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April 2019

**CHRIST**  
METHODIST CHURCH  
**UNITED**  
Grace, In The City

**THE NEW**

**SPIRIT**

*Holy Week*

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 18 - 7PM SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 19 - 12PM ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
7PM SANCTUARY SERVICE AT CUMC

CELEBRATE CREATION PARTY: APRIL 20, 10AM-12PM COMMONS

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21, 9 & 11AM SANCTUARY

WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

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11:30am Sunday Radio Broadcast on

KOLM (1520 AM)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

# Pastor's Pen

WITH KATY LEE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

*I only want to say  
If there is a way  
Take this cup away from me  
For I don't want to taste its poison  
Feel it burn me  
I have changed  
I'm not as sure, as when we started—Gethsemane, JC Superstar*



A few of our church folks—confirmation student Logan Ackerman and his father, Brent—are in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Civic theater. I usually wait to listen to the soundtrack for that musical for Holy Week, in the same way that I (usually) wait for Christmas music until Advent. But we had the opportunity to go to a preview showing as a confirmation group in the middle of Lent, so the songs are in my head a few weeks early this year. These songs are spinning through my head and heart right now, and I am thankful, for now is when I need them the most.

I have had “Gethsemane” in my head on repeat. Change is afoot, and it doesn’t always feel good. Spring is in the air, yes, and we celebrate the return of the sun and wave goodbye gladly to the snow. But basements are flooding. And as we reflected last month, the United Methodist Church is still writhing, struggling with disconnection and distorted identity. Much feels broken or lost. We are grieving. And, there was a terrorist attack against Muslims in New Zealand. Life spirals up and down inconsistently. Spring, the tussle of lion and lamb. These challenges, this Lenten season, can, drip by drip, like spring icicles erode our confidence in ourselves, in our favorite people, in the institutions we helped build.

But no change happens without a way that we can step in as the hands and feet of Christ and spark hope. There are many places where people are planning and planting, around the world and the country and in Minnesota, a new world of a renewed church. Your pastors are a part of the movement, and we hope you will continue to join us. You’ll find some links and websites that provide resources for any questions you might have, so that you can stay involved, stay informed and spark change yourself.

Yes, Holy Week is coming, and that includes Good Friday. Walking through the pain alongside a God who chose to become marginalized is exhausting. Worshipping a God who invites us to a life of struggle and rejects the easy-way-out is crazy-making. I read some lines from a Mary Oliver poem called *Hurricane* that inspires me in this time. It starts with—would you believe it—a hurricane. A storm that gives “the back of the hand to everything.” And then she says:

Listen now to what happened  
to the actual trees;  
toward the end of that summer they  
pushed new leaves from their stubbed limbs.  
It was the wrong season, yes,  
but they couldn't stop. They  
looked like telephone poles and didn't  
care. And after the leaves came  
blossoms. For some things  
there are no wrong seasons.  
Which is what I dream of for me.

Peace,

*Pastor Katy*

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# Celebrate Creation PARTY

**April 20**  
**10am - 12pm**  
**Commons**

**Christ UMC**  
**400 5th Ave SW**  
**Rochester, MN**

Games and Snacks!  
 Meet cool animals!

Free Party! Fun for  
 the whole family!



The first annual Leprechaunthon brought in dozens of participants: we are so grateful to have received donations for the Little Food Pantry we are putting together, and celebrate spring together. (Photos on page 4!)

We look forward to the Celebration of Creation party before Easter, which already has a bunny, tortoise, donkeys, goats and a dog ready to party.



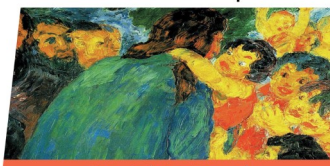
Our "Bang a Drum" Connect group filled our worship with joyful noise on March 24. We always have groups just waiting

for you to join! More information about Faith→Life groups, and opportunities on page 3 and on our website at [www.cumethodist.com/connect-groups](http://www.cumethodist.com/connect-groups)

Protect Our Children • Face the Future with Confidence  
 Join us for two powerful and free workshops



**Estate Planning Guide**  
 Who Will Take Care of the Children?  
 6:00pm - 7:30pm • April 3 • ECC  
 Free Child Care Available



**On This Rock**  
 A Call to Center the Christian Response to Child Abuse on the Life and Words of Jesus  
 6:00pm - 8:00pm • April 10 • ECC  
 Free Child Care Available

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On Wednesday April 11 we have the privilege of having Victor Vieth come to Christ UMC to talk with us about child abuse and church life. We will meet in the ECC after our community meal in the commons. The talk will go from 6-7:30. Free Childcare is available.

