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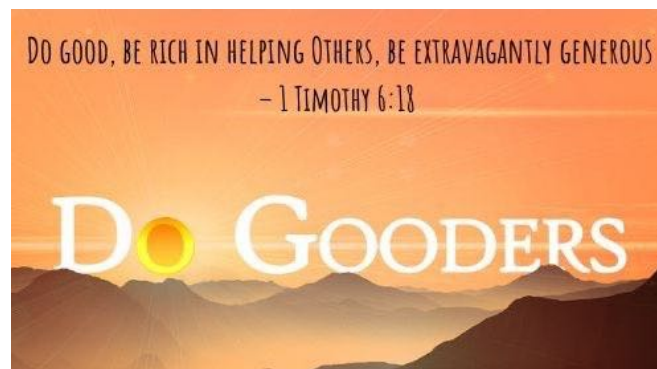
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It's not too late to participate in our 2023 "Do Gooders" stewardship campaign. You may make a pledge by contacting the church office or by using our online pledge card at cumethodist.com/give. At this link you may also review additional financial information about CUMC, including our current budget and a 2022 impact report.

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Pastor's Pen

WITH PASTOR JENNY



Grateful

I encountered the artist May Erlewine and her song “Grateful” through a series of heartbreaking events. A colleague’s young granddaughter died unexpectedly a few years ago, and the song “Grateful” was offered as part of her memorial service. I did not know the young woman personally and had never heard of May Erlewine or this song before following the events of my colleague’s deep loss, but I was desperate to know what drew them to a song about gratitude in the context of such tragedy.

The song begins with the words “I’m gonna cry all alone in this room” and goes on to describe various situations of sadness or pain. But it returns to the chorus each time “and I will be grateful at the end of the day.” I was particularly drawn to the lyrics

I’ll be a witness to the sorrows I see

I will not feel at ease, I will not feel at ease

When the world leaves me sleepless, I’ll be awake

And I will be grateful at the end of the day.

Somehow, in this beautiful song, the realities of pain and suffering are held side by side with gratitude and faith. There are no excuses or easy explanations for the sorrow, but there is a stubborn persistence that gratitude might still be possible. And that even in the midst of pain there can also be beauty and hope. I don’t quite know how it’s possible that a family was able to tap into this kind of faith in the midst of such grief, but their witness is one I have seen in others, and it is profound.

Gratitude, it turns out, is not only a thankfulness for what God has already provided. Gratitude can also be a powerful act of faith, proclaiming the promise of God’s provision even when so much has been lost. This paradox is at the heart of our All Saints remembrance in this season, naming the grief we feel for those who have died and celebrating the promise that they live on in God’s eternal love.

I find myself drawn to this grittier, more prophetic version of gratitude quite often these days. The world does leave me sleepless...often, in fact, and the idea that I might end the day in gratitude and not only in jaw-clenching anxiety is a promise that my spirit longs for. It is a reminder that God calls us to practice gratitude while also working for transformation. And the promise that we can hold grief and hope together at the same time, is a powerful, life-giving word for people of faith to embody.

I pray that there is much for all of us to be grateful for this season. That there is ample joy and laughter around our tables, our communities and across our newsfeeds. But even when there is not, even when we are grieving or overcome with sorrow, I pray that we will find ways to lift up thankfulness from among the broken pieces. That God’s loving spirit will continue to restore us in hope and faith. And that somehow, some way, we might still be grateful at the end of the day.

Peace,

Pastor Jenny

Interfaith Thanksgiving Community Service, November 22nd , 7pm

Peace and Pie

Join us for this annual event for sharing gratitude in our community. We are highlighting the theme of cultivating peace and will feature speakers from B'nai Israel Synagogue and Three Rivers Restorative Justice along with prayers, music and a special offering for Channel One. A pick-up choir will rehearse at 6pm before the service.

Following the service we will gather in the Commons for pie and fellowship. Please contact the church office if you are able to donate pies (pumpkin, apple, or pecan) or can help provide hospitality that evening.

LEADERSHIP CENTER
for **SOCIAL JUSTICE**



Pastor Jenny is participating in the Leadership for Social Justice Cohort with United Seminary. In the coming months, she will be learning more about effectively engaging social justice issues within a congregation and designing a project to support CUMC's justice work in our community.

As part of this program, CUMC will receive a congregational assessment of our vitality and specific recommendations for how we might move forward effectively in ministry and service. The assessment is administered by Convergence, a church research and consulting group and includes an anonymous survey of church participants. You may learn more about the survey here (<https://tinyurl.com/CUMCSurveyFAQ>).

