

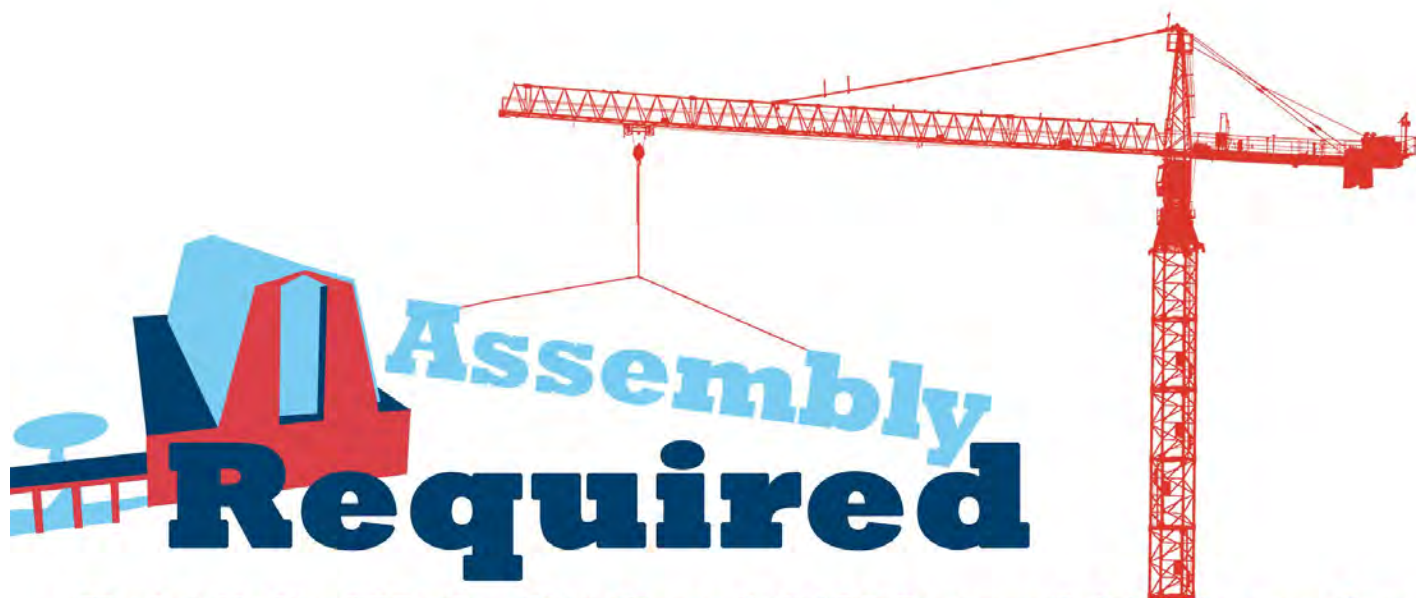
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# Pastor's Pen WITH REV. JENNY CANNON, LEAD PASTOR

One of the first projects that Kirkland and I tackled together as a married couple was putting together a large kitchen island from Ikea. It was multiple hour endeavor that turned out to be an excellent opportunity to live into our wedding vows. Loving each other through better or worse definitely includes the moment you realize you put the shelves on backwards. And anything involving Allen wrenches.



That project took place over 16 years ago when we still lived in Atlanta, but the island actually made the move with us to both Maryland and Minnesota. It now sits in our garage as a workbench and a kind of testament to the power of our collaborative efforts. Perhaps we could plan to spruce it up for our 20 year anniversary?

Some of the very best projects it turns out have some assembly required. And one of the places where that happens is our life together as a church. Now there are plenty of items around our church building that need actual physical labor to put them together. Shout out to our building manager, Kent Nyman, our Trustees and our amazing volunteers who make that happen on a regular basis.

But there is also assembly required in creating worship, and opportunities for growth and service across all ages. And the time and gifts you share are the essential components of what God is assembling through Christ UMC. Our dedicated staff, and our ministries and programs are all upheld by your generous support.