Victor is a nationally known speaker on this topic and serves on several national boards of child protection. He has served as a prosecutor in child abuse cases. He also has a degree from Wartburg Seminary.

This event will be meaningful to families with children, Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders as well as professionals who work with children. Light refreshments will be served.



CHURCH  
 COMMUNITY  
 BUILDER

## A New Way to Communicate with Church

Have you ever wanted to:

- Access your giving and print your own financial statements?
- View the church calendar and request meeting rooms?
- Easily share documents and communicate with your choir group, connect group, or ASP leaders without a long string of emails?
- Help CUMC use less paper?

Coming soon to Christ Church! A database called "Church Community Builder" where you can do all of that, and more.

Stay tuned: Jenny will be hosting a series of connect groups to teach those who are interested how to get the most out of this powerful tool. No matter what your skill level with computers, this new software will benefit everyone at CUMC.

If you'd like to get a head start on learning about CCB head over to <https://tinyurl.com/CCB-intro>

## CUMC Podcast - Coming soon!

We have a lot to talk about here at CUMC, and so much to explore. From Social Justice Issues to unpacking some complex scriptures, there's just not enough time on Sundays to say it all! So, we have found a solution.



Coming Soon - a **Christ UMC Progressive Worship Podcast!** Stay tuned for details and posting schedule. This new ministry is sure to add a new level of depth to the way we worship and explore Christ's teaching.



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

### 3rd Sunday Forum

There will NOT be a forum in April since Easter falls on the third Sunday. Plan to attend the May forum on "CUMC Becoming a Green Church".

### Ongoing Classes

#### All Are Welcome – No Registration Required

**Inquiring Spirits** – After the 9am worship service (except for Third Sunday Forums), Room 145  
Discussion varies on books, videos and other sources to investigate and challenge theological boundaries.

**Contemporary Issues** – After the 9am worship service (except for Third Sunday Forums), Room 146  
This class frequently uses the "Wired Word of the Week" to offer discussions on a variety of current issues in the news and scripture passages related to the topic that provide a Christian perspective.

### Connect Groups

**Exploration of Racial Issues** – Sunday, April 7 at 10:10 am in Room 133

This will be the last class of the Race Discussion Part Two – Decentering Whiteness. Watch for information about Part Three – Race and Poverty.

**Lydia Project** – Wednesdays, April 3 and 10 at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room

If you are able to knit or crochet, please consider this group a fellowship opportunity for making scarves for General Conference. Yarn is available in the church office; approximately 20 more are needed by June! Donations for yarn also welcome.

#### *Winter Connect Groups are drawing to a close. Are you ready for spring?*

If you were in worship at 9 or 11 on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, you saw and heard that the Bang on a Drum Connect Group had some fun and got some spiritual exercise in the process. Pie baking, Decluttering, and Lydia Project groups have also been productive, yielding good feelings and concrete results. Many people have enjoyed the trenchant writing and expanded worship "practices" in Barbara Brown Taylor's An Altar in the World, and those attending the Exploration of Racial Issues group have explored their own racial understandings.

We are welcoming group hosts now and will be signing up group members starting April 14<sup>th</sup> between Sunday services or anytime on line at [www.cumethodist.com](http://www.cumethodist.com). If you do any photography, you'll be excited to know our own artist, Bill Schmidt, will be teaching two courses, the first on getting a quality image, and the second on getting quality prints. What an opportunity!

If you have an idea for a group please contact Kathy, ([rk.etry@gmail.com](mailto:rk.etry@gmail.com)) or Pam ([lund.pamela7@gmail.com](mailto:lund.pamela7@gmail.com)) ASAP. Groups will run for about 6 weeks in May and June.

