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Pastor's Pen with Rev. Jenny Cannon, Lead Pastor

Holy Ground

I grew up in the land of Georgia red clay. A good rainstorm turned that red clay into red mud which made for messy and wonderful art projects that never quite washed out of my clothes. In Maryland our kids also spent plenty of time creating "experiments" in the dirt, and carrying part of our yard back into the house on their hands and shoes. And now that we can finally see the ground again here in Minnesota, I find that I'm once again longing for the feel of earth between my fingers. It's not because I'm much of a gardener (I'm not) or because I'm desperate for muddy laundry to clean, but there's just something about dirt that embodies creativity and life.

For our Eastertide sermon series "Holy Ground", we'll be spending some time playing in the dirt, digging into scriptures about creation and exploring God's call to care for and cultivate the gift of the Earth. While it's easy to celebrate the beauty of creation, it's equally important to recognize our part in stewarding and honoring the Earth. We are blessed by a robust Earthkeepers group here at CUMC that I know will continue to share their wisdom with us. And I'm hopeful we'll see signs of life blooming up around us in throughout the season.

We began Ash Wednesday with a reminder that we were created from the dust of earth. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus who raised all creation to new life. It seems fitting to continue the

triumph of Easter with a reminder that God's Holy Ground is right here among us everyday. Get your gloves and shovels and washing machines ready. It's time to play in the dirt again!

Peace,

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Pastor Jenny



May Sunday Schedule:

May 1 – Holy Ground: Holy Gift - Communion Sunday

May 8 – Holy Ground: Finding the Sacred in the Ordinary

May 15 – Holy Ground: Holy Creatures - Graduate Sunday

May 22 - Holy Ground: Holy Responsibility - Confirmation Sunday

May 29 - Holy Ground: Holy Order

CUMC by the Numbers

490: Easter Sunday In-Person Attendance

251: Easter Sunday Online Attendance

84: Volunteers and staff leading and supporting Easter services
16: Youth and adults participating in the Easter weekend youth lock-in

\$978.40: Donations for ASP caramel rolls

13: Youth and adults cooking and selling ASP caramel rolls 75: Flowers delivered through Caring Ministry

320: Pieces of chalk prepared for Easter Sunday giveaway

\$981.50: Funds raised during Lent for Channel One Food Bank

1000: Bulletins printed for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services

0: Children's message balloons still floating in the sanctuary



Litter Bit Better Week

CUMC will be participating in the Litter Bit Better campaign the week of April 30th-May 8th. This is a campaign inviting groups to adopt areas of the city for litter and recycling collection to help keep Rochester clean. CUMC has adopted a section along the Soldier's Field Bike Path and will have two different cleanup opportunities that week. Stay tuned for more details on sign up and timing as we love our neighbors and care for creation!

All Church Campout: Aug. 19th-Sun August 21st at Cedar Hill Campground

Our All Church Campout Aug. 19th-Sun August 21st at Cedar Hill Campground at Whitewater State Park. We have 8 campsites reserved (52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 61, 63 & 65). Contact the church office to reserve one of these spaces for your family. We're also planning to offer a Saturday day option with transportation from the church.

Save the Date: Congregational Meeting with the Leadership Board

The CUMC Leadership Board invites you to save the date for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 5 from 10am to 11am. Members of the Leadership Board will provide information about the future of The United Methodist Church and updates from the Minnesota Annual Conference. The Leadership Board will also give updates about CUMC's mission and vision. There will be an opportunity for dialogue and questions.

Children's Ministry



Youth Ministry

Children and Family Events

Were you here for Easter? Our Lock In youth (14 in all) hid over 500 eggs for children to find! Our ASP youth (5 helped this time) made just under \$1,000 dollars with the return of caramel rolls! Our children's bells and choir shared music at the 9:00 worship service. We are so grateful to all of the children and youth who helped our church celebrate Easter with old and new traditions!

Our CU Wednesdays continue on May 4, 11 and 18. Watch for an EPIC return this fall.

