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May 2019

# CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH UNITED

Grace, In The City

# THE NEW

# SPIRIT

Let's celebrate!  
May 19th,  
2019 @ 9 am

///Confirmation 2019

Jacob Hanson  
Ashleigh Cannon  
Aaron Cannon  
Jaden Wysocki  
Logan Ackerman  
Joshua Lindenfeld  
Makenna Grossbach

\*Morgan Blomberg  
will be confirmed  
at the 11 am  
service May 12\*



## Wilding & Sabbath

Pastor Elizabeth's Renewal Leave Report  
10am - Hamline - May 5th, 2019



Save the Date!  
Last CU Wednesday of the season!  
May 15th - 5:30pm  
We'll cook out and have a great time!



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1:00pm Cleanup help needed

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[www.twitter.com/cumethodist](http://www.twitter.com/cumethodist)

11:30am Sunday Radio Broadcast on  
KOLM (1520 AM)

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

WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

# Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY,



I am still digesting.

I am digesting the power of Holy Week here at church. Being present to the pain and glory of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection makes for a very emotionally dense time. Leaning into each other and remembering who we are in God's company gives us the courage to live the good news of Jesus. Deep thanks go to all of the musicians, staff, and volunteers who help us welcome sojourners seeking hope.

I am digesting the power of three months of being loose in the world. When I wrote for the grant I was aware that I was needful of the sabbath and wilding time. As I experienced that time, I was even more aware of how very much I was ready tidy up the house of my soul (thanks Marie Kondo!). Through my leave I was able to be wide open to the beauty of creation and the joy of being a creature sustained and made whole by my Creator. Deep thanks to all who led and prayed and sustained while I was gone.

And, I am digesting the news that Pastor Katy is soon to leave us. Her last Sunday will be June 9th - Pentecost Sunday.

Five years ago Katy and I met in Richfield. We had a chance to talk together about ministry and sense of fit between us before Katy met with the Staff Parish Relations Committee. It was clear to me then and so clear to me now that God has called a uniquely gifted woman into leadership. Katy has gifted this church with five years of heart, wisdom, laughter, hard hard work and grace. We are so much stronger because of her leadership.

We seek to build on the foundations she and countless laity have made strong. We had a brainstorming and listening session on April 28th after the third service (12:10 PM). We will take the hopes and vision gathered and craft a job description for a full time children/family/youth person. We hope to have that job posted by the third week in May. In the meantime, we are planning for a vibrant VBS (June 24 - 28, in the evening this year) (<https://tinyurl.com/VBS2k19>), a strong ASP experience (there are 48 individuals going to Appalachia to create safer, dryer and warmer homes) and a wonderful all-church camping experience August 2 - 4 at Afton State Park [https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/state\\_parks/spk00100\\_summer.pdf](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/state_parks/spk00100_summer.pdf). This is FREE for all who attend. Part of my grant included "wild" time in the company of church folk. So your camping, food and s'mores are paid for. Please sign up in the church office or at (<https://tinyurl.com/CUMCCamping2019>). Also, last but far from least, I am digesting the news that we are half way to our goal of full enrollment at THRIVE! Child Care and Family Resource Center. We are going to have a party to celebrate that and the end of our Sunday School year. That party will be on June 2nd beginning at ten and going until 1. Please see our director's report in this newsletter. The power of a this church is changing lives one family at a time. I could not be more moved.

So. There is much to digest and celebrate.

Thanks for the ways you bless creation and this church. Together, we seek to work for transformation in hearts and the world in the way taught by Jesus.

We get to do this work. Together.

Pastor Elizabeth

*Pastor Elizabeth*



As Part of Pastor Elizabeth's Renewal Leave Grant, she will be bringing a report to share with us. Join us May 5th after the 9 o'clock worship service in Hamline Room for a presentation on Wilding and Sabbath, and the importance therein.



