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Pastor's Pen

WITH REV. KIRKLAND REYNOLDS, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Never underestimate the appeal of a jar opener.

That's just one of the many good things we learned through CUMC's presence at Rochester Pride 2022.



Church members greeted attendees of Rochester Pride by affirming LGTQIA+ persons and allies while also handing out free "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors...and Open Jars" jar openers. Most people did not expect to be offered a free jar opener, but nearly every person happily said, "Yes please, I need one!"

That's grace: finding exactly what you need, especially when you weren't expecting to find it. And that's a life modeled by grace: offering gifts to people exactly where they are.

For many years the people of The United Methodist Church have called ourselves a church with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. This motto of openness has served as a rallying cry to how we conduct ourselves within the church and a promise to the world we strive to love and serve.

There is so much brokenness, suffering, and pain today. We may be entering another wave in the covid-19 pandemic. May 25 marks the 2nd anniversary of George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis. War continues in Ukraine. 19 children and 2 adults were killed in their school in Uvalde, Texas by an 18 year old.

Remembering incidents of gun violence in the US, David Leonhardt writes in The New York Times: "The list from just the past decade includes supermarkets in Buffalo and in Boulder, Colo.; a rail yard in San Jose, Calif.; a birthday party in Colorado Springs; a convenience store in Springfield, Mo.; a synagogue in Pittsburgh; churches in Sutherland Springs, Texas, and in Charleston, S.C.; a Walmart in El Paso; a FedEx warehouse in Indianapolis; a music festival in Las Vegas; massage parlors in the Atlanta area; a Waffle House in Nashville; a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla.; and a movie theater in Aurora, Colo."

Friends, I will be honest with you. All this tragedy is exhausting and at times seemingly endless. Every time I learn of another experience of human suffering I say that my heart breaks. But after my heart breaking so many times, I sometimes wonder if there's anything left to break the next time.

We need God. This is always true. We need God, and we need each other. Our life together as a congregation affords so many opportunities to receive and offer grace. Because what we need - what the world and the church needs - is grace, as well as strength, resolve, and hope.

This New Spirit newsletter is filled with opportunities to experience grace through church gatherings, worship services, being present in the surrounding community, learning something new, and meeting others' needs through service. I hope something in this newsletter will help you offer grace to others and help you make time to open yourself to the grace God offers you.

Because, honestly, grace is just like a jar opener: when we are offered it there's nothing else we can say than, "Yes please, I need it."

Be well and keep the faith,

Pastor Kirkland

Pastor Kirkland

Farewell from two of our staff members

Kent Nyman

Blessings to all

I would like to share with the congregation of that my wife, Cheryl, has accepted an appointment to minister in the Dakota conference beginning in July of 2022.

I will be leaving my position on June 10th of this year to begin our process of moving and transitioning to a new location. I would like to thank CUMC for giving the opportunity of serving this wonderful place of worship and will always have fond memories I will miss all the wonderful and gracious people I have come to know in my time here.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped me with the revitalization of the property and who continue to do so. I would not have been able to accomplish as much as I have without your support and dedication.

I will miss you all and keep you in my heart and prayers. Thank you, and I wish all the best to my family at CUMC.

Kari Hanson

This fall, I will begin studying at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry to earn my D.D.S. My fiancé, William, and I are excited to make our move to Iowa City this summer and to begin wedding planning! As I reflect on my five years in Rochester, I am filled with so much gratitude for the time I have spent at Christ UMC. Working with the Jubilee Bell ringers has been such a gift that I will forever hold close to my heart. It has been so much fun watching the ringers grow as musicians, as well as in height!! It has been a blessing to work with and serve the Christ UMC community, and I want to thank you all for your continued love and support. Rochester and this church will always hold a very special place in my heart. In fact, William and I are already talking about returning to this special place we call home after my dental school journey. With much love and gratitude, Kari.



