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Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



Things are always changing. As students of life, we know that anything that is does not change dies. At this time of year we feel the changes in poignant ways. As we mark graduations from preschool and high school and all the other changes of this time, there is a sense of wistfulness as well as excitement.

So it is at church.

Pastor Katy is moving into a new role as Lead Pastor at Walker UMC in Minneapolis. Her leaving brings up such gratitude for her time in our midst. We have been deeply blessed by her eloquence, wisdom and spirit. While we celebrate her move into a new thing, there is also the sharp pang of grief. We will miss her. A lot.

We are advertising for a Next Generation Ministry Coordinator. The description of that job is in this issue of the New Spirit. We are praying that God is even now preparing someone for ministry here at

CUMC. Along with the Next Generation Ministry Coordinator we are seeking to hire someone to coordinate our connecting ministry. The individual coordinating our Connections Ministry will work twenty hours a week to engage people here at church as well as connect our ministries with the greater Rochester area.

If you have been anywhere near me in the past few weeks, you know that I am a new grandmother. Felix Mackenzie was born on Sunday the 28th of April. He is amazing beauty. I have been able to savor the gift of time with him and his parents and each time I am with Felix I walk from his home in a kind of stuporous gratitude. It seems it was only a breath ago I was holding Rachel as she slept. Now I get to hold Rachel's child as he sleeps. It is wondrous and real, this bittersweet miracle of time passage and gifting.

As you move into summer I pray that you have time to savor what is. I pray that you will feel the sun in the morning and take into the marrow of your soul the song of the birds. May you toast graduates and remember that it is still legal to go barefoot in the grass. As you experience weddings and family reunions and other gatherings, pay attention to the kaleidoscope of emotions coloring your life.

Join me in thanking the Rev. Katrina Lee for her time in our midst.

Pray for the new staff even now being called to this fine church.

Take your shoes off and breathe deeply.

Give thanks for the poignant and changing life you are given to live.

Blessings be yours,

Pastor Elizabeth

Pastor Elizabeth



Thrive is celebrating and we want to share the good news with all of you! Let me tell you all about the celebration worthy news!



Thrive is halfway full! To put that in perspective, let me remind you of where we started: in October, we opened the doors of Thrive with 5 children. We have now grown to 43, which is certainly something to celebrate! We have more little ones joining the Thrive family over the next few months with a goal of being 100% filled by the end of 2019! We are well on our way!

We are also celebrating the generosity of others. Thrive submitted an application for a grant from the Charter House Sidewalk Sale and we were awarded the grant! We could not have done this without the support of our champions at the Charter House! Thank you for sharing Thrive's story and for playing a part in securing this grant which will greatly benefit our family nights!

We've done a lot in the last 8 months. We have grown, we have learned, and we have built relationships with children and families along the way. Thank you for continuing to love us and pray for us! We feel it!

- Tanya

Food Pantry at the East Entrance

Once again CUMC is extending a hand to our friends in the community looking to fill their bellies. You may have noticed a little house by our back Southeast door, this is our Little Pantry that contains food for all those who stop by. The Pantry is filled on a regular basis with food furnished by members of our church.

If you would like to help with this project you may bring non perishable food and place it in a bin located by our Thrift on 5th clothing container near the front door. Foods that are needed are canned meals and vegetables, breads, bars, cereal and canned milk or juices. Please nothing in breakable containers. If you have questions please contact Kathy Davis.



Thank You Brenda Fyles!

Is there a more humble, kind, generous and selfless human than Brenda Fyles? How do you put into words the work of over 16 years of loving our precious Little Angels? She is the woman who recruited so many toddlers to her music class every week. She often held two sessions. She encouraged us to invite any child aged 3 to kindergarten to join the group weekly. And by that stipulation she really meant 2 years old thru 1st grade if they wanted to stay a little longer. And trust me when I say that they all wanted to stay a little longer. She introduced our children to music in an active fun way. She taught them to talk to God. She gave them confidence to "fly angels, fly" to perform. She let them be heard. Brenda let them shine and know they could be independent in a group. As a parent, Brenda gave us time to sit with other parents of toddlers and connect. She gave us the confidence to let our kids go (even to just the next room) when all we wanted was to shelter them. Brenda made all of us feel wanted and valued at CUMC. Her genuine love of music, children, people and God was such a gift. It is with immense gratitude that we wish Miss Brenda and Miss Taylor (her guitar) all the best as she retires from directing the Little Angels. When you see Miss Brenda in our church and our community, remember to thank her for all her love and dedication to CUMC and our children, many who are now adults. We can never put into words what Brenda Fyles gave to all of us. We will just say, "Fly Miss Brenda, fly!" We cannot wait to see what you do next. We love you.