Child Care is available every Sunday and for weekdays and Saturdays upon request



We are so excited about our upcoming summer Vacation Bible School theme, which centers on something all of us are so curious about and talking about in this town: *our*

*bodies*. We want our children to know and love their bodies, know that God created and loves their bodies, and affirms them for who they are always, at every stage of life.

We are moving to an evening week this year, June 24–27: We'll open with an optional supper (like CU Wednesdays) at 5:30, then programming from 6–8. Preschoolers will have the opportunity to finish early, at 7:30, without missing any fun. Here is what the week will look like:

**Day 1: "YUM and FUN!!" Fitness and health and food for healthy**



The Lorax Spring  
Kids Play!  
May 5, 10:10 am in  
Wesley Hall

Join in the fun!  
practices April 24 and May 1 @ 6 pm  
May 4 Dress rehearsal 10 am  
Sign up: [katy@cumethodist.com](mailto:katy@cumethodist.com)

everyBODY  
matters!

Vacation Bible School 2019

June 24-27 | 6pm-8pm  
sign up by  
emailing: [email@cumethodist.com](mailto:email@cumethodist.com)



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bodies • **Day 2:** "I am SO cool" Body positivity and acceptance • **Day 3:** "YOU are so cool!" Diversity, race, difference, affirming differently-abled bodies -Special guest/leaders: Rochester Diversity Council • **Day 4:** "Yuck, and WHAAAT?!" Medicine, check-ups, talking about bodily functions/fluids, surgery, science and the body.



**SIGN UP BEGINS ON OUR WEBSITE EASTER SUNDAY!** Only \$15 for the week. You can also drop in for one evening for a \$5 suggested donation. There will be parent learning sessions at the same time that the kids are doing their learning and growing together. Join on in and spread the word!



Youth ministry in March was **marvelous**. We had the opportunity to spread love to our fearless leader Rebecca, who is dealing with health issues in the hospital (see her sweet note below). We spread the love to our Muslim brothers and sisters through posters after the terrorist attack in NZ. We helped raise money for Project Legacy with volunteering for Muffin Madness. We partied it up at the bowling alley, because we are building a community of youth who support each other, serve together and invite new friends into relationship. We had the opportunity to support the Ackerman boys (leaders and participants in the youth ministry program here) in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Civic Theater: the Confirmation class got a special preview showing and even had a conversation with the director about what the musical is about and how it teaches us about morality, ourselves, and the grace of God. We have more opportunities to serve and get out in the community this next month, as well as the Hosanna Brunch for Appalachia Service project coming up. 30 youth will participate on the trip this year! We are becoming a more intentional and caring tribe together. What a fantastic time to be a youth here at Christ UMC. -Pastor Katy



Hi Pastor Katy,  
I just wanted to thank you so so much for the cards from the youth. I have them all up on my wall and they are a great inspiration. Is there a good way to communicate a message of thanks from our family to the whole congregation and all those who are

keeping us in their prayers? We are so grateful and very much want to say thanks.

- Rebecca Harrington



**JESUS CHRIST Superstar**  
**MARCH 22-APRIL 14, 2019 THE MUSICAL!**  
**GET TICKETS: ROCHESTER CIVIC THEATER**  
**SUPPORT THE ACKERMANS!!!**

**YOUTH SERVE @ CUMC**

**Thursday 4/11**  
4:30-6:30  
youth serve at Thrive!  
Family Night

**Sunday 4/28**  
from 1-3pm  
Litter Bit Better  
BYO Gloves

**Eat omelets,\* build houses.**

**ASP Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT™**

Hosanna Brunch  
April 14  
Seating 9:00-12:30  
Reservations Suggested  
Call the office or buy 10-11am  
Sunday Mornings  
15\$Adults  
10\$Seniors  
7\$Children

\*(or ham, biscuits, cupcakes, gluten free options, and much more)

## United Methodist Women



### United Methodist Women's Spring Rummage Sale May 9, 10, 11

Thursday, May 9 8am-5pm – Donations & Set-up -Help needed

3pm-5:30pm – Shopping for Church Family

Friday, May 10 8am-5pm - Sale & Coffee Shop open to Public

Saturday, May 11 8:30-1:00pm - \$3 bag sale

1:00pm Cleanup help needed

Spring is here! After tidying up with Marie Kondo, please recycle your gently-used items that no longer bring you joy to CUMC Thursday, May 9 so they can bring joy to others. Donations of cookies, bars, and muffins are also needed and highly appreciated.