Anyone over the age of 16 who is affiliated with Christ UMC (you do not need to be a member) is invited to complete a survey. A link to the online survey can be found below and hard copies are available in the church office. Please contact the church office if you would like to have a hard copy mailed to your home.

Each response will help Convergence receive more accurate data and provide important information for our CUMC pastors and lay leaders.

Please contact Pastor Jenny with any questions. Thank you for your commitment to serving together into the future!

Congregational Assessment on Vitality and Effective Ministry and Service

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChristUMCRochester>


Children's Ministry


Youth Ministry

Hello church family!

We have been having a great fall at church. We have had dozens of unique kids attending Sunday School and our Progressions bell group is getting ready to perform their ministry on October 30. In Sunday School and at Kids with Purpose we have celebrated what God has given us to share with those around us (teaching video games is quite a popular gift), performed plays for each other, and produced lots of art as we build faith and community. We continue to need volunteers for our Sunday morning Sunday school and Wednesday evening Kids with Purpose. Talk to Jody to get signed up!

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.

In Club 6/7 and Youth Group we have welcomed several new youth to our activities. Club 6/7 is making progress on being able to describe the "overarching" story of the Bible in 50 words. Each week is different. After the haunted hallway project we will only have a few weeks until Advent begins. Our youth Christmas program will be on December 18 and is tentatively called "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Appalachia Service Project

Our 2023 Appalachia Service Project team will travel July 1-10, 2023. This is the season of recruiting and signing up! If you know of high school youth who would like to go on this trip, please have them talk to Pastor Amanda. She can also put you in contact with ASP youth who may be at their high school! We will be selling caramel rolls between services on December 18!

What happens after ASP? For Kyra Nichols it meant joining a team to do a Habitat for Humanity project over her fall break in college. (They slept on our church floor on their way to Raleigh, NC over MEA!) For Jaden Wysocki, it has meant getting mail from ASP friends as he navigates his freshmen year in college. For Susie Dripps, returning to ASP as an adult leader with her own girls was unforgettable. We are researching more stories of "After ASP" as we prepare for the 40th trip in 2023. Do you have an After ASP story? Talk to Pastor Amanda to help us tell our church story.

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

Youth Group, Confirmation and Club 6/7

Our ministries with 6-12th graders are off to a great start. With the Progressions bell group, some of our youth are being challenged by more difficult handbell music. Club 6/7 has welcomed a few new members as 6th graders joined our fellowship. This year Club 6/7 will focus on storytelling and being able to tell the big story of the Bible in 50 words. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Youth group serves as a place for youth to build a community within the church. Some days are more games oriented, others more focused on ethics or faith or justice issues-- each night is different! One recent youth group gathering featured back in time trivia, may pole dancing and a debate over if the Bible should be in the language of the people and accessible to everyone. While this debate seems out of place today, the invention of the printing press and translation of the Bible into English and German during the Renaissance made this a BIG topic within the church.

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

November 2022

2 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

6 (Sunday) Little Angels and Children/Youth choir in worship

Youth Group 4:30-6:00 Meet at Church for game day!

9 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

13 (Sunday) 2nd Sunday inbetween worship service event (making Thanksgiving cards) and parents meeting

(Sunday) Youth Group 4:30-6:00 Meet at Bowlocity at 4:30; bring \$15 for bowling and laser tag.

16 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

20 (Sunday) Youth Group 4:30-6:00 YouthsGiving Meal at Pastor Amanda's. email pastoramanda@cumethodist.com to sign up.

23-27 **Thanksgiving No CU Wednesday or Youth Group**

30 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

December 2022

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

7 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

11 (Sunday) 2nd Sunday in between event & parents meeting

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 Programs in Worship, all children's music in worship

Youth Group 4:30-6:00—White Elephant Christmas Party

21 (Wednesday) CU Wednesday

25 (Sunday) One worship service at 10am

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

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 are working with KoWaKan adventures, our United Methodist outfitter for our 2023 trip. We will be staying at a base camp with several day trips into various lakes of the BWCA. Families are welcome, as are unaccompanied 6th-12th graders.

- Church Whitewater Camping Weekend August 18-20







Saturday Noon Meals

The Saturday Noon Meal program continues to serve 60 hot meals to The Landing at the Salvation Army location each Saturday. The Landing will be opening their new location in November 2022 which will include a day center open 7 days per week for those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Rochester has not had a day center opened on Saturday and Sunday in the past and this will provide a very needed service to those experiencing homelessness in Rochester. We feel fortunate to continue to provide a nourishing meal each Saturday to those with food insecurity in Rochester.