- Karla Sukov

What's Next for the United Methodist Church?

A Message From Your Leadership Board:

Following the 2019 General Conference, where those gathered voted to affirm the Traditional Plan, a number of things have become clear and many things have become unclear.

What is clear is that the center cannot hold. The Traditional Plan is clear in its articulation of penalties for clergy and bishops who do not uphold the Book of Discipline (you can read an articulation of the three plans that were presented and the General Conference and the subsequent Judicial Council rulings here - <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/what-happened-and-what-didnt-at-general-conference-2019>).

What does this mean for the United Methodist Church, the Minnesota Annual Conference, and for Christ United Methodist Church? The Leadership Board of CUMC wants you to know about a number of opportunities for learning and engagement.

On June 4th at 6:30 PM our District Superintendent the Rev. Cynthia Williams will host a meeting in the ECC for all persons in the River Valley District. The meeting will give us a chance to read and discuss some of the legislation that will be brought before the Minnesota Annual Conference at its meeting June 18th - 20th. Delegates attending Annual Conference from CUMC this year are our clergy and Diane Ilstrup, Grace Glover and Karla Wysocki.

On June 12th at 6:00 PM in the ECC we will host representatives from the Minnesota Methodists group. Those representatives will host a Town Hall meeting to bring us up to date on what happened at General Conference as well as emerging movements across our nation.

The Leadership Board also invites you to three sessions on July 14th, 21st and 28th. We seek to have a time to discuss how Christ UMC will live and move and have our being in these days. We need to hear each other into wisdom.

This is an emotionally dense time. What the Leadership Board wants you to know is that no decision will be made about who we are and how we are without fulsome engagement as a congregation.

We are the church. Together.

God's got this.

Christ UMC Leadership Board,

Bobbi Nichols	Dan Zimmer	Dave Lucas
Deborah Gross	Chris Mueller	Dick Estry
Karla Sukov	Karla Wysocki	Seth Nfonoyim-Hara
Katie Imming		

Pastors,

Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon Rev. Katy Lee Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay



Bishop Bruce Ough's message following the Judicial Council rulings can be found at:

<https://www.minnesotaucm.org/blogdetail/12805579>



We're Hiring! Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester, MN is seeking a full time Next Generations Ministry Coordinator. We are offering a salary of \$45,000 per year plus a full benefits package. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Jenny Cordry, Director of Operations at jenny@cumethodist.com. Job details can be found at cumethodist.com/our-career-opportunities



Summer is drawing ever closer, lets start it off with a good ol' fashioned Christ UMC PARTY! **Sunday June 2nd from 10am - 12:30pm** we'll celebrate our senior, jump for joy in our new bounce house, thank all the amazing vendors and volunteers that have made our space a comfortable, welcoming, and safe place for us to gather as church. And of course, cake.

Note from Pastor Katy: Children and Youth ministry

Well, here we are.

My last New Spirit write up.

I'd like to name by name all of the amazing parents and leaders I have worked with here at Christ UMC, but inevitably I will leave people out. Each parent, child and youth are such an intrinsic and powerful part of this community: you are the body of Christ and you live it well. We pastors are so grateful.

I will be praying for you, and I hope you will pray for me to in this new adventure. I am certainly nervous in many ways—HUGE change of church, environment, location, pretty much everything—but know this is the right thing for me. God has used YOU to prepare me for what's next, and I could not have asked for a better place to be.

I also just want to let you know, if you haven't had pastoral transitions before, that a little space is a good thing. So please don't worry if I'm not interacting with you on social media for awhile: I'm excited for your NextGen coordinator you will be hiring and want to give him/her space to get to know you without me in the background. If you have a big question for me, let the church office know.

I'm preaching June 9 for my last Sunday, with some great snacks and a good party: hope you will join in!

