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A graphic for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. It features a blue car trunk with its lid open, revealing baskets of colorful candy. The trunk is decorated with orange string lights. The background is orange with a repeating pattern of white ghost silhouettes and the word 'boo!'. The text 'Trunk or Treat' is written in large, bold, black letters with white outlines, slanted across the center of the image.

**Trunk
or
Treat**

Sunday, October 24 • 3:30-5pm
**Trunk or Treating • Games • Haunted
Hallway • Music & Dancing**

Join us for worship every Sunday at 9am & 11am In-Person or Online

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Pastor's Pen

WITH REV. KIRKLAND REYNOLDS, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

St. Francis is celebrated as the patron saint of the environment and animals. A famous story about Francis recounts that "...because of the outstanding love of the Creator with which he loved all creatures, he ran swiftly to..." a great multitude of birds. "He greeted them in his usual way, as if they shared in reason." Francis invited the birds to hear the good news, saying, "My brother birds, you should greatly praise your Creator and love God always" and then went on to share Biblical teachings involving birds.

St. Francis' worship and service to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. Francis' preaching, even to birds, has inspired Christians for nearly 1,000 years to claim our fellowship with every living and breathing thing.

Francis also cared deeply for the poor and sick, becoming what we might call a "missionary at home" through his commitment to serve and live in solidarity with the poor.

Many have come to know St. Francis today through two developments in the church. Pope Francis chose the name Francis to communicate that his spiritual leadership follows the tradition and model of St. Francis' care for everyone, especially the poor and overlooked. In recent years, churches have started to bless pets and animals as a way to bring Francis' care of creation into the relationships we share within a congregation and into the relationships we share with animal companions at home.

A service of Blessing of the Animals is something we have done before at Christ UMC. We will gather outside, near the Field of Fun at Soldiers Field Park at 3pm on Sunday, October 17. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to bless and give thanks for, as the hymn sings, all creatures great and small.

This will be the first year in a while when I am also able to bring a pet to a Blessing of the Animals service. Though Jenny, our kids, and I have a bit of a "Noah's Ark" going on in our home - we have four pets: two cats, a hamster, and a puppy we recently adopted - it hasn't always been easy to bring our cats, who are getting up there in age, and the hamster joined us just before the start of the covid-19 pandemic. But this year we will definitely bring our puppy! She's a blessing to us, in addition to a huge infusion of energy, and we want to make sure she receives every gift of grace available.

I have always enjoyed how the Feast of St. Francis, the day in the church's calendar when we intentionally remember Francis, comes close to Halloween. This means in October we have two fun opportunities to gather outside: first for the Blessing of the Animals service and later for our annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot.

This year is also special because Halloween falls on a Sunday. You are invited to wear your Halloween costume to church that Sunday. You may even find some treats (without any tricks!) that morning in worship.

The last time Halloween fell on a Sunday, my previous congregation also invited people to wear costumes to church. That congregation, like Christ UMC, is committed to being an inclusive community that welcomes everyone. Let me tell you, when you share the peace of Christ in worship with adults, teens, children, in addition to costumed Jedi, Elsas and Annas, Avengers, and even Pokémon, you really get an visual understanding of what it means to be a community with doors wide enough for everyone.

Whether we meet in the sanctuary, the youth room, the church parking lot, or a park, St. Francis shows us how to live our faith by showing hospitality and care for everyone, great and small.

In a message about caring for creation, St. Francis once said, "Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."

In this month of blessings and tricks and treats, may the blessings of God renew our commitment to sharing charity and hope rather than tolerating fear or deception.

Peace,

Pastor Kirkland

Pastor Kirkland



Fall Fun Every Sunday in October!



PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY!
 10AM ~ OCTOBER 10 ~ LABYRINTH
 We'll provide the paint and pumpkins
 You provide the creativity!



Blessing the Animals Service **Soldiers Field Park** **October 17 ~ 3pm**

Bring your dogs, cats, lizards, hamsters or any other beloved animals that can be safely transported to our Blessing of the Animals service at Soldiers Field Park. You are also welcome to bring a photo of your pet or join us without an animal and be part of the fun.



