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“This is miracle.
Life is miracle.”

We human folk are woven-together pieces.

Our lives are a tapestry of people and stories, smells and sounds. To see any one of us is to encounter a complex constellation of tears and delights.

This is miracle.

Life is miracle.

I have been staggerish this summer over the power of weaving. As I have surrendered my cabin and my fifties, I am aware of the many stories that write my being.

And, as I have participated in the wedding love-fest of my daughter and the power of Cooper's transition into retirement, I am so moved by the human hearts that beat their rhythm in my own heart.

How can we live such miracle?

On July 20th there were 192 people invited to a luncheon honoring those who have been members at Christ UMC for fifty and more years. There are 192 hearts in this church who have been woven into the fabric of this glorious church. And, this church has been woven into the fabric of their lives. There have been baptisms and weddings, celebrations and sorrows shared in community. We are who we are today because people gave themselves to the vision of Christ Jesus. They still do.

This fall we are commencing on a grand adventure. We are naming our desire to name the grounding of our past as we grow into the future. Our Transform Campaign gives us a chance to name the reality that anything that doesn't change dies. Not only do we not want to die, we want to be continually transforming into our call to be the best church for the changing neighborhood around us. To that end, we are reconfiguring our lower level. We are replacing windows and outdated bathrooms. We are making space for children and their families seven days a week. We are creating community, one family at a time.

August is a readying month. Many of us vacation and lean into the last breaths of unstructured air before the regimen of fall.

Here at church, we are excited. We are excited to plan for an even larger gaggle of children for Sunday School. We are excited to broaden our Wednesday night outreach to include musical ensembles of all ages. Dinner will be served and singers and ringers and all of us hungry for community and hope will gather.

As we anticipate and plan, hear this voice from a colleague, reflecting on the past and future of CUMC:

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR

Dear Elizabeth,

What a joy to worship with CUMC people again yesterday! The way the prayers were put together, the way the scriptures were read (the version) -- everything about the service was worshipful and inspiring. Your sermon was especially inspiring and enlightening. Thank you for your enthusiasm and effort invested. Of course the bells were a real treat.

Ruth and I worshiped at CUMC from 1964 - 2002, while we were employed at Mayo. Ruth is a nurse anesthetist, while I was on the staff at Methodist and eventually Mayo hospitals with the Chaplain services. We sang in the chancel choir over those years, and served on many committees - SPR, Youth program, Social Concerns, ASP and many others. So we knew the congregation well. Of course, now we know only the old timers -- but still many of them are present and wonderful to reconnect with. I also served on several committees of the Conference, including Bd of Ordained Ministries.

We now live in "the home" in Phoenix -- a community very similar to Charter House. We attend a Presbyterian Church, and still sing in the chancel choir there, and are active in the mission programs of that church. This 1500 member church in Scottsdale has a "large tent" -- very inclusive as is CUMC. We have a wonderful music program, a fine senior pastor, active outreach, etc. But I still consider CUMC my Charge Conference, although due to laziness on my part, you have not heard from me for a few years. Not much to report other than what I'm writing today.

Keep up your inspired work! The congregation is smaller than its once 4,000 members, but your ministry has the materials needed to keep it alive and growing in today's difficult atmosphere. Our prayers will continue for you, your staff and all the members (ministers) of the church.

Sincerely,
T. Warner Davidson (retired)

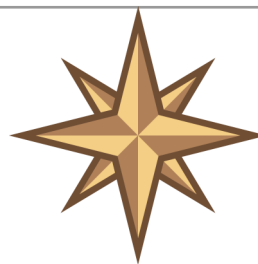
I want to thank you. Thank you for being the kind of place that dreams God-sized dreams. Thank you for being the kind of church that retains hearts and passions. Thank you for agreeing to teach Sunday School and for praying for your church.

Lean into transformation! As we savor the last sweetness of summer, pray with me that God will continue to move us toward transformation.

We have so much good news to share.

Pastor Elizabeth

How is Your Circuit Rider Summer Going?!