VBS 2022 Register today for this summer's biggest party at CUMC, the VBS Food Truck Party! VBS is for age 4 years old through 5th grade! To register, type tinyurl.com/CUMCVBS2022 into your browser and fill out the form. • VBS takes a village of people to make it happen. We are in need of adult volunteers to help with VBS. To volunteer contact Jody (jody@cumethodist.com) • All Volunteers are asked to attend a Safe Sanctuary training on June 8th after Summer CU Wednesdays. This is an abridged version of Safe Sanctuary • Middle Schoolers will help with VBS from 9-noon, then stay for extended programming and activity time until 3pm.

Pentecost 2022



Congregational Meeting with the Leadership Board in the Sanctuary

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

Summer Children, Youth and Intergenerational Ministries Schedule

Grades are your grade for the 22-23 school year. Current 5th graders, welcome to youth group! Intergenerational events are for everybody; preschool to great grandmas.

June 2022

5 (Sunday) Jubilee Bells in 9:00am worship; Picnic at Oxbow Park 1:00-3:00pm (Intergenerational)

8 (Wednesday) Dinner 5:30-6:30pm (Intergenerational); Safe Sanctuaries training for VBS volunteers at 6:30pm

9 (Thursday) Meet Up at the Public Library 2:00-4:00pm (Grades 6-12) Let's start summer with some time at the local library! We'll show each other our favorite children's books, play some games, pick out a summer youth group book and more. Pastor Amanda will be joined by special leadership guest Mr. Nick.

12 (Sunday) "Finding Fellowship" Movie and Zoom 6:00pm (Grades 9-adult)

13-17 (Monday-Friday) Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 (4 years - 5th grade attend; youth and adults volunteer) After VBS Youth activities in the community from 12:00-3:00. Bring a lunch!

18 (Saturday) Church booth at the community Juneteenth celebration (noon-5:00pm) MLK Jr. Park

21 (Tuesday) ASP supersized training event. 6:30pm-9:00pm All current and former ASP people are welcome to attend as we review sensitivity, safety and stewardship. There will be Dairy Queen ice cream cake.

22 (Wednesday) Knitting at church 1:30-3:00 (Grades 6-12 with Knit and Pray) Looking for a new summer hobby? Friends from our prayer shawl knitting ministry will be at church to teach us how to knit. You can bring your own yarn to make a small scarf, or use supplies we will provide.

26 (Sunday) ASP Commissioning in Worship; small group discussion "Parenting Adult Children with Unique Needs" 10:15-11:00

July 2022

2-11 ASP

7 Evening youth event tbd

13 Wednesday Dinner 5:30-6:30 (Intergenerational)

17 Groundies and Gaga Ball at Jefferson School 6:00-7:30pm (Intergenerational)

19 EarthKeepers Field Trip (Intergenerational)

20 and 21 Dungeons and Dragons 6:00-9:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Week of July 24 Axes and Tacos (9th-12th grade)

31 Trivia at the Work Shop 3:00pm-5:00pm (Intergenerational)

Stay tuned for details on these unscheduled events!

- Pipes and Pizza
- Youth FMSC
- Learn to do staff event
- Axes and Tacos

August 2022

4 Game Day at Church 2:00-4:00pm (Grades 6-12)

8-9 Overnight Mission Trip (Grades 5-9)

10 Wednesday Dinner 5:30-6:30 (Intergenerational)

17 Evening youth event tbd (grades 6-12)

19-21 All Church Campout (Intergenerational)

24 Daytime youth event tbd (grades 6-12)

Watch for fall information in August including Sunday School and CU Wednesdays!



ASP Schedule

We are in the final weeks of preparation for our church return to the Appalachia Service Project. 7 youth and 4 adults from our church will be traveling July 2-11 to Breathitt County, Kentucky. We are so excited to return to this life changing mission opportunity. You can help our group by holding us in prayer as this is a new expression of the ASP ministry. Join us in worship on June 19 for a testimonial to the power of this ministry and the opportunity to financially support our work at eradicating poverty. On June 26 we will commission our teams and on July 17 we will share stories from the 2022 ASP trip in worship. Thank you for believing in this ministry and rekindling the Spirit's work!