This month you'll be hearing more about how you can support our current ministries and some of our hopes for the future. We believe that God continues to invite us to new opportunities to be grace in the city and share the love of Christ. So while simply coming together as a church has required more creativity and innovation than we ever thought possible, we know are building on the legacy of a faithful, inclusive and vibrant faith community that has been a part of downtown Rochester for over ?? years. So no matter how and where our ministries take place, we are ready to respond!

In the coming weeks, I hope you'll prayerfully consider how you can be a part of what God is building here at Christ United Methodist. Thank you for the many ways you support and strengthen our life together. It's a joy to share in this good and faithful work with you.

Peace,

*Pasta Jenny*

Pastor Jenny

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## We're Hiring! Apply Today to Join Our Team.

Christ UMC is hiring for our Director of Youth Ministries position, which is 30 hours per week. The Director of Youth Ministries supports CUMC's mission by fostering an engaging, fun, safe and inclusive environment for youth faith formation. Head to [cumethodist.com/career-opportunities](http://cumethodist.com/career-opportunities) to view the position description. Contact Pastor Kirkland to apply or for more info.

## 2022 Stewardship Campaign: Assembly Required

Lego sets. Ikea furniture. Meal delivery service kits. Churches. These are all things where assembly is required.

Consider a new Lego set. You open the box to find a jumble of pieces and instructions that vary on amount based on overall scope of the project. Open those instructions to step 1, work beginning with just a few bricks will conclude with a constructed set.

We never find pre-assembled Lego sets. Our participation is built into the process. The same is true with church.

Even at Christ UMC, with a fully constructed church building and established groups and teams, assembly is required and our participation is built into the process.

We believe God is still at work at Christ UMC and through our mission to offer grace in the city. In worship this November we will explore how we are all invited to join God in the ongoing work of building an inclusive and generous community of faith that reaches more people.

Join us for worship in-person and online on Sunday, **Nov. 14** and **Sunday, Nov. 21** to learn more about our Assembly Required 2022 stewardship campaign, which includes a dedication of financial pledges on Sunday, **Nov. 21**.

## CUMC Interfaith Thanksgiving

Christ UMC will once again host an ecumenical service in our sanctuary the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving. We welcome leaders from many faith traditions and gather in our sanctuary for a night of community and goodwill.



## This is a church that steps up!



Pictured (left to right) - Kathy Stettler, Daphne Soleil, Kathy Estry, Deb Jensen

## Volunteer Spotlight!



Thank you to our communion prep team for all their hard work bagging up world Communion Sunday!

## More Volunteer opportunities:

**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](mailto: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!

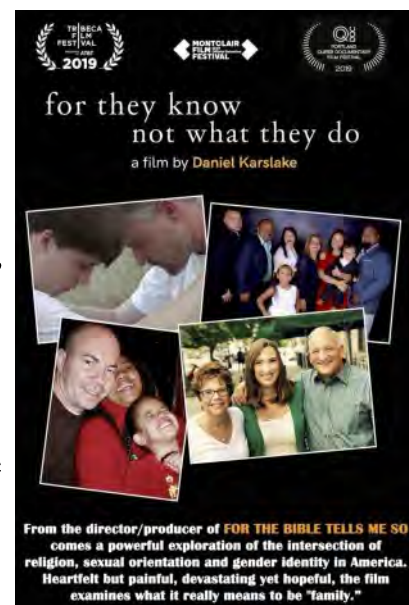
**A/V Team Members** - We are looking for folks of all ages who want to learn new technology skills! We are seeking slide advancers, video helpers, and sound board operators. If you are interested contact Oliver in the church office at [oliver@cumethodist.com](mailto:oliver@cumethodist.com)



## 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](http://mnrcumc.org))



## New Member Class

New Members Classes: If you'd like to find out more about what it means to be a member of CUMC, join Pastor Kirkland on Sunday, Nov. 7th at 10am or Sunday, Nov. 14th for a New Members Class and introduction. Contact Pastor Kirkland for more information or with any questions.

