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PAGE 2 Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

The bustle of lived discipleship is alive alive alive here at church.

When was the last time we had to set up chairs out into the Commons for Sunday worship? Easter morning was such a celebration of joy and new life. Each person who came for worship felt blessed by the message of resurrection. What an honor and privilege it is to share the good news in the company of others who are hungry for hope. I'm grateful for each person who chose to be present. I'm grateful for the musicians and ushers and doughnut-sharers and greeters. I'm grateful for the children who shouted "Hallelujah" and I'm so grateful for the staff of this church. What blessing we share.

And so we live resurrection.

The month of May is rich with life here. We will celebrate Confirmation, Baptisms, and the chance to become better listeners (see Page 10, front & back covers of this edition of the New Spirit).

Too, we will vote on the future of our shared ministry.

Nearly two years ago this church voted (an affirmation of 94%!) to embark on the prescriptions put forth by the Missional Church Consultation Initiative. Two of the prescriptions asked us to assess our location and building and the ways we could use the considerable assets of our location and building to offer transformational ministry to the city of Rochester. A Feasibility Study Team was formed to assess how we might be of some use in our downtown location. Many interviews and much learning was shared. After months of meetings and work, the Feasibility Study Team determined that one of the most effective things our church could be part of was breaking the cycle of poverty by walking alongside families who are raising children. There is a deep need for family support and child care in the city of Rochester (see www.themedcitybeat.com/news-blog/2016/fact-sheet-rochesterschild-care-shortage and other sources). The experience of all children is enhanced when there is diversity. Given the space we have and the needs around us, the Feasibility Study Team determined that the best use of our facility and location is to open THRIVE!: A Child Care and Family Resource Center.

The proposal was shared with the Leadership Board and with the congregation at several meetings. The Leadership Board tasked a group with doing a fulsome look at the financial implications for launching THRIVE!.

A group led by Dick Estry: Jeff Allman, Michael Ayres, Chris Mueller, Doug Nichols, Judy Plank, Stew Swanson, and Steve Troutman, met to comb the numbers and create various scenarios for THRIVE!. The results of their work will be shared with the congregation on April 30th at a congregational meeting at 10:10 in the Sanctuary. The report is also available on our website at: www.cumethodist.com/booklets-and-reports.

Pastor's Pen WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR

"This is momentous, my friends.

Please pray."

Along with the work being done around the prescription regarding outreach and ministry, it has been determined that Christ UMC ought conduct a capital campaign. Deferred maintenance on our windows (including our Christ Window), and bathrooms, as well as needed upgrades to our nursery have risen as needs that should be addressed. A Master Facilities Team has been meeting to discern priorities, and costs for the various projects are being assessed.

The Leadership Board contracted to work with Horizons Stewardship. A Capital Campaign Feasibility Report was generated through dozens of interviews with our consultant, the Rev. John Laster. