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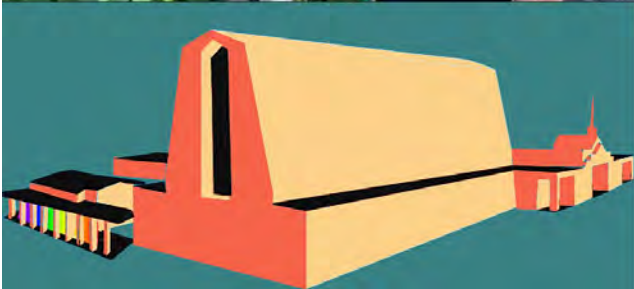


**Introduction to Restorative Justice**

Interactive Presentation by  
U of M's Center for Restorative Justice  
and Three Rivers Restorative Justice

This Thursday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00

Zoom link available at  
[WWW.TRRJ.ORG](http://WWW.TRRJ.ORG)



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# Pastor's Pen WITH REV. KIRKLAND REYNOLDS, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Braving near zero degrees temperatures in the mid afternoon sun, several warm hearted folks turned out for our ice fishing outing on Jan. 23. Most of us were ice fishing for the first time, and the experienced anglers among us were great teachers and encouragers.

Did we freeze while taking turns between holding fishing rods sipping of hot chocolate? You betcha. Did we catch a fish? Collectively, one, so that's a yes. Did we have fun? Absolutely.

I feel I should confess how what I first thought when Pastor Amanda suggested we go ice fishing during a meeting several weeks ago. I was instantly on board because I am committed to try as many things as possible during my first Minnesota winter. But I did feel some concern at the thought of "walking on water," albeit frozen.

As expected, we more than survived our ice fishing outing. We found joy and community on the lake (this former southerner still marvels at how ice fishing means you are literally on the lake!). And I believe we also found God on the lake.

I recently came across a reflection on winter by L. Roger Owens, a professor at Pittsburg Theological Seminary. He writes about moving to Pittsburg from North Carolina and the novelty his family shared in experiencing their first cold and snowy winter. Shoveling snow, bundling up with many layers, and outfitting vehicles with snow tires became joyous signs of their ability to adapt and thrive in a new environment. At the end of that first winter a colleague of Owens' shared what he describes as an ominous warning: "The second winter is much worse; the second winter you know what's coming."

Let's put aside any Game of Thrones references such a line might bring to mind. But that colleague's comment does raise a good question: what do we do when we know winter is coming again?

Owens begins to answer that question by turning to Katherine May's book "Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times." Our stance toward winter seasons matters, May writes. Recounting a conversation with a Finnish friend who has spent a lifetime living through winter seasons, May believes we find our way not by defending ourselves against winter but through "...welcoming the bone-chilling cold, the short days, and the depths of snow. Of welcoming the dark and the sorrow. Of welcoming all of winter the way children welcome a snow day - as a gift."

I'm writing this while the weather is solidly below zero. Don't worry, I'm not getting scared away by the realities of Minnesota in January.

The cold winter weather forces me to rethink the ways I do things: I now get in the car before opening the garage (and yes, I don't start the car until the garage door is fully open); I now make frequent use of my newly acquired snow pants and long underwear; and I now keep my face mask on outside because it's a nice buffer to the wind.

If I can open myself to adopt new behaviors and try new experiences in the winter, then surely I can also open myself to the new things God is calling me into. If I can open myself to winter rather than guard against it, then surely I can open myself to a new and renewing faith rather than guard against any new thing or change God is calling me into.

Knowing God, we are definitely being invited into something new this season. God is always on the move and is always at work, even when during times when it feels like so little in the world or in our lives is actually moving. This winter, I hope we may all be open, and ready, to keep moving with God, and to keep moving together.

Be well and keep the faith,  
Pastor Kirkland

Quotes from "Preparing for winter, preparing for God." By L. Roger Owens. The Christian Century. 2022.

## Lent 2022

This year's Lenten theme is *"Won't You Be A Good Neighbor?"* Throughout the season we'll delve into how our faith calls us to recognize and respond to our neighbors. Our All-Church Read "The Art of Neighboring" will also explore what it means to be a good neighbor in practical ways. There are two ways you can help us prepare for this series.

### Ash Wednesday: March 2nd

We'll have three different ways to be part of Ash Wednesday worship this year.

**7:00-8:00am** Drive-Thru/Walk Up Ashes – Torn between listing the corner near the chapel as from before or the front main entrance of the church on 5th Ave.