- **June 19** witness and financial appeal in worship
- **June 21** Supersized Training on Sensitivity, Safety and Stewardship
- **June 26** servant commissioning in worship
- **July 1** pick up and load van and trailer
- **July 2** morning ASP Traditions and departure to Lexington/Louisville
- **July 3** Arrive at Center
- **July 4-8** Service days
- **July 9** morning departure to Camp Moneto for retreat
- **July 10** van due back
- **July 11** team returns
- **July 17** Sharing our story in worship

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 cumethodist.com/foundation. The Foundation is 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 cumethodist.com/foundation.

FINDING

FELLOWSHIP





June 12th at 5pm in the ECC
we will host a screening of the
documentary *Finding Fellowship*.

All Are Welcome

Finding Fellowship Film Screening & Director Q&A :

June 12th 5pm (ECC). Join us for a screening of the powerful film *Finding Fellowship* that follows three racially-segregated churches in Quince Orchard, Maryland that had each fallen on hard financial times. In 1968, as members of these three churches debated the consequences of merging, it was announced that Martin Luther King, Jr. had just been murdered. Despite King's assassination, the three churches voted to merge their congregations into one. Come for a viewing in the ECC followed by a time of Zoom conversation with the filmmaker Jason Greene. You can find out more about the film at www.findingfellowship.film



A Disciple's Path

HopePointe Fall Series 2017

A Disciple's Path by James Harnish. Led by our pastors, we'll meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00-7:30 pm starting on June 14th and running through July 5th . Contact the church office to join the group. The companion reader is available for \$7 through the church or you can purchase on your own.

A Disciple's Path Small Group: If you're new to the church or simply looking for a way to grow in your faith and connection with CUMC, join us for a 4-week study of



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.



Thrift On Fifth - Updated Store Hours

Thrift on Fifth is open Wednesdays, 4-7 PM, Saturdays 9-12 Noon, and Sundays 10-11am. We appreciate all our shoppers and donors. From now on, please donate warm weather clothing items only.

**Thrift on Fifth
is open every
Wednesday 4-7pm,
Saturday 9am-12pm,
Sunday 10-11am**



United Women in Faith (formerly UMW)

The United Women in Faith (previously UMW) invites you to attend our Time of Remembrance on June 2nd at 10am in the Commons. We will honor the following women that have passed away since our previous service in 2019: Mae DeFossi, Iris Pagenhart, Marie Toews, Pat Wick, Marcia Brown, Barbara Moulton, Ardys Bartel, Jane Sutter, JoAnn Hoffman, Joanne Wayne, Melva Schmidt, Marilyn Houdek, Marianne Buss, Jean Dunn and Dorothy Cooper. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and a service led by Pastor Jenny Cannon.

Article submitted by Deedee Odell



Visit us at Rochester's Juneteenth celebration

We are hosting a booth to show our support for Rochester's Juneteenth celebration. **Saturday, June 18, from 12pm-5pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.** Lets come together to show support for these important social causes!



Peace with Justice Sunday June 12th

We welcome Rev. Dana Neuhauser, the Racial Justice Organizer for the Minnesota Annual

Conference will be our preacher for this Sunday.





Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

"When people go within and connect with themselves, they realize they are connected to the universe and they are connected to all living things." - Armand F. DiMele, psychotherapist, and radio host of "The Positive Mind"

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.

"Participating in Mission: Biwalla, Sierra Leone"

June 19, 2022, 10:00 am – In-person Wesley Hall and on Zoom

Presenter: Rev. Rick Ormsby, UMC Pastor and former District Superintendent

Come and hear the wonderFULL story of Judith Banya, a little girl in Baiwalla, Sierra Leone, West Africa – one of the poorest villages, in one of the poorest countries, in the poorest continent on planet earth. Come and hear the wonderFULL story of her journey through high school, college, and seminary to become an ordained pastor in the Minnesota Annual Conference and serving churches in Wells, Alden, and St. Paul. Come and hear the wonderFULL story of her return to Sierra Leone in 2013 to start three congregations, build a guest house, host mission groups, oversee the establishment of a high school with 300 students, organize a 30 acre farm, a community center with a store and cantina, and play a leadership role (including being a District Superintendent) in the Sierra Leone Annual Conference.