We want to thank our volunteers for their work on a weekly basis preparing homemade meals and delivering these meals to The Landing. We also appreciate our CUMC members and community businesses that donate fresh produce and groceries on a regular basis. We felt blessed with the garden produce that was donated on a regular basis throughout the summer months - from sweet corn, broccoli, green beans and squash. Thank you also for your financial support of the Saturday Noon Meal program. Thank



you also to Thrive, Channel One and Peoples Food Co-op for their weekly donations of food. We are thankful for the annual donation of apples and squash from the Kreofsky family in Plainview. All of these donations allow us to continue to serve a hot and nutritious meal each week.

We are looking forward to serving a meal in-person in Wesley Hall for those with food and housing insecurity on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We will require additional volunteers on this date. Please contact Kathy Lombardo if you would like to volunteer on November 5 (from 8 AM to 2 PM).

If you would appreciate additional information regarding the Saturday Noon Meal program or are interested in volunteering, please contact Kathy Lombardo at kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com or at 507-398-2686.

Thank you for your support of SNMs.

CUMC Vegetable Garden

The CUMC vegetable garden had another successful year. The garden beds were built in 2021 and have provided 2 seasons of produce for the Saturday Noon Meal program and fresh vegetables for our CUMC members. This year we had an abundance of peppers, kale, egg plant, squash and tomatoes.

I would like to express appreciation for those that have volunteered and supported the CUMC vegetable garden program this year. From planting, watering, picking produce, canning tomatoes and providing financial support with good-will offerings for produce during August and September - your support has been amazing. We appreciate the support from Girl Scout troops 47962 and 47882 from St. Francis with planting the gardens in May to cleaning the gardens in November - thank you!

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Contact Kathy Lombardo at 507-398-2686 or kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com or if you are interested in working with the CUMC Vegetable Garden.

50 Year Member Event



Christ United Methodist Church has a wonderful history of long time members. We have been honoring those over 50 year members now for several years. Our new members this year are: Jackie Swanson Curry, Warren and Ginnie Wong. Over 60 long time members attended the gathering on the 5th of October.

We began in the Commons with refreshments, members of Pastor Nancy's Caring Ministries Team providing the service. New table arrangements were provided by Grace Swanson. We moved into the Sanctuary with prayers and comments by the Pastors. Pastor Nancy read the 10 longest members: two were present Audrey Higgins Garbisch and Doris Heins.

John Varona and David Townsend entertained us with music from 1972. David played three different saxophones and a clarinet. The music brought back memories!

Deedee Odell provided history of the church and world from 1972. History of the church was found in the combined bulletins/newsletters from that year.

The Pastors presented each guest with a long stemmed rose as they left the sanctuary.

The morning was filled with beautiful music, Christian love and spirit as we celebrated the community of Christ United Methodist Church.





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.

All Saints Day Sunday observed November 6 at 9am and 11am

We will honor and remember the church members and friends who have died since last All Saints Day. The names will be read aloud and at the 9:00 service a rose will be placed on the altar. After the service family members are invited to receive a rose to bring home. It is also a time to give thanks for the saints that have nurtured us in our faith, parents, grandparents, family members, friends.

Lay Visitor Training took place October 22

Three care visitors and six lay visitors met with Pastor Nancy to grow in their roles as caring visitors on behalf of Christ UMC. Topics included feeding ourselves spiritually, best practices in making a care visit, holy listening, confidentiality. We began with a discussion of why it's important to make caring visits and the difference between a church visit and a social visit. We had small and large group discussions, new and returning visitors. Want to learn more? Contact Pastor Nancy or one of the nine participants.

Caring Conversations Follow Up

Congratulations to Toni Mangskau on receiving the national volunteer of the year award from the National Patient Advocate Foundation for her work in organizing the Caring Conversations event at Christ UMC.

Reflections on Discernment

As I write this article on my laptop, I can hear the sounds of the construction workers building across the street. I hear voices in the distance of a volunteer and a guest. If I were home I'd hear a dog barking, a leaf blower, the dishwasher.

In this day and age it is hard to find quiet. We are so accustomed to noise that we may even become uncomfortable when it is quiet. Quiet, like when you are at the cabin, or hiking or camping. Hearing only the sounds of nature.

In I Kings 21, we hear about Elijah, the prophet hanging out in a cave. He has come there to hide from the wrath of God's people. They were angry with him for exposing their faithlessness. Elijah has proven that he follows the one, true God, maker of heaven and earth. Some of God's chosen ones have deserted God and made up a god of their own liking.