We hope you've enjoyed ridin' through your Circuit Rider Summer! We've been happy to feel like we're ridin' right beside ya! Circuit riders were important to our Methodist tradition, traveling by horse to spread the word, and so are YOU! It's not too late to track your travelings with the map in the Commons and send us photos of your families and friends with your horses (also located on the board in the Commons to pick up at any time!) Email your photos and stories to email@cumethodist.com! Keep on moseying along, little doggies!



Eagle Scout Project



Jacob Hansen has received the Eagle Scout Award for building shelves for Saturday Noon Meals for persons in need. He designed, purchased materials, built and painted the shelves.

Saturday Noon Meals not only provides nutritious meals each Saturday for our guests, but also celebrates those that have birthdays that particular month. Each birthday guest is given a gift bag including hygiene and other gift items. Warm outerwear and clothing are also distributed when needed and/or requested. Due to health regulations, nonfood items must be stored away from food items. Away from the food shelves we had totes and boxes on the floor and they needed to be off the floor. This is where Jacob's expertise was utilized. He designed the shelves to accommodate our tubs and to the available space available for storage. The Saturday Noon Meal team is grateful to have these shelves for nonfood storage!

Thank you, Jacob, for using your God given gifts on this needed project and congratulations on receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

~Linda Curtis, Saturday Noon Meal Coordinator



THANK YOU from the 2017 Appalachia Service Project Teams!

A GIANT thank you to everyone who made our Appalachia Service Project Trip so incredible this year! Many of you donated time, money, prayers, or most importantly: SNACKS to the trip, and we are so grateful to all of you. God is at work through your work and was certainly present with all 57 of us in Kentucky. We are amazed by the way God is at work all over this world, and cannot believe we get to participate in and witness this kingdom work. If you missed the picture slide show on ASP Sunday you can find more here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toOxqKeo0nQ&feature=youtu.be>



Meet Dr. David Friddle



Meet our new Music Director/Organist! Dr. David Friddle is a graduate of the Juilliard School, New York, NY, with a Doctor of Musical Arts and a Master of Music. He also earned a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of Miami Frost School Of Music (FL). He earned a Bachelor of Music cum laude from Baylor University, Waco, TX. A native of Greenville, SC, Dr. Friddle is recipient of accolades including the Theodore Presser Award and the Valentine Memorial Scholarship. His published articles appear in the Choral Journal, the Newsletter of the American Liszt Society, and The American Organist. In 2014, he was featured choral clinician at the Royal Canadian College of Organists National Convention in London, ON. You can view his website at www.davidfriddle.com or contact him at david@cumethodist.com.



Hello! I am "**Awakened Woman**"!

I was painted by **Sue Kosharek** through a very intentional process and purpose. The intention of Sue painting me: *to retell and release stories that hold her back.*

Come see me and other beautiful Awakened Women and our intentions. We are located at CUMC in the Arts on Fifth Gallery hallway! We'll see you soon!



You can "Meet the Artist" on Sunday, August 13th from 10-11a. Meet in the art gallery hallway!



Come Away With Us!

Led by Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay and Rev. Cooper Wigen



Christ UMC is offering our Second Annual **Couple's Retreat at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington.** We will gather from 7PM on Friday, October 6th until 7PM Saturday, October 7th.

The Retreat Center offers hotel-style lodging and excellent meals. The cost for the retreat is \$200 per couple, which includes lodging and three meals.

Couple relationships are the glue that keep families healthy – no matter how your family is constellated. Join us for relaxing and soul-filling time. Money-back guarantee. You will be glad you took the time. Contact email@cumethodist.com to sign up or inquire.



Boundary Waters Crew!

Here is the crew for our second annual Boundary Waters trip with middle and high school students. We are grateful to all of our leaders. Thanks for praying for us as we explored and celebrated God's creation!



Grace in the Margins

Project Legacy will host its 4th annual "Grace in the Margins" event at B'nai Israel Synagogue (150 7th Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902) on **Thursday, August 17th at 7pm.**

This year's event theme is "Journeys of Healing", reflecting the distinct and difficult paths of struggle, growth, and healing each of the youth has traveled thus far. Participating youth will share their stories and experiences. Karl Rist will deliver a keynote address.