World Communion Sunday

October 3rd at 9 & 11 Worship Services

*Join us in worship as we celebrate
 World Communion Sunday with bread
 from around the world*

Christ United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 24 • 3:30-5pm

**Trunk or Treating • Games • Haunted
 Hallway • Music & Dancing**

As we jump into autumn, and the weather begins to change, we want to savor the change of seasons with a cornucopia of outdoor fellowship and worship activities. Every Sunday we'll have fun activities, culminating in Halloween, where everyone is invited to wear their costumes to worship! *October 3* is World Communion Sunday, *October 10 at 10am* is Pumpkin Painting, *October 17* we'll hold an afternoon Blessing of the Animals Service at 3pm where we'll welcome all pets living or in memory for blessing, *October 24* is our annual Trunk or Treat, then *October 31* is Halloween!

Volunteer Spotlight!



This is a church that steps up! Join the movement!

Children & Youth Activities – We continue to need volunteers to make our ministry happen.

When we don't have enough volunteers, we have to cancel the event. Please consider signing up for a shift or two in October. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa5aa23a1fac52-youth>

Lay Readers in Worship - We want to give everyone a chance to participate in worship. If you would like to read a passage from scripture during the service email Pastor Jenny at pastorjenny@cumethodist.com

Coffee Ministry - After church touch base with our coffee hosts, Dave and Mae Belle Erickson, or Pastor Kirkland to learn more, and find out how you can get involved!

A/V Team Members - We are looking for folks of all ages who want to learn new technology skills! We are seeking slide advancers, video helpers, and sound board operators. If you are interested contact Oliver in the church office at oliver@cumethodist.com

Your Pastors Want to Pray for You

Starting soon, we will be sending letters to the 656 households of Christ UMC to let you know your pastors are praying specifically for you by name. We will send out the letters alphabetically by last name of the primary member or frequent participant. Those whose last names start with A will get the letter first. Those whose last names start with Z will receive the letter last, in June of 2022.

When you get the letter, you will see that we ask you to let us know if you have a particular prayer request for the pastors. Your requests will be held in confidence unless you ask us to share with the prayer chain (first names only) and/or with the congregation. Know that you will be lifted up in prayer regardless of whether you share any specific prayer requests with us.

Trunk or Treat Schedule

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 24! This is an outreach event for our church. In years past, we have had friends and neighbors join us at the event from across the city. Each family will receive an info packet about our opportunities for children and youth. We anticipate reaching 100 children and families from outside our church as well as the dozens within our church. We want to offer extravagant hospitality and fun!

There are many ways to participate. You can:

- Donate candy (bring it to the church office)
- Help set up a haunted hallway (outside, near the labyrinth)
- Decorate your trunk, dress up and hand out candy (our goal is 20 cars)
- Invite friends and neighbors to this event

Schedule

- 1:30-3:00 youth set up haunted hallway and prepare goodie bags
- 3:00-3:30 cars arrive and get arranged
- 3:30-5:00 trunk or treat and haunted hallway are open for business!
- 5:00-5:30 clean up and head home full of sugar and enthusiasm!



"Be Thou praised, my Lord, of our Sister Mother Earth, which sustains and hath us in rule, and produces diverse fruits with coloured flowers and herbs."

– St. Francis of Assisi

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis as we take a guided tour of the CUMC outdoor environment on October 3rd at 10:15. Bring your own reusable coffee mug and meet outside the West doors of the church. We will visit the labyrinth, the future site of rain gardens, and the bountiful vegetable garden. Also learn about the trees and flowers that surround our church. All ages welcome.



Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sale Update

When possible, we will reopen our newly-designed downstairs store on Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturday and Sunday 9-Noon. Follow Thrift on Fifth on <https://facebook.com/thrifton5th> to stay up to date with the latest information on our hours and current offerings.

Our upcoming sales are from 9am-12pm on October 2 & 16 and November 6 & 20. Donations accepted any time the church is open. Donations accepted include: clothing, accessories and jewelry for all ages and gender identities. Come shop with us!