Previous forums are archived at: <https://youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochesternn>

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*. 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 or on Zoom!

Inquiring Spirits

Host: Ed Shafer ~ **Time:** Sundays - 10:15AM ~ **Place:** Room 146 & Zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/82253693720
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 more info email Ed at shaferchurch@hotmail.com.

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 (Taking a summer break; returning in September!)

Hosts: Brian and Millie Webb **Time:** Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00 - 6:30 pm **Place:** Members' Homes
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

Knit One Pray, Too**Host:** Marjie Blaisdell **Time:** Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon **Place:** WebEx

Contact Marjie at mablaisdell@gmail.com to receive a link to the WebEx meeting. The group is knitting prayer shawls and scarves and hats for winter.

Men's Coffee Group**Host:** Dick Estry **Time:** Thursdays at 8:00 AM **Place:** Room 146 & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503377386?pwd=czVQNzIxTTE1eHdvdmgzZlBXdmxZz09>)

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.stry@gmail.com for further information.

Theology on Brew**Hosts:** Pastors Jenny & Kirkland ~ **Time:** Second Thursdays at 6:30pm ~ **Place:** 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.

Documentary Screening**Finding Fellowship****Host:** Jason Green, Director **Time:** Sunday June 12 at 5:00pm **Place:** ECC

Finding Fellowship follows three racially segregated Methodist churches in Quince Orchard, Maryland that had each fallen on hard financial times. In 1968, as members of the three churches debated the consequences of merging, it was announced that Martin Luther King, Jr. had just been murdered. Despite King's assassination, the churches voted to merge their congregations into one.

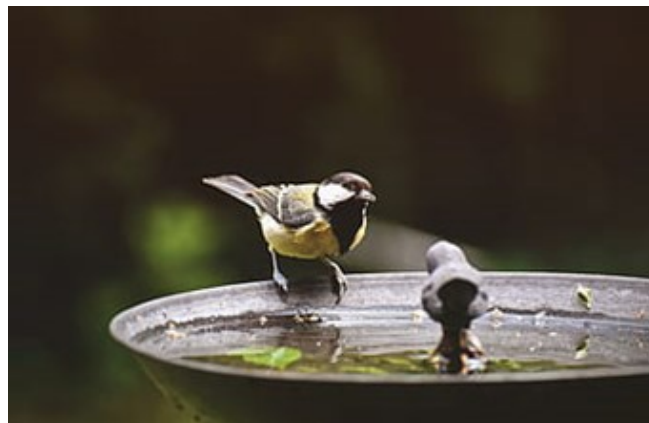
This documentary captures how the seeds for potential reconciliation were planted in the same fields where slave masters terrorized and offers an example of communities leaning on their shared heritage to progress.

In 2021 Finding Fellowship received: Best Documentary by Silk Road Film Awards Cannes & Best Director by Columbia Film Festival

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 cumethodist.com/faith-life for a complete listing and registration information.**

Garden Ministry Update

Garden Ministry is excited for another season of planting and improving our grounds. We will be replacing the north & south plantings in the East parking lot the week of June 6 and having the bushes removed in the window well by the East door. We will be installing fun things in that area for the THRIVE preschoolers to see out their window including whirligigs, bird houses/feeders, items for fairy garden etc. If you have any of these items or would like to participate in designing this space, please leave your name and contact information in the office. We are also looking for ground cover. Weekly gardening times will be every Thursday from 8 – 10am and the 4th Saturday of the month from 9-11. Watch for additional gardening announcements throughout this summer. Thank you. ~ Mary Schmidt



Christ United Methodist Church Finance Report

Christ UMC continues to be in sound financial condition.

