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December 2022

**CHRIST**  
METHODIST CHURCH  
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Grace In The City

**THE NEW**

**SPIRIT**

## *Advent & Christmas 2022: Christ United Methodist Church*

December 6, December 13, and 20th-12:15pm Advent Organ Concert Series

December 11- 3:00pm Christmas Concert

Dec 18th- 9:00am Children's Pageant

11:00am Youth Pageant

4:00pm Longest Night Service

Dec. 23 -7:00pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Services

12:00pm Contemplative Service

4:00pm Family Service

7:00pm Traditional Services

10:00pm Communion Service

Dec. 25 10:00am Lessons & Carols

Jan 1 10:00am Epiphany

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

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# Pastor's Pen

WITH PASTOR KIRKLAND



Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

-Luke 1:48b-50

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with many memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday season holds. We can imagine the Christmas season is like a tapestry woven throughout time. And this Christmas tapestry weaves us in - to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God present among us.

Mary speaks the words above from Luke 1:48b-50 in her song of protest and praise known today as "the magnificat," which in Latin means "my soul magnifies the Lord." Mary sings her song despite the challenges and vulnerability she faced because she could glimpse the scale and scope of the good news she was part of bringing forth.

This good news transcends time and space - it was and is bigger than just her. Christ is coming for collective liberation: God's redemption is at work for years to come. Therefore, the promise is meant to be lived out and passed on from generation to generation.

As we journey our way through Advent toward Christmas, we encourage you to pay attention to each of the characters in these familiar stories and wonder: What did each person pass on or contribute? How did they either participate in God's liberation and love - or try to thwart God's justice? What can we learn from them, and what is our role now? What will we pass on to the next generation.

In worship and small groups we explore these questions, which come the "From Generation to Generation" sermon series and materials provided by the worship collective A Sanctified Art. This series reminded me that the root word of "generation" is "gen" meaning "origin" or "birth." This series theme is also a call to action: What are we being called to generation or bring forth? What have our ancestors and those who have come before us passed on for us to continue? Who are the spiritual elders in our community who planted the seeds for the things that are now blooming? And what seeds are we planting for the future?

"From Generation to Generation" is an opportunity to remember the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The word of God is always unfolding - in and through us. This Advent, may we remember that we belong - to a treasured and ongoing story, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let us go.

Be well and stay encouraged,

*Pastor Kirkland*



## Advent and Christmas at Christ United Methodist Church 2022

During last year's Advent season we desperately missed hosting the myriad of events that would fill our building with a constant joyful hubbub. This year we have filled our church calendar with concerts, worship, pageants, and workshops. There is sure to be something for everyone!

**November 29, December 6, 13, & 20 - 12:15pm Advent organ recitals** John Varona and guests will lead these weekly organ recitals. Enjoy seasonal favorites played by these talented musicians.

**December 11- 3pm Christmas Concert** CUMC music staff as well as adult and children's handbell choirs will share music for the season.

**December 18 - 9am Children's Pageant & 11am Youth Pageant** Both programs tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The 9:00 service will have younger children singing, ringing and acting out the traditional Christmas story. The 11:00 service will have our youth presenting "The Nightmare Before Christmas," a Christmas play that reminds us "God is with us in our fear."

**December 18 - 4pm Longest Night Service** The Advent and Christmas season can be a difficult time. The Longest Night Service is a service of meditation, healing, and hope.

**December 23 - 7pm Christmas Pre Eve with the Arise Band** The Arise Band will play Christmas favorites and we will host an early Christmas Eve Service in the ECC featuring a time of candlelighting.

**December 24 - Christmas Eve** -Services at 12pm, 4pm, 7pm and 10pm. The 4pm and 7pm services will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

**December 25 -10am Christmas Day Lessons and Carols** Join us for this musical feast. As we explore the meaning of the season through song and scripture. Pajamas and comfy clothing are welcome!

**January 1- 10am Epiphany Worship Service**

# Children's Ministry

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# Youth Ministry

## Hello church family!

We continue to need volunteers for our Sunday morning Sunday school and Wednesday evening Kids with Purpose. Contact Jody at [jody@cumethodist.com](mailto:jody@cumethodist.com).

Each week the Children's Bulletin has ideas for connecting the worship service with conversations and activities at home. Make sure you are reading it too-- it's not just for kids. It is included in the weekly Sunday email.

## Appalachia Service Project

Are you ready for ASP caramel rolls? The team will be selling them between worship services on December 18.

Our 2023 Appalachia Service Project team will travel July 1-10, 2023. Do you know of high school youth who would enjoy the experience of community, serving, travel and more? Let Pastor Amanda know and she will help them learn more.