Elijah is hiding when an earthquake occurs, but God is not in the earthquake. Then a might wind blows, but God is not in the wind. Then it is silent.

God speaks to Elijah in the silence. Silence, I find is an essential ingredient for discernment.

Pastor Jenny invited me to share some thoughts about discernment. She knew that I have been praying about retirement. I have shared with Pastors Jenny and Kirkland and the SPRC that Chuck and I are looking at my retirement in the next few years.

I was given the gift of a two week sabbatical in August so that I would have some intentional time to devote to this decision.

I have been thinking about it for a while. When is God calling me to retire? I have talked about it with my family and with my spiritual director. Before the sabbatical I made a reservation for a week at a retreat center. It is 20 miles from anything other than trees and lakes. I stayed in one of the small cabins, just right for one or two people. Each morning I walked and walked. Had lunch, rested, and walked again. I wrote in my journal, I prayed, I did some reading. I walked in the rain. I was hot some of the time. There were lots of bugs! In my experience, when I have a big decision to make, I need quiet, space, nature, devotional reading, a journal, walking, and good food. The sound of loons and the crackle of a campfire also help.

In Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster, he emphasizes the importance of corporate guidance. We don't make decisions in a vacuum. Our decisions effect other people. So we need to have a community of trusted faith friends with whom to share our thoughts.

I invite you to consider where you need to attend to discernment. Going to college? Changing your job? Moving to a new city?

Give yourself some time and space to reflect. Add some recreation and some people with whom to talk. Throw in some walking and some meditation on scripture and/or hymns. Consider talking with a spiritual director, a covenant group, a pastor. Pray with or without words. Be open to the way the Spirit blows.

In caring ministry with you,
Pastor Nancy



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

"We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results."

Herman Melville

The Fall Faith→Life Brochure can be found in the Commons

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.

"Sustainable Holidays"

November 20, 2022, 10:00 am – In-person Wesley Hall and on Zoom

Presenters: EarthKeepers

From Thanksgiving to New Years, many people will gather for family meals and celebrations. How does our celebrating and gifting reflect our values? What practical things can we do to keep our holidays better the planet? Each person will leave with a commitment or two to live into this holiday season.

Previous forums are archived at:

<https://youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochesternn>

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

Sunday Classes

Contemporary Issues

Host: Joel Charlson

Time: Sundays at 10:00 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 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.

Connect Groups

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

Breakfast Fellowship**Hosts:** Amy Humphrey and Dean Swanson**Time:** 2nd Wednesday of the month (Nov. 9th) 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 (**Starting 2nd Wednesday in November**)**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

New groups are forming! 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 or Mary Schmidt at oronocomb@yahoo.com.



Faith → Life: Continued

Hand & Foot Card Group

Hosts: Brian and Millie Webb

Time: Third Sunday of the Month, 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 or Millie at 608-212-9706.

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: In person (Room 145) and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503377386?pwd=czVQNzlxTTE1eHdvdmgzZlBXdmsxZz09>

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.stry@gmail.com for further information.

Theology on Brew

Hosts: Pastors Jenny and Kirkland

Time: Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Place: Forager Brewery - November 11th

During the colder months this group will meet at Forager Brewery, 1005 6th 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.