Operating Budget Summary

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Giving	\$338,836	\$310,156	\$ 28,680
Total Income*	\$412,684	\$408,740	\$ 3,945
Expenses	\$348,784	\$370,671	-\$ 21,887
Net Income *	\$ 63,091	\$ 38,069	\$ 25,832

* These results include unrealized net losses of \$38,144 from our investments with the Dakota-Minnesota UMC Foundation. Excluding these Total Income would be \$450,829 and Net Income \$102,045.

Assets and Liabilities

At the end of April, the church had cash and other marketable assets of \$972,240 of which \$669,741 was unrestricted, enough to fund 6.8 months of budgeted expenses. Our objective has been to be between 3 and 6 months, but we continue to believe that given current economic conditions a more conservative approach is appropriate.

Liabilities were \$302,499 of which \$286,128 were in restricted accounts contributed by the congregation for specific missions and projects. The largest of these include:

\$89,856 in bequests received by the church and controlled by the Trustees. Because of their restrictions they have been placed with the CUMC Foundation for management. The Foundation's total portfolio at the end of March (the last month for which data is available) was \$787,769.

\$54,661 in the Makinen Bequest account. The Makinen Bequest provided the seed money from which Thrive! arose, what remains may be used as the Leadership Board and congregation determine our needs.

\$23,862 in the Saturday Noon Meals account. \$10,000 of this has been earmarked for necessary upgrades to the kitchen exhaust hood.

\$20,000 to be used by Leadership Board as they assess future needs.

\$15,239 in the Music Ministry account.

\$8,534 in the Capital Campaign account which will be used for HVAC repair this year.

The church has no long-term debt.

THRIVE! Scholarships

At the end of April, we had \$3,953 available for distribution to THRIVE!

Please contact Dick Estry (288-5938, rk.stry@gmail.com) with questions or comments.



CU Wednesdays Summer!

We're hosting a picnic in the labyrinth on the Second Wednesday of June, July and August. This intergenerational time of fellowship is open to all!

S U M M E R 2 0 2 2

Notes from Pastor Nancy

Care for persons in the Hospital

Mayo Clinic Hospitals now allow two visitors per patient. You may choose to have one of your pastors be one of the two visitors.

Staff, friends or family need to call us and let us know of your request. There is always a minister on call, including nights and weekends. Just follow the instructions on the answering machine at church.

You need not be a member of Christ UMC to request a visit. Our guests may also request a pastoral visit.

The medical team can authorize a pastoral visit if a patient is experiencing a medical emergency. This request needs to have the pastor's name entered in the record for us to gain admittance.

In addition, you may ask to have your name on the prayer chain or in the bulletin. You may request communion, anointing, a handmade prayer shawl.

If you are at Olmsted Medical Center Hospital, you may also call us for a visit.

Thank You Flower Delivery Team!

Thank you to Kathy Davis for leading the Flower Ministry Team this year. Thanks to the four persons who called the 100 homebound and 11 bereaved members(!): Elaine Bauman, Jan Bolton, Gwen Mead and Judi Berg. Thank you to those who delivered the roughly 60 plants: Gwen and Larry Scilley, Sherry and Chip Swenson, Mary Schmidt, Judi and George Berg, Marjie and Jerry Blaisdell, Deb Jensen, Deedee Odell, Linda Hyde, Gwen Mead, Peggy Milbrant and Kathy Davis.

Parents of Special Needs Adult Children Discussion

We invite parents of adult children with special needs to join a discussion of the joys and challenges in your family life. We will offer a place to share our experiences and resources within the context of our faith. This third gathering around a topic of family life will happen June 26 from 10-11 in room 135. Watch for more information in future Connections newsletters from Pastor Amanda, Pastor Nancy, and Jody Peterson

CUMC Vegetable Garden

The vegetable garden has been cleaned, mulch added and planted for the 2022 season. Thank you to Steve Robie who hauled mulch from the parking lot to the vegetable garden on May 15th and improved the look of the garden.

The garden was planted on May 28, and we are hoping for another productive year with tomatoes, peppers, beans, herbs, flowers, squash, and pumpkins. We continue to use tomatoes that were canned last summer and dried herbs in our meals for the Saturday Noon Meal program.