**12:00 – 1:00pm** Ashes in Peace Plaza – Look for our pastors and an Ash Wednesday sign in Peace Plaza near the Peace Fountain to receive ashes and a prayer during your lunch break.

**7:00pm** Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed- A traditional Ash Wednesday worship service with music, silence, scripture and the imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

### Lenten Devotional:

Offer a piece of writing or artwork for our Lenten devotional. We'd love to hear your thoughts on what it means to be a good neighbor or stories about people who have been neighbors in your life and faith.

Submissions will be due by February 15th. Contact Pastor Jenny to be part of our devotional collection.

### CUMC Rochester Favorites:

Click here (<https://cumethodist.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/69/responses/new>) to share with us one of your favorite Rochester locations or activities. We'd love to hear from you about the hidden gems of Rochester and beloved places that are part of our community.

### Won't You Be My Neighbor - Sunday March 13 - 5:00pm

Join us in the ECC for a movie night featuring the Fred Rogers documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor*.

### Theology On Brew: 2nd Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, Feb. 10 (Little Thistle) and Thursday, March 10 (Steam). Grab a cup of coffee or a pint of your favorite brew and join us at Theology on Brew. These are monthly gatherings that alternate between Little Thistle Brewery and Steam Coffeeshop on Broadway and are a chance to connect with others and discuss life, theology and everything! Young and young at heart adults are welcome.

Contact Eric Vanderheiden ([Vanderheiden.Eric@mayo.edu](mailto:Vanderheiden.Eric@mayo.edu)) with any questions.

### New Members Class on February 13

Our next New Members Class will meet on Sunday, February 13 from 10:05am to 10:50am in the Fireside Room. New Members Classes are an opportunity to learn more about Methodism, our mission and ministry at Christ UMC, and find out more about what it means to be a church member. Contact Pastor Kirkland for more information or to RSVP.

### Christ UMC COVID Update

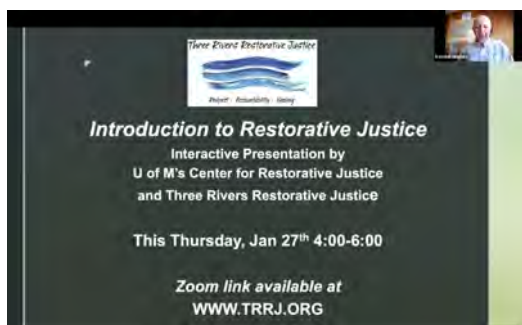
Christ UMC has shifted all of our groups, events and worship services online since Sunday, January 9. We are making plans for gradually resuming in-person ministry as we continue monitoring the omicron variant wave of Covid-19. We are planning to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary and ECC on Sunday, Feb. 13th. Small groups and other church gatherings will also begin to return in February based on the needs and schedule of each group. We will continue to require mask during all indoor church events and ask people to maintain social distancing whenever possible. Thank you for helping us to care for each other and for our community in this time.

## Annual Meeting Recap

Christ UMC gathered on Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 23 for our annual meeting. Rev. Ted Colescott, a retired United Methodist minister connected with Christ UMC, presided over the meeting. The church received reports from Pastors Jenny, Kirkland and Nancy about the congregation's work to offer grace in the city, remain connected together through fellowship and worship, and remain hopeful in the midst of our present time while holding worship and ministry online again. We also received stewardship reports from Bob Heistand about CUMC's Foundation and from Dick Estry detailing the church's stewardship in 2021 and our budget in 2022.

In addition to these reports, the annual meeting also featured stories from Thrive Child Care and Family Resource Center and Three Rivers Restorative Justice.

Thrive continues to make an impact in families lives in Rochester by providing high quality, affordable child care. Jen Hazezlton shared how Thrive continues to operate near full capacity, even through the challenges of operating during a pandemic. In five years, Thrive has grown from a newly established child care center to a sustainable and impactful institution. Thrive's Executive Director Tanya Goretzki, staff, and board are doing great work to further this mission of building community one family at a time. You may learn more about Thrive at [thrivefrc.org](http://thrivefrc.org).



Three Rivers Restorative Justice is led by Rev. Kendall Hughes and operates out of office space at CUMC. TRRJ brings together those who have been harmed, those who have caused harm, and community and family members to establish spaces for dialogue and transformative resolutions. Their accomplishments in 2021 include facilitating 12 cases, which involved restorative dialogues with 78 clients, and establishing case referral pipelines with more law enforcement and judicial systems in the region. CUMC members

and TRRJ trained facilitators Toni Mangskau and Terry Anderson also shared about their experiences serving with TRRJ. You may learn more about TRRJ at [trrj.org](http://trrj.org).