## The Christ UMC Foundation is excited to announce grants approved in the July, 2021 grant cycle.

- 5-octave set of handbell mallets
- 2 mannequins of diverse ethnicities for use by Thrift on Fifth
- Summer 2021 camp scholarships
- A/V equipment to facilitate zoom meetings from Hamlin and other classrooms
- Purchase and installation of security cameras for the Chapel



CUMCF grant committee accepts grant requests quarterly.

**Submission deadlines are January 15; April 15; July 15 and October 15.** Mark your calendars with these deadlines.

Board approvals take place in March, June, September, and December.

Proposals for the next grant cycle must be received by **January 15, 2022**. Please anticipate your need so you don't miss the opportunity to apply for funds.

## The 11:00am Arise Service has returned to the ECC!

After nearly two years, the Arise Worship Service has returned to the ECC. The seating has been rearranged to be conscious of social distancing, and all of the usual covid safety guidelines will still apply.

We cannot wait to worship with you in the ECC!



## Congregational Care:

### Notes from Pastor Nancy: All Saints Sunday & Caring Ministries



On November 7 we will celebrate All Saints Day. This is an opportunity in worship for us to give thanks for all the saints who have formed us in our Christian faith. We remember Sunday school teachers, parents, grandparents, neighbors, choir directors, whomever has helped us in our walk with God.

We give thanks for all the saints from years in the more distant past, those who recorded the stories of Jesus, those who wrote music and liturgy, those like John Wesley and Francis Asbury and Anna Howard Shaw, pioneers in Methodism.

At Christ UMC we celebrate the saints who have died in the past year. We hear the names read of all the members and frequent participants who have died as well as the saints whose services were led by one of our CUMC clergy. Please join us for this special Sunday of remembrance.

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The Caring Visitor Training Event on Oct. 15 and 16 was attended by the four Parish Ministers, three Callers, four Lay Visitors and three Van Ministry members along with the three pastors. All the visitor teams and the van ministry team were commissioned at the worship services Oct. 17.

**Parish Ministers:** Jeff Ward, Deedee Odell, Terry Anderson, Noralyn Carpenter

**Lay Visitors:** Elaine Bauman, Glenn and Linda Roberts, Deb Jensen, Diane Houdek, Gwen Scilley, Ann McGuire

**Van Ministry:** Glenn Roberts, Del Lawson, Patrick Hokanson, Randy Peterson, Jenna Benson, Kathy Stettler

**Callers:** Elaine Bauman, Chuck Handlon

**Save the Date:**  
**Longest Night Service**  
**December 19, 3pm, Sanctuary**  
**A service of Word, Music, Candles, Peace**  
**For any who find the holiday season difficult**

### 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.

**Period Equity**

Through November and December CUMC will serve as a collection site for the Period Equity Project which partners with community groups to distribute menstruation supplies to people in need. Be on the lookout for a collection box in the commons and stay tuned for more information.





## EarthKeepers Listening Session

Tuesday November 16, 4:30-6:15pm Mettam and on Zoom

The EarthKeepers at Christ UMC are working on their plans for 2022 and they want your input! What do you care about in the realm of environmental justice? How can your church support you as you work at being a steward of our environment? Classes or trainings? Poetry or worship? Practical actions? All people are welcome to join us for our planning retreat. Coming to this listening session is a great way to shape the direction of our environmental focus in 2022 without committing to attend more meetings or singlehandedly organize an event.

## Saturday Noon Meals



The Saturday Noon Meal program continues to provide 40 meals each week to The Landing. The Landing will be located at the Rochester Silver Lake Fire Station through April 2022.

We are so grateful for our volunteers that assist with the meal preparation and food pick-ups during the week. We are always welcoming new volunteers for preparation of the meals on Saturday mornings. In October we welcomed John and Jan Lage as new volunteers in addition to three Mayo Clinic first-year medical students that joined us on October 2, 2021. We appreciate our community partners who provide food donations that include Channel One, Peoples Food Co-op, Family Service Rochester, and Haven Valley Farm. We would also like to thank the Kreofsky family from Plainview for their generous annual donation of apples and butternut squash.

