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"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



Perhaps at a subconscious level my ministry mantra is this:

Always be on the lookout for possibility.

Before Christmas, I was in the sanctuary speaking with one of the volunteers who make beauty happen in our sanctuary. Since we apprehend beauty through the lens of a camera these days, we have adapted to how it is we array the space. I am so grateful for the ministrations of the artists in our midst.

Daphne Soleil is one of our newer members.

As we were discerning how best to place poinsettias for camera purposes, I asked how she was and how life was going. Knowing that Daphne is a nurse, I was aware that health care in the time of COVID is challenging soul and body work.

She shared that she had stepped back from bedside nursing and was praying about what was next.

I asked her if she had considered parish nursing and it turns out she not only has considered it but has also trained in and worked as a parish nurse. The conversation unfolded and included our shared sense that healing - particularly in this time and this place - is sacred work.

Daphne contacted me a week or so later and shared that she has two areas she believes she could help lead:

- First, reaching out to health care providers - all people engaged in healing work - with a message of gratitude and support.
- Second, once COVID restrictions relax, people will need opportunities to play and reconnect with each other and creation. Adult "play" might include nature walks, paddle boating, board games, croquet, square dance lessons, picnics, crafting, and, well, you get the gist. Something for everyone who wants to play.

We convened a group of healers in this community. To a person they resonated with the power of the first focus.

A new ministry is begun, a ministry we are calling "Community Healers". The article you see on the facing page is the fruit of just two meetings. There is a world of beauty, possibility and need within and beyond Christ UMC.

Christ United Methodist Church is responding.

We are in the season of Lent. As I was reading about Lent I was moved by this realization:

Lent is all about getting ready for the amazing and spectacular grace of Easter.

Lent is all about acknowledging desert times against the backdrop - the always backdrop - of the death-and-desert defying God.

We are a people called to live resurrection.

In the midst of challenge and heartache, resurrection is our shared song.

Pray for our community healers - those who vocationally work in healing related areas and those who are healers in their homes.

Pray for this new ministry initiative. Join in.

Possibility is always present.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Elizabeth

Pastor Elizabeth



How to Love a Health Care Worker

The heroes of this pandemic need our support. Health care workers are physically and psychologically drained from working long hours treating a wily virus. Here are some strategies that you can use to dissipate their burden.

1. Call a friend who has COVID-19 or is worrying over someone with the disease. Just being heard and receiving validation from someone who cares boosts resilience during traumatic events. In addition to fortifying your friend, you will free up health care workers to focus their emotional energies on other patients.
2. Accept “No” for an answer. Health care workers never signed up to be gate keepers. The role is anguishing. Imagine having to utter the words, “You cannot visit your Mom in the ICU.” “There are no medications to hasten your healing.” “I cannot advance you in the vaccination queue.” The health care field is full of gentle and generous people who love nothing better than to say YES. As soon as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) lifts these pandemic precautions, so will your providers.
3. Understand herd immunity. Everyone who gets vaccinated helps protect everyone who has not gotten vaccinated. The pandemic ends when 80 percent of our herd gets immunized. Given these facts, ethicists instruct that anyone who is offered a vaccine should take it. Trust that your turn will come. There will eventually be enough vaccinations for everyone.
4. Wear at least one mask. The number of contagious people in a community is estimated to be ten times the number of identified cases. Even if you are unafraid of catching COVID, wear a mask to buoy that exhausted nurse who views every uncovered face as a future patient in an unending avalanche of need.
5. Embrace patience. Rosy forecasts of complete normality soon are unrealistic. It has been almost a year that we have been practicing social distancing and masking. We must continue these practices. By doing so, we help control the virus spread. With time, the development of herd immunity will get us back to communing together again.
6. Reach out gently. If you know a health care worker, assume they are tired, busy, and may be feeling discouraged. Sending a note of encouragement via email (or old-fashioned paper!) is one way to lift their spirits and remind them that you care.

(Submitted and Signed by) Community Healers Team:

Kitty Burbo ~ Karen Heistand ~ Tom Jaeger ~ Beth Joyner ~ Lisa Kirkland ~ Elizabeth Macaulay ~ Bobbi Nichols ~ Daphne Soleil ~ Melanie Swift ~ Warren Thompson ~ Armanda Vanderheiden ~ Nancy Wheeler Handlon

We need your help!