This year's travelling team includes Pauly Heins as an adult leader. Pauly's brother was a youth on the first ASP team Christ UMC sent 40 years ago. Thank you for your support of ASP over the generations of this church. Stories of ASP history are a great reminder that the team supporting ASP is so much bigger than the travelling trip participants. Please invite former ASP participants and supporters to join the new CUMC ASP Facebook Group!

For more information, please contact pastor Amanda or fill out the interest form at <https://tinyurl.com/CUMCASP2023>

## Advent and Christmas for Children and Youth

Trunk or Treat, our first performances by Progressions Bells and Children's Choirs, 4 new babies in our congregation and more. The end of October and beginning of November were a busy month for our children and youth. We continue to meet new children who are checking out our Sunday School and finding a place they belong. Planning is now shifting to our Christmas programs.

Advent began on November 27. We encourage you to celebrate Advent as a family. We are emailing an Advent calendar and have them available in church on Sundays. Our Children and Youth will present Christmas programs in worship on December 18. At the 9:00 service the children will offer a traditional Christmas pageant. At the 11:00 service the youth will offer "A Nightmare Before Christmas," a play about dreams, fear, and God With Us.



Here's a preview of December and January events for youth:

December 2022

4 (Sunday) Youth Group 4:30-6:00 meet at church for "Nightmare Before Christmas"

7 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

11 (Sunday) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in between event & parents meeting and Children's Choir 9am worship.  
3pm Children's Handbell Music Concert

Youth Group 4:30-6:00 meet at church for "Nightmare Before Christmas"

14 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

17 (Saturday) Christmas program rehearsals 10:00am

18 (Sunday) Children (9:00) and Youth (11:00) Christmas Pageants in Worship, all children's bells in worship ---Youth Group 4:30-6:00— White Elephant Christmas Party

21 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

25 (Sunday) One worship service at 10am

January 1 **Christmas No CU Wednesday or Youth Group**

January 2023

4 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

8 (Sunday) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in between worship service event & parents meeting  
Youth Group Epiphany Dinner at Amanda and Katarina's house 4:30-6:30

11 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

15 (Sunday) Youth Group 4:30-8:00 Pizza, Pajamas, Posters and Projection Day! (A supersized youth group with live action Among Us and a movie!)

18 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

21 (Saturday) Middle School youth at "the Event" in Eagan

22 (Sunday) Senior High Youth Axes and Tacos 4:30-6:00

25 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

29 (Sunday) Youth Group 4:30-6:00

Mark Your Calendar for these Summer 2023 events!

- Camp Northern Pines June 11-16  
Northern Pines has a traditional summer camp (Discovery), a jr/sr high leadership camp and Pastor Amanda's gaming camp this week. It would be a great week to sign up for camp!
- Vacation Bible School June 19-23
- Appalachia Service Project July 1-10
- Church Boundary Waters trip August 3-7  
We will be staying at a base camp with several day trips into various lakes of the BWCA. Families are welcome, as are unaccompanied 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Church Whitewater Camping Weekend August 18-20







## Saturday Noon Meals

After over 2 ½ years of delivering meals within the community, the Saturday Noon Meal program returned to Christ United Methodist Church on November 26! What a blessing to return to Wesley Hall and serving our meals in-person.

It will be a transition serving in-person and letting those know within our community we have returned our program back to CUMC serving a warm and nutritious meal each Saturday from 11 am to 1 PM. We have communicated with many of our community members serving those with food, housing, and financial insecurity regarding the return of our mission to Wesley Hall at CUMC.

We appreciate our ability to support the community and The Landing during the past several years and those with needing a warm meal. That need is not disappearing, and we are grateful that we are able to continue to support individuals within the Rochester community through our work at CUMC.

We want to thank our community partners for their weekly donations including Peoples Food Co-op and Channel One. We appreciate all our volunteers that donate their time each week preparing our Saturday meal.

We greatly appreciate the recent approval by the Memorials and Living Gifts Committee approving funding for woks for preparation of our meals. This will allow us to cook more efficiently and provides a healthier option for preparing our meals.

If you would like additional information regarding our mission or would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Lombardo at 507-398-2686 or via email at [Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com)



## CUMC Vegetable Garden

The Girl Scout troops from St. Francis donated their time and energy on November 6 cleaning out the CUMC Vegetable raised garden beds and squash garden. Their efforts are much appreciated. We look forward to them returning in the spring to plant the gardens.