Please contact Kathy Lombardo at [Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com) or by telephone at 507-398-2686 if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you for your generous support of the SNMs program. It is much appreciated – Kathy and Phil Lombardo



## CUMC Vegetable Garden Ministry

The vegetable garden was a huge success this summer. The weather provided an extended growing season and we finished up the tomato harvest in mid-October. This resulted in over 100 pints and quarts of canned tomatoes and salsa in addition to many incorporated into our meals for the Saturday Noon Meal program. We ended up with many tomatoes, squash, cabbages, pumpkins, herbs, and beautiful zinnias.

Thank you to all that worked in the garden with planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting. Thank you also to those that supported the Saturday Noon Meal program with the free-will offerings for tomatoes and donation of canning jars and canning pots.

We will be getting the garden ready for winter in November. If you would be interested in assisting with this process or interested in participating with the vegetable garden in 2022 – please contact Kathy Lombardo at [Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com) or by phone at 507-398-2686. Thank you for your support of this CUMC mission – Kathy Lombardo


**Children's Ministry**


**Youth Ministry**

### Club 6-7 "What Are You Building?" Wednesdays, November 3, 10 and 17 6:00-7:00pm

In Club 6-7, youth link faith and life. During September and October we learned about how we shape our character. Now that we have that figured out (ha! Joke!) we will be moving on to how we build a world. From Hogwarts to Berk, youth know about amazing fictional worlds where really cool stuff can happen. "World building" is a term used by writers and other creatives as they describe the world they imagine. What if we were each world builders, working to be a part of building God's Kingdom here? Join us Wednesday in November to learn more. Contact Rev. Amanda Larsen for more information at [pastoramanda@cumethodist.com](mailto:pastoramanda@cumethodist.com)

### Feed My Starving Children - Friday November 5, 11:30-1:15

Is your family looking for something to do for the end of the quarter day off school? Join friends from church at the Feed My Starving Children center in Eagan for a few hours of serving together. Children as young as five can help package complete nutrition meals that are shipped to partner organizations and disaster relief centers around the world. In two hours of service, you will learn about the connection between what we do on one day impacts other groups around the world-- mission is interconnected! Questions? Want to register? Contact Amanda Larsen at [pastoramanda@cumethodist.com](mailto:pastoramanda@cumethodist.com) by November 3.



### ASP is Back for 2022!

Christ UMC will be sending a couple of teams on ASP this coming summer. We are scaling back our numbers as we move forward in a covid-aware reentry into ASP. We will still have an amazing time, followed by a retreat, but some things will look a little different. Our trip is scheduled for July 2-11, 2022. ASP Sunday will be July 17. There is also a mandatory team building and training retreat on February 20-21. If you would like to be included on this year's team or provide other support to ASP, please let Pastor Amanda or Pastor Kirkland know ASAP.

## Children & Youth Advent Activities



### Sunday, November 28 - Advent 1

We'll decorate the worship spaces after church & hand out Advent Wreath kits!

### Sunday December 5 - Advent 2

10am Chrismon Workshop

### Wednesdays throughout Advent

Rehearsal for children's Christmas pageant during CU Wednesdays

### Sundays throughout Advent

Rehearsal for youth Christmas pageant 4:30-6pm

### Sunday December 19 - Advent 4

9am - Children's Christmas Pageant

11am - Youth Christmas Pageant

4:30pm - Youth Christmas Party





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

*"People heal from their pain when they have an authentic connection with another human being."*

Marshall B. Rosenberg, psychologist, mediator, author and teacher

The Faith→Life team is planning for the winter session beginning January 2022. Let us know of any topics of interest or new ways we can help you connect and build relationships with others in our church community. 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](mailto:rk.stry@gmail.com)

### With Gratitude – Thank you!

Thank you, and again thank you to those who volunteered their time and talents to facilitate, lead or host the many groups we offered during our summer and fall Faith→Life sessions. Even through the continued pandemic we have stayed connected as a church family through the technology of Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, etc.