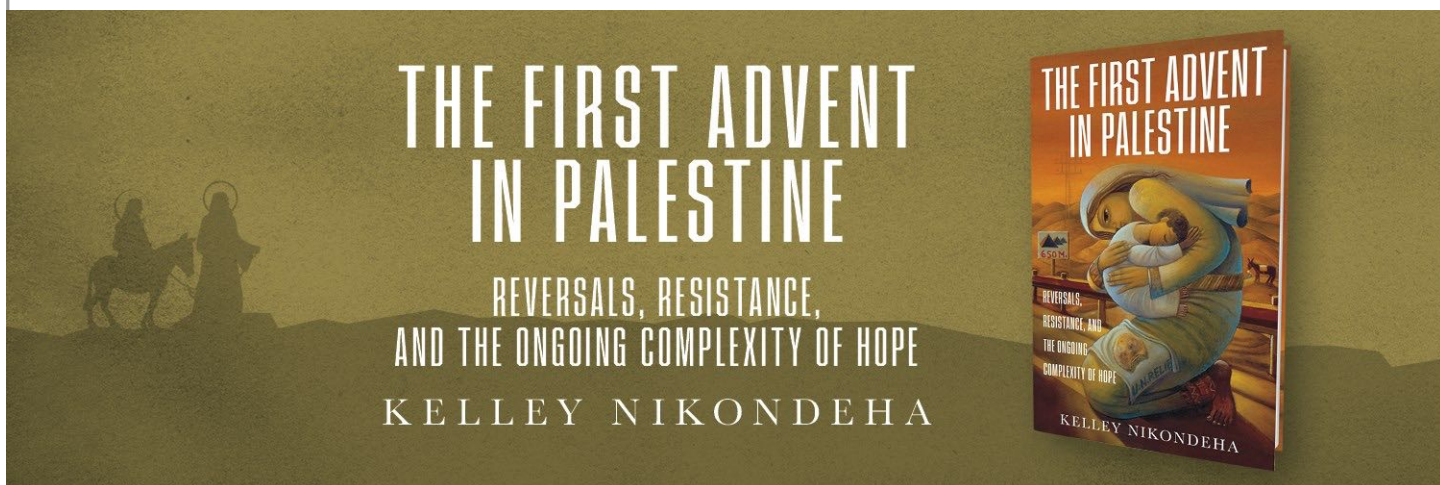
All Church Read During Advent

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

Kelley Nikondeha

The thought-provoking examination of the Advent narratives of Luke and Matthew and the stories of modern-day Palestinians invites us into a season of discovery, one that is realistic and honest and that still wonders at the goodness of God's grace.

Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$19.00. Scholarship help is available. It is also available on ebooks for \$17.49



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.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Our summer staff are going back to college which means we are looking for teachers to join our team!

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and
passionate
teachers to
join the
Thrive family!



EarthKeepers Updates

A couple of updates from our CUMC EarthKeepers

We celebrate the return of CU Wednesday dinners. This year we serve between 50-70 people each week---without a single disposable plate, cup or fork! This is a great way to live our values of sustainability as a church. The EarthKeepers will be serving a plant-based meal of rice bowls with toppings on November 2.

The EarthKeepers team is also working on a sustainability forum for November. Our goals for “what we do” as EarthKeepers are: to provide education opportunities, to create spiritual support for the long work of environmental justice, to encourage advocacy for climate change and other environmental issues, to ensure our church maintains our value of sustainability, and to offer people practical ideas for their own sustainable living choices. November’s forum advances several of these goals! We look forward to sharing with you on “Sustainability for the Holidays” on November 20.



CUMC Chancel Choir Performing in the 2022 Family Promise Rochester Benefit Concert

Saturday, November 12 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester, MN

A musical benefit concert and silent auction supporting Family Promise Rochester, featuring The Rochester Pops Orchestra, CUMC Chancel Choir, Zumbro Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, RAACHE Choirs—Arioso, The Lady Slippers (Quartet), and more.

Silent auction opens at 11am. Concert begins at 1pm.



Save the Date: Advent is Coming

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, 2022. Stay posted to CUMC communications about upcoming events during the seasons of Advent and Christmas, including special worship services, children and youth Christmas pageants, and weekly Advent organ concerts led by our principal organist John Varona.



Christmas Anonymous in December 2022

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 to learn more, find donation information, and sign up to serve.



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

Celebrating Births in the CUMC Community

Carl Nolan Feddersen born to Kim and Grant Feddersen October 5

Gavin Joseph Twedt, born to Molly and Logan Twedt October 10

Donovan James Ackerman born to Kaisey and Andy Ackerman October 19

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Augustus "Auggie" Naylor was baptized on Sunday, October 2

Camden Dale Kirkham was baptized on Sunday, October 9

Celebrating the Training of Lay Visitors at CUMC

Judi Berg, Raheem Johnson, Heather Moe, Awnetria Rahming, and Kathy Stettler

Several of our new Lay Visitors were commissioned in worship on Sunday, October 30



Katie Buck

July 10, 1930 - October 18, 2022

In Memoriam



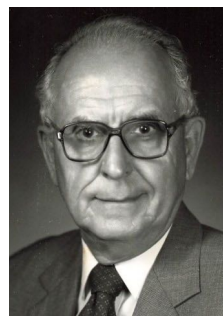
Marilyn Rahman

January 11, 1936 - October 21, 2022



Phyllis Heath

October 6, 1928 - October 24, 2022



Norman Hepper

September 3, 1923 - October 27, 2022

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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.

Each plant is \$16.

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Number of plants: _____ x **\$16.00** = \$ _____ . ____

- I will pick up my poinsettia order
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In honor of: _____

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UWF Cookie Orders in 2022

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