Thank you to everyone that has supported this ministry program and volunteered with planting and watering.

If you are interested in volunteering with weeding or watering this summer - please contact Kathy Lombardo at kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com or by telephone at 507-398-2686.

Thank you for your support of this ministry program.

Kathy Lombardo



Christ United Methodist Church May 2022



Litter Bit Better - May 1



Confirmation Sunday
May 22



Saturday Noon Meals

The Saturday Noon Meals program is currently serving 50 meals each Saturday to The Landing at the Salvation Army location. Our plan is to continue to provide this outreach program to The Landing which serves those that are homeless or experiencing food insecurity in Rochester.

We are grateful for our community partnership with Channel One, People's Food Co-op and Thrive for their weekly donations of food. We would like to thank Sharonne Hayes for her donation of food that will be utilized with our meals. We would also like to welcome our new volunteers - Patty Gilmore and Mitch & Jeryl Mitchell. Thank you for your service.



I would like to reference the recent Post Bulletin article by Randy Petersen regarding an elective Street Medicine program for Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine students. This article highlighted the SNM program at CUMC and involvement by Jessica Trinh, a second year Mayo Clinic medical student. The SNMs program welcomed Mayo Clinic medical students in the fall of 2021, and they continue to regularly volunteer on Saturdays. It is a wonderful article and emphasizes the importance of the work that we do to support those in need within our community.

Thank you for your support of the SNMs program.

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.

Kathy Lombardo

Saturday Noon Meals Post Bulletin Excerpt:

“That was one of the first experiences I had in Rochester, and it felt like that experience really opened my eyes to the importance of understanding what persons experiencing homelessness are going through and making sure they are represented,” said first-year students Jessica Trinh, who later also started helping prepare Saturday meals at Christ United Methodist Church, which are delivered to The Landing for distribution.”

Full article:

<https://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/medical-students-plan-to-keep-taking-their-lessons-to-the-street>



First-year medical student Jessica Trinh, right, prepares meals on April 16, 2022, with Christ United Methodist Church member Kathy Lombardo at the Rochester church. The hot meals were later delivered to The Landing MN for distribution. Photo by Randy Petersen/Post Bulletin

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

In Memoriam



Eleanor Lewis
September 30, 1918
May 4, 2022



Janet Hird
July 21, 1931
May 11, 2022



Daniel Berg
May 25, 1966
November 1, 2021

The CUMC Tree of Life: Living, Celebrating, & Remembering With You (cont.)



We celebrated the Confirmation of 11 young people May 22!



Brianna Bowman (Blake) She, Her, Hers - Bri is a 9th grader at John Marshall High School. Bri enjoys swimming, music, and showing an artistic side in many different ways.



Aidan Gross He, Him, His - Aidan is a 9th grader at Byron High School. He has been attending CUMC in 2006. He plays basketball and baseball and is always involved in sports. His favorite candy is Swedish Fish and he has two dogs named Ace and Bailey.



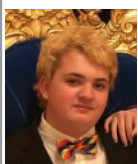
Evita Elizabeth Hansen She, Her, Hers - Evita is a 9th grader at Mayo High School. She has been attending CUMC since 2007. She plays soccer and runs track. Evita likes reading, listening to music, taking care of plants and hiking. She has two cats and one dog named Pepper.



Maddie Kennicutt They/Them- Maddie loves to read, draw paint and watch cartoons. Maddie is in 8th grade at Willow Creek Middle School and has been attending CUMC since 2020.



Abigail Rose Neuvirthhe, Her, Hers - Abigail is an 8th grader at Willow Creek Middle School. She loves art, drawing, sketching and painting. She has a small group of friends that she really likes hanging out with.



Jonathan Vanderheiden (Jon) He, Him, His - Jon is an 8th grader at Friedell Middle School 8th Grader. He started attending CUMC in 2020. He exists sometimes. He plays video games, and when he isn't playing video games, is reading about video games, and when he isn't reading about video games he's drawing something from video games, and when he's asleep, he's dreaming about video games, and when he's awake, he thinks about video games. He is obsessed with Japan and wants to live there some day



Congrats Grads!!

