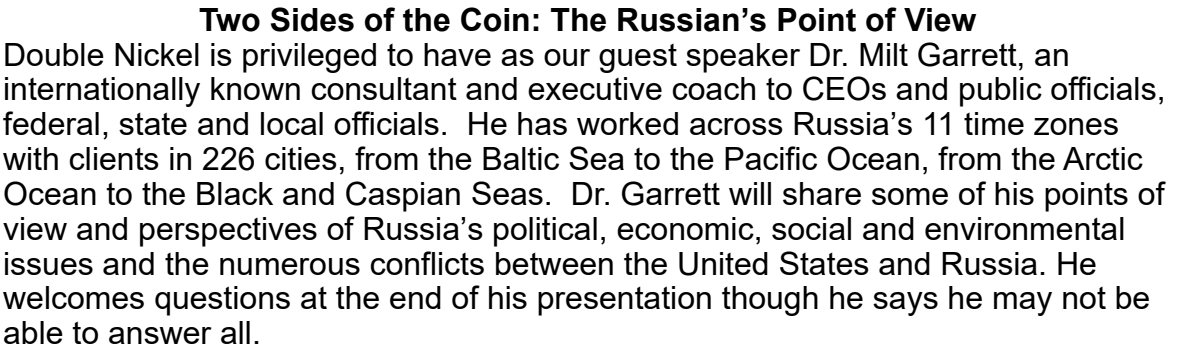


World Wisdoms Project

“Encountering ‘the holy’ in a complicated world” features panelists Laurie Gudim, Sivea Key, and Trinity Wilbourn. From their perspectives as teachers, mentors, and spiritual directors, the presenters explore the hunger for a sense of connection and wholeness in an era marked by personal and collective trauma.

Double Nickle Lunch - November 8



• Best lunch in town \$4.00 • No reservations required • 12:00 Noon • Fellowship Hall

A Message from Welcoming, Affirming, Reconciling Methodists

The informative booklet OUR STORIES: Journeys to Welcoming, Affirming, and Reconciling compiled by WARM* is must reading for all FUMC members and friends. Check the east and south entries anytime, the Welcome Center and C&S table in Fellowship Hall every Sunday for a copy!

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Habitat for Humanity First Church Habitat Builders Work on Natasha's House

On September 19, a beautiful sunny day, 7 First Church builders joined other Habitat regulars working on Natasha and Samantha's home. As you can see in the photo the house is taking shape. Janet Shupe, Barbara Cline, Jan Beyer, Bonny Thomas, and Elaine Andersen furnished a delicious lunch for about 20 people.



Builders: Robin Hause, Tom Andersen, Keith Metcalf, Jim Snyder, Roy Wood, Don Silar, and Jim Colinson

Message from Melanie

I have heard every reason imaginable for why people dislike church, and some of the reasons make good sense to me. When people are made to feel guilty and ashamed, when they are not inspired or uplifted, when they feel like their time is wasted, I understand. However, one reason I do not understand is this: "Churches are always asking for money."

Of course we are! You would rarely set foot in the Sanctuary without an offering taking place (although I do draw the line at funerals). We ask for money every chance we get, so we can give it away, change the world, invest our community. We need money to assist our neighbors in need, to care for the hungry, homeless and bereaved. We need money to keep up our building, grounds, and equipment, to offer lifelong faith formation, to invest in our children and youth, to offer inspiring worship and comforting pastoral care. We need money to help people with rent, food, and health challenges. We need money for just about everything, because it is a tool that makes ministry possible.

The best part about asking for money is not what the church needs at all. Far more important is what giving does for us individually: helps us to be less greedy, less self-centered, less attached to our own insatiable desires, and more deeply attached to the work of God revealed by Jesus Christ.

Of all of the dollars that have passed through my hands, the ones I feel best about are those that I have given away to worthy causes that improve the quality of life for others. No economic challenge, stock market fluctuation, or financial crisis can take that away. The best investments we make are in what we give away. This is our legacy.

This month we begin our 20/20 Vision campaign, as we invite everyone in our church family to join us in funding our mission and ministry for our 151st year of serving this community. It is a challenge in times like these, when lots of people have good reasons why they do not go to church. Yet asking for money is not a good reason to stay away. First Church is alive, and lively churches cost money, more all the time. I am glad our church needs money, not only for the good we do for countless people, but for the good that comes our way when we grow in generosity and faithfulness.

Melanie

Dr. Melanie Rosa, Lead Pastor



A graphic for the 20/20 VISION Stewardship and Generosity Campaign. It features the text "20/20" in large, dark blue, serif font, with a diagonal slash. Below "20/20" is the word "VISION" in a smaller, dark blue, serif font. At the bottom, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the text "Stewardship and Generosity Campaign" in white, sans-serif font. The background is a light blue with faint, overlapping circular patterns and the word "VISION" repeated in a very light, large font.

We will celebrate our many blessings on Sunday, November 24, and invite you to bring your favorite pie to share for coffee hour. No donuts that day, just delicious pies as we celebrate God's bounty and provision.

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Don't forget the time change on November 2

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3, so please turn your clocks BACK before you go to bed Saturday night November 2.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of ...

Barbara Voas - September 21

Congratulations on your wedding ...

Congratulations on the wedding of Thomas Henry Cross and Michelle Howard on October 12.

We celebrate the baptism of ...

Bodhi Cameron Lucas on October 20



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Inspire Hope • Grow in Faith • Serve With Joy

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*An inclusive, deeply relational community inviting all people
to experience God's presence today.*

Congratulations to Grand Sweep Bible Study Participants



Left to right: Louise Thornton, Rita Bee, Margaret Janson, Janet Shupe, Amanda Gentile, Susan Willard, Julie Wilson, Bonny Thomas, Susan Kutrubes, JoAn Hopkins, Jim Kutrubes, Cynthia Paquette, Daphne Bear, Cindi Ross-Bell, Kate Norton, Charissa Dull, Rick Norton, Chris Weber, David Reid, Randie Bell (not pictured: Lorena Mast)

Congratulations to the nineteen people who completed the Grand Sweep Bible Study, which is a year-long Bible study that involves studying the Bible from cover-to-cover! The group spent 57 weeks on this pursuit and have come out energized, transformed, and excited to use what they have learned in their lives and on their spiritual journey. Many new relationships were formed and existing ones were strengthened as they learned from each other, shared in small group discussions, told life stories, and spent time together. The class was led by Rev. Cynthia with the help of David Reid.

Church and Society presents: CAN WE TALK? "Healthcare: What's Next?"

We seek to understand the healthcare situation as it is, and to explore near term and long term solutions to this national crisis. Emphasis will be on identifying facts, exploring differing interpretations of those facts, and consideration of whether or not our Christian faith inclines us toward any specific way forward.

- Roundtable discussion,
- Sunday November 17, 2019
- 12:00 P.M., (after church),
- Parlor
- Light lunch provided



Welcome to our newest members ...



David & Shirley Thomas



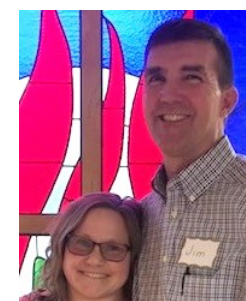
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Suzanne Doyle,
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Rob Doyle (not
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