CUMC's annual meeting report includes more information about the ways CUMC's leadership and teams are pursuing ministry in 2022. This information includes a detailed 2022 budget, reports from CUMC's ministry teams, and important information about CUMC's membership and mission.

Copies of CUMC's annual meeting report may be found online at [cumethodist.com](http://cumethodist.com). Printed copies of the report are also available in the church office.

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## Minnesota Reconciling Churches Event at CUMC

You are invited to join with other MN Reconciling United Methodists on Saturday, March 12 at 12:45. Our denomination is in limbo; there is racial unrest; we don't know what's happening with the pandemic. How do we survive this time of uncertainty? Come hear Rev. Leah Rosso, First UMC of the St. Cloud Region, speak on "How to take care of ourselves in times of turmoil" as well as hear Reconciling updates. Christ UMC is hosting one of the viewing parties for this live-streamed event. See other gathering locations at [www.mnrcumc.org](http://www.mnrcumc.org) or view the live-stream at [www.fumcscr.org](http://www.fumcscr.org). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jenny or Pastor Kirkland.

Children's Ministry



Youth Ministry

Our children and youth ministry shifted online mid January. We anticipate a return to meeting in person sometime in February. Stay tuned! When meeting in person or online, Club 6/7 (for 6th and 7th graders) meets Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00. Youth group (for 6th-12th grade) meets Sundays from 4:30-6:00. The zoom code for these groups is **Meeting ID: 506 716 4639 - Passcode: 1SrEdq**

### February Sunday Night Youth Gathering

**Feb. 6 – 4:30pm (Zoom)** Discovering and Amplifying Black Creators & Artists

**Feb. 13- 10:00am (*The Commons*)** Super Bowl Sunday Challenge: Bring your favorite (or craziest) ingredient to add to our CUMC Chex Mix on Sunday morning. We'll mix it all together and send you home with snacks to share for the big game. No Evening Gathering Tonight

**Feb. 20 – 6-8:30pm (*ECC*)** The Hate U Give Movie Night

**Feb. 27 – 4:30-6:00pm (*church*)** Middle School: Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Evening – Senior High Progressive Dinner

### Senior High Progressive Dinner:

Call all high school youth! Save the date on February 27th Save the date for a progressive meal and great night at out at the Cannon (appetizers), Ackerman (dinner) and Wysocki (dessert) homes. Start time and further instructions to follow. Please RSVP to Pastor Jenny by February 20. ([pastorjenny@cumethodist.com](mailto:pastorjenny@cumethodist.com))



### Hopeful Earthkeepers

Show your Service, your Justice, and your Leadership

As Hopeful Earthkeepers, we are called to be good stewards of the Earth. Individual actions play a huge role in that, but some things can't be solved individually; some things require government action. One of the best opportunities to make yourself heard in the government is caucus. Caucus is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and contemporaries and send resolutions to become part of your party's platform, or set of policies that will be pursued at state and national levels.

Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and loved ones, we can be of service to our planet – and other worthy causes dear to your heart – by letting our elected officials know that these causes are important to us. Caucus is one of the best forums to do that.

The word justice shows up not once, but twice in our CUMC Core Values. The Earthkeepers know that Climate justice is racial justice. As stated by the NAACP, "Environmental and climate justice is a civil rights issue." Caucus is an excellent opportunity to call for justice.

While service and justice are in the Core Values, leadership is something Methodists should strive to provide in our community. Leadership through service and justice, with a healthy helping of witness and humility of course, just as Jesus led. Jesus never shied away from productive if contentious conversations with the religious and political leaders (who were often one in the same) of his time. You don't have to go to the same party's caucus as any one of our Earthkeepers, but a great opportunity for providing service leadership is caucus.

Here is info from the MN Secretary of State website about caucus, including a link to find your caucus by zip code or county: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses/>  
 Info from MN DFL party about caucus: <https://df.org/caucuses-conventions/precinct-caucus/>  
 Info from MN GOP party about caucus: <https://www.mngop.com/#1642201967682-ba63551d-1e18>

## Pastor Nancy's Book Study

Book Study *Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens* by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder. Ken's wife Linda lives with a dementia. Bishop Carder serves as a chaplain in the care facility where Linda resides.

February 16-March 9 from 10-11 am in Mettam Conference Room or possibly by zoom, depending on Covid numbers. Even those without computers can take part by calling in and listening without video.

Led by Pastor Nancy Wheeler Handlon, Minister of Congregational Care

Registration recommended by February 9. Please call or email the office to register.