We greatly appreciate the recent approval by the Memorials and Living Gifts Committee approving funding for a compost system. This will be implemented in the spring of 2023 and will enable CUMC to be thoughtful regarding our organic waste and environmental health.

We again want to thank our community partners for their donation of plants in the spring (Sargents and Jim Whiting Nursery and Garden Center) and all the volunteers for your donations of plants and time with weeding, watering, harvesting, and canning of tomatoes. If you are interested in learning more about the CUMC Vegetable Garden contact Kathy Lombardo at 507-398-2686 or at [Kathryn.lomardo@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.lomardo@gmail.com).





# Christ United Methodist Church Advent Organ Concert Series

TUESDAYS AT 12:15 pm IN ADVENT

Beginning November 29

John Varona will share the spotlight with guest organists during a series of free Tuesday Organ Recitals in Advent performed on the magnificent 4-manual console, 64-rank pipe organ at Christ United Methodist Church.

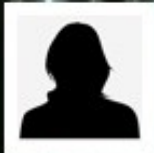
## Recitalists



John Stender  
First Presbyterian  
Church, Rochester, MN  
November 29



Joel Anderson  
St. Olaf Catholic  
Church, Minneapolis MN  
December 6



Surprise guest organist  
December 13



John Varona  
December 20



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Christ UMC's  
LIVE ORGAN RECITAL



# Caring Ministries

## Christ United Methodist Church

### Hospital Visits from a Pastor or Care Visitor

Please call the church office day or night if you want a visit. There is always a minister on call.

If you are at Olmsted Medical Center, a simple phone call from the patient, family member or staff person to notify us is all that is needed.

At Mayo Clinic Hospital, there is a process that goes as follows.

Step 1. The patient, family member or staff person calls the church to make the request.

Step 2. A pastor, staff member or care visitor will contact the nursing station with the name of the person who will make the visit.

Step 3. The name is reviewed by the patient's healthcare team.

Step 4. If approved, the Christ UMC representative makes the visit.

Note that a patient is only allowed a total of five visitors while hospitalized. It must be the same five visitors. Substitutions are not allowed.

### Getting to Know Your Care Visitors

Care Visitors (formerly Parish Visitors) have been a key component in providing caring visits to Christ UMC members, friends and guests for five years. They call on people in the hospital, rehab, senior residences and homes. They call on people going through difficult times. They undergo monthly education and supervision. Please call the church office to request a caring visitor. They offer a listening ear, prayer, anointing and/or communion. Mostly they are a caring reminder of God's love.



Jeff Ward, Terry Anderson, Deedee Odell, Noralyn Carpenter

### **Terry Anderson**

I'm a native of Rochester and am blessed with two children, four stepsons, and nine grandchildren. I'm retired from Mayo Clinic. I was raised in Christ UMC. It has been a big part of my life. Past activities: choir, committees, Sunday School, four Appalachia Service Project trips, one Red Bird Mission and six short-term mission trips in Central America, book club and covenant group. I helped start Saturday Noon Meals

### **Jeff Ward**

Previously I worked for the Mayo Clinic as a respiratory therapist-educator. My spouse and I reside on an acreage in rural Olmsted Co. where we both enjoy gardening and watching wildlife; during winter months I make model boats and wooden spoons. I continue to serve CUMC as a Care Visitor and work part-time at the Mayo Medical Simulation Center.

### **Noralyn Carpenter**

I moved to Rochester with my family 15 months ago. My two grandchildren keep me wonderfully busy while their parents work at Mayo. When I knew we were coming to Rochester, I began looking at churches online, and was pleased to find excellent preaching and worship at CUMC.

### **Deedee Odell**

My husband Dick and I have lived in Rochester for 41 years. We have been members at CUMC almost that long. We have two daughters and sons-in-law and four granddaughters. They live in the Twin Cities. I have been involved in children's choirs, handbells, (playing and directing), food service and United Women in Faith (previously United Methodist Women). As a Care Visitor it is our privilege to call on the wonderful members of our church.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

**DEC. 18 AT 4 PM**

**A SERVICE OF WORD, MUSIC, CANDLES, PEACE  
FOR ANYONE WHO FINDS THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
DIFFICULT**



## Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

*"We are often blessed by being in community. We receive encouragement, guidance, comfort, and hope by participating in a community. These gifts of community are available to us all, and we receive them more readily when we remember that Jesus meets us there."*

*A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God*

**The Fall Faith→Life Brochure can be found in the Commons**  
**Watch for New Faith→Life offerings in January**

### Sunday Faith→Life Forum

Every third Sunday (except December) we offer forums given by insightful guest speakers that cover a wide range of relevant topics. *Registration is not required.* You can join in-person or by clicking on the Zoom link provided in the Sunday worship email reminder the day of the forum.

