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FOR JUSTICE

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"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



Happy New Year!

This is an odd Pastor's Pen to write. Even though I am only going to be gone for three months, I feel like there is so much I want to say.

First, you are an amazing church. I can step away for three months because you are strong and healthy. I have witnessed through my time here a growing sense of shared leaning into ministry. Through our Transform Campaign and beyond you have witnessed to a living faith that with God, all things are possible. If you ever wonder if what we are engaged in matters, find a way to witness the work of Thrive! or open your ears and hearts to the sound of the organ, choirs, and band on Sunday mornings. Wander into CU Wednesdays and share the joy of sixty people gathered for food and fun. Truly. You are an amazing church.

You are blessed with an amazing staff and Leadership Board. Pastors Katy and Nancy are gift to the movement of Jesus, and each person who is employed by this church understands that we are here to empower ministry. It is joy to work in concert with the kaleidoscope of people and gifts represented on your staff and Leadership Board.

We serve an amazing and holy God. The teachings of Jesus are needed in ways palpable. The people of Jesus are called to witness to compassion, mercy, and justice. We get to do that together. The Spirit leads us to offer welcome to all.

Seven days a week, we are here to witness to God's vision of radical love. It is thrilling ministry.

For three months I will not be present. Truth be told, that is hard for me.

Pastor Katy will be the Elder in charge. She is surrounded by strong leaders - including Pastor Nancy - and clergy colleagues. This is a grand time for Katy to move into leadership in this way. I know you join me in being aware of and grateful for her strong leadership gifts. We have guest preachers coming in to share the Word, including our DS Cynthia Williams, Rev. Kendall Hughes, Rev. Tyler Sit and Rev. Cooper Wiggen. While there will be no radical changes, Katy will lead differently than I do. Support her, please. She is a beloved and gifted child of God.

Where am I off to in this time of renewal?

I am amazed to share with you what has been made possible by a grant from the Lilly Foundation. I wrote for a grant that would help me experience Sabbath and "wilding" time - time spent out of doors and free.

January 13 - February 12: Australia and New Zealand
- With Cooper

February 12 - February 26: Home

February 26 - March 12: Sedona - Solo Retreat

March 12 - March 26: RV Camping in Southern

Utah with Cooper

March 26: Home

April 9: Back to CUMC

August 2 - 4: All Church Camping Adventure

I have a blog that has been untended for awhile. I am going to write my experiences on my blog while I am gone. You are welcome to sign up for it if you like. My blog, *Living Waters: Celebrating the Sacred*, can be found on <https://emacaulay.blog>

Beyond that I will stay largely silent (imagine!).

I will pray for you every day while I am gone.

I feel so very blessed to serve as your lead pastor. This time of stepping away will refuel years of ministry to come.

The poet Wendell Berry speaks what I seek:

The Peace of Wild Things

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Thank you for the opportunity to rest in the grace of the world.

May God bless and keep you.

Pastor Elizabeth



“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” - **Albert Einstein**

We are creating a user-friendly library!

A team of people swept through our library and "culled the herd". Books were placed on tables outside the library for those who wanted one.

The space freed up will be populated with books that are timely, and also with books available for purchase. As a community resource in the heart of this city, we believe we can bless through offering theologically intriguing books.

To that end, we invite you to consider donating a recently-enjoyed book to our library.

You can have the book sent to the church or drop it off.

We ask that the books given be current articulations of how it is we can feed souls and learn about the Holy.

We have also moved children's books into the library in an effort to have them read and enjoyed.

Under consideration is the removal of half of the wall (the portion closest to the windows) between the Fireside Lounge and the library. This would enhance both spaces and create a user-friendly spot for people seeking a gracious place to read, reflect, wait for children, gather for small groups and for pre-funeral gatherings.

Every inch of our building is meant to be used in order for grace to be fostered in this city.

Check out our library!

Join the library/bookstore team: Gwen Ricco, Kathy Estry, Kathy Lawson, Deedee Odell, Kathy Krob, Kathy Davis, Bobbi Nichols, Diane Ilstrup, Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay



This year the Guatemala trip will be January 4-13th, 2019. There are 18 participants, some from out of state. Pray for them as they provide medical care and vision care for rural communities near Quezaltenango, and as they visit Nikki Gensmer and the Lage family, who all serve in Guatemala through Salud y Paz.