Please help us identify every health care worker in our congregation so that the Community Healers Team at CUMC can contact them. That includes employees of hospitals, clinics, congregational care, hospice, home care and first responder organizations—physicians, nurses, lab techs, janitors, IT, food service workers, 911 operators, therapists, security officers and so on.

Submit names to Jenny at (507) 289-4019 ext. 202 or Jenny@cumethodist.com.

**ROLL UP
YOUR SLEEVES,
MINNESOTA**

Vaccine sign up information

Minnesota is rolling out vaccine signups! You can register for your doses online at <https://mn.gov/vaccineconnector> OR by calling (651) 318-0989



Christ United Methodist Church

All Things are Possible Easter 2021

Saturday, March 27th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ~ All Church Clean-up and palm distribution

Sunday, March 28th - 9:00 AM on Facebook & Youtube ~ Palm Sunday worship

Thursday, April 1 - 7:00 PM Facebook Live ~ Maundy Thursday worship

Friday, April 2, 7:00 PM Facebook Live ~ Good Friday worship

Sunday, April 4th 9:00 AM ~ Online Easter worship

10:00 AM ~ Parking Lot Worship - East Lot

10:45 AM ~ Community Celebration of Creation - West Lot

Holy Week and Easter Community Opportunities

Saturday, March 27th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM All Church Clean-up and palm distribution

Bring your clippers and gloves. We will spruce up our grounds - while being socially distanced - and send you home with a palm for Palm Sunday. We will pick up debris, cut back perennials & trim bushes. Weather permitting

If you cannot wield a clipper, drive by our west doors and we will bring a palm to you.

Come for a half an hour or two hours. It will be good to see your faces!

Sunday, March 28th - 9:00 AM Online Palm Sunday worship

<https://facebook.com/cumethodist>

<https://www.youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochestermn>

Phone in LIVE ~ call (507)215-8816

Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM Facebook Live - Maundy Thursday worship

Friday, April 2

7:00 PM Facebook Live - Good Friday worship

EASTER Sunday, April 4th

9:00 AM Facebook, Youtube, and call-in worship

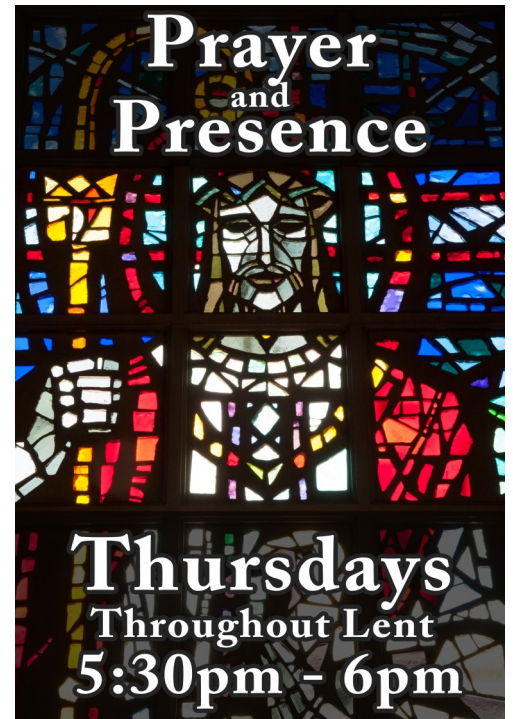
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10:45 AM Community Celebration of Creation - West Lot

This year, our Celebration of Creation Party will look a little different! We'll be still have all the wonderful animals and games we've come to love, but this time we'll set up socially distanced and outside in the West Lot immediately following Easter Parking Lot Worship.

Let's decorate the Flatbed for Easter!

Lets join together and decorate the flatbed trailer for Parking Lot Worship! We will gather at 10am on Saturday, April 3 in the West Lot and create paper flowers, and other decorations to make our Easter worship full of all the beauty and joy we can muster.



Prayer and Presence Returns during Lent

Thursdays in Lent our sanctuary will once again be open to receive your bodies and prayers. Every Thursday in Lent from 5:30 - 6pm the organ will lead our souls in a time of prayer. All socially distanced safety measures will be followed, and together we will open our hearts in this sacred space.

Volunteer Spotlight!