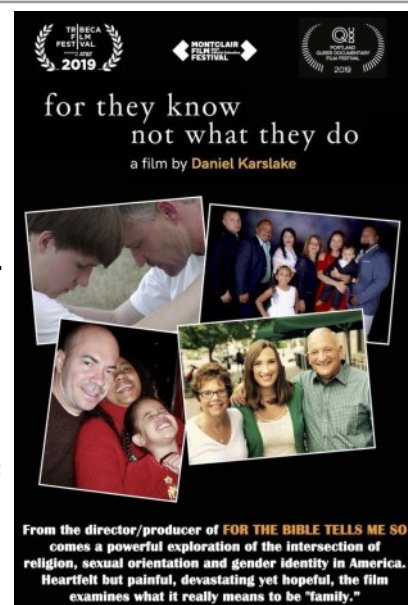
An Influenza Vaccine Clinic at CUMC will be held in the Fireside Room on October 10 from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. Please bring your Medicare/ health insurance cards. Wear short sleeves.

Hy-Vee Pharmacy is offering a quadrivalent injectable vaccine (ages 3 and over). The FluMist intranasal vaccine (ages 3-49) and a high-dose quadrivalent injectable vaccine recommended for those over the age of 65.

Film Screening - 5:00pm November 7, 2021

For They Know Not What They Do, a film by the director of *For the Bible Tells Me So*, explores the intersection of religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity in America through the stories of four families of faith. Alongside these family stories of faith, rejection, validation, tragedy and triumph, the film weaves together unique perspectives from religious leaders. Through love, reconciliation, and acceptance, this film takes us on a journey of understanding what connects us all and gives us the courage to embrace each other.

Invite your family and friends to join us on November 7 at 5pm as we explore this important issue within our denomination and country. A brief 30-minute discussion will follow the 90-minute film. If you're unable to join us, additional showings and COVID changes are available through Minnesota Reconciling Congregations (mnrcumc.org)



Caring Ministry Servant Volunteer Training Oct. 15 6:30-8 pm, Oct. 16 9-11:30 am and 12:30-2pm at CUMC. Pre-registration is encouraged pastornancy@cumethodist.com or 289-4019x205

This training is expected for new Callers, Lay Visitors and Parish Ministers. We are looking for people for each of the three forms of Caring Visitors. The teams of Caring Visitors take on different assignments and ways of connecting.

The Caller Group consists of persons who call the same list of Christ UMC members twice monthly. Callers offer Christian friendship and connection with those who are homebound.

Lay Visitors make monthly visits to offer spiritual support and connection to those who are homebound. They meet a few times a year as a group with Pastor Nancy.

Parish Ministers meet monthly with Pastor Nancy for continuing education and supervision. They make visits in hospitals (when allowed), care centers and homes as needed. They take turns being on call for visits. Application or invitation is required.

All Care Ministry Volunteers have yearly safe sanctuary training and complete background checks.

Save the date: All Saints Day will be celebrated November 7 in the worship services. We will honor members and frequent participants who have died since All Saints Day 2020. We will also honor non members whose services we have held. Family members will receive a letter of invitation.

Current COVID-19 Safety Policy

The Minnesota Annual Conference has now entered the "Yellow Phase". We have adjusted our mask policy based on these new recommendations.

- Masks are currently required in the building if you are vaccinated or unvaccinated
- Face masks are located at church building entrances. Hand sanitizer is available throughout our building
- If you are feeling sick, please refrain from entering the building
- Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer
- Sanitize meeting areas before and after use

More information at <https://minnesotaumc.org/regatheringplan>

Current Phase: Yellow



Garden Ministry

All Church Yard Cleanup – Saturday, October 9 from 9 – 11 am. We will be trimming, cutting back hostas, and mulching a couple areas. Bring gloves, loppers and shovels if you have – if not, come anyway! We will love to see you!

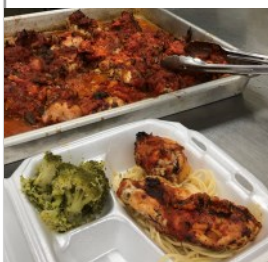
Wanted: If anyone is downsizing and has a round point shovel that needs a new home, we will gladly take it off your hands. Thank you.