**SAVE THE DATES: Church Grounds Cleanup Days: Saturday, May 4 & June 1 – 9:00am - noon**

The snow has melted, leaving behind winter's detritus. It's time to don your work gloves, grab your rakes and tarps, fire up your leaf blower and hedge trimmers, and oil your pruning clippers. We'll gather for a few hours to haul off leaves and branches, tidy up flower beds, and make our grounds beautiful. A pizza lunch will be served at the conclusion of our work.

RSVPs are encouraged, but not required. Reach out to Mary Schmidt (507-258-7460 or [oronocombs@yahoo.com](mailto:oronocombs@yahoo.com)) with questions or to sign up.

**We need substitute teachers!**

If you are: CPR Certified, have education credits, can pass a background check, willing to fill in for THRIVE! when needed

**We need you!**

Please contact THRIVE! Director Tanya Goretzki at 507-258-9055 Together, Christ UMC is committed to building community one family at a time.



**On this Rock: A Christian Response to Child Abuse - RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 8**

On Wednesday May 8 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 will be 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.



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

**New Welcome Display - Coming Soon**

Thanks to a wonderful church member we are able to put together a powerful display of welcome on our property. It will reaffirm that we are a reconciling church, and will always practice extravagant welcome.



**Temporary Parking Permits**

If you have an appointment downtown and need to use church parking during the week please stop by the church office during business hours (M-F 9am-5pm) and our front desk volunteer will get you a temporary parking pass. Thank you for helping keep our parking lot manageable.



# Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

## Faith→Life Offerings

3rd Sunday Forum

May 19, 10:15 AM Hamline Room

*"CUMC Becoming a Green Church"*

CUMC Hopeful Earth Team

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The Forum, presented through video about our church and discussion, will address the question, "Is Christ United Methodist Church Going Green?" An explanation of "Going Green" is "pursuing knowledge and practices that support the environment for current and future generations. It includes practices such as recycling, choosing nonpolluting agents, saving energy, reducing contamination of soils and harm to living beings." Join us to hear how we as a faith community are addressing these practices.

### Ongoing Classes

All Are Welcome – No Registration Required

**Inquiring Spirits** – After the 9:00 am worship service (except for Third Sunday Forums), Room 145

**Contemporary Issues** – After the 9:00 am worship service (except for Third Sunday Forums), Room 146

### Connect Groups

New Connect Groups are forming for another 6-week session starting the first week in May. You can see a complete listing with further information and register on the church website at [cumethodist.com/connect-groups](http://cumethodist.com/connect-groups). A sample of what is being offered:

- **New Approaches to Prayer Lunch Group** - Hosts: Ken and Elaine Bauman  
Wednesdays , 12:00 Noon, CUMC Library, May 1 – June 5
- **Making the Best Digital Image** – Host: Bill Schmidt  
Time and place to be announced
- **Making the Best Photographic Print** – Bill Schmidt  
Time and place to be announced
- **Lydia Project** – Host: Marjie Blaisdell  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am – Noon, May 1 – May 29
- **Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis** – Host: Kathy Estry  
Wednesdays, 6 – 7 pm, CUMC Room 145
- **Gardening Ministry** – Host: Mary Schmidt  
Meetings will be announced as needed
- **A New Way of Connecting to Church: Learning the CUMC App** - Host: Jenny Cordry  
May 7, 14, 21, 29, June 5, & 12 at 4pm - Hamline Room

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



#### Road Construction Update - Beginning May 7th

'Tis the season for ROAD CONSTRUCTION to begin again. Uufda. Unfortunately that means we will have some closures around the church again this year. Eastbound 4th St will be closed from 6th Ave SW to 1st Ave SW. Westbound 4th St will be closed between 4th Ave SW to 2nd Ave SW.

Same as last year, the detour along 6th and 5th St will be open. We are hoping to be using the road again in June, so keep those fingers crossed!