Project Legacy provides unique, long-term support to Rochester youth of color ages 17-24 who are refugees, homeless, formerly gang-involved or recently incarcerated.

This year's "Grace in the Margins" event will raise funds to help youth in their journey's out of poverty, incarceration, and addiction towards a vibrant and sustainable future for themselves and future generations. "Grace in the Margins" is a valuable opportunity to hear directly from some of our community's most vulnerable youth, while celebrating their remarkable journeys and the dedicated work of Project Legacy. For more information about Project Legacy visit projectlegacymn.org.

**PROJECT
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RSVP for the Summer Baptism Class

Are you interested in a baptism for yourself or a little one or know someone who may be? Our Summer Baptism Class is **August 5th at 9am!** RSVP to email@cumethodist.com. If you would like to inquire now, go to: www.cumethodist.com/baptism and fill out the Baptism Inquiry Form!



Diversity Council



Christ United Methodist Church
Creating committed Christ-followers for the transformation of the world.

Community In Motion

faith • culture • connection



Sunday, September 10, 4 p.m.

Olmsted County Fairgrounds 4-H Pavilion

Christ United Methodist Church and the Diversity Council invite you to join the first annual Community in Motion celebration. This family-friendly event is an opportunity for people of faith to share music, food, and discussion.

All Rochester faith organizations are welcome.
The facilitated discussion will develop concrete action plans around themes identified in previous community conversations.

No two leaves are alike, and yet there is no antagonism between them or between the branches on which they grow.
- M.K. Gandhi



Registration

REGISTER YOUR ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE
<http://bit.ly/2uiMY7I>

SIGN UP TO ATTEND
<http://bit.ly/2vgLZIN>

Questions?
info@diversitycouncil.org

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Have an article for the *New Spirit*? Please submit it to nikki@cumethodist.com by the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Late articles may be very tiny or invisible.

Thank you and happy writing!

The Proffer Classifieds:



Pew Pocket Patrol:

*Restock pew pockets with envelopes, sharpened pencils, notepads, etc.

*Time Commitment: 1-3 hrs/week every other week, or once per month

Thank you to the Katzenberger Family for helping on Wednesday evenings!

Thank you to Susan and Jerry Steinke for their continued help stocking the pews once a month!

Meeting Christ Church Organizer:

*Do you like to meet new people? Are you passionate about Christ UMC? If you answer yes, then we have a great proffer opportunity for you! Meeting Christ Church is a 2nd Sunday of the month luncheon that allows people getting acquainted with our church a time to meet with the pastors and leadership members to ask questions, receive information about the church, groups and your faith journey. After this luncheon, our guests have the wonderful opportunity to join Christ UMC on the 4th Sunday of any future month. The organizer is someone who calls on guests and invites them to the luncheons, then follows up after the luncheon. It could be by phone, email or postcard – the way that best suits the guest.

*Time Commitment: around 4 hours each month

CUMC Directory – Photo Session Check in Persons

*Have some free time in September? We'd love to have you here at CUMC to help check in people for their photo session. You can sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a4ae29a31-photo>

*Time Commitment: see below

Dates Needed:

September 21 12:45-4:30pm (1 person)
 September 21 4:30-8:00pm (2 people)
 September 22 12:45-4:30pm (2 people)
 September 22 4:30-8:00pm (2 people)
 September 26 12:45-4:30pm (2 people)
 September 26 4:30-8:00pm (2 people)
 September 27 12:45-4:30pm (2 people)
 September 27 4:30-8:00pm (2 people)
 September 28 12:45-4:30pm (2 people)
 September 28 4:30-8:00pm (2 people)
 September 29 12:45-4:30pm (2 people)
 September 29 4:30-8:00pm (2 people)
 September 30 8:45-11:00am (1 person)
 September 30 11:00am-1:30pm (1 person)



WE NEED
YOU
 to make our new
 family directory
 complete

Sign up on the Proffer Board located outside the Fireside Room or call Gwen Ravenhorst, Office Manager, to sign up for any of these proffer positions: 507-289-4019 or email:

gwen@cumethodist.com.