Books available in the office. Cost is \$15.50. Scholarship help is available.



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## From "10 New Year's Resolutions That Are Good for the Soul" by Tish Harrison Warren

Plant Seeds of Humility

"Make it a bimonthly goal to engage in a conversation with one who is not part of your political, religious or cultural community with the intention of learning something from them. Then, watch humility grow, which is a forgotten yet desperately needed virtue in our age of polarization and cancellation." -Paul Linn, an historian of Christianity at Vanderbilt University

Take good care of yourselves in this ongoing pandemic. If you are able, take a walk outside, dress well and enjoy the fresh air, the birds, the light and shadows. Look for tracks in the snow, wave at a neighbor, smile at a cat in the window.

Do something for fun, make a snow angel, play with your dog, jump for joy!

Make cookies or soup for a neighbor, write an actual letter to someone, call someone who's shut in, clear a sidewalk for a busy single parent.

Journal, pray, meditate, read scripture, light a candle.

Thank you for being part of Christ United Methodist, thank you for being grace in the City and far beyond.

Know that while our building is closed to groups, it is not closed to ministry with you. We are here for you, so please call, email, write, make an appointment.

In caring ministry with you,

Pastor Nancy

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**United Methodist Women**



Last month, we in UMW invited you to begin collecting items for Emma Norton, our National Mission in St Paul. With the COVID closing the church again, we are looking to the future.

In the Commons, the Christmas tree still stands covered with red hearts of various sizes. When the church opens, we will begin our "month" of Emma Norton. Meanwhile, you can access the list here to see what your choices are.

<https://www.cumethodist.com/s/UMW-Emma-Norton-Donation-List-2022.pdf>

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

Thank you for supporting UMW and Emma Norton.

~ Deedee Odell

# Ice Fishing!



## Saturday Noon Meals

The Saturday Noon Meal program wants to express our gratitude to the CUMC congregation for the support of this ministry program.

In 2021 we delivered over 2,200 meals to The Landing each Saturday at noon. Your generosity has allowed us to continue to provide hot and nourishing meals each Saturday to those that we serve.

Our community partners have continued to expand and now include the Rochester Golf and Country Club that has provided us with delicious desserts for our meals in December 2021 and January 2022. We continue to receive weekly donations of food from Family Service Rochester and People's Food Co-op. We also continue to welcome new volunteers each month. Thank you for your service!

We would like to express our appreciation to Zion Lutheran Church in Stewartville for their generous donation to the SNMS ministry program.

We would appreciate donations of plastic bags (HyVee or Walmart type) that we utilize to transport our meals to The Landing each week. Bags may be dropped off in the kitchen labeled for Saturday Noon Meal program.

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 or supporting the SNMs ministry program.

Thank you again for your generous support of the SNMs program.

~ Kathy and Phil Lombardo



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

*"I reserve my greatest admiration for those who continue to struggle to embrace the whole impossible tangle of snakes that is our society; those who fight to identify and strengthen human connections and defeat polarizing forces that strain to drive us apart."* Shana Alexander, American journalist (1925-2005)

Consider joining a Connect Group, Sunday Class, a Short-Term Class, a Faith Formation Group or attending a Third Sunday Forum. We have numerous opportunities for you to connect with others and grow your faith!

### Third Sunday Faith→Life Forum

Offered on Zoom

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.

### “Connect to the Senior LinkAge Line”

February 20, 2022, 10:00 am – Zoom – Presenter: Starla Inman

If you are of “senior age,” have parents who need help finding resources as they age, or if you are a caregiver of someone who needs long term care, this forum is for you!

The Senior LinkAge Line is a free statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota’s Area Agencies on Aging. It assists older Minnesotans and their families and caregivers, helping them connect to local services, find answers, and get the help they need.

Starla Inman is a licensed social worker from the Southeast MN Area Agency on Aging. She has been answering calls on the Senior LinkAge Line for almost 10 years. Prior to working with SEMAAA she worked as a nursing home social worker helping with discharge planning. Starla will be reviewing how the Senior LinkAge Line can help you navigate the complex long term care system, understand your Medicare benefits, and learn about your options for care in the community.

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 10:00 AM ~ **Place:** Back on Zoom [us02web.zoom.us/j/832924941](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 in Room 146!

### Inquiring Spirits

**Hosts:** Ed Shafer ~ **Time:** Sundays at 10:15 AM ~ **Place:** Back on Zoom [us02web.zoom.us/j/82253693720](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253693720)

Group members suggest theological topics or books of interest to study. The group is currently reading “*Convictions*” by Marcus Borg. 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 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.