# All Church Party!

Save the Date: June 2, 2019

Thrive is halfway full


Celebrate our seniors

Let's test our new bounce house



youth ministry


The youth helped Pat Feeser put together 15 quilts for people at nursing homes, for Ronald McDonald house and others who need something comfy or help keeping warm. This will be a continuing project: let the church know if you have time or fabric to donate!



Flapdoodles  
Homemade Ice Cream

May 9  
6:30 pm  
Flapdoodles  
South Location  
Free ice cream!

youth takeover  
with Pastor Katy




The ASP group received \$3500 in donations this year through the Hosanna Brunch. THANK YOU so much for your generous support of the 44 people going to ASP this year!



EveryBODY matters: VBS registration is LIVE! Sign up today!

<https://tinyurl.com/VBS2k19>

# everyBODY matters!

## Vacation Bible School 2019

June 24-27 | 6pm-8pm  
Pre K - 5th Grade | \$15  
online sign up at:  
[tinyurl.com/VBS2k19](https://tinyurl.com/VBS2k19)



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### Young adults

Come hang out with Pastor Katy:  
May 19 6:30-8 pm @ Little Thistle.  
Stop in or stay the whole time!



LITTLE THISTLE  
BREWING CO.

## United Methodist Women



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

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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.

### Service of Remembrance

Please join us for a "Service of Remembrance" Thursday May 2 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. We are celebrating the lives of the United Methodist Women members that have died in the past year. Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the Commons following the service.



### Honoring Our Foremothers' Legacy

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate health care and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.



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.

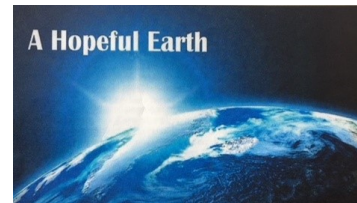


## All Church Camping Trip August 2 - 4 at Afton State Park

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### A note from Pastor Katy

I am already at only a month left at Christ UMC. I am seeking to live every minute thoroughly.

Sometimes that is making me wish I could teleport, or be in 6 places at once.

Like, I want to be chatting at coffee hour, and in the Arise worship service, and down at the Hosanna brunch eating delicious food with hundreds of other people, and having long conversations with every single person, and having fun with the youth. All at once.

Thank you for your graciousness in this time as I work hard at this one-place-at-a-time-present-ness.

You're being incredibly supportive, when I know that this is also change, and loss, which is hard for both of us.

What I love is, plans go on. Community is being built. Ministry continues. In every moment, in every place.

We continued to pray and work through Holy Week together, and bring live animals into this church yet again. Are we crazy or what.

We continue to plan and prepare for EveryBODY Matters, our awesome body-positive Vacation Bible school in June.

We plan to confirm 8 students this month, the largest class we've seen since my first year at CUMC. There were over thirty of us, youth and parents, involved in the confirmation group this year.

When a few leaders couldn't go on ASP anymore, including myself, out of the blue new church members contacted me ready to drop everything and go. We still have 44 people, youth and adults, going on the trip to Kentucky.

We have new visitors here every week hearing the good news about how we are building community and being the body of Christ together.

As we continue to dream big this month, and make plans, and give thanks, let's continue to pray big for each other.

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31

Peace,

Pastor Katy

# What an Easter! CUMC's 2019 Recap



Easter Photos  
courtesy of  
Bill Schmidt





Many beautiful plants helped give the promise of Spring and Resurrection to our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Fifty-seven of these plants were delivered on the Tuesday following Easter to members who are bereaved, homebound, and in assisted living and care centers.

Thank you to the persons who made the phone calls and delivered the plants. You are appreciated!

We are also grateful for the help we received from Jenny, the Office manager, and the custodial staff.

-The Flower Ministry Team

**Celebrate  
Creation  
Party  
Holy  
Saturday,  
2019**





Seven months have gone by since we opened the doors of Thrive. Seven months of playing, learning, growing and meeting new faces. So, what have we been up to? Let me share!