The CUMC Book of Life

LIVING, CELEBRATING & REMEMBERING WITH YOU

Baptisms:

Benjamin Elon Davis
 Born: 8/4/2016
 Baptized: 7/16/17
 Parents: Michael and Emily Davis
 Sponsors: Dianne and Paul Shober



Deaths:

Nancy A. Kuhlmann
 August 17, 1935– July 21, 2017



PARTY IN THE LABYRINTH!
 Outdoor movie, dessert potluck contest with prizes: bring your best and most creative, or just come and enjoy 'em

Party in the Labyrinth: Dessert and Movie Night!

Hosted by the youth ministry @ Christ UMC, for people of all ages: **Sunday, August 20th, Dessert and Movie Night! Show up at 7pm for dessert, music, popcorn and lawn games. At 8pm we will show an outdoor movie in the labyrinth.** Awards will be given for most creative, and "coolest" dessert (for a hot summer night). Or you can just show up for the challenging job of dessert taste-tester. BYO lawnchair/blankets, and bring a friend! All are welcome.



A Few Words from the Lage Family

Thank you to all who were able to attend our forum on Sunday, July 23rd. We are blessed! For those who were unable to attend or stay to see the video, watch [this](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=f_k_qnYbU9w). (Go to https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=f_k_qnYbU9w) After our son, John Edmund came to us this spring and asked if he could graduate High School in Guatemala, we prayerfully considered his request and saw how it dovetailed with our call to continue in service there. God is good!

If you feel moved to help us as we return for another two years, you can give online [here](https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/gbgm_donate.html?type=1001&project=982465). (Go to https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/gbgm_donate.html?type=1001&project=982465) Please be sure to select our name in the drop down menu. You may also give by check two ways: 1) to CUMC with "Lage Family Mission" in the memo line. You can place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the office. 2) to Advance GCFA #982465 with our names (Janice & John Lage) in the memo line. Mail to: Advance GCFA, PO Box 9068 GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068.

We will be back in Rochester from August 6th-17th before we return to Guatemala. We hope to see you then!





Third Sunday Forum
August 20th, 2017
10:15 – 11:15am
Hamline Room

**“Discerning a Way Forward for the
 United Methodist Church Connection”**
 Dave Nuckols

Dave Nuckols, a lay leader from Minnetonka United Methodist Church and a member of The Commission on a Way Forward, will give us an update on the commission’s progress and recommendations at our Third Sunday Forum this month. This crucial issue, and more importantly: how it may impact the United Methodist Church’s future, is something you will want to learn more about!

The 32-member Commission on a Way Forward was appointed by the Council of Bishops to assist the bishops in their charge from the 2016 General Conference to lead the church forward amid the present impasse related to human sexuality and resulting questions about the unity of the church.

The commission recently convened in Chicago to continue its work concerning human sexuality and exploring options for the future of The United Methodist Church on the issue. At the April meeting in Washington, D.C., members indicated that they were leaning toward a simpler structure with clearer processes for decision-making and accountability for the UMC in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Conversations at that meeting showed a commitment to finding a way forward that honors the complexity of the global denomination and the unity of a shared faith in Christ.

The Commission members have received input from several advocacy and renewal groups, general boards, agencies of the church, and survey results from constituents such as large-church pastors and seminary students. During annual conference sessions, members of the commission made presentations and hosted discussions on their work.

The commission’s ultimate assignment is to present its report to the Council of Bishops for action at the **Special Session** of General Conference set for February 23rd-26th, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.

For more information on the Commission on a Way Forward, visit www.umc.org/wayforward.



Girls on the Run!

In the ECC on Thursday, September 21st, Girls on the Run (<https://www.girlsontherun.org>) is a local non-profit group sponsoring LUNAFEST (<http://www.lunafest.org/>). They hope to connect women through film. Each film is about 10 minutes long and tells stories of a diverse group of women.

While this is an event run by the organization itself, we encourage you to get in contact with them if you’d like to attend or check out Girls on the Run online: www.girlsontherun.com if you’re at all interested in volunteering with them. Girls on the Run promotes girls in 3rd – 8th grade to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.