Peace,

Pastor Katy Lee



EVERYBODY MATTERS VBS REGISTRATION IS LIVE! tinyurl.com/vbs2k19

There will be a volunteer training/pizza lunch June 23 at 12:15 @ the church. Contact Jody Peterson to volunteer! JOPETERSON@rochester.k12.mn.us

There will be four parent discussion and learning

sessions at the same time as VBS for those interested in some growing and community of their own:

June 24: Kim Bisanz, local nutritionist, on raising food-conscious families

June 25: Lois McGuire on Body Positivity

June 26: Allies and Advocates training through the Diversity Council: how to support the vulnerable in your community

June 27: Jen Hazelton, NP, on vibrant healthy families

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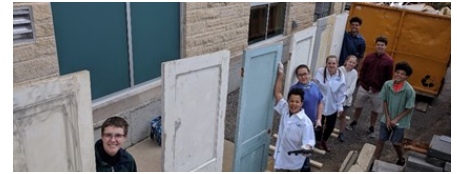


Congratulations to our seniors! We will celebrate with them and honor them June 2 at the 9 am service in worship.

- youth ministry • Sydney Frank: Luther College in Iowa
- Ghislaine Van Ert- Barnard College in New York City
- Parker Schultz - University of Minnesota - Duluth to major in Business Marketing. "I'd like to thank the church for being so welcoming and becoming another family for me that I will never forget."

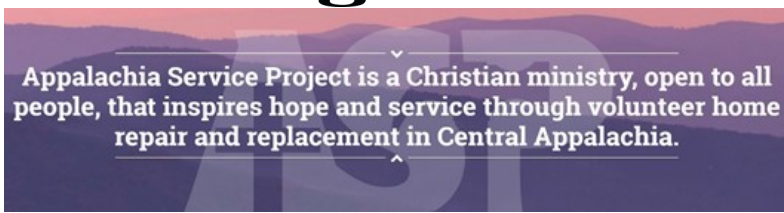


Congratulations to our amazing confirmation students!
3 years & today, my how they've grown!



Thanks to our youth and Shelly Glover who are working hard to up-cycle some great and welcoming rainbow doors for our 4th street side, to show the world that we are LGBTQ+ inclusive!

Pray for our ASP 2019 Teams: the groups leave June 29 for Kentucky! Join the send-off: 6:00 am in the East Parking lot MORE INFO ON PAGE#11



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| 1: Kari Nichols/Dan Zimmer
Julia Katzenberger
Kyra Nichols
Sydney Frank
Naomi Kennel | 2. Kurt Kennel/Sarah Frank/Brian Webb
Jack Wood
Simon Kennel
Logan Shapiro
Connor Brown | 3. Tom Frank, Millie Webb
Talon Frank
Elijah Krause
Dakota Elliot
Alec Wood
Bergen Koski
Ben Haugen | 4. Craig Nichols/Cheri Jensen
Meg Engelken
Sophia Iezzi
Claire Casey
Olly Ott
Elena Schultz | 5. Mark Clark/Trica Katzenberger
Jaden Wysocki
Ethan Binnicker
Zach Blixt
Maddy Hanson
Jenna Fischer
Josh Lindenfeld | 6. Russ Lucas/Darlene Lucas/David Lucas
Megan Lucas
Allison Ruter
Kennedy Parker
Parker Schultz |
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An update on the Guatemala ministry (GAME, formerly known as YAM)

After having many conversations, and based on the conclusions of the group, as well as the timing of the pastoral staff transition, we believe that it is a good time to take a break from planning our yearly mission trips to Guatemala. The trip has become less sustainable for a variety of reasons. Nikki Gensmer as well as the Lage family are stepping away from Salud y Paz ministry, where we have been serving historically, effective this spring, so we are losing our church connection there.

Now is a great time to reassess how the church might move into a new adult mission experience: perhaps there are others in the church with passions for United Methodist missions, which do outreach around the world, including other places in Guatemala. Are you one of those people? Perhaps there is more construction or storm relief interest—there are many local trainings for becoming quick-response volunteers. Or, perhaps we could do medical mission again in Guatemala or another country, after first getting a small group together to read something like "When Healthcare Hurts: An Evidence Based Guide For Best Practices In Global Health Initiatives, by Greg Seager. This fall would be a good time to get a refreshed "missions" conversation together.

Change is good: it helps us realize what our priorities are. Please let the pastors know if you have any questions, ideas or concerns about this conclusion.

Thank you, ALL OF YOU for your support of the missions to Guatemala over the last 15 years: thank you for your passion, prayer and financial support, and we look forward to hearing your responses and your dreams.