Please bring baked good donations to the church kitchen on Thursday and mark them "for UMW coffee shop".

**Please do not donate TVs, baby/child car seats, large microwaves, or exercise equipment. We have to pay to discard these items if they do not sell.**

The UMW Rummage sale is a very important mission project for our church— proceeds help meet the UMW pledge to missions locally and around the world. The rummage sale also provides low cost clothing to people in our church and community with limited incomes.

### UMW News

From the beginning (150 years ago), United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve and lead in places near and far and in ways never imagined.

This includes tutoring children and youth in after-school programs, volunteering at community food pantries, teaching Bible Study in churches, visiting the infirmed in hospitals, advocating against legislation and policies that marginalize women and children, and supporting the 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States and the 107 international organizations in 110 countries that provide a pathway to healthy, productive and empowered living. The reach and presence of UMW is felt far and wide, efforts having a deep and lasting impact on the lives of women, children and youth each and every day.

This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations and attests to its longevity and relevance, today and especially in the years to come.



Thrift on Fifth is now open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. We are ready to accept clothing anytime, just bring them to the normal drop-off location. Thank you for your generosity. Together we can help this community thrive!

Store  
Hours

**Wednesday:** 4pm - 7pm

**Saturday:** 9am - 12pm

**Sunday:** 9am - 12pm

Have an article for the *New Spirit*? Please submit it to [oliver@cumethodist.com](mailto:oliver@cumethodist.com) by the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month**. Late articles may be very tiny or *invisible*. Thank you and happy writing!

**If you have a pastoral emergency**, please call the church office and ask for the pastor on call. Let us know this is an urgent need. If you need a pastor after hours or on weekends, please call the church office and listen to the message on the machine for the phone number of the pastor on call. Then call them directly. Remember that we do not know you are in the hospital unless you contact us. Thank you.



## Thrift on Fifth Celebrates its 18 Month Birthday

And we celebrate with a list of joyfulness:

It is a joy to see you, our church family. We come to know you better through your donations and your purchases and through your willingness to just stop by and chat. Every now and then we notice one of you wearing something we donated to worship on Sundays. And you will notice us wearing your donations too. It is a joy to serve the community. About half of our regular customers are not members of Christ United Methodist Church. One of our favorites has figured out that Wednesday afternoon is the very best time to visit us because we have just hung volumes of new items the day before during our Tuesday morning organizational party. She is there at 4pm, scans the store within a matter of minutes, and checks out in time to get to her 4:30 pm yoga class.

It is a joy to see new customers. Word is spreading that we have the best deals in town. People cannot believe it at first. "You mean this coat only costs a dollar!?" Some need an item so much that they count out their change with angst that they might not have enough. In these cases, we develop sudden onset counting disorders and declare that what they have is good... just perfect... sold! Or, another shopper in the store hears the anxiety, and quietly pays for the item.

It is a joy to receive the donations that our congregation and others give. We like to (and usually) receive laundered or dry-cleaned items folded and bagged or left on hangers. We receive treasured clothing from spouses or children of loved ones that have passed. We receive donations from people like Randy Peterson who hand-knitted at least 40 warm hats, which were purchased and enjoyed by millennials and octogenarians alike. It is a joy to savor our iconic stories, some of which we think should be written and illustrated as children's books:

### *Elizabeth's Purse*

*Once upon a time there was a lead pastor named*

*Elizabeth.*

*She loved her children*

*and she loved her congregation*

*very much.*

*One day Elizabeth's daughter, Rachel, married a handsome man.*

*Elizabeth bought a beautiful purse to carry at the wedding  
and honor the occasion.*