*Rev. Jenny Cannon* – Lead Pastor

*Rev. Kirkland Reynolds* – Executive Pastor

*Jack Jefferson* – Director of Operations

*Oliver Books* – Director of Communications

*Ed Shafer* – Inquiring Spirits

*Joel Charlson* – Contemporary Issues

The Civil War as a Theological Crisis

*Gwen Scilley* – Monday Women's Group

*Ken Bauman* – Monday Men's Group

*Aileen Williams* – Covenant Discipleship Group

A Conversation on Genesis

Third Sunday Forums

*Ted Colescott* – Covenant Discipleship Group

*Gail Flanders* – Thursday Women's Group

*Rose Kliewer* – Women and the Sacred

*Dick Estry* – Men's Coffee Group

*Mary Schmidt* – Garden Ministry

Dinner/Lunch Club

Third Sunday Forum

*Marjie Blaisdell* – Knit One, Pray Too

Dinner/Lunch Club

*Daphne Soleil* – Book Discussion Group

Third Sunday Forum

*Toni Mangskau* – Third Sunday Forum

*Keri Ostby* – Third Sunday Forum

*CUMC Community Healers Team* –

Third Sunday Forum

*Amy Humphrey and Dean Swanson* –

Breakfast Fellowship

### 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.

### “Chrismons, Carols and Countdowns”

November 21, 2021, 10:00am ~ Hamline Room ~ Presenter: Pastor Jenny Cannon

Most of us love preparing for Christmas. Do you want to add some new meaning to your Advent and Christmas preparations this year? Join Pastor Jenny for a conversation about traditional and creative ways of celebrating the Advent season together for all ages.

*All past forums are available on our YouTube channel. 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](mailto: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](mailto:shaferchurch@hotmail.com). (\*\*please note we are switching to zoom exclusively on November 14)

**Connect Groups** (View a complete listing 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 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](mailto:mblaisdell@gmail.com) or Mary Schmidt at [oronocomb@yahoo.com](mailto:oronocomb@yahoo.com).

**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:** 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](mailto: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.

**All Church Read: Follow-up***“Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times”* By Bishop Michael Curry

Did you read Love is the Way? Would you like to put love in action?

Bishop Curry says, “To live into our faith and values, we need to bring intentionality and purpose to everyday – and that’s where what’s call a *rule of life* comes in to support us.”

In the appendix of the book Bishop Curry provides us with Love in Action – A Daily Planner. It is designed to be used by anyone who wishes to grow closer to God who is love and closer to our true self. The steps for creating your ‘Rule of Life’ are based on the Rule of St. Benedict, which we read about in How to Live by Judith Valente (our 2021 Lenten study book).

The rule of life is a framework . . . not a hard and fast rule. “It’s a way to create tangible habits that support our hearts intentions,” says Bishop Curry.

If you are interested in wanting to put love into action, contact Kathy Estry at [rk.stry@gmail.com](mailto:rk.stry@gmail.com) to form a group and get started.

**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](http://cumethodist.com/get-involved/faith-life) for a complete listing and registration information.**

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



# October Photo Recap!



Blessing of the Animals  
October 17, 2021



## Trunk or Treat ~ October 24, 2021





## 50 year Member Celebration

### 50 Year Member Event

On Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we gathered in the sanctuary to honor those who have been members of Christ United Methodist Church for 50 years or more. Those recognized as new members were: Ann Floyd, Marlys Ostby and John Ostby.

The program consisted of presenting the new members with certificates. Deedee Odell gave an original and interesting report on the highlights of 1971 at CUMC and the world. Pastor Jenny and Pastor Kirkland spoke about their journey to become ministers and coming to Rochester. The conclusion of the program consisted of "Stump the Organist". The organist, Jeff Daehn, played several well known old hymns and members were to guess their titles. It was fun and entertaining with 8 out of 11 hymns being named.

Pastor Nancy dismissed us with a closing prayer. The guests then picked up their own slice of homemade apple pie to take home and enjoy.

Tracy Ott arranged for the following women to make the apple pies: Karla Sukov, Betsey Whitfield, Deb Jensen, Tricia Katzenberger, Kim Bisanz, Jill Dunn and Elene Pattinson. They were delicious, thank you very much.