Peace, Pastor Katy and Darlene Lucas

United Methodist Women

Emma Norton Item Drive

Remember a few years ago the United Methodist Women asked this church to help give the Emma's Kids new pajamas for Christmas? You stepped up and we provided 13 households with new pajamas.

Emma Norton is a United Methodist Women National Mission Institution located in the Twin Cities. They again have a "project" for us! They have a new program called Scattered Sit Housing which provides families able to leave Emma's Place program and live on their own with access to support services.

From June 9th through June 23rd our motto is "Lets Fill the Laundry Baskets!" We will provide the laundry baskets and the lists of needed items to drop-off at church. On June 23rd we will reveal how many laundry baskets were filled by Christ United Methodist Church! Thank you for continuing to join UMW and Emma Norton in eradicating poverty, homelessness, and stigma as we work to remove trauma that hurts us all.

Emma Norton In-Kind Needs

- Facial tissues
 - New personal care/hygiene/makeup products
 - Laundry supplies
 - cleaning supplies
 - light-weight dinner & salad plates
 - Adult & youth sized socks
 - Women's slippers & bathrobes
 - coloring books & accessories
 - gift cards to Aldi, Cub Foods, Target & Walmart
 - Welcome Basket
- Welcome Baskets consist of**
- A LAUNDRY BASKET FILLED WITH:
 - Blanket, pillow, twin flat sheet, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, bath towel, coffee mug, pillow case, twin fitted sheet, toothpaste, bar soap, conditioner, handtowel/ washcloth.
 - *Optional:* Lotion, 4x6 picture frame, journal, lint roller



Lydia Project Update: In May 2018, CUMC accepted the challenge to help the MN Conference with the Lydia Project. When the conference meets in 2020 there will be 10,000 purple hand stitched scarves given to ALL those in attendance. As of May we have 161 of 200 scarves finished.

As delegates from all over the world arrive at the General Conference in June, 2020 they will each be given a scarf (stole) as a reminder to work in union with Christ and his teachings as they consider the important legislation before them.

On June 18 we're hoping to reach our goal of 200 scarves delivered. Thank you to our knitters and non-knitters who have helped by donating cash, boxes, and yarn. We had fun knitting, sharing, and laughing together. We are proud to be a warm welcome for ALL United Methodists worldwide. *-Marjie Blaisdell*

Lydia Project Members :

Knitters

- Marjie Blaisdell
- Katherine Buck
- Dorothy Cooper
- Nancy Currier
- Carlene Diekhuis
- Carole Drath
- Sue Dripps
- Diana Eickelberg
- Janet Erie
- Kathy Estry
- Nancy Faupel
- Karen Fields
- Cheryl Hamm
- Amy Humphrey
- Sara King
- Kathy Lawson
- Katy Lee
- Oralene Lindsey
- Michelle Perry
- Loise Rainey
- Anne Roering
- Mary Schmidt

- Joyce Sharp
- Sandy Shirk-Heath
- Diane Shopteau
- Daphne Soleil
- Sandy Thompson
- Dee Tweed
- Joanne Wayne
- Nancy Wheeler
- Aileen Williams
- Lori Wright
- Linda Youlden

Donations of money & yarn

- Irene Blohm
- Dick Estry
- Gail Flanders
- Marjorie Ginn
- Judy Grabau
- Sandy Hokanson
- Dick Morris
- Deedee Odell
- Linda Roberts
- Judy Zierdt



UMW Rummage sale: May 2019 - The United Methodist Women Spring rummage sale is one of several fund-raisers organized by the entire UMW unit. Proceeds are used to support local community organizations. Monies and clothing this year will be donated to the Lutheran Ladies, Christmas Anonymous and the V.A. facility in Hastings. We wish to thank church members and friends for your donations of various items. Kudos to the CUMC Thrift store volunteers who gave winter and other seasonal clothing for the sale. Our appreciation to our members and volunteers who helped set up on Thursday, assist with the sale for 2 days and take down after the sale on Saturday afternoon. We extend a special thanks to Building Manager Kent Nyman and custodial staff B.J. and Adam. Lastly we wish to express our gratitude to the men who donate their time to load up carts during drop-off on Thursday and carry out bagged and boxed items on Saturday at the end of the sale. Co-chairs – Wailana Barker, Mae Belle Erickson, and Deb Jensen

So, what will the Lage Family do in Guatemala?