*After the wedding, Elizabeth donated the purse to Thrift on Fifth!*

*A Thrift on Fifth volunteer named Jolene  
bought and used the purse at her son's wedding.*

*And now Jolene lets her friends use Elizabeth's purse for their special occasions.*

*But only if they promise to use it with care  
because it is a very special purse.*

*And the money that Jolene's friends give to her in payment for using  
Elizabeth's purse*

*goes to Thrift on Fifth*

*and that money goes to THRIVE*

*where children are cared for and loved*

*and where they get a good and healthy start to their very important lives.*

*The end*

**Thrift on Fifth transferred \$11,793 to THRIVE scholarships in 2018.**

\$250 of that money came from *Elizabeth's purse*.

Thrift on Fifth Volunteers: Nancy Currier, Brenda Finseth, Wendy Francis, Kathryn Gardner, Shelly Glover, Judy King, Kathy Lawson, Dotti Loutfi, Pam Lund, Karla Lux, Suzi Mueller, Jolene Nelson, Bobbi Nichols, Gwen Ricco, Jo Sheldon, Lucy Shonyo, and Dina Zafft. If you would like to join this team of thrifters, please talk to one of us or let the office know about your good decision.

# The Sounds of Springtime

ROCHESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS...

## Fanfare and Fireworks!

FEATURING

- John Varona, organist
- John Cord, trumpeter
- Garrett Klein, trumpeter
- Ron Beitel, hornist
- Myra Lee, trombonist
- David Kassler, tubist
- Terry Gresser, timpanist
- Chris Jankowski, trumpeter

THIS ACTIVITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE VOTERS OF MINNESOTA THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA ARTS COUNCIL THANKS TO A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FROM THE ARTS & CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND.

April 6, 2019 | 7:30PM  
Christ United Methodist Church, 400 5th Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902

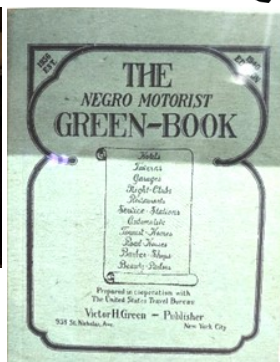
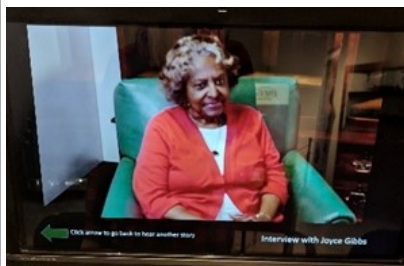
ROCHESTER CHAMBER music SOCIETY

FREE ADMISSION



## An Evening Celebration of Korean Music with Park and Lee - April 26, 6pm CUMC

Mikyong Park and Soojin Lee are both musicians from South Korea. Although their musical backgrounds are different — Mikyong, a soprano vocalist trained in the Western tradition and Soojin, a gayageum player trained in Korean traditional music — they have a shared desire to expose local friends and colleagues to Korean culture and music. Together, Mikyong and Soojin created a new sound using classic Korean poems and modern musical arrangements. In doing so, they wanted to make their music more accessible to Western ears not attuned to the traditional sound of Korean music. With their music, one is able to enjoy the beautiful musical fusion of East and West.



### Green book display

Church member Joyce Gibbs had a huge hand in the creation of the “Travelling While Black” Exhibit at the Olmsted County History Center. Great job Joyce! Check it out, or read more about it here <https://www.medcitybeat.com/news-blog/2019/traveling-while-black-exhibit>



### Thrive Silent Auction

A woman who loves this church wanted to give to Thrift on Fifth/Thrive and created beautiful quilts for us to sell. Check them out in the Commons display case.

If you would like to purchase these quilts and their associated baskets (thank you for your gorgeous work, Jolene Nelson) head over to the front office to make a bid. Last day to bid is Easter Sunday!