**Christ United Methodist Church
Garden Ministry**

Saturday Noon Meals

The Saturday Noon Meals program continues to deliver meals to *The Landing* each Saturday at noon. We have been able to utilize produce from the CUMC garden for our meals which has included tomatoes and herbs in several Italian main courses. We appreciate our volunteers and welcome new volunteers throughout the fall and winter months.



For now - we plan to serve our meals at *The Landing* due to the ongoing concerns of the COVID pandemic. We continue to serve 40 meals each Saturday to those that are homeless and receiving services at *The Landing*.

We are thankful for our partnerships with Channel One, People's Food Co-op and Family Service Rochester for their generous donations of nutritious food. We also appreciate the generous support of CUMC of the Saturday Noon Meals mission.

Please contact Kathy Lombardo if you would like to volunteer on Saturday mornings. Kathy can be reached by email at Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com or by phone at 507-398-2686.

CUMC Vegetable Garden Ministry

The inaugural vegetable garden ministry has been a *huge* success this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers that have contributed to that success - including Doug and Bobbi Nichols for watering and harvesting tomatoes during the past months.

We had an abundance of tomatoes which have been incorporated into nutritious meals for Saturday Noon Meals or canned for meals later this fall and winter. I believe we ended up with over 50 quarts and pints of tomatoes that were canned in August and September. Thank you to those that donated



their canning supplies for this work.

Our first year's harvest has included giant cabbages, plentiful tomatoes, a beautiful herb garden, bountiful squash and pumpkins that will be ready to be picked in October.

Please contact Kathy Lombardo if you are interested in volunteering yet this year or in 2022 with this ministry. Also - if you find you have extra quart, pint or jelly jars - we would appreciate these donated to the garden ministry for canning next year. Thank you for your support of this CUMC ministry.

Kathy can be reached by email at Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com or by phone at 507-398-2686.



Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Updates

Children's Ministry has many forms at Christ United Methodist Church. This Fall we launched a new season of handbells. We have many children participating in this

ministry— so many we may need to add a second group! We also have children and youth of all ages gathering for Meaningful Movement on the labyrinth from 5:30-6:00 on Wednesdays. Jody, Karla and others help children pray and play together. Peeking out the window you can see up to 25 kids dancing, spinning and building relationships with each other. A handful of children also Stay and Play from 6-7 while siblings and caregivers are in other CU Wednesday activities.

In worship on Sundays we have a special children's moment each week. We also have a children's worship bulletin for children and families - both in the worship service and watching at home— to follow along and keep the worship experience going all week.

Special events for children in October include a walk to learn about the plants and how we care for the earth at our church (October 3, 10:15am), Pumpkin Painting (October 10, 10:00am), Trunk or Treat event (October 24, set up at 3:00pm, event begins at 3:30 and runs until 5:00pm) and a family service project in early November (see more under *Mission & Service for Youth*)

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Updates

We have had a great September start to our youth programming.

On Wednesday nights we have Club 6-7 for our large group of 6th and 7th graders. We have met 14 unique 6th and 7th graders through this ministry. On Sundays we have youth group from 4:30-6:00. This runs from 6th-12th grade. We get some overlap with Club 6-7, but we also have youth who we see only on Sundays. We have youth who we see in worship or confirmation, but not at other events. All together we have 30+ unique youth actively involved in our church this fall. That is a great group of youth that we are supporting in faith and justice making.

Looking forward to October, we have youth group on October 3, 10 and 17 from 4:30-6:00. On October 24 we will host a trunk or treat from 3-5pm. The youth are encouraged to come at 1:30 to help get a "haunted hallway" set up. (See more about Trunk or Treat on page 3) There is NO youth group on Halloween.



Mission & Service for Youth

We have two mission opportunities coming up for youth. We plan to have a trip to ASP in summer 2022. CUMC has been sending teams to the Appalachia region for decades. These teams help make homes warmer, safer and drier because we love Jesus and want to transform poverty. The ASP **information session** will be held **October 17 from 4:30-6:00 in the ECC**. Youth, parents and adults are highly encouraged to attend for more information and initial team building activities.

