and compassion that He extends to us all.

Happy Father's Day!



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

**Sunday Worship:
In Sanctuary at
11:15am
&
Sumner Center UMC
Facebook Page**

**Visit our Church
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<http://www.sumnercenter.com>

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**Grace and Peace
in the name of
Jesus Christ**

If you have items
you would like to be
published in the
newsletter, please
contact Pastor

Bridget by the 3rd Thursday of the preceding
month by emailing your information or
dropping at Church

Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:15 am Worship 	2	3	4	5	6 	7
8 11:15 am Worship 	9	10	11 Annual Conference 	12	13	14 Sunflower Daze @ Dexter Bake Sale Walking Taco's 11-7pm 
15 11:15 am Worship 	16	17	18 VBS Volunteers Meeting @ Dexter UMC 6:30pm	19 	20	21 
22 11:15 am Worship 	23	24	25	26	27 Wagon Train stop At Sumner Center 11- 2pm We will be serving them lunch	28
29 11:00am Sister Luv Concert	30					

June Worship Schedule



June 1, 2025

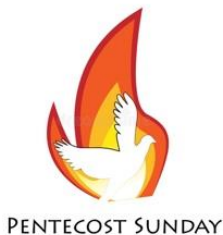
Pastor Jon Leading

Our text for this week says there are wrongs that need righted. It says there are systems, there are presumptions and prejudices, there are oppressive patterns and economic cycles that are impossible to break out of without help. Paul and Silas are accused of disturbing the city. So, how will we disturb our city today? But wait, you may be thinking, we can't get political, and I promise you I am not thinking about a

political platform here. I am talking about a different approach. Folks we are in the kingdom building business and it is our job to go out and be leaders in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. So, I ask you – What would that transformation look like today?

What would be different in the kin-dom of God?

For today is a day of casting a vision of what it means to be working toward, leaning toward, co-creating with God the kin-dom we long for.



June 8, 2025

Pastor Jon Leading

The day of Pentecost is upon us. May the Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day. Come, Whirlwind of Wonder! Sing to the groaning of creation. Come, still small voice of Hope! Enflame us with your passion for justice. Come, Liberator of the Least! Purify us of our grasping greediness. Come, Advocate of selfless living! Silence our gossiping tongues. Come, Harmony of God's Heart! Wind of God, blow through us; Fire of God, burn within us; Tongue of God, speak to us on this day of renewal and birth.



June 15, 2025.

Pastor Bridget Leading

The world's human community began with one man. The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man. Today, we celebrate the contributions of strong, godly men to our community. Today, we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus, exhibiting his character and his love.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



JUNE 22, 2025

Pastor Bridget Leading

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together on this Trinity Sunday to celebrate in word and song and to affirm our faith in God, the Three in One. As we stand in God's presence.

Today's service is a Liturgy of Word, Songs, Prayer and Praise!



Sister Luv is coming to: Sumner Center

They will be sharing their **NEW BEGINNINGS TOUR** featuring a concert of Christian encouragement

Sunday, June 29th @ 11 am

Donations will be collected for the

Whispering Ponies Children's Christian Ranch

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
THIS IS A CONCERT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO
MISS!!



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to:
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UMC
Sunday, June 29th
11 am

Sister Luv is more than just a musical ensemble; it is a vibrant tapestry woven from the talents and passions of three generations, creating an unforgettable entertainment experience. With a diverse repertoire that spans decades—performances are characterized by dazzling outfits, epic sibling harmonies, and genuine audience interaction. Each show is unique, infused with the charm and energy that only family can bring to the stage.

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A free will donation will be collected for the benefit of Whispering Ponies Christian Ranch for Children

OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE A FULL HOUSE AT SUMNER CENTER UMC
TO SUPPORT THESE AMAZINGLY TALENTED MUSICAL ARTISTS
TELL YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND FAMILY TO COME AND
ENJOY THIS SPECIAL HOUR OF INSPIRING MUSIC!
HELP US SPREAD THE WORD DAY!!!!

Sumner Center and Racine UMC will share a joint worship gathering this day!

No 8:30am service at Racine

Let's all come together at 11 am at Sumner Center to Praise our
Awesome God!!!!



Annual Conference 2025

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” -1 John 4:7-8

We are created by love and for love. We will be reminded of that when we gather for the 2025 Annual Conference Session next year.

Drawing on 1 John 4:7-21, our theme will be “Created for Love.” Our hope is that you leave fulfilled, reminded of your own belovedness, and inspired to share God’s love with others.

Constitutional Amendments Overview

At General Conference last year, delegates approved four amendments to change the United Methodist Constitution. But they still must be approved by two-thirds of the voting members of all annual conferences combined to take effect.

These amendments will come before members of this year’s Minnesota Annual Conference Session, who will be asked to vote on each one during plenary session on the afternoon of June 12. The amendments can be debated but not modified; this is a simple YES or NO vote. The results of our conference’s vote, and the votes of other annual conferences, will not be shared publicly in an effort to protect the integrity of the worldwide voting process.

The results will be announced Nov. 7, 2025, by the Council of Bishops.

You can [read each amendment in its entirety](http://www.minnesotaumc.org) at www.minnesotaumc.org. Click on 2025 Annual Conference then constitutional amendments overview.

Ballot #1: Worldwide regionalization

Ballot #2: Inclusion in membership

Ballot #3: Racial justice

Ballot #4: Educational requirements for voting rights



My Father's Hands

By Kathy Hawkins

As I look at my dear father's hands I see
All the hard work done to raise me

The knicks and scars on each of the fingers
And at times some pain that still lingers

Those hands taught me how to work hard and learn
To be responsible for the life you so yearn

Lessons in making things work with flexibility
Without instruction but with capability

They taught me to love others no matter if big or small
We all have our pluses and also shortfalls

Helping others is a mission our hands can do
Be it cooking a meal or holding their hand for a minute or two

A father is watched by small eyes each day
Teaching the little ones just how to pray

Fathers become grands and then greats through the years
Sharing their love and joy, and even some tears

Celebrate your father for the time on this Earth
Is never certain from the start of his birth

Remember those hands as they work day to day
Giving you direction each turn of the way



FATHER'S DAY

Word Search



BARBECUE

BEER

BRAVE

CELEBRATE

CHILDREN

DEVOTED

DINNER

FAMILY

FOOTBALL

GIFTS

GREETING CARD

HANDSOME

HONOR

JUNE

LOVING

MEMORIES

MENTOR

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PRESENTS

RESPECT

SPECIAL

SUNDAY

SUPPORT

TOGETHER