**Next Mission and Justice Collaboration Meeting:**  
*April 1, 6-7:30 (No fools here, despite the date.) If you are interested in serving this church in some way or you volunteer in service areas of the church, show on up! We will have cookies.*



**CUMC will be at the Earthfest Expo on April 27th at RCTC - See you there!**

APRIL

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**People's Food Co-op**  
1% of Basics profits donated to EarthFest

**The Science of Jellyfish**  
April 17, 1PM @ RCTC Hill Theater

**EarthFest at ReStore**  
April 20, 9AM-4PM @ Rochester Area ReStore

**AARP Scavenger Hunt**  
April 22 - 27  
aarp.cvent.com

**A Litter Bit Better**  
April 27 - May 5  
RNeighbors.org

Build Better - Build Green

[www.earthfestrochester.org](http://www.earthfestrochester.org)

MONDAY

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APRIL 22

**Mayoral Proclamation**  
9:30 AM - City Hall Rotunda, Government Center

**Natural Grocers**  
1PM - 2PM  
Ladybug Appreciation Seminar and Seed Planting

All Day  
Reusable Shopping Bag Giveaway

**EarthFest Kick-off Celebration**  
5PM - 9PM  
Little Thistle Brewing

Happy Earth Day!

TUESDAY

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APRIL 23

**Our Wetlands Pond and Habitat**  
1 PM @ Izaak Walton Wetlands

**Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and the Land Ethic of our Time**  
Film and Discussion  
6:30PM @ Assisi Heights

WEDNESDAY

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APRIL 24

**Green Building Tour**  
4PM @ One Discovery Square, led by Mortenson

THURSDAY

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APRIL 25

**Green Drinks: Energy Efficiency at the Castle**  
5PM @ Cameo at the Castle

FRIDAY

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APRIL 26

**Zero Energy Home Tour**  
2-6PM, tours every 30 minutes @ Vetting Home  
4265 Marion Rd SE, Rochester

**Dinner with Don Shelby**  
A Conversation about Green Building. Cosponsored with Benike Construction  
Registration required

**Reel Paddling Film Festival**  
6PM @ 125 LIVE  
Hosted by Tyrol Ski and Sports

Saturday April 27

10AM - 4PM

RCTC Field House

Interactive displays, exhibitors, speakers, children's activities, performances, electric cars, bikes, and more!

**12PM Keynote Speaker**  
**Don Shelby, Environmental Advocate:**  
"Build Better—Build Green"

**2PM Citizen's Utility Board:**  
"Energize Your Home - Consumer Power Now and in the Future"

**TerraLoco Trail Clean-up**  
9AM @ TerraLoco

SUNDAY

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APRIL 28

**People's Climate March**  
2PM @ Peace Plaza to People's Food Co-op

**Block Party & Art Fair**  
2PM - 6PM @ People's Food Co-op

**Our Wetlands Pond and Habitat**  
3:30 PM @ Izaak Walton Wetlands

**CUMC is conducting a climate conversation on Wednesday April 24 at 6pm in the ECC.**

Our purpose is to share information and conviction regarding earth sustainability in such a way that many will become activated more deeply into Creation Care. The conversation will be anchored by our confirmation students and their parents. A particular focus for this conversation will address racism's part in making climate refugees. We hope also to promote CUMC's greening opportunities. The entire church is invited to this special opportunity.

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



*Welcome New Intentional Disciples!*



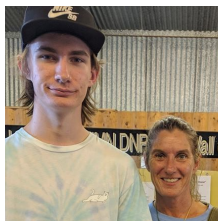
**Daphne Soleil and Bob Fleetwood:** Bob and Daphne love the outdoors and look forward to exploring MN in their newly acquired canoe. They met each other on a hike in the Cascade mountains and celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last year. Bob and Daphne say that CUMC has delighted them by providing a nurturing place indoors for their hearts, minds, and souls. With hate crimes and terrorist acts peppering the news, they find comfort in the love that this church so boldly declares and demonstrates. Bob and Daphne believe that CUMC has lifted love from a sentiment into an action, and they want to be a part of it.

**David Greymont:** David's family moved to Rochester in 1978 and joined CUMC. After his wife passed away last year, he desired to re-connect with his church. David chose CUMC because of its principles and inclusivity. He enjoys travel, cross country skiing, cycling, and photography adventures. David hopes for peace within himself and for others at CUMC.