We also have a family food packing event at Feed My Starving Children on **Friday November 5 from 11:30-1:00pm**. Feed My Starving Children works with nonprofit partners around the world to provide consistent nutrition to schools and communities. They also provide food relief during natural disasters. This ministry does a great job of connecting our one-time service with ongoing change in the lives of children. It is a fun service project and a great way for children to be exposed to the different dimensions of justice work.

This is a no-school day for Rochester Public Schools. Families are encouraged to register and drive to Eagan together. We will have limited space and supervision for unaccompanied youth and children. Children as young as 5 are able to register with their family! **If your family or youth would like to register for this event, you MUST contact Amanda Larsen by November 3 (pastoramanda@cumethodsit.com)**. There are covid protocols and supervision requirements we need to follow.



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings ~ 2021

"Human connections are deeply nurtured in the field of shared story." Jean Houston

The Faith→Life team is committed to offering exceptional forums, connect groups, classes, and spiritual formation groups for you to grow your relationship with others and with God.

If you have questions, want information, suggestions for topics of study, or want to lead a group?

Contact Kathy Estry at rk.stry@gmail.com

Third Sunday Faith→Life Forum Offered in person & via Zoom

Every third Sunday (except December) we offer forums given by insightful guest speakers that cover a wide range of relevant topics. *No registration required.* You can join in-person or by clicking on the Zoom link provided in the Sunday worship reminder the day of the forum.

"Instruments of Grace"

October 17, 2021, 10:00am ~ Education Conference Center (ECC) ~ Presenter: Daphne Soleil

We will explore the connection between faith and care giving as lived by members of the Community Healers Team at CUMC. Daphne has a nursing Doctorate (N.D.) from the University of Colorado with an emphasis on health promotion and parish nursing and has practiced nursing for 25 years.

If you miss a class or forum, don't worry! All past forums are available on our YouTube channel anytime. Type <https://tinyurl.com/Faith2Life> into your browser.

Ongoing Sunday Classes

Contemporary Issues

Host: Joel Charlson **Time:** Sundays at 10:00 AM **Place:** Room 146

Scripture verses and critical questions related to the topic lead to in-depth discussions that apply to how we live our daily lives. If you are interested in joining the class email Joel Charlson at joel.charlson@gmail.com to receive the weekly *Wired Word* or meet us in Room 146!

Inquiring Spirits

Hosts: Ed Shafer **Time:** Sundays at 10:15 AM **Place:** Room 145

Group members suggest theological topics or books of interest to study. The group is currently reading "Faith: Essays from Believers, Agnostics and Atheists" by Victoria Zackheim. New participants are always welcome. As weather permits the class has met at Soldiers Field Park for picnic, study and fellowship. For further information contact Ed at shaferchurch@hotmail.com.

Connect Groups (View a complete listing and register at cumethodist.com/faith-life)

Breakfast Fellowship

Hosts: Amy Humphrey and Dean Swanson ~ **Time:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 AM ~ **Place:** Charlie's Restaurant at Hillcrest Shopping Center

New members of any age are always welcome to drop in; no registration required.

Dinner/Lunch Club

Dinner/Lunch Club is back with a few changes! The groups will be a maximum of 6 people who will share a meal and conversation 2 or 3 times in each other's homes or restaurants. It will continue to be a wonderful way to develop friendships within our CUMC family. To learn more about Dinner/Lunch Club contact Marjie Blaisdell at mblaisdell@gmail.com or Mary Schmidt at oronocomb@yahoo.com.

Garden Ministry

Host: Mary Schmidt ~ **Place:** CUMC Grounds ~ Thursdays 8:30-10am & Saturday October 9th 9-11am
Help care for CUMC's piece of the Earth. Bring your own gloves and gardening tools if you have them.
Contact Mary at oronocombs@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Knit One Pray, Too

Host: Marjie Blaisdell ~ **Time:** Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon ~ **Place:** WebEx

Contact Marjie at mablaisdell@gmail.com to receive a link to the WebEx meeting. The group is knitting prayer shawls and scarves and hats for winter.

Men's Coffee Group

Host: Dick Estry ~ **Time:** Thursdays at 8:00 AM ~ **Place:** Room 145

Whether you are a long-time member, new to CUMC or looking for a men's fellowship group, you are invited to drop in for coffee and conversation. For more information email Dick Estry at rk.stry@gamil.com.