5:00 Jubilee Bells (talk to Kari if you'd like to participate)

5:30 meal for all (free will offering)

6:00-7:00 Kids with Purpose (grades K-5)

Club 6-7 (grades 6-7)

Confirmation (grades 8-9)

Our camps are hiring summer staff. If you have questions about this life-changing opportunity, Pastor Amanda and Jeramy and Lauren Girard would be happy to help you discern this opportunity.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Mark your calendars for a Food Truck Extravaganza June 13-17 9am-noon!

Ready to cook up some fun? Our Food Truck Party VBS invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party!

This summer's VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. Register today for this summer's biggest party at CUMC, the VBS Food Truck Party! Register at https://cumethodist.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/74/responses/new VBS takes a village of people to make it happen. To volunteer contact Jody (jody@cumethodist.com)!

Youth Ministries

We have two special recognition Sundays coming up. On May 15 we will celebrate our graduates and on May 22 we will celebrate confirmation. It will be wonderful to bless these youth as they mark transitions in their lives.

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Youth Group in May

May 1 4:30-6:00pm Litter Bit Better clean up. Bring work gloves and grabbers if you have them!

May 8 It is Mother's day, we will not meet

May 15 4:30-6:00pm We will be making kits to bless our graduates

May 22 4:30-6:00pm Welcome Summer Party-- bring a beach towel

Summer Programming

While we pause our regularly scheduled activities during the summer, we have pop up opportunities each week. Watch the June newsletter for a detailed calendar of children and youth events. We are working on "Pipes and Pizza" a chance to learn about the organ, gaga ball at Jefferson, an overnight mission trip for grades 4-8, all church campout and more!



ASP News

Thank you so much for helping our ASP team raise money on Easter Sunday. Nearly \$1000 was raised to help us make Appalachian homes warmer, safer, and drier.





Visit us at Rochester Pride! May 21 ~ 12pm-5pm

We're getting ready to celebrate Rochester Pride at Soldiers field this year! We will have a booth with some pretty great swag to give away. Can you figure out what it is? The picture to the right is a hint!

Join us May 21st and look for the CUMC banner as we come together to support our wonderful LGBTQIA+ friends in our community.



Camp Minnesota: UMC Camping Ministries in Minnesota

Camp Minnesota offers cutting edge summer camp experiences for all ages and interests, high quality space for retreats, meetings and conferences, delicious meal service, and warm hospitality.

Whether you're looking for a first-time camp experience, a family or personal retreat, a space for your next meeting or conference, or a Boundary Waters adventure, Camp Minnesota welcomes you. If you've experienced a time at one of our three beautiful sites, you know the joy, peace, and life-giving time apart that awaits you.

If you're considering Camp Minnesota for the first time, come see what everyone is talking about! Come and experience Christ, creation, and community with Camp Minnesota.

Scholarships are available through CUMC and the Minnesota Annual Conference. Contact the church office for more information about scholarships.

Learn more about Camp Minnesota's summer camp offerings at https://www.campminnesota.org

College and Graduate Student Scholarships through the CUMC Foundation

The Christ United Methodist Church Foundation supports programs and ministries at CUMC through endowed funds. Gifts to the Foundation help sustain CUMC's mission and ministry for generations to come. You can learn more about the Christ United Methodist Church Foundation at cumethdoist.com/foundation. The Foundation is currently accepting applications for two scholarships that support college and graduate studies.

The Barbara Griffiths-Peterson Scholarship was established to support students entering their second year or beyond of undergraduate studies at a college or university. This scholarship provides \$1,000 for CUMC members who meet the eligibility requirements. Applications are being accepted through June 21, 2022.

The Richard and Helen Reynolds Scholarship was established to support women pursuing graduate education. This scholarship is open to women who live in Olmsted County who have completed a four-year college degree. A scholarship of \$3,000 may be awarded annually.

Learn more about these scholarships and how to apply at <u>cumethodist.com/foundation</u>.



Thrift On Fifth!