We would like to thank our dedicated mailing volunteers!

We needed a lot of help to get the Lenten devotionals and Ashes sent out, and these wonderful folks helped to share Grace in the City.

Thanks to staffers: Marjie and Jerry Blaisdell, Dick and Kathy Estry, Kathy Stettler, Deb Jensen, Mary Schmidt



Lenten All Church Read

Did you know the All Church read is tied to each weekend's sermons? Pastor Elizabeth carefully curates a message that ties into the themes of each of these chapters. We recommend following along in order to get the most out of each week's sermon!

February 28	Lent 2	Mark 8: 31 - 38	Chapters 7 - 9	<i>How to Live</i>
March 7	Lent 3	John 2: 13 - 22	Chapters 10 - 12	<i>How to Live</i>
March 14	Lent 4	John 3: 14 - 21	Chapters 13 - 15	<i>How to Live</i>
March 21	Lent 5	John 12: 20 - 33	Chapters 16 - 18	<i>How to Live</i>
March 28	Lent 6	Mark 11: 1 - 11	Chapters 19 - 22	<i>How to Live</i>

If you need a copy, books are available to purchase curbside from the church office for \$16.00, or you can order from Amazon a used book or Kindle e-book for less. We do have up to 10 free books available for those who want to participate in a study group. Schedule a purchase by calling the church office 507-289-4019, or emailing us at email@cumethodist.com

Zoom Coffee Hour

Join us every week immediately following worship as we share a cup of coffee and discuss topics around the service that just concluded. You can find the zoom link in the weekly Sunday Reminder email right near the top of the page. See you over coffee!

Children's Ministry

Polo (Parents of Little Ones) March!

We will be meeting March 1st and 15th at 8:00 pm over Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86572641556>

Join us for conversation and connect with other parent as we share the joys of parenting.

Wonderful Wednesdays in March

Join us each week on Zoom as we read a bible story together and explore faith through: I wonder questions, conversation, and connections to life. We welcome, embrace, and celebrate all children and the ways in which they are spiritual children of God.

5:00-5:30 pm Ages PreK-Second Grade ~ 5:30-6:00 pm Ages Third-Fifth Grade

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91492399465>

The Children's Bells are Back in Session!

We are having fun with rhythm exercises and learning new pieces. We have been able to play comfortably thanks to our handy individual handbell tables!



Rochester Service Project (This year replacing ASP)

Meeting March 7th at 7pm on Zoom | Trip July 11-18

We will plan our annual high school mission experience right here in Rochester. Youth and chaperones will stay at CUMC and go out during the day to different service sights as they get to know what need looks like here in our home community. For more information on how to get involved contact grace@cumethodist.com

Youth Team Meeting

Thursday, March 25th at 7pm

Join us as we discuss how to support young people and their families in their faith journey.

Middle School Book Club

Tuesday Nights at 7pm on Zoom

We dive into stories to understand empathy and what it means to be a Christian. We've been reading through The Chronicles of Narnia, exploring scripture and the trials and tribulations of our present world through the stories of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy. Any and all middle schoolers are welcome to this energetic and loving group, so bring your friends!

Confirmation

Wednesday Nights at 6pm on Zoom

Confirmation is coming up! After two years of learning and discussion, we will Confirm 3 brilliant young disciples on April 25th. Mark your calendars!

Youth on Sundays

Sunday Nights at 6pm on Zoom

Each Sunday, we gather to discuss scripture, a lesson on faith, and play a game – usually Among Us. All are welcome and loved here.

Youth Ministry

CAMP IS COMING!! Boundary Waters 2021

July 25-29 2021

Middle school and high school students are invited to spend 5 days in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world – The Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

We will leave after church on Sunday and spend one night at group camp before canoeing into the wilderness in small groups that include adult chaperones and canoe guides. This is a time to get to know yourself, your peers, and your God.

Registration is live on the website (<https://cumethodist.com/youth-ministry>) or you can contact grace@cumethodist.com 507-289-4019 ext. 204

Saturday Noon Meals Update (Feb 2021)

The Saturday Noon Meals program continues to serve a Saturday noon meal to The Landing. We are providing 50 warm meals each week to those that are homeless in Rochester.