**No Forum in December**

Previous forums are archived at:

<https://youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochestermn>

Click on our playlists tab, then, "Faith to Life"

### Sunday Classes

#### Contemporary Issues

**Host:** Joel Charlson

**Time:** Sundays at 10:15 AM

**Place:** In-Person (Room 146) and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/832924941>

Each Thursday Joel emails participants the week's topic from *Wired Word*. 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 at [joel.charlson@gmail.com](mailto:joel.charlson@gmail.com) to receive the weekly *Wired Word* or join us on Zoom.

#### Inquiring Spirits

**Hosts:** Hank Kliewer and Ed Shafer

**Time:** Sundays at 10:15 AM

**Place:** In-Person (Room 145) and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253693720>

Group members suggest theological topics or books of interest to study. The group is currently reading *"This I Believe: Life Lessons"* edited by Dan Gediman with John Gregory and Mary Jo Gediman. This book offers inspiring life wisdom from people of all ages -

based on the *This I Believe* radio program. New participants are always welcome.

For further information contact Ed at [shaferchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:shaferchurch@hotmail.com).

## Connect Groups

**View a complete listing of groups and classes, and register at:  
[cumethodist.com/faith-life](http://cumethodist.com/faith-life)**

### Breakfast Fellowship

**Hosts:** Amy Humphrey and Dean Swanson

**Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### CU Wednesdays Crossroads

**Hosts:** Pastor Jenny and Pastor Kirkland

**Time:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

**Place:** Education Conference Center (ECC)

CU Wednesday is an intergenerational activity! In addition to weekly dinners (5:30 – 6:30 PM), adults have a chance to connect at the crossroads of faith and life. We'll gather for conversation and learning using articles, Bible study and film clips. Contact Pastor Kirkland with any questions.

### Dinner/Lunch Club

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 is a wonderful way to develop friendships within our CUMC family. To learn more about the Dinner/Lunch Club contact Marjie Blaisdell at [mblaisdell@gmail.com](mailto:mblaisdell@gmail.com) or Mary Schmidt at [oronocomb@yahoo.com](mailto:oronocomb@yahoo.com).

### Garden Ministry

**Returns in April!**

### Hand & Foot Card Group

**Hosts:** Brian and Millie Webb

**Time:** Third Sunday of the Month (December 11), 4:00 – 6:30 PM

**Place:** Member's Homes

Singles and couples are welcome, as partners rotate. We chat and laugh, play cards and share light snacks. If you haven't played Hand and Foot, we will teach you! Interested or want further information? Contact Brian at [bkwebbus@gmail.com](mailto:bkwebbus@gmail.com) or Millie at 608-212-9706.



## Faith → Life: Continued

### Knit One Pray, Too

**Host:** Marjie Blaisdell

**Time:** Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Place:** WebEx

Contact Marjie at [mablaisdell@gmail.com](mailto: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:** In person (Room 145) and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503377386?pwd=czVQNzlxTTE1eHdvdmgzZlBXdmxZz09>

Whether you are a long-time member, new to CUMC or looking for a men's fellowship group, you are invited to join for coffee and conversation. Contact Dick at [rk.etry@gmail.com](mailto:rk.etry@gmail.com) for further information.

### Theology on Brew

**Hosts:** Pastors Jenny and Kirkland

**Time:** Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM

**Place:** Forager Brewery - Decemeber 8th

During the colder months this group will meet at Forager Brewery, 1005 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Grab a pint of your favorite brew and join others for a chance to connect and discuss life, theology and everything! Young and young at heart adults are welcome.

Contact Pastors Jenny and Kirkland with questions.

Are you interested in an evening Knitting and Crocheting connect group?? If so, contact Kathy Estry at [rk.etry@gmail.com](mailto:rk.etry@gmail.com).

## All Church Read During Advent

### *The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope*

Kelley Nikondeha

Advent Small Group Study Sundays running through Sunday, Dec. 18 from 5-6pm in Room 145 and on Zoom (info below). We are reading the book "The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope" by Kelly Nikondeha. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$19. Book scholarships available.

"The First Advent in Palestine" will also be discussed during in person CU Wednesday Crossroads conversations for adults on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.

Join the Sunday evening discussion group in person or on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116> -



Watch the Wednesday Connections email, the New Spirit newsletters, and the Sunday worship reminder for updates on offerings as they become available! Find a complete listing and registration information at [cumethodist.com/faith-life](http://cumethodist.com/faith-life).