Thrift on Fifth is open Wednesdays, 4-7 PM, Saturdays 9-12 Noon, and Sundays 9-12. There will not be staff on Sundays; you can put your payments in the red honor box just outside the door of the Purple Room. We appreciate all our

shoppers and donors. From now on, please donate warm weather clothing items only.

Thrift on Fifth is now open every Wednesday 4-7pm, Saturday and Sundays 9-12pm

Come and Shop!



United Women in Faith (formerly UMW)

The United Women in Faith want to again thank all of you for your support in our Emma Norton Month. We also

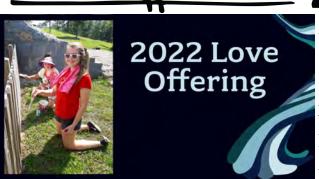
want to thank Mae Belle Erickson for organizing all the items and Gary and Piroska Lueck for delivering a large van load of items to St. Paul. Thank you all!

Sunday, April 24, we celebrated United Women in Faith Sunday. It was fantastic! Pastor Amanda Larsen preached on Climate Justice (titled "Stories of Resurrection") and Millie Webb read a book titled "The Tantrum That Saved the World" by Megan Herbert and Michael Mann for Children's Time. Kathy Lawson and Mary Schmidt (pictured right) received the Mission Recognition Award from the Unit. Thank you all for your participation.

On June 2nd the Unit will meet for the first time in three years! We will begin at 10am in the Commons with food and fellowship followed by a Time of Remembrance for the women that have passed away in 2019 through March 2022. Join us in remembering these women that shared so much with us. All are welcome.



Photo and articles submitted by Deedee Odell



Minnesota Annual Conference Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The funds from this year's offering will to go to five projects: The Red Bird Missionary Conference, Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato, Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis, West African Family and Community Food Shelf,

Brooklyn Center, and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships. You can share your gifts online by selecting the 2022 MAC Love Offering or in-person with a notation on the envelope or check.

Christ United Methodist Church Easter 2022



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Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

"I said there are at least two kinds of satisfaction, however, and the other has nothing to do with skill. It comes from human connection. It comes from making others happy, understanding them, loving them." Atul Gawande, surgeon, writer and public health researcher

We have numerous opportunities for you to connect with others and grow your faith!

Third Sunday Faith→Life Forum

Every third Sunday (except December) we offer forums given by insightful guest speakers that cover a wide range of relevant topics. Registration is not required. You can join in-person or by clicking on the Zoom link provided in the Sunday worship email reminder the day of the forum.

"How is Thrive and the Childcare Industry Surviving the Pandemic?"

May 15, 2022, 10:00 am – Wesley Hall and Zoom – Presenter: Tanya Goretzki, Executive Director of Thrive

Tanya will share an update on all things Thrive as well as how the childcare industry is surviving the pandemic.

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 - 10AM ~ Place: Room 145 & Zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/832924941 Each Thursday Joel emails participants the week's topic from *Wired Word*. Scripture verses and critical questions related to the topic lead to in-depth discussions that apply to how we live our daily lives. If you are interested in joining the class, email Joel at joel.charlson@gmail.com to receive the weekly *Wired Word* or join us in Room 146!

Inquiring Spirits

Hosts: Ed Shafer ~ Time: Sundays - 10:15AM ~ Place: Room 146 & Zoom <u>us02web.zoom.us/j/82253693720</u> Group members suggest theological topics or books of interest to study. The group is currently reading "Encountering God" by Diane L. Eck. New participants are always welcome. For further information contact Ed at <u>shaferchurch@hotmail.com</u>.

Connect Groups

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

Breakfast Fellowship

Hosts: Amy Humphrey and Dean Swanson Time: 2nd 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.

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 interested in joining or want further info, contact Brian at bkwebbus@gmail.com or Millie at 608-212-9706 (call or text).