Here are the ones leaving from this church in January:

Thomas & Samuel Jager, Catherine & Philip Karsell, Jessica Richardson, George Romano, Emily & Jenna Stock, Denise & Jeffrey Swinbank, Darlene & David Lucas, Linnea Nichols, Shirley Ackerman, Aaron Gross, and Karen Fields

Parking at CUMC

As most of you are aware, we have been renting parking spaces in our two church lots to Mayo and a few others for several years to increase revenue for our annual budget. We are mindful that we need to keep enough spaces open during the week for church members and visitors who use our incredibly busy facility for meetings and other events. We have tried to keep the rental parking on the far side of the lots leaving the closer spaces for church members and guests.

We have found from time to time others have been parking in our lot illegally, which takes up valuable space. As we try to notify these parties of their error by leaving a note on their window, we might accidentally “tag” a church member’s car by mistake. If so, we apologize. Just stop by or give the office a call to let the staff know.

We will continue to balance the need to maximize income to offset ongoing expenses with the need to provide adequate parking access for members and guests. If you have any feedback concerning church parking, please let us know.



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings January - May 2019

Ways to Connect

We offer many ways to connect with others at CUMC. It's the Wesleyan way! There are six-week Connect Groups, Connect Groups that meet weekly, Sunday morning classes that meet weekly and short-term classes. If you are new to Christ Church or a long time member, these groups provide an opportunity to grow friendships, faith, and outreach in meaningful ways. This is a personal invitation for you to participate in at least one of these outstanding opportunities.

Connect Groups

A sign-up and information table will be in the Commons January 6th and 13th.

Connect Groups: These groups will meet weekly for six weeks. The time and focus of the group will be centered around a shared issue or activity. The duration of the gathering is one hour. The core of the time together is developing relationship with the Holy and with each other. Groups will meet on site at church, in coffee houses or in homes.

If you are interested in hosting a Connect Group, contact Pam Lund (lund.pamela7@gmail.com) or Kathy Estry (rk.stry@gmail.com). We want to hear from you! Do you have an interest or hobby you would like to share, a book that meant a lot to you or an area of special knowledge? Winter activities like cross-country skiing or snow shoeing? Do you like knitting, quilting, crocheting? Making soup, baking bread, tasty cookies? Aging well? Let us know!! A listing of Connect Groups will be available in the Commons in January.

Exploration of Racial Justice Issues

Hosts: Rev. Kendall Hughes, Bobbi Nichols, Kristin Perry, Nicholas Wysocki

This group is exploring the following topics: 1) Race and the Criminal Justice System 2) Decentering Whiteness for Racial Equity 3) Race and Poverty

The second session on racial issues begins Sunday, February 3rd at 10:10 AM in Room 133; followed by Sunday sessions on: February 17th, March 3rd, 17th, and 31st, and April 7th. The discussion will help participants learn how people of European descent can engage in their own racial understandings before doing effective work in the area of racial equity. The three courses in this series provide a welcoming social and intellectual space to explore a difficult subject that has historically divided us as spiritual beings. We invite members of the congregation and the community to join us as we learn and grow together. Contact the church at 507-289-4019 with any questions.

Frustrated With Technology??

Do you have questions about issues you may be experiencing with your computer or cellphone? Or do you just want to learn more about what is available today in our technology world? Our savvy CUMC youth will be available on Sunday, February 3rd to answer your questions and demonstrate their "techie skills."

<u>Connect Groups that meet weekly and welcome new members:</u>	2:00pm – Monday – Shorewood
11:00am – Tuesday – Men's Discussion Group in the Library	1:00 pm – Tuesday – Fireside Room
7:30am – Thursday – Men's Coffee Group in Room 145	10:15am – Sunday - Library

Ongoing Classes

Inquiring Spirits – After the 9 AM worship service (except Third Sunday of each month), Room 145

Discussion varies on books, videos, and other sources to investigate and challenge theological boundaries. The group enjoys occasional picnics and potlucks. All are welcome. Facilitators: Hank Kliever and Ed Shafer

Contemporary Issues – After the 9 AM worship service, Room 146

Discussion is centered on current issues, news reports, and media viewpoints that shape public opinions. A United Methodist faith perspective will inform each unique session. Visitors and seekers are especially welcome. Facilitator: Joel Charlson

Short-Term Classes

A Prophets' Take on "Fake News": Exploring the Prophet Amos - Sundays, January 13 – February 3
Following 9am worship - Mettam Conference Room - Facilitator: Rev. Gary Lueck

This Bible study class will examine the nine chapters of Amos and how the prophet speaks to our current issues and life styles.