As John said last month, we are no longer volunteering with Salud y Paz, but we know that God still has work for us here in Guatemala. The following is just one example: About a year ago, I met a family whose cousin Tomasa (Pharmacy worker at SyP) had asked if we could help this single Dad and two young boys to build a small home on his brother's property. We met Victor and immediately I could see the challenges that he faced in providing for his family. Not only was he born with club feet (common in Guatemala) but he had Amniotic Band Syndrome that was never addressed. Commonly called Streeter's syndrome, in the western world it is treated while the child is still in the womb, or shortly afterward with little long-lasting results in most cases.

Through my Bible Study Group, I knew of a non-profit organization across the lake that hosts an Orthopedic Surgery team once a year. I asked Victor if I could take a picture of his leg. He agreed. One glance at the picture and I was told that they would see him the next time the surgery team came provided we could get him to their location. He only had to wait 9 months.



That was a long time to wait, but with regular care and following the doctor's instructions he was ready and healthy when the team arrived. John and I were with him for his surgery and have been making sure that he gets to his follow up appointments. He is doing well and will be getting a prosthetic leg in July which will be a life changing event for him. God is good! During this experience with Victor, we've been led to other rural Guatemalans who need specialized surgeries and/or treatments. It is difficult to find the right place to go to get the help they need. Many times, they are told that what they need is not possible unless they go to the United States. I believe that God wants us to help advocate for these patients and find the treatments they need. There is much more to discern as we move forward, but God continues to put people in our path who have similar callings. People who desire to build a hospital that can accommodate these specific types of needs. Our summer visit will not occur until after Victor receives his prosthetic in July. When we have exact dates, we will be sure to let you all know so that we can have the opportunity to share with you more. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we discover what God has in store for us.

- Jan, John and John Edmund Lage - CUMC missionaries in Guatemala



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 by the 3rd 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.



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

3rd Sunday Forum

June 16, 10:15 AM Hamline Room

"Our Mississippi Our Future?"

Gale Julius, The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy has funded conservation work in Minnesota in a variety of different ways for decades. In 2008, the organization helped to pass the Legacy Amendment creating a permanent source for conservation funding. However, since then the need to do significant work has outpaced the funding and the Minnesota legislature has stopped using bonding and other approaches to generate additional revenue for many conservation programs.

Gale Julius will share with us the Nature Conservancy's push for a significant increase in conservation funding that focuses on the Mississippi Headwaters river basin, draws on science to ensure that the money is being invested strategically in the right places and in the right kinds of conservation, addresses the challenges facing that landscape at scale, and allows conservation organizations to access more resources to do important work.

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 will be forming in the fall. Please consider hosting a group of your choice.

Do you have an interest or hobby you would like to share, a book that meant a lot to you or an area of special knowledge? Fall activities like hiking, visiting nearby parks, biking? Do you like knitting, quilting, crocheting? Making soup, baking bread, holiday cookies? Knowledge in the arts like music, painting, or photography, pottery? Aging well? Contact Pam Lund (lund.pamela7@gmail.com).

Groups That Meet Weekly and Welcome New Members

2:00 PM – Monday – Women's Discussion Group/Fireside Room

7:30 AM – Thursday – Men's Coffee Group/Room 145

4:00pm – Thursday – Gal's Group – Fireside Room

10:15 AM – Sunday – Mixed Group/Library

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

Road Construction Update

Currently the road construction looks like: 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!

A detailed map of the road construction can be found on our website: cumethodist.com on the home page, just scroll down!