Logan Ackerman is graduating Mayo High School and will be attending UW Eau Claire pursuing a career in teaching and continuing his love for the arts

Morgan Blomberg is graduating from John Marshall High School and will be attending UMN Duluth studying Biology

Aaron Cannon is graduating from Mayo High School and will be attending Grinnell College

Ashleigh Cannon is graduating from Mayo High School and will be attending Grinnell College

Makenna Grossbach is graduating John Marshall High School and will be attending Minnesota State University - Mankato for nursing

Shea Hansen is graduating University of Wisconsin Madison Bachelors in Social Work with an additional major in psychology and minors in criminal Justice and global health. Shea will be attending University of Washington Seattle to continue studies in their Masters in Social Work program.

Jacob Hanson is graduating Winona State University/Cellular and Molecular Biology and is looking forward to moving into the next phase of his education

Jaden Wysocki is graduating Rochester Century High School I plan to attend Minot State University in Minot, ND, to study exercise science / corporate fitness and to play basketball.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Thrift on Fifth Open 10:15am Congregational Meeting 11am Arise Worship 1pm Pentecost Picnic at Oxbow Second Bridge	30 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15am Men's Book Study & Mutual Support 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Book Group	31 10:30am Staff Meeting 1pm Covenant Group	1 10am Knit One Pray, Too 4pm Thrift on Fifth Open 5pm Jubilee Bells 6pm Celebration Bells 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm Facebook Devotional	2 8am Thursday Men's Group 8:30am Covenant Group 10am UWF Service of Remembrance 12pm UWF Board Meeting 1pm Women's Connect Group 4pm Arise Band rehearsal 7pm UWF Circle 4	3 10am Women & the Sacred	4 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals (Serve @ 11am) 9am Thrift on Fifth Open
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12 Peace With Justice Sunday 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Thrift on Fifth Open 10:15am Contemporary Issues 10:15am Inquiring Spirits 11am Arise Worship 5pm Finding Fellowship Documentary	13 9am Vacation Bible School 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15am Men's Book Study & Mutual Support 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Book Group	14 9am Vacation Bible School 10:30am Staff Meeting 1pm Covenant Group 1pm UMW Quilters	15 9am Vacation Bible School 10am Knit One Pray, Too 4pm Thrift on Fifth Open 8pm Facebook Devotional	16 8am Thursday Men's Group 8:30am UWF Circle 2 8:30pm Covenant Group 9am Vacation Bible School 1:30pm Ruth Circle 4pm Women's Connect Group 4pm Arise Band rehearsal 5:30pm Leadership Board Meeting 7pm UWF Circle 4	17 9am Vacation Bible School 9:30am UWF Book Group	18 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals (Serve at 11am) 9am Thrift on Fifth Open 12pm Juneteenth Celebration at MLK Jr Park
19 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Thrift on Fifth Open 10:15am Third Sunday Forum 11am Arise Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	20 10am Women's Connect Group 11:15am Men's Book Study & Mutual Support 6:30pm A Disciple's Path Book Group	21 10:30am Staff Meeting 1pm Covenant Group 6:30pm ASP Supersized Training Event	22 10am Knit One Pray, Too 4pm Thrift on Fifth Open 8pm Facebook Devotional	23 8am Thursday Men's Group 8:30am Covenant Group 4pm Women's Connect Group 4pm Arise Band rehearsal 7pm UWF Circle 4	24 10am Rug Hooking Group 10am Women & the Sacred	25 7:30am Saturday Noon Meals Prep (serve at 11am) 9am Thrift on Fifth Open
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Pentecost Picnic

June 5th 1:00-3:00 pm

**Join us at the 2nd Bridge
Picnic Shelter at Oxbow Park
for an afternoon of food and fun.
We'll provide hotdogs, veggie dogs and drinks.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share**