



From the Pastor

We have certainly experienced April showers, so hopefully soon we will begin to see May flowers! We thank God for rain or shine, and as we have been discussing on Sundays, we are ever grateful for the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us! His guidance and faithfulness are extremely important gifts as Forest Hills enters (again) into a time of transition. Here are some of the changes coming up this summer:

- Wednesday May 22 nd will be our last meal together as we transition into our summer schedule.
- May 26th we will transition into a new sermon series based on Jesus’ parables called “To Tell a Tale”.
- May 29th marks the Minnesota Annual Conference which brings together all UMC churches in the state. There will likely be more than a few transitions happening due to the global General Conference that just convened.
- June 2nd will be graduation Sunday as we celebrate students’ transition out of high school.
- Sometime soon we will have continued construction on the pavilion garage as well as have the flooring poured.
- The summer months will also see Pastor Cassi transition into her role at a new church, Sherry Robinson will retire, and a new staff member will come aboard.
- July 28 th marks my two-week Shmita leave as I transition into a more contemplative time and prayerfully consider aspects of my own leadership.
- On Wednesdays in August, we will host our Kid’s Summer Bash as well as our End of Summer Bash!

In all honesty, this list is too long and too comprehensive to handle. Many of these upcoming changes are out of the normal cycle and present unique challenges and demands on those involved.

Monthly Church Events

May 1	4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 2	6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - PAX - Julie 7:00pm - N/A Meeting
May 3	8:00am - Grow Group
May 5	HOLY COMMUNION 10:00am - Worship 3:00pm - Girl Scouts
May 6	8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H.
May 7	7:00pm - Boy Scouts
May 8	10:00am - Birchwood 4:30pm - PAX- Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 9	10:00am - PAX - Sue 1:00pm - UWF Exec Board 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) 7:00pm - N/A Meeting
May 10	8:00am - Grow Group
May 11	5:30pm - Adult Fellowship
May 12	10:00am - Worship
May 13	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H

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But we move forward in faith and with the empowering of the Holy Spirit! We can take heart that we are not alone and that God has a plan for us each step along the way.

I want to encourage you all as members and parties invested in Forest Hills Church to dedicate yourselves to prayer! We need to hold fast to our anchor as transition, like waves in a storm at sea, try to distract and dislodge us from keeping our focus on Jesus. We are here to “love God with all of our heart, to grow in our faith in Christ, and to serve through the empowering of the Holy Spirit”. No amount of transition can deter us from this mission if we remain prayerfully obedient and continually hold this church up into his care.

“Don’t be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks.” Philippians 4:6

Thank you for serving with me! Thank you for praying with me and for me! Let us thank God for the inestimable worth of his gift of the Holy Spirit who makes all things possible.

For the King!

- Pastor Andrew

MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We are seeking to hire a part-time (30 hrs/wk) Ministry Coordinator to join our church staff. This person will assist the lead pastor with preparation of weekly worship materials (printed & video), lead the church youth group, and help support community outreach and daily church operations. A person who is organized, has a heart for youth and enjoys job variety while working as part of a team will thrive in this position. For more information go to our website at: www.foresthillsumc.net/careers

To apply for this position
email office@foresthillsumc.net with your resume
and cover letter.

May 14	6:30pm - AD Council
May 15	11:30am - Romeos & Juliets 4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 16	6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) 7:00pm - N/A Meeting
May 17	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
May 18	7:00am - Food Distribution
May 19	10:00am - Worship 3:00pm - Girl Scouts 5:30pm - Masquers
May 20	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast @ PERKINS 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H.
May 21	10:00am - Rebecca Circle 7:00pm - Boy Scouts
May 22	4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 23	10:00am - PAX - Sue 6:30pm - Pax - Julie (Remote) 7:00pm Boy Scouts Webelos 7:00pm - N/A Meeting
May 24	8:00am - Grow Group
May 26	10:00am - Worship 6:30pm - Boy Scouts
May 27	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H.
May 29	4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
May 30	6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) 7:00pm - N/A Meeting
May 31	8:00am - Grow Group

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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 05/14/72
Avery Yetter 05/17
Morgan Lindholm 05/21

Julie Hovey 05/27/58
Connor Keintz 05/30/03

Goodbye from Pastor Cassi and Steve

As I sit down to write this letter, my heart is filled with a mixture of emotions—gratitude, sadness, and hope. As most of you know my time as the Associate Pastor here at Forest Hills Church will soon come to an end. I have accepted the call as Graham UMC Senior Pastor, which will begin on Sept 1. Since this is the last newsletter until fall, we wanted to say goodbye.

Serving alongside each of you these past 22yrs has been an incredible blessing and privilege. Over the years, Steve and I have witnessed the love and dedication of this church family, and it has truly been a joy to be a part of such a dedicated community of faith. Together, we have celebrated joys, weathered storms, and grown closer to God and one another.

One of the highlights of my time here has been working with the teens in our congregation. Getting to know each of them, walking alongside them in their faith journeys, and witnessing their growth and passion for Christ has been incredibly rewarding. Whether it was through youth group meetings, retreats, mission trips, or simply spending time together, I have cherished every moment with our teens. They have taught me so much about faith, resilience, and the power of God's love, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of their lives.

While we are sad to say goodbye, we are filled with gratitude for the memories we have shared and the relationships we have formed. As we prepare to embark on a new chapter of our life and ministry, we do so with hope and anticipation for what lies ahead. While I may be leaving this role, we know that the work of God's kingdom continues, and we are confident that each of you will continue to shine the light of Christ in this community and beyond.

We are forever grateful for the love and support you have shown me during my time here, and I carry each of you in my heart as I move forward.

As we bid farewell, we are reminded of the words of the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3: "I thank my God every time I remember you." Indeed, we thank God for each of you and the beautiful journey we have shared together.

May God continue to bless you abundantly, and may His love and grace guide you in all that you do.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,

Pastor Cassi and Steve Betker