We would like to thank Garrison and Kris Lloyd for their volunteer efforts and our most recent volunteers, Steve and Jackie Robie. We would welcome additional volunteers to assist with the preparation of the meal on Saturday mornings.

We appreciate our community partners who continue to provide food support: **Channel One ~ People's Food Co-op ~ Thrive Childcare and Family Resource Center ~ Family Service Rochester**

If you would consider volunteering with the SNMs program – please contact the church office or Kathy Lombardo at Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com. We will assist with training and meal planning.



Thank you for your ongoing support of this community mission.

Notes from Nancy

As you know, Pastors Elizabeth and Nancy make many phone calls, send cards, emails, drop off prayer shawls and send up many prayers for the people of Christ Church and the wider community.

Did you know that each month there is also a lay person from our Parish Ministry team who serves with them to tend to congregational care needs? Parish Ministers are members with the spiritual gifts of compassion, listening and wisdom. They work under the direction of Pastor Nancy, our Minister of Congregational Care. They have received training on responding to a variety of care needs from illness to family life to grief, mental health concerns, job loss and more. They provide a listening ear and spiritual support.

We have four members of the Parish Ministry Team. Jeff Ward and Linda Youlden have been on the team since its beginning. New this year are DeeDee Odell and Terry Anderson. If interested in learning more about this ministry, please let Pastor Nancy know. We have two openings at this time.

Currently the Parish Ministers are not able to make “in person” visits due to pandemic restrictions. If you would like to receive a phone call from a parish minister, please call the church office and leave a message.

Photos from left to right:
Jeff Ward, Linda Youlden,
DeeDee Odell, and Terry
Anderson





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

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one." John Lennon

The Faith→Life Team is offering a variety of Zoom groups to help you stay connected with your church family. Our hope is that everyone finds at least one group of interest to grow their relationship with others and deepen their relationship with God. Contact Kathy Estry at rk.stry@gmail.com or Grace Glover at grace@cumethodist.com if you have an idea or would like to host a Connect Group.

Third Sunday Faith→Life Forum

We are offering forums that cover a wide range of relevant topics and are given by insightful guest speakers. There will be a 30 minute presentation followed by an interactive Q & A. No registration required. Join by clicking on the Zoom link provided in the Sunday worship reminder the day of the forum.

"Isaiah 101: Putting Faith into Collective Action" March 21, 2021~ 10:00 am (after Zoom Coffee)

Presenter: Kathryn Lozada, Northfield and Southern Minnesota Organizer

Zoom Meeting ID: 940 8755 4704 **Password:** forum -or- **Call-In Number:** (312)626-6799

<https://zoom.us/j/94087554704?pwd=M2xST0cvSm5jUGcyRDZjVlIKRGNRUT09>

ISAIAH organizes people of faith and shared values to act powerfully and collectively for racial, economic, and climate justice in MN. ISAIAH has expanded in the last few years from over 100 Christian congregations to include the Muslim Coalition, Black Barbershop and Congregation Cooperative (BBCC), Latinx Coalition, Youth Coalition, Kids Count on Us Coalition of 200+ Independent childcare centers, and more communities in Greater MN!

Join us for a discussion to envision what the Rochester area would look like if we fully lived our values, and put faith into action during the state legislative session, as well as local campaigns like Municipal ID.

Previous Forums are archived at: <https://youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochestermn>

Part 3 of Pastor Elizabeth's Covenant Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Part 3 (Trusting) looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen. Registration is required. Please call the church office at 507-289-4019 or email jenny@cumethodist.com to register. Books are available for \$18 in the church office.

Ongoing Sunday Classes

Contemporary Issues

Host: Joel Charlson ~ **Time:** Sundays at 10:00 AM ~ **Place:** Zoom

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 Charlson at joel.charlson@gmail.com to receive the weekly *Wired Word* or just join via this zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/832924941> on Sunday morning at 10:00!

Inquiring Spirits

Hosts: Ed Shafer and Hank Kliewer ~ **Time:** Sundays at 11:00 AM ~ **Place:** Zoom

Group members suggest theological topics or books of interest to study. The group is currently reading *"To Life! A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking"* by Harold Kushner.

New participants are always welcome. For further information contact Ed at shaferchurch@hotmail.com.

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

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:** 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. To receive a Zoom invite email Dick Estry at rk.stry@gmail.com.