Financial Peace University - Mondays, February 4 – April 8, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM - Mettam Conference Room - Facilitator: Colleen Johnson

What if you could be debt free, have an emergency fund to cover 3-6 months of your expenses, all while investing for retirement and planning for your family's future? With Dave Ramsey's class, Financial Peace University, you can take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. Register today! This 9-week class will be held Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Mettam Conference Room beginning February 4, 2019. To register and purchase the FPU Membership kit (1 per family unit) go to: <https://fpu.com/1081658>. Questions? Contact Colleen Johnson at FPUCoachColleen@gamil.com or 507-254-3455.

Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis - Wednesdays, February 6 – March 13, 2019

6:00 – 7:00 PM - Room 145 - Facilitator: Kathy Estry

In this course, the group will learn about the ongoing refugee crisis. You'll read essays from experts in the fields of refugee resettlement and public policy. You'll hear stories from refugees themselves and from the many organizations that walk alongside refugees as they build new lives. You'll spend time talking to one another and sharing perspectives on the week's topic and have time to explore your ideas as a group and process your ideas. Then you can take all of that with you, into your jobs and homes and dinners with friends, and offer an alternative to conflict and division. You'll offer dialogues!!

Congregational Read

A book selected by clergy that everyone is invited to read individually or in a Connect Group. Worship in February will follow the topics found in this book.

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor - Taylor shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life. In *An Altar in the World*, Taylor shows us how to discover altars everywhere we go and in nearly everything we do as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.

Third Sunday Forums

All are welcome! Third Sunday of the month at 10:15 – 11 AM in the Hamline Room. These forums cover a wide range of topics of interest and are given by insightful guest speakers. No registration required; just bring your cup of coffee and enjoy the presentation followed by Q & A

January 20: "How Do Christians Face Today's Social Issues?" Representative from the Isaiah Project

February 17: "Pathways Toward Prosperity & Well-being" Paul Fleissner, Deputy County Administrator
 Olmsted County Health, Housing & Human Services Division

March 17: "Conquering The Odds" Habibo Haji, RN-BSN, Author

April 21: No Forum – Easter Sunday

May 19: "CUMC Becoming a Green Church" Hopeful Earth Team

**Child Care is available every Sunday and for weekday and
 Saturday Small Groups and Classes Upon Request**

Watch the Sunday bulletins, Fresh Spirit email, and the New Spirit newsletters
 for other offerings as they become available!

The United Methodist Women of Christ United Methodist Church invite you to:

Winter Wonderland Tea

Saturday, January 5, 2019 2 - 4 pm

Celebrate the beauty of winter - indoors - at the Christ United Methodist Women's *Winter Wonderland Tea*, Saturday January 5 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the church Commons. Come and hear Joyce and Terry Grier of the Zumbro Valley Audubon Society talk about the wonder of Minnesota's hardy winter birds, followed by a winter singalong led by John Varona. Enjoy Scones, Savories, Sweets and Tea while in fellowship with friends. Hope to see you there!



Did you know? The Methodist Women organization is 150 years old in 2019! What began in Boston with 6 women is now over 800,000 women world wide. CUMC UMW will begin celebrating on February 3rd, UMW Sunday. Aileen Williams will be the speaker for worship followed by our second annual Souper Soup Luncheon. Plan to stay for soup before the Super Bowl!

Inbetweeners - Save the Date! The Winter Social will be held on Sunday, January 20 from 2pm to 4pm at CUMC. There will be desserts and a program! More event details to follow.

Pastor Katy's Reflections

It is a wonderful time of year to be in ministry. And, THIS is a wonderful PLACE to be in ministry.

This month, a church member gave me her cozy and long winter coat. Because she had two, and my winter coat broke.

Folwell elementary school is connected to Christ UMC through the Food 4 Friends program (we pack Channel One food bags to help support families who need a little extra, every week) and sometimes they reach out to us for other needs the kids have. I put out a call on Facebook for size 10 women's boots, and within just a few hours a church member contacted me with a pair to spare.

Fifteen teenagers celebrated "White Elephant" Christmas parties with us leaders, where a "Grinch" adult-sized onesie was the most popular and fought-over item, and the kids shared ideas about how else they want to be involved in 2019: they want to help teach adults in our church more about technology, because they have much wisdom to share. And, they want to help learn how to support people who struggle with depression and suicidal thoughts. Amazing.

We sent off fourteen gift bags for college-aged young adults who needed a little encouragement with finals: I got multiple texts back of relief and thanksgiving from the kids, feeling so cared for by this church.