Fellowship Breakfast



Once a month— on the second Wednesday at 8:30am— a group of 12-14 friends from Christ United Methodist Church gather for fellowship and breakfast at Charlie's Pub and Eatery at Hilcrest. If you would like to join us for fun, food, and fellowship, come out to Charlie's on any second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome! Questions? Call Jan Iverson 512-2532 or Jan Bolton 269-4304.

A Thrift Store is Coming soon!

A group of creative people has been meeting together this summer with the dream of starting CUMC's very own thrift store. There are details yet to be worked out.....but heads up.....it's coming!

The store will be located downstairs in Room 9, a good sized room currently holding items that for the most part are seldom or never used. We're aiming to clean the room out and put up a fresh coat of paint as soon as we can. Mike Carlson has generously volunteered to make a donation box as well as racks to display our items. At first, we'll just be selling clothing items.....nice, clean, seasonal clothing items. We hope to have our grand opening in early October.

Our mission is to serve the community and we'll likely start with the store being open only for a few hours on Saturday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Items will cost one dollar except for children's clothing which will cost only fifty cents. All profits will go toward THRIVE! scholarships.

The thrift store planning committee consists of: Pam Lund, Jo Sheldon, Judy King, Wendy Francis, Sandy Naylor, Nikki Gensmer, and Bobbi Nichols. I'll end with some thoughts that Wendy Francis jotted down about what she envisions the thrift store being:

For my 2 cents Overall I envision clean, neat, tidy, orderly & inviting. Easy shopping. An area outside with a kids play rug, complete with a few toys, crayons, coloring books, reading books & perhaps a puzzle table. A cozy rug with 2-3 chairs where parents / workers can visit; a check-out area with reusable bags (maybe we could eventually have some made with our name on them and we give customers 1 free item each time they bring their bag back when shopping?) Walls and ceiling that are accented with COLOR – “positive wall sayings” that could be painted on the walls or maybe some splatter painting to add color; I picture it changing slightly with the seasons -- to be welcoming, open shelves (like long dressers for displaying items); Perhaps a business section – designed with interviews, work, school or church events in mind; maybe a prom and homecoming section (seasonally); kids clothes (seasonally); I could see ordering rolls of gossamer and draping the ceiling to disguise the pipes, or perhaps dropping it down the walls from the ceiling for color; funky light fixtures, even if they're not lit; fitting rooms with a small bench or chair and a light and large mirror and fun draperies or screens & Fun poster(s) &/or motivational tid-bits in the dressing rooms. – So many ideas.

So I ask – Is this not exciting? We'd love to have all ages help with this endeavor so let us know if you have an interest in any part of it.

~Bobbi Nichols





Small groups will be formed this fall after both the 9 and 11am Sunday services. Recruiting and training for the facilitators of these groups is happening in August. In groups of eight people or less, discussion on an exciting new book by Rob Bell will be a time of sharing understanding and growth while in the fellowship of others. More small groups will be meeting during the week at times and places that work for them— the possibilities are endless! You could meet or facilitate a group at a time that works for YOU!

Give some thought and prayer to committing time to this proven arena of spiritual growth beginning in October. Get to know others in our congregation who also want to grow in their spiritual lives. As always, stay in conversation with one another!

Blessings to you.

~Aileen Williams

and the Faith → Life Group:

Wailana Barker, Kathy Estry, Marita Heller, Rick Jones, Gary Lueck,
Pam Lund, David Mead, Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay

Dreamacres Outing

Young Adults at CUMC: **We will be going to DREAMACRES on August 11th for a night of being together outside on a beautiful farm and eating fresh pizza! Meet at 5pm at church to carpool, or you can meet us there.** RSVP by August 10th to katy@cumethodist.com so we know you are coming.



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Want to participate in a life changing experience? We're planning a mission trip to New Orleans, January 28th-February 3rd, 2018. Our next info session (don't worry if you've missed one) will be on **Sunday, August 6th at 10:15am in the Hamline Room.**

Mission to New Orleans!