Knit One Pray, Too

Host: Marjie Blaisdell Time: Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Place: WebEx

Contact Marjie at <a href="mailto:mai

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Men's Coffee Group

Host: Dick Estry Time: Thursdays at 8:00 AM Place: Room 146 & Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503377386?pwd=czVQNzIxTTE1eHdvdmgzZIBXdmsxZz09)

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.estry@gmail.com for further information.

Theology on Brew

Hosts: Pastors Jenny & Kirkland ~ Time: Second Thursdays at 6:30pm ~ Place: Café Steam on Broadway (May 12th) and Little Thistle Brewery (June 9)

These are monthly gatherings that alternate between Café Steam on Broadway and Little Thistle Brewery. Grab a cup of coffee or a pint of your favorite brew and join others for a chance to connect and discuss life, theology and everything! Young and young at heart adults are welcome. Contact Pastors Jenny and Kirkland with any questions.

Short Term Classes

Jesus and John Wayne

Host: Ana Hughes Time: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm May 3-31 Place: Zoom- <u>us02web.zoom.us/j/86039894920</u> This 5-week class is based on the New York Times Bestseller, Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation, written by Kristin Kobes Du Mez, a history professor at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The book is a sweeping, revisionist history of the last seventy -five years of white evangelicalism, revealing how evangelicals have worked to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism.

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 <u>cumethodist.com/faith-life</u> for a complete listing and registration information.



Saturday Noon Meals





The Saturday Noon Meals program continues to serve 40 meals to The Landing each Saturday at noon. The Landing moved to a temporary location at the end of April and the SNMs program will continue to serve a meal at this new location throughout the summer months. At this time - the plan will be to continue to serve a meal to those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity to the day center at The Landing each Saturday. This

has provided an opportunity for CUMC to provide outreach - in the form of a hot meal - to those in need and are at a central location in downtown Rochester. We will continue to evaluate our program, but it makes sense at this time to provide our meal in an outreach fashion.

We continue to receive positive feedback regarding the quality of our meals. Our goal continues to focus on providing a healthy meal made from fresh food that is provided from our community partners. We are extremely grateful for our current relationship with Channel One, People's Food Co-op and Thrive for their

weekly donations of food that enables us to provide a freshly prepared meal each week. We also appreciate donations from our CUMC members and our weekly volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for SNMs - please contact Kathy Lombardo via email at kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com or by telephone at 507-398-2686.

Thank you again for your support of the SNMs program

Kathy Lombardo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Three Rivers Restorative Justice TRRJ signed an agreement with the City of Rochester, MN Police Department to implement a Restorative Justice program. It will be a new tool for officers when those harmed by crime are asking for answers about what happened, reparations or help moving past the trauma experienced. TRRJ is a group of volunteer community members who have been trained through the U of MN Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking to

facilitate Restorative Group Conferences. Since September of 2021 TRRJ has been collaborating with justice system partners in Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Counties to give people harmed by crime a safe space in which they can ask the person who harmed them for answers, understanding, reparations and more. The person who caused harm is given the opportunity to accept responsibility for the ripple effect of the harm they caused, show their remorse by taking steps to repair the harm and to rectify the issues that led to their poor choices.

The Rochester Police Department, like Police departments in many communities across Minnesota, is finding that in some cases, a community based resolution is the best way to achieve the goal of meeting the victim's needs, motivating the person who caused harm to desist and develop empathy and creating safe neighborhoods.

TRRJ volunteers speak of regularly seeing crime victims come away from the restorative conference with a sense of relief and questions answered. Almost unanimously they say they would recommend restorative justice to others who have been harmed by crime. National studies show that there is a 7-18% lower rate of reoffending among those who go through this process and that the cost is 75% less than the court system.

Mayo Hospital now allows five different visitors.

That means that your pastors or care visitors are allowed to be one of the five visitors to patients in St Mary's or Methodist. We are also able to call on patients at Olmsted Medical Center Hospital.

Please let us know by calling or emailing us if you would like us to visit you in the hospital. You may have a family member, friend or hospital staff contact us. If it is an emergency, there is always a pastor on call. Just follow the instructions on the church phone.



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