We had over a dozen children from toddlers through 6th grade involved in our Christmas pageant this year, called "Rooty's Christmas Wish." They were so proud of their work and were impressively committed: through two worship services and an hour break in between, I saw no tears, heard no complaining, and saw only positivity and excitement.

Plus, we have 18 kids and adults who will be spending New Years Eve reflecting on the year and having fun together at the Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch retreat.

Think we could cram any more into December?

It has been busy, but meaningful and powerful. We do not waste time around here, and we do not rush or do things just for the sake of filling our lives. One of my favorite moments this month, for example, was lingering over dinner with Christ UMC moms and grandmoms, multiple generations together united over the universal language of talking about hair and dresses.

Thank you for the ways you love one another: even in such little things such as lending clothes, bringing fruit to a party, making a card, opening a door, you are being the presence and light of Christ to this world. It is changing this church, and building up our children and youth's lives.

Peace, Pastor Katy



1010 Youth Church

Sunday mornings: meet in the Bell room at 10:10 am for 10 minute youth church and donuts with Pastor Katy before launching into small groups till 10:45



Family Fun Fridays

For kids to make friends and parents to connect

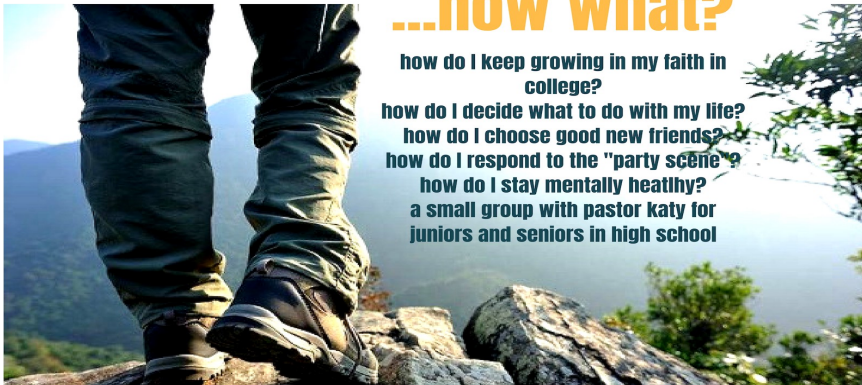
MOVIE NIGHT!
movie + popcorn +cocoa

January 18
6-8 pm



January 20-Feb 24 Sundays, 10-10 am

Graduate ...now what?



how do I keep growing in my faith in college?
how do I decide what to do with my life?
how do I choose good new friends?
how do I respond to the "party scene"?
how do I stay mentally healthy?
a small group with pastor katy for juniors and seniors in high school

Fun Young Adult Facts this month...

14: the number of presents we sent to our high school graduates finishing projects and finals. Want to be a part of sending encouraging presents and notes to our college kids and college-aged kids? Talk to Pastor Katy!

10: the number of people who attended Pastor Katy and Grace Glover's "Advent Happy Hour", where we colored, got to know each other, and took a breath during the Advent season.

3: the number of new Christ church young adult-attenders who went to the same college as Pastor Katy (Wheaton, in Illinois. Only 2,100 students, but they really get around Rochester, apparently!)



February 9
2019
10-11:30 am
Christ UMC



Donuts



Dancing



Family Valentine Fun



Feed hungry people

What donut you love??

January 14, 6 pm is the next Mission and Social Justice meeting. Do you lead an area of service and justice in this community? Come meet with us at this quarterly council gathering. We will support each other, connect, and learn more about the work we are doing in this community: we work smarter and stronger together!

Chicken Challenge

The CUMC children and youth Chicken Challenge raised \$160.43 over the last month to go towards the Heifer Project. That's nearly 3 entire flocks of chickens, ducks, or geese to bring hope and sustainability to those in need!

Sanctuary Church News

The latest development from the Sanctuary Church Movement in Rochester is the establishment of a much needed Immigrant Legal Defense Fund. CUMC is a member of the Interfaith Immigrant Rights Coalition (RIIFC) along with many other churches. All are cooperating with the Diversity Counsel to establish this fund to be used at immigration proceedings.

The fund is needed for those at risk of deportation to have legal counsel when appearing in court. When low income individuals lack access to counsel, a fair hearing does not occur.

Consequences can be harsh such as imprisonment and deportation. The government is represented by counsel, but unlike our citizen judicial system, no legal representation is provided by the US immigration hearing system.

The RIIFC anticipates raising \$50,000 initially for the fund by several means. Donations will be sought from individuals, community organizations and faith communities Olmsted County funding and a Vera grant will be pursued for matching funds to reach a total goal of \$150,000.