### A Bit of Christ UMC History

Rochester Methodist Hospital was born in the 1950's out of the United Methodist tradition whose founder John Wesley believed that caring for the body is caring for the soul. The spiritual values of Methodists focus on grace, living out one's faith, inclusiveness and education. Christ United Methodist Church lived out these values by moving their church building so they could donate the land on which Rochester Methodist Hospital now stands. The hospital immediately developed a Chaplaincy department and was the first to begin training chaplains through the Clinical Pastoral Education program.

~ Karen Heistand

### UMW Christmas Cookies

Remember December, 2019? The United Methodist Women offered you Christmas cookies. Last year, of course, that did not happen.

This year we are trying something a little different.

In this newsletter you will find a form to order your Christmas cookies (**page 14**). You will receive an assortment of homemade Christmas cookies by weight. You need to order them by November 28th and pick up will be December 12th. The cookies can be picked up in the Commons from 8:30am-11am or curb side pick up from 2pm -3pm.

The proceeds from this project will go to the work United Methodist Women do all over the world. Our monies may go to women to educate them in clean water production, growing crops, raising animals and many other projects. This education in turn provides their families with better lives.

United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, youth and children around the world. Thank you for your support.

## CUMC Finance Report

Christ UMC continues to be in sound financial condition. Through September we have received gifts of \$596,000 compared to a budget projection of \$587,000. Our net income after expenses was \$128,000 compared to a budget of -\$4,300.

### Operating Budget Summary – June 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Giving	\$ 596,212	\$ 587,866	\$ 8,346
Total Income*	\$ 863,892	\$ 780,241	\$ 83,651
Expenses	\$ 735,945	\$ 784,555	-\$ 48,610
Net Income *	\$ 202,583	\$ 30,500	\$ 172,083

\* \$68,009 of the Total and Net Income positive variances is due to a Cares Act grant for continuing to maintain our pre-Covid employment levels in the 4th quarter of 2020 and 1st quarter of 2021. Because the state has allowed the reopening of all businesses these grants will no longer be available.

### Assets and Liabilities

At the end of September, the church had cash and other marketable assets of \$921,255 of which \$603,571 was unrestricted, enough to fund 6.6 months of budgeted expenses. Our objective has been 3 to 6 months, but we continue to believe a more conservative stance is appropriate at least through the end of the year.

Liabilities were \$317,683 of which \$314,290 were in restricted accounts set aside by the Leadership Board for specific missions and projects; \$36,696 in the Capital Campaign account, \$54,661 in the Makinen Bequest account, \$100,443 in Trustee restricted accounts managed by the CUMC Foundation (the Foundation's total portfolio at the end of September was \$811,562), and lesser amounts in 36 other accounts.

The church has no long term debt.

### THRIVE! Scholarships

Through June we have distributed \$13,056 to THRIVE! for Scholarships and have \$6,935 available for distribution in October.

Please contact Dick Estry (288-5938, rk.stry@gmail.com) with questions or comments.



### 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 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!



## Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story

ADVENT 2021 CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### **November 28:**

Advent decorating after 9 & 11am services  
Advent Wreath kits distributed

### **November 30, December 7, 14, & 21:**

Noon Advent Organ Concert Series

### **December 5:**

10am Chrismon Workshop

### **December 15:**

7pm Service of Lessons & Carols with Chancel Choir

### **December 19:**

9am Children's Pageant  
11am Youth Pageant  
3pm Longest Night Worship

## Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story

Christmas Eve at Christ United Methodist Church

### **December 23:**

5pm Christmas Pre-Eve Service in the ECC

### **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**

12pm - Contemplative Worship

4pm - Children's Worship

7pm - Festival Worship

10pm - Communion Worship



### **Advent Bible Study**

Advent Bible Study: As part of our Advent season Pastors Jenny and Kirkland are hosting a 4-week Bible study exploring how each of the four Gospels introduces the person of Jesus. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Fireside Room or Tuesday evenings at 7pm on Zoom. Contact the church office for more info and join us at the Bible Study!