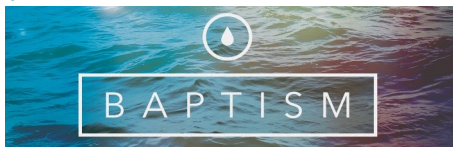


Notes From Nancy

- Kathy Stettler is stepping down from being communion steward June 1. Many thanks to Kathy for her careful, thorough working in all things communion. We also welcome Mike Skillern to this area of service as our new communion steward. He will be serving along with Linda Hyde who continues in this role. The communion stewards keep track of supplies, order and deliver the bread and juice along with other items. They line up volunteers to help at each service and prepare communion for homebound communion. Mike and Kathy Nerlien set up and clean up communion at our 8:00 service and a number of people take turns with helping out at the 11:00 service. Thanks to all of you. If you would like to serve in this important ministry, please contact Linda or Mike.
- Thank you to those who participated in the Lydia Project for General Conference in May, 2020 in Minneapolis. CUMC members and friends knitted or crocheted 200 Viking purple scarves for General Conference! The scarves will be blessed at our 9:00 Tradition service on June 16. Our delegates for Annual Conference will bring them to St. Cloud June 18-20.
- Parish Ministers, Lay visitors and other church members recently attended a presentation on end of life issues by Dr. Ed Creagan. He was speaking about his new book about questions families have about this topic. We learned more about the importance of advance care directives so loved ones and health professionals know our wishes in our final days. We also heard about the POLST document, the hospice benefit and the help that a palliative care consult can provide. The role of the pastor and the caring visitor was also emphasized.



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



Rebecca Perkins Harrington
was baptized May 7th

Joshua Lindenfeld was
baptized on May 19th

Welcome New Intentional Disciples!



Dwayne & Diane Houdek!

Dwayne and Diane moved to Rochester from Mabel, MN about a year ago. They are retired and wanted to move closer to their family. They love Rochester and look forward to meeting new friends.

In Memoriam



Mae DeFosse
June 4, 1924
April 5, 2019



Kathryn Bencoter
Jan 27, 1931
April 30, 2019



Patricia Cousins
Nov 1, 1935
May 6, 2019



Iris Pagenhart
March 26, 1939
May 12, 2019



Ulanda "Lou" Bailey
Aug 12, 1934
May 18, 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 June 9. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email (email@cumethodist.com) if you have questions or would like more information.

Hopeful Earth (Becoming a Green Church!) Ministries



We are finishing a season of great congregational participation in working for Earth Sustainability. On Creation Care Sunday, May 5, Pastor Elizabeth cited the many efforts our church is making on behalf of Creation. (note below some of our work). Pastors Nancy and Katy contributed with eloquent and touching prayers. During the Forum Pastor E told about her spiritual renewal leave which focused upon Sabbath and "Wilding." Remaining from that special Sunday are two beautiful displays in the lobby of some of our Creation Care projects. Our Leadership Committee invites all of you to join our team. Our planning for the remaining of 2019 Creation Care projects will take place Wednesday, June 5, at 5:30. You are invited. Bring with you curiosity, concern and commitment. This is really exciting ministry. And urgent: creating a safe planet for all species.

- Buildings and Grounds energy conservation- LED lights and efficiency windows
- Church Gardens with pollinator plants to help save the butterflies (also to provide that really effective prayer method, the dirty hands prayer.)
- Climate Conversation held with focus upon climate refugees.
- Sponsorship of Rochester's Earth Fest- newspaper ad and booth at the Saturday Green Expo at RCTC
- Additional recycling containers and resources for a variety of citizen recycling methods
- The Thrift on Fifth clothing store of recycled clothes. Everything is a buck, kids 50cents. All the proceeds go to support scholarships for our child care program.
- Lobbying state and local politicians to support legislative policies which benefit the earth.
- Develop solar and other infrastructure methods which reduce our carbon imprint.

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19 **LOVE**
OFFERING
for missions

LOVE OFFERING 2019

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

CUMC will be taking love offerings now through June 16th. You can find small offering envelopes marked "Love Offering" in your pews at church.

The theme of the [2019 Annual Conference session](#) - taking place June 18-20 in St. Cloud—is "Dare to Reach -Love Boldly!" This year's Love Offering will include two parts, a financial offering and an offering of names. The funds from this year's financial offering will go to three projects: Lao Samphan Methodist Church (60%), Volunteer Lawyers Network (20%), and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (20%). The second part of the Love Offering involves giving to God names of acquaintances who do not know Christ, for whom we are committed to "dare to reach" through our prayers and our witness of compassion, love, and hope.

The Mettam Family

Recently, here at CUMC we were visited by descendants of Rev. John Mettam. Pictured left to right: Great-Great Granddaughter Melanie, Grandson Richard, and Great Granddaughter Rev. Kimberlee.