America's Unholy Ghosts

Hosts: Bobbi Nichols and Nicholas Wysocki ~ **Time:** Sundays at 10:30 AM (after zoom coffee hour),

March 7, 14 ~ **Place:** Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/99802430293>

This is a 5-session film and discussion series that includes 8 conversations with Joel Edward Goza, author of the book, *"America's Unholy Ghosts."*

The films examine the DNA of the ideologies that shape our nation, ideologies that are as American as apple pie but too often justify and perpetuate racist ideas and racial inequalities. MLK challenged us to investigate the "ideational roots of race hate" and this series does that.

As time passed, America's racial imagination evolved to form people incapable of recognizing their addiction to racist ideas. If our nation's racist instincts still haunt our land, so too do our hopes and desires for a faith and politics marked by mercy, justice, and equity, there is no better guide to that land than the Prophetic Black Church and the one who saw such a land from the mountaintop.

Affordable Housing in Olmsted County: A 4-part Series

Time: Thursdays at 7:00 PM ~ **Place:** Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/93261147787>

Session 1: March 4 – **Host:** Judy Plank ~ What is affordable housing? Why is affordable essential for the community in which we live? What options are available in Olmsted County?

Session 2: March 11 – **Host:** Allie Lechner ~ Taking a landlord owned mobile park to a cooperative.

Session 3: March 18 – **Host:** David Dunn, Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority ~ Public housing options in Olmsted County. HRA (*Housing and Redevelopment Authority*) guidelines.

Session 4: March 25 – **Host:** Jim Miner, Rochester Realtor ~ Do you know a condo from a townhouse? How does a cooperative fit into the "Common Interest Community" type of ownership in Minnesota? Rochester?

What's it all About? Methodism 101

Hosts: Clergy and laity affiliated with Christ UMC ~ **Time:** Saturdays at 10:00 AM throughout Lent

(February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20) ~ **Place:** Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/99566614830>

For newcomers or long-time members alike, join us for a 5-week review of the United Methodist Church history. Watch for further details. You can take in all or some of the sessions.

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April 10, Hosts: Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay and Rev. Cooper Wiggen ~ Moving Into Our Future: What are the Challenges and Opportunities for the United Methodist Church.

Ongoing Faith Formation Groups

Because the church is closed all groups are meeting by Zoom

10:00 am – Monday – Women's Book Discussion Group || 11:15 am – Monday – Men's Book Discussion Group || 1:00 pm – Tuesday – Covenant Discipleship Group || 8:30 am – Thursday – Covenant Discipleship Group || 4:00 pm – Thursday – Women's Group || 10:00 am – 2nd & 4th Friday – Women and the Sacred

Congregational Read

This is a book selected by clergy that everyone is invited to read individually or in small groups. You can register online at cumethodist.com (Get Involved, Faith→Life) if you are looking for a group to discuss this book via Zoom. Book groups have started but are still taking new members. Books available to purchase curbside from the church office for \$16.00, or you can order from Amazon a used book or Kindle e-book for less. We do have up to 10 free books available for those who want to participate in a study group.

CUMC Lenten Study Book: *How to Live* by Judith Valente

Similar to the anxieties and frustrations of the 6th century, we are living in a time where societies need to stress community over competition, consensus over conflict, simplicity over self-gain, and silence over the constant chatter and distractions of our lives. Judith Valente explores the key elements of the Rule of St. Benedict and clearly demonstrates how incorporating this ancient wisdom can change the quality and texture of our lives.



UMW Book Club Invitation

Do you enjoy reading books and value sharing your impressions with others? You are invited to consider joining the UMW book club. In addition to the pleasure of sharing insights with book club members you will read an assortment of books you may never have considered. Various genres including fiction, history, cultural, social issues and cooking are selected.

A recent book reviewed was: "The Four Things Which Matter Most" by Dr. Ira Byock. A noted palliative care physician, he reminds readers of the importance of four simple phrases which we can use to strengthen our relationships: "Please forgive me", "I forgive you", "Thank you" and "I love you". Dr. Byock shares stories of individuals and families who were able to mend unresolved, broken relationships through using these phrases. As humans we all have regrets. Using these tools is a meaningful and understanding way to improving our relationships, our life and to bring healing when needed.