### 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:** Back on Zoom

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](mailto:rk.stry@gmail.com) for further information.

### Hand & Foot Card Group

**Host:** Brian and Millie Webb **Time:** Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00 - 6:30 pm **Place:** Members' Homes

This game is a bit like 4-player Canasta, but with two hands for each player (a Hand and a Foot). Singles and couples are welcome, as partners rotate. We chat, play cards and share light snacks. If you are interest in joining or want further information, contact Brian at [bkwebbus@gmail.com](mailto:bkwebbus@gmail.com) or Millie at 608-212-9706 (call or text).

## Short Term Classes

### Ministry With the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens

**Host:** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon **Time:** Wednesdays, Feb 16 - March 9, 10-11am **Place:** Mettam Room

This is a book study by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder. His wife, Linda, lives with a dementia, and he serves as a chaplain in the care facility where Linda resides. Registration is recommended by February 9 by calling (507-289-4019) or emailing the church office ([cumethodist.com](http://cumethodist.com)). Books are available in the church office for \$15.50. Scholarship help is available.

*Watch for more short-term classes during Lent*

## All Church Read

*"The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside your Door"*

by Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak

Once upon a time, people knew their neighbors. They talked to them, had cook-outs with them, and went to church with them. In our time of unprecedented mobility and increasing isolationism, it's hard to make lasting connections with those who live right outside our front door. We have hundreds of "friends" through online social networking, but we often don't even know the full name of the person who lives right next door.

Through compelling true stories of lives impacted, the authors show how to create genuine friendships with the people who live in closest proximity. *Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$10.00*

Discussion questions are at the end of each chapter. So, if you would like to join a book study group you can register on the church's website, [cumethodist.com/faith-life](http://cumethodist.com/faith-life), the church office (507-289-4019), or contact Kathy Estry at [rk.stry@gmail.com](mailto:rk.stry@gmail.com)

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS IN RED ARE TENTATIVE AS OF JANUARY 27 based on current COVID projections</b></p>						
<p>6 9am Online Worship 10am Contemporary Issues 10:15am Inquiring Spirits 4:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>7 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15am Men's Books Study &amp; Mutual Support</p>	<p>8 1pm Covenant Group 1pm UMW Quilters 7pm Thrive Board Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:30am Breakfast Fellowship 10am Knit One Pray, Too 5pm CU WEDNESDAY temporarily online 6pm Confirmation 6pm Club 6-7 6pm Celebration Bells 8pm Facebook Devotional</p>	<p>10 8am Thursday Men's Group 8:30am Covenant Group 8:30am Parish Ministry Meeting 4pm Women's Connect Group 6:30pm Theology on Brew (Little Thistle Brewing)</p>	<p>11 10am Rug Hooking Group 10am Women &amp; the Sacred</p>	<p>12 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals (Serve @ 11am) 9am Foundation Meeting</p>
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**A Conversation with John Philip Newell**  
 Hosted by Sandbox Cooperative & Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
 Sunday, February 6, 2022 12:30 pm CST

What can we learn from our history that will allow us to live in a new way today? In what ways could the ancient spirituality of the Celts open new connections in our spiritual journeys now?

Author John Philip Newell, who is one of the foremost thinkers on Celtic Christian spirituality, will be our guest from Scotland via livestream. He will be speaking about his latest book Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul. We will interview him about his work, and all who would like to ask questions can do so.

Co-hosts Dave Berg and Chris Roberts will conduct a live streamed interview of Newell, which you can join on our YouTube channel. Questions will be received via the chat box on YouTube, so join the conversation!

Join us at [youtube.com/gloriadeirochester](https://youtube.com/gloriadeirochester)

**Christmas Eve Offering**

Thanks to your generosity CUMC shared a gift of \$4,225 with The Landing MN to continue their work of caring for those experiencing Homelessness in our community. An offering of \$3056 was also shared with CUMC's feeding ministries which includes needed upgrades to our kitchen equipment to help prepare and serve meals for others.



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



*In Memoriam*



*Helen Sanborn*  
 May 24, 1927 ~ December 27, 2022



*Mary Morman*  
 November 28, 1940 ~ January 9, 2022



*Jean Dunn*  
 January 20, 1924 ~ January 23, 2022

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# Lent 2022

## Won't You Be A Good Neighbor?



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd • Lenten Organ Recitals Every Tuesday  
in Lent at 12:15pm • Maundy Thursday, April 14 • Good Friday,  
April 15 • Celebrate Creation, April 16 • Easter Sunday April, 17