Short Term Classes**A Conversation on Genesis – from Abram and Sarai to Joseph in a foreign land**

Host: Aileen Williams **Time:** Wednesdays, October 13 – November 17 at 7:00 PM **Place:** Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87286696063>

Continuing the study of the conversations on the accounts in Genesis led by Bill Moyer in 1997 on television with Biblical scholars, scholars of other major faiths, artists, and writers.

“So, You Want to Write a Novel?”

Host: John Stafford **Time:** Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 PM **Place:** Mettam Conference Room

Have you ever dreamed of writing a novel? Although the idea may seem daunting, it can be done, with planning and perseverance. John, writer of three novels, will show you how. The class will include a discussion of various approaches, with an emphasis on how your personality will affect your novel and how writing a novel will change you; maybe for the better.

The Civil War as a Theological Crisis

Host: Joel Charlson **Time:** Thursdays, September 23 – October 14 at 7:00 – 8:00 PM **Place:** Zoom

This is not your usual history of the Civil War. The battles discussed will be ones of words and ideas. God was on “our side” for both the north and the south. Both used the same Bible but had different interpretations. The war split many denominations and families. Some religious commentators from other nations pointed out that both sides were wrong. The primary text will be The Civil War as a Theological Crisis by Mark A. Noll. Please purchase your own copy. There will also be videos to promote the discussions. This Class is held on Zoom: for zoom link contact joel.charlson@gmail.com

All Church Read: This Fall

“Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times” By Bishop Michael Curry

The way of love is essential for addressing the challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$20.

If you would like to join one of our book discussion groups you can register on the church's website; cumethodist.com/faith-life or in the church office. Select from:

Mondays, September 27 – November 1 at 5:30 PM (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84356352116>

Tuesdays, September 28 – November 2 at 7:00 PM (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090246746?pwd=K0r2YUc2bkxkSmZ6L0V0VEx6VmJlVZz09>

Watch the Wednesday Connections email, the New Spirit newsletters, and the Sunday worship reminder for updates on offerings as they become available! Also check out cumethodist.com/get-involved/faith-life for a complete listing and registration information.

Complete listing and registration at cumethodist.com/faith-life (or click get involved then faith→life)

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Did you know that the United Methodist Women provides support for more than 90 National Mission Institutions in the United States and more than 100 international mission programs in over 80 countries?

What does this mean?

Emma Norton in St Paul is a National Institution. We support them through our pledge as well as items and monies sent directly to them. Emma Norton is the only facility in the upper midwest. Iowa, however, has three!

An example of an International mission is in LaPaz, Bolivia. It is the highest capital city at 11,942 feet. Their population is around 2 million of which the majority are indigenous. The Federacion Fernenina Metodista (supported by UMW) has been providing workshops for the women for over 20 years.

The first workshops focus on confidence building and self-esteem. The women then learn how to work with wool. The women make more money, can stay home to work while taking care of their children and become confident in themselves.

Each meeting starts with an *apthapi*. As it is explained, it is like our potluck dinners. Both food and knowledge are shared and community bonds are strengthened. Doesn't that sound like our events here?

Methodism arrived in Bolivia in 1906, when missionaries arrived. At that time indigenous people were forbidden from learning to read and write. The missionaries invited the indigenous peoples to become Methodists and learn to read, write and become equal to Spanish peoples.

United Methodist Women have been involved in bettering women, youth and children for over 150 years all over the world.



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In Memoriam



George Clifton Bailey Jr.
May 17, 1933 ~ August 10, 2021



Brynne Schmitt, daughter of Emily and Alex Schmitt was baptized in our sanctuary on September 26, 2021 by Revs. Jenny Cannon & Kirkland Reynolds



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***Blessing the Animals Service
Soldiers Field Park
October 17 ~ 3pm***

Bring your dogs, cats, lizards, hamsters or any other beloved animals that can be safely transported to our Blessing of the Animals service at Soldiers Field Park.

You are also welcome to bring a photo of your pet or join us without an animal and be part of the fun.