Members interested in supporting the fund can do so through CUMC by indicating that the donation is for the Immigrant Legal Defense Fund.

You Are Invited

All are Welcome.

What: Fellowship Coffee

When: 2nd Wednesday of

EVERY Month

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Where: Charlies Restaurant



We would love to give you a warm welcome

Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the church and how to connect with others? We offer monthly "Meeting Christ Church" coffees at which our pastors will meet with people and introduce them to CUMC and the United Methodist denomination. Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Fireside room following the 9:00 service. Childcare is available upon request! The next Coffee is January 13. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email to email@cumethodist.com if you have questions or would like more information.

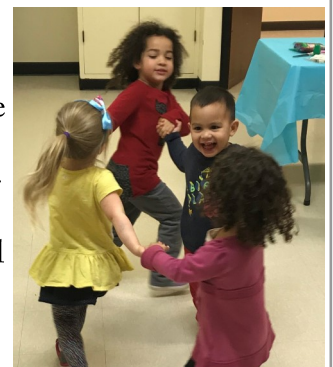


As Thrive was being created, one of the goals was to create an amazing place for young children and a supportive place for families. Out of this vision, the Family Resource Center was born! The Family Resource Center has a group of 7 volunteers, led by Jen Hazelton, who spend time at Thrive each week greeting families, answering questions and brainstorming solutions to a myriad of

situations. Each month they also plan a family engagement night. The first event was an amazing night! While the night was intentionally planned to be simple; a stop in, decorate a cookie and make an ornament kind of night, what happened in that room was far from simple. Families spent time engaging with their children, parents introduced themselves to each other and enjoyed conversations with Thrive board members, staff and Family Resource Center volunteers. This is what building community, one family at a time looks like. It was a room full of joy and smiles, ring around the rosie and lots of sugary goodness! Although the event only lasted 1 hour, the impact it had on all involved with Thrive was immeasurable. Parents loved it, board members were beaming with pride and staff enjoyed connecting with everyone. Our small but mighty team of 7 family resource center volunteers had planned a perfect night for all involved!

Each month we will gather and get to witness Thrive continue to "build community one family at a time". The Family Resource center will be hosting each family night which will include a meal and a speaker or activity that pertains to parenting, family projects, child development, discipline and a number of other topics. Our #1 priority will continue to be promoting the Thrive family as a place of positive connections and caring. None of this is possible without the steadfast support of you, the CUMC congregation.

Our first family night will be January 17th. We are planning a taco bar and are looking for volunteers to help put our meal together. If you'd like to support the meals at our family nights, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyNightJanuary2019> We will be hosting monthly families nights so watch for more opportunities to support this part of Thrive! If you have any questions, please connect with Jen Hazelton.



Holiday blessings to all from the Lage Family

2018 has had many defining moments in our lives and I think we are still struggling to understand how God wants us to carry them forward in our ministry. In summary:

1) We watched in horror as the Volcano Fuego erupted on June 3rd and buried entire villages in a matter of minutes.



2) We've had a bird's eye view of the immigration crisis and how it looks from this part of the world.

3) We watched two of our young Guatemalan friends graduate this year and seeing the pride and accomplishment in their faces is bittersweet with the knowledge that even with their level of education their struggle to find steady work will continue.



4) John and I have both had health issues that took us by surprise, while these issues have since become manageable, we realized once again how quickly life can change.

5) Salud y Paz mourned the loss of a short-term team member who came to Guatemala to do what he loved in serving the rural Guatemalans in Cunén.

What I've learned from much of this is the power of resilience in the Guatemalan culture. It has been an eventful year with moments that have wrenched our hearts in many ways. God is showing us how to become more resilient as well.

Global Ministries has once again approved our ministry with Salud y Paz for 2019. We are grateful, and we are grateful that the CUMC Foundation has also agreed to help us continue in our mission. We ask for your continued prayers and if you feel called to help us in our journey you can give online here: https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/gbgm_donate.html?type=1001&project=982465 Please click our names in the drop down menu. Or you can leave a check at the church office. Please include "Lage Guatemala Mission" in the memo line.

Please know how grateful we are for you, our church family. With all our love-

- Jan, John and John Edmund Lage

Notes from Pastor Nancy

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office and ask for the pastor on call. If you need a pastor after hours or on weekends, please call the church office and listen to the message on the machine for the phone number of the pastor on call.