The United Women in Faith rang bells for the Salvation Army at the TJMaxx building in November. Here you see Fran Field and Piroaska Lueck participating. They were inside, so it was cozy and the comments were that the people were very friendly and generous. Thank you Fran Field for organizing the event and thanks to all who rang.

**United  
Women  
in Faith**

## EarthKeepers Updates

A couple of updates from our CUMC EarthKeepers

It's not too late to make a commitment or two for a more sustainable holiday season. As stewards of our planet and believers in building God's Realm on earth, we have many choices in how we spend our time and money during the holiday season. The slides and recording from the November 20 forum on Sustainable Holidays are available on the church website in the Faith-to-Life section. Buying more secondhand items or regifting, wrapping in recycled paper, gifting experiences and time, shopping locally and giving gifts to organizations were some of the commitments people made following the Forum. What will your commitments be?



Please give a huge **thank you** Gwen and David Mead for their years of washing table clothes and manning the dish washer for funerals. They are retiring from this wonderful gift of their **time, energy and kindness**. If you would like to volunteer to wash table clothes or run the dishwasher for funerals, please contact Deedee Odell at [ddbells@aol.com](mailto:ddbells@aol.com) or 281-2755. As you know, funerals are not scheduled events so we never know when they will happen. We need many people to make lite work of assisting families in this time.



## Christmas Anonymous Returns!

Christ UMC will proudly host Christmas Anonymous again this year. Christmas Anonymous is an organization local to Rochester that has been in existence for over 50 years. It is a 100% volunteer organization, whose sole mission is to help families and people in need in Olmsted county to have a wonderful Christmas.

Christmas Anonymous is fully supported by donations from the community. There are no paid positions, and they minimize expenses by getting discounts and donations of goods and services whenever possible. Visit [christmasanonymous.org](http://christmasanonymous.org) to learn more, find donation information, and sign up to serve.

### Christmas Anonymous

#### Donation Center Open Hours

Thursday, December 1 at CUMC 8am-5pm

Friday, December 2 at CUMC 8am-5pm

Saturday, December 3 at CUMC 9am to 12pm

### Christmas Anonymous Store Day

Saturday, December 10 at CUMC 8am-3pm

### Giving Tree for Thrive & Saturday Noon Meals

In our commons we are hosting a Giving Tree to support Thrive and our newly returned Saturday Noon Meals in Wesley Hall!

Take an ornament with a list of items and return those to the CUMC office before Christmas Eve.

Check out the Thrive Facebook page for additional ways to support their Target and Amazon wish lists.



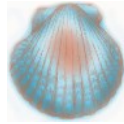
# The CUMC Tree of Life: Living, Celebrating, & Remembering



## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Nova Sojourner Kotokeme Nfonoyim-Hara,

Daughter of Seth and Nicole Nfonoyim-Hara on Sunday, November 27



## Celebrating New Members

Russ and Janet Bruhnke joined CUMC on November 1, 2022

*Welcome*  
New Members



*In Memoriam*



**Brad D. Kliever**

*January 30, 1963- November 9, 2022*



**Cynthia Thoreson-Arnold**

*May 19, 1955 - November 26, 2022*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8am Thursday Men's Group 8am Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open 8:30am Covenant Group 1pm Women's Connect Group 4pm Arise Band rehearsal 7pm UWF Circle 4	2 8am Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open	3 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals (Serve @ 11am) 9am Thrift on Fifth Open 9am Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open
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## *Poinsettia Order Form*

Please fill out this form to order a Christmas poinsettia from Christ UMC. These flowers will be on display in worship during Advent and on Christmas Eve. Flowers may also be dedicated in honor or memory of someone. You may pick up your flowers after worship on Sunday, December 25 or you may donate them to homebound and bereaved members.

Last day to order is December 6th.

Each plant is \$16.

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of plants:** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$16.00 = \$**\_\_\_\_\_ .\_\_\_\_

- I will pick up my poinsettia order
- Please donate my order to a homebound or bereaved member

*In memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Poinsettia orders may also be placed online at:*



## *UMW Cookie Order Form*

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

1/2 # \_\_\_\_\_ \$8, 1# \_\_\_\_\_ \$15, 1 1/2 # \_\_\_\_\_ \$23, 2# \_\_\_\_\_ \$30, gluten free \_\_\_\_\_

Pantry Party Mix: Quart: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up Sunday, December 18th** Commons 8:30am-12:30pm

Order by **December 4th**

Drop off at the table in the Commons Nov 20, 29, or Dec 4th

Questions call Deedee Odell at 281-2755; Make check payable to UMW



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