Rev. Mettam was a Methodist Chaplain for Rochester hospitals beginning in 1938 and continued important ministry work throughout his life. information about Rev. Mettam can be found on our website:

<https://www.cumethodist.com/rev-john-mettam>



Be The Peace - ASP 2019

Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.” 1 Samuel 25:6

This year marks the 38th year that Christ United Methodist Church will send its youth and adult leaders on a mission trip with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Thirty-eight years of support and prayers have helped shape the lives of many youth and adults in our community and in the communities we have served in Appalachia.

This year’s ASP theme is from 1 Samuel.

Peace is more than the absence of conflict. A Shalom kind of peace is a sense of well-being, wholeness, prosperity, tranquility. It is living in harmony with all of humanity, with all of creation. In 1 Samuel, David sent people ahead of him to greet with words of peace and grace a landowner named Nabal—a man not known for his social graces. Similarly, we can offer the same greeting to any person we encounter: “Peace be to you.” This is how “strangers” become “friends we just haven’t met.”

Already, it has been a Fall and Winter of hard work, prayer and song. In October, the youth and adults met for the first mission project, Fall Helping Hands, raking yards in the Rochester community. November and December found the teams in the church making lefse to sell between services. February, we experienced a retreat for us all to meet, hold orientation sessions, begin team building and prepare for the mission work ahead. In March we held our Lenten Brunch followed by Spring Helping Hands. April, May and June are filled with final preparations and more team building for the mission work to be done this July.

Page 7 includes the names of all the adults and youth serving with ASP this year. If they are able to contribute, we ask \$400 from each youth. But it costs over \$1000 for each youth to participate in ASP. Therefore, if it is possible for you, we are asking for your financial support. Your donation will help make this year’s mission trip possible. **All donations are 100% tax deductible.**

If you would like to support our 2019 ASP mission trip you can:

- Mail your donation to the church office using form below (Christ United Methodist Church, 400 Fifth Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902)
- Visit <http://www.cumethodist.com/give/> and submit money electronically either through a credit card or an electronic funds transfer from your bank account.

Thank you for your support. You will be hearing from us from Kentucky! God’s Peace,
The 2019 ASP Adult Leadership and Youth Teams



ASP 2019 Donor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Donated: _____

(optional) My donation is in honor of: _____

Please make checks payable to: Christ United Methodist Church - ASP.

The Gifts of Giving

Easter Offerings

As a result of your generous Easter offerings, Christ UMC has donated \$5,774.14 to the Reconciling Ministries Network. This investment will go toward mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. Right now, this group is working to pass legislation that fully includes LGBTQIA people and their families in the life and ministries of The United Methodist Church.



Mission Social Justice Committee Gifts

The Mission Social Justice Committee has raised \$4,605 for the SE MN Inter-faith Immigrant Legal Defense (SMIILD) Fund. SMIILD has a goal to raise \$50,000 and contract with a nonprofit legal services provider. This would provide assistance to people in the immigration court system or in ICE detention who lack the means to hire an attorney. Having an attorney can significantly improve the chances of avoiding detention and deportation. The opportunity for a fair hearing is a matter of fundamental justice. Thank you to Larry Segar for heading up this initiative.



Do you wish you could **improve your strength, balance and flexibility?**
Do you want to **decrease your risk of falling?**

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

A free exercise program for you!

SAIL is a free senior exercise class hosted here at CUMC - 4:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday in Wesley Hall. This class is designed specifically for older adults and focuses on stability & flexibility to help stay active and reduce risks for falling. No registration required, just show up!



SPARK!

THEME: CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

MONDAY, JUNE 3
10:30AM-NOON

LOCATION
HISTORY CENTER OF OLMPSTED COUNTY
1195 W CIRCLE DR SW ROCHESTER, MN

SPARK! is a program designed for individuals with early to middle stage dementia and their caregivers.

Coffee and Cookies, conversation, music, craft, and more.

Please join us for an enjoyable time together at the History Center of Olmsted County.

Sponsored by:
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: AARON SATERDALEN @ 507-282-9447 OR PROGRAMS@OLMPSTEDHISTORY.COM

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August
**ALL CHURCH
CAMPING TRIP**

Part of Pastor Elizabeth's grant included having a "wild" time in the company of church folk. This is a free trip, so your camping, food and s'mores are paid for.

Please sign up in the church office or at

<https://tinyurl.com/CUMCCamping2019>

*Pastor Katy
Goodbye Party*

PASTOR KATY IS SETTING
SAIL ON A NEW ADVENTURE
COME SAY YOUR GOODBYES
AND WISH HER WELL ON
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