The MCI group for persons with mild cognitive impairment or early stage dementia and for their support person(s) will meet again Wed. Jan. 16 at 10 am in the family room. Pastor Nancy facilitates a discussion of a topic. People are welcome to bring in a topic to discuss. Participants find it a safe place to talk about their experiences and to learn from each other. It offers one path of healing for those who come. Participation is confidential.

Save the dates: April 4 and April 11 we have the privilege of having Victor Vieth come to Christ UMC to talk with us about child abuse and church life. He is a nationally known speaker on this topic and serves on several national boards. He served as a prosecutor in child abuse cases and then went on to earn a degree from Wartburg Seminary.



The CUMC Tree of Life: Living, Celebrating, & Remembering With You



Welcome New Intentional Disciples!

Greg & Janie Pahr

Greg: I was born and raised in West St. Paul in Salem Lutheran Church. I've been working in contract food service for 35 years, which has necessitated many relocations. My first move south was to Kansas City, where I met Janie. From there we moved to St. Louis, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Birmingham, and then Rochester. I am currently the Regional Director for Morrison at the Mayo Clinic.

Janie: I'm originally from the Kansas City area, and lived the last 22 years in the deep south due to Greg's job. I retired in 2016 after 38 years in the Human Resources and HRIS fields. I have one son, Bentley, who lives in Birmingham AL with his wife and stepson.

In Memoriam



Kenneth Johannson

October 6, 1930

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November 27, 2018



Barbara Seydel

August 8, 1935

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December 8, 2018

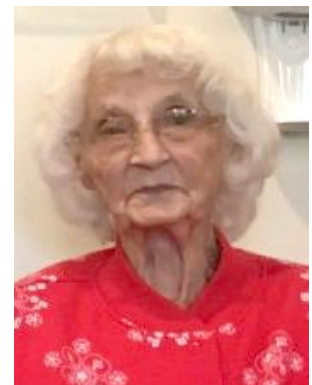


Jean F. Walters

July 19, 1924

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December 14, 2018



Doris Baier

October 7, 1924

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December 19, 2018

Volunteers Needed - Audio Technician

We need your help in running the 9:00 AM worship service. We are looking for volunteers who want to learn how to run the sound system in the CUMC sanctuary. All training is provided. Volunteers will learn how to set up microphones for vocal and instrumental performances, how to run the sound system during the 9:00 AM service, and how to edit the 30 minute radio broadcast that runs on 1520 AM at 11:30 AM each Sunday. Please call Joel Ott at 507-226-1115 or email joelott@outlook.com if you are interested.

Have an article for the *New Spirit*? Please submit it to oliver@cumethodist.com by the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Late articles may be very tiny or invisible. Thank you and happy writing!



Thrift on Fifth is now open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Last year we ran out of coats, so this year, we are collecting coats and winter clothing like crazy! We are ready and able to accept them, just bring them to the normal drop-off location. Thank you for your generosity. Together we can help this community thrive!

Winter Store Hours
Wednesday: 4pm - 7pm
Saturday: 9am - 12pm
Sunday: 9am - 12pm



"The board of Christmas Anonymous Greatly appreciates the continued support of Christmas Anonymous by the Christ United Methodist Church community. This year Christmas Anonymous helped 518 families and 330 seniors have a better Christmas Holiday by providing toys, clothes, and food to our neighbors in need. Allowing Christmas Anonymous the use of the Christ United Methodist Church facilities for our meetings, senior basket food distribution, store set up, and December 8th Store Day is a blessing for our organization. We want to especially thank Jenny Cordry & Kent Nyman for their positive and flexible support of Christmas Anonymous activities.

While the remodel for the Thrive facility presented some challenges for Christmas Anonymous, in the end we found a better way to serve our clients.

The Christmas Anonymous Board looks forward to many more years of partnering with Christ United Methodist Church.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
 Steven Steele
 President - Christmas Anonymous"

Dear Christ United Methodist Church,
 Thank you so much for putting on the wonderful halloween party. We appreciated that it was open to everyone and not just members of your church. That is an amazing way to spread God's love. Open up your church doors to welcome new members. My two year old particularly enjoyed the live DJ and the movie popcorn. Thanks again for the wonderful time!
 Weston & Katie



Steve, Chuck &
 Christ United Methodist

Thank you so much for the extremely generous food donation for our Century families in need! The donation will make a huge impact.
 Happy Holidays - Molly Murphy
 Century HS

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Kia Ora! (see you later)

**Join us in fellowship to give Pastor Elizabeth
a wonderful CUMC sendoff as she departs for a while!**

10-11am Sunday, January 13