The book club meets for an hour at 9:30 A.M. the third Friday of each month, except for July and August. At the December meeting each member makes suggestions of books to be read for the future year and selects a date to lead the discussion. Presently members are meeting on Zoom. We will return to gathering in the Fireside Room at CUMC when in-person meetings are allowed.

We hope you will consider being a part of the UMW book club and enjoy reading a wide variety of books. Please contact Deedee Odell for the Zoom link or to learn more. Email: ddbells@aol.com, or phone 507-281-2755. Thank you.

~ Pat Hrabe



A Report on the Be the Spark Training with Interfaith Power and Light

One of the educational opportunities recently available is the Be the Spark Training. This is one pathway to become a conference certified EarthKeeper. Christ UMC currently has two participants enrolled in the class.

Do you sometimes find yourself despairing about the size of the task ahead? One thing we (Amanda and Millie) are learning in the Be the Spark Training is how stories have power for change-makers.

The holy moments and the relationships we find on the journey are part of why we are able to make it through hard stuff.

People involved in big movements for change- people working on racial justice, rights for people with disabilities, climate change and other big global community challenges can become disillusioned that the work they are doing is making a difference.

They may want to give up, to give into their lethargy.

Duane Benson, a good United Methodist who grew up in Grand Meadow and served this region for years in the Minnesota Senate once told Amanda to make change happen, you have to help people see why the change is necessary. Once you know the why, the road to how to make the change becomes clear.

When we know our why, when we remember our holy moments and relationships that matter, we can find a way to keep going when the road is rocky. Rather than say "I'm doing this work because it is important" we can say "I'm working to support programs that provide spaces for artists with disabilities for my sister, a fabulous artist, who lacks the intellectual capacity to live on her own." Rather than say "I'm working to reduce greenhouse emissions because I'm scared of global warming" we can say "I'm working to reduce green house emissions to ensure a future where my children can find a summer camp they never want to leave."

What is your story of why you care about the environment and climate change?

~ Rev. Amanda Larsen

Mail-In Easter Flower Order Form

Each plant is \$15 and the deadline is March 30th. Please fill out the form below and mail to CUMC 400 5th Ave SW Rochester MN 55902. Thank you for supporting this blossoming ministry!

Please print this information clearly.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ # _____ plants x \$15.00 = \$ _____ . _____

- Please deliver to a homebound or bereaved member.
- I will pick up my flower (you will receive a call to arrange a pickup time after Easter)

In memory of: _____ In honor of: _____

Would you like to deliver plants to homebound and bereaved members? Please contact the church office (507.289.4019) if you would like to drop off your order form at the church. Thank you!



Easter Flower Order Forms Available Online!

We want to make ordering Easter Flowers as easy as possible so in addition to this mailable form, we also have an online form available for your convenience. <https://cumethodist.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/54/responses/new> or head to <https://cumethodist.com/worship> and click the "Easter Flower Order Form" button.



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

Welcome New Intentional Disciples!

Chip & Sherry Swenson

We have been residents of Rochester for 50 plus years. Sherry retired from Mayo Clinic after 38 years. Chip recently retired from real estate after 50 plus years in the business. They have two grown children, Brie and Adam, and two grandsons.



Alex & Emily Schmitt

Emily is a Rochester native who brought her husband Alex here from Wisconsin, where they both attended college (Lawrence University). Emily is an occupational therapist at Mayo specializing in ICU rehab and Alex is a physician assistant in family medicine at Olmsted medical center. Together they enjoy their two fur babies -

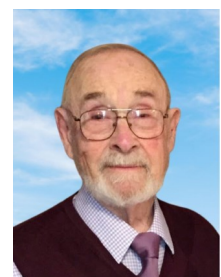
goldendoodles Rory and Poppy, but they are totally loving being new parents to their daughter Brynne who is nearly 10 months old. Emily and Alex also own a small business providing short term rental homes to Rochester visitors. They are excited to officially join the CUMC community!

In Memoriam



Duane Ilstrup

7/1/1946 ~ 2/9/2021



Rev. Robert Dunn

11/11/1927 ~ 2/7/2021

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Moving into Our Future: What are the Challenges and Opportunities for
the United Methodist Church. Discussion with panel of previous hosts.

10:00am on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/99566614830>