- When we opened, we had 5 children and 5 staff. We are now officially 50% filled and have grown our team to 12 staff! We have steadily grown our little family at Thrive each week. Our infant rooms are full through February of 2020 and our toddler rooms won't have an opening until January of 2020! The word is getting out about what a great place Thrive is.



- We have embarked on the Parent Aware process and will spend the entire year working through that to earn our star rating. Parent Aware is the quality rating system that was created for programs in Minnesota. Thrive receives coaching that is specific to our needs as well as training to raise our rating. It is a lot of work but the staff are excited to embark on this journey!



- We have held four family nights since opening and they have all been amazing! Once a month, the Family Resource Center team puts together a family night which includes a meal and a speaker. It is such a great night for our families to engage with each other and build a community within Thrive.



- Our tuition assistance program has helped 11 children so far. I am forever grateful to the amazing donors that made this possible. Parents are now able to go to school or work and their children are able to be in a high-quality program.

We are hopeful that spring is here to stay. We love going for walks to explore our community and have enjoyed spending time on the playground. Here's to more fun, more children and families and more building community one family at a time!

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

*In Memoriam*



*Andrew Buck*  
Jan 20, 1967  
~  
March 1, 2019



*Nancy Clark*  
February 4, 1968  
~  
April 14, 2019



Congratulations to  
Becca Horzewski & Matt Vaught  
who were married here at CUMC  
on March 30th, 2019

## 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 May 12. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email ([email@cumethodist.com](mailto:email@cumethodist.com)) if you have questions or would like more information.

## Notes from Pastor Nancy

### End of Life Seminar

On May 6 Parish Ministers and Lay Visitors will be attending a talk on End of Life issues. The talk is at Assisi Heights at 6:30 pm in the Spirituality Center. Dr. Ed Creagan will speak about his new book Farewell: Vital End of Life Questions with Candid Answers from a Leading Hospice and Palliative Care Physician. Please join us. Cost is \$10.00 pre-registration and \$15.00 at the door.

### Service of Memorials and Living Gifts

On May 26 at the 9:00 Tradition Service we will dedicate the Memorials and Living Gifts given to Christ UMC in the past year. We will also dedicate bequests. We are grateful for the generosity of the congregation and the community which enable many vital ministries to begin or to continue.

### Thank you to our Easter Flower delivery team

On April 23 the Easter plants were delivered to homebound and bereaved members of the church. Thank you to all the volunteers who called the 78 homebound members and the 12 bereaved members. Thanks to those who organized the plants for delivery and those who did the delivery. Special thanks for the years of service by Ken and Elaine Bauman in coordinating the flower ministry and decorating the sanctuary. Welcome to Judi Berg as new co-coordinator.

### Request for Prayers!

On March 20, Jan and I were unexpectedly told by the Chairman of the International Hands in Service/ Project Salud y Paz Board of Directors that while they were extremely grateful for our past service, our time with them was now complete. This obviously shocked and saddened us immensely. Our last official day was April 3, although we continue to support them in some specific areas of expertise. Thanks to God, we are doing well in coping with the expected difficulties and unknowns that such a change brings. We obviously have good days and not so good days right now. We have shared a blessed Holy Week with Karen Fields who has spent a couple of weeks with us. Through prayerful discernment, Jan and I have come to the realization that God's call for us to serve here to Guatemala has not changed. In the days immediately after March 20th, all three of us were told that there were positions for us with one organization. We continue to have conversations with others about service with their organizations. We will soon be setting up a different method for donations as well for those who wish to continue to support us in our Guatemalan Ministry. We humbly ask each of you to pray for God to bless us and, especially, to provide us with discernment in these times of rapid change. Also please continue to pray for Project Salud y Paz and their work serving the Mayans of the central highlands of Guatemala. God is good!!! All the time!!

Jan and John Lage Jr-Guatemala Missioners



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