**Dr. Lindsay Warner and Dr. Paul Warner:** Lindsay and Paul have been married for 7 years and have 2 little girls, Elle (4) and Charlotte (2), who they affectionately call "Charlie". They are both physicians and have special interests in parental leave policies, teaching students, and promoting diversity within medicine. They are excited for Christ UMC to feel like a second home to them and their children. Lindsay and Paul are excited about what Christ UMC stands for and its promotion of social justice.

**Chris and Kayla Van Kirk:** Chris and Kayla chose Christ UMC because of its location and its welcoming atmosphere. They enjoy spending time with their families, golfing, and other sports. Chris and Kayla are excited to grow their family and faith here at Christ UMC.



**Lisa Orke:** Lisa moved to Rochester with her son, Jacob, from Lake City. Jacob attends John Marshall high school (sophomore) and Lisa is a social studies teacher. They have 2 dogs, "Seamus" and "Latte". Lisa enjoys offerings at CUMC including CU Wednesdays, the Arise Service, and Thrift on 5th. Lisa and Jacob are both excited to make friends, participate in service opportunities, and worship Christ at CUMC.



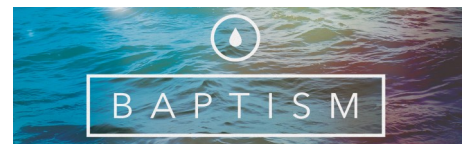
*In Memoriam*

*Karen Smith*

October 10, 1944

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March 8, 2019



In the month of March we were blessed with the baptism of:

*Orly Marie Donahue*

*Born - November 24, 2018*

*Baptized - March 17, 2019*



### Easter Flower Order Form

Each plant is \$15 and the deadline is **April 15th**. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. *(If you put it in the offering plate, please keep it separate from your offering.)* Our goal is to deliver 55 plants. *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 after the 11am service on April 21.

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) by April 15. Thank you!



### You Are Invited

All are Welcome.

**What:** Fellowship Breakfast

**When:** 2nd Wednesday of  
**EVERY Month**

**Time:** 8:30 A.M.



**Where:** Charlies Restaurant



### We would love to give you a warm welcome

Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the church and how to connect with others? We offer monthly "Meeting Christ Church" coffees at which our pastors will meet with people and introduce them to CUMC and the United Methodist denomination. Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Fireside room following the 9:00 service. Childcare is available upon request! The next Coffee is April 10. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email (email@cumethodist.com) if you have questions or would like more information.



### Thrive Small Change Fundraiser

A fundraiser for Thrive Child Care and Family Resource Center will begin on April 7, 2019. Funds received through this fundraiser will be utilized for scholarships for families requiring child care at Thrive Child Care and Family Resource Center.

Beginning April 7th - containers will be provided to individuals and families to collect change for this fundraiser. This type of fundraiser will be ongoing and allow a large number of people to contribute to this amazing program that is providing an important service to families within our community.

Containers will be made available at CUMC on Sundays between services and also will be available at the Thrive Office. Further information will be provided in the future regarding the process to empty your containers and continue the collection process within your home.

The Thrive board and CUMC appreciates your support of the Thrive program.

Tanya Goretzki - Thrive Executive Director

**THRIVE IS CELEBRATING: 35 kids total are enrolled this month! That is 7x as many as were enrolled when Thrive opened. Thank you for your incredible support. We will have a giant party when we are half-way there, which would be 41.**

The MCI group for persons with a mild cognitive impairment or early stage dementia and for their support person(s) has been discontinued. Know that your pastors are available to discuss concerns of living with MCI or a dementia and to offer resources and prayer support. We also have the following Parish Ministers who offer listening and spiritual support: Kendall Hughes, Kitty Burbo, Stew Swanson, Mae Belle Erickson, Linda Youlden, and Jeff Ward.

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## Estate Planning Guide

Who Will Take Care of the Children?

6:00pm - 7:30pm • April 3 • ECC  
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## On This Rock

A Call to Center the Christian Response  
to Child Abuse on the Life and Words of Jesus

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