Tuesday Zoom address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 31		1 <i>Advent Devotional</i> <i>Submissions Due</i> 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15 Men's Discussion Group 5:30pm All Church Read Monday Discussion Group	2 1pm Covenant Group 7pm All Church Read Tuesday Discussion Group 8pm Facebook Devotional	3 10am Knit One Pay, Too 5pm Jubilee Bells 5:30pm Activities & Snacks 6pm Confirmation 6pm Club 6-7 6pm CU Stay and Play 6pm Celebration Bells 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Genesis Conversation 8pm Facebook Devotional	4 8am Thursday Men's Group 8:30am Covenant Group 4pm Women's Connect Group 7pm UMW Circle 4 8pm Facebook Devotional	5 11:30am Feed My Starving Children Event	6 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals (Serve @ 11am) 9am-12pm Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sale
	<b>7 All Saints Sunday</b> 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Contemporary Issues 10:15am Inquiring Spirits 11am Arise Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	8 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15 Men's Discussion Group	9 1pm UMW Quilters 1pm Covenant Group 8pm Facebook Devotional	10 8:30am Breakfast Fellowship 10am Knit One Pay, Too 5pm Jubilee Bells 5:30pm Activities & Snacks 6pm Confirmation 6pm Club 6-7 6pm CU Stay and Play 6pm Celebration Bells 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Genesis Conversation 8pm Facebook Devotional	11 8am Thursday Men's Group 8:30am Covenant Group 4pm Women's Connect Group 7pm UMW Circle 4 8pm Facebook Devotional	12 10am Rug Hooking Group 10am Women & the Sacred	13 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals (Serve @ 11am)
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	<b>21 Stewardship Sunday</b> 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Third Sunday Forum 10am Contemporary Issues 10:15am Inquiring Spirits 11am Arise Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	22 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15 Men's Discussion Group	23 1pm UMW Quilters 1pm Covenant Group 7pm All Church Read Tuesday Discussion Group 7pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	24 10am Knit One Pay, Too 5pm Jubilee Bells 5:30pm Activities & Snacks 6pm Confirmation 6pm Club 6-7 6pm CU Stay and Play 6pm Celebration Bells 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm Facebook Devotional	25 Thanksgiving <b>Building Closed</b>	26 <b>Building Closed</b>	27 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals Prep (serve at 11am)
<b>28 Advent 1</b> 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Advent Bible Study 10am Advent Wreath Kits and Worship Space Decorating 10am Contemporary Issues 10:15am Inquiring Spirits 11am Arise Worship 12pm Advent Wreath Kits and Worship Space Decorating	29 8am Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15 Men's Discussion Group	30 8am Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open 12pm Advent Organ Recital 1pm UMW Quilters 7pm Advent Bible Study 8pm Facebook Devotional	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	



## Poinsettia Order Form

Please fill in the form below if you would like to share a poinsettia plant with others this Christmas season. You can place this form in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. Each plant is \$15. The deadline for poinsettia orders is end of day December 7th. Please indicate below if you wish to pick up the poinsettia on December 26th, or if you would like to have it delivered to a homebound or bereaved person. *Thanks for supporting this ministry of caring to our homebound and bereaved members.*

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

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

plants x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_

- Please deliver to a homebound or bereaved member.
- I will pick up between 10am-12Noon on December 26th.

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

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



## UMW Cookie Order Form

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

½ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$8, 1# \_\_\_\_\_ \$15, 1 ½ # \_\_\_\_\_ \$23, 2# \_\_\_\_\_ \$30, Total \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up Sunday, December 12th Commons 8:30am-11am \_\_\_\_\_ West Side Curb pick up 2-3pm \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form or call Pat Feeser at 322-6162; 1606 28th St NW 55901

Order by November 28th ~ Make checks payable to UMW

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

*In Memoriam*



**Lana Shulz**

*November 20, 1948 ~ September 25, 2021*



**Diane Toogood**

*April 29, 1943 ~ October 28, 2021*

### *Happy 100th Birthday!*

Doris Heins, a long-time member of Christ UMC, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 13.

If you know Doris, she would love to see you at a reception at Homestead of Rochester. Vaccinations and masks are required. Doris requests no gifts. Just your presence.

**Date: Nov. 13 - Time: 2:00-3:30 PM**

If you are unable to attend, she would greatly appreciate it if you sent her a card.

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## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

We give thanks together.

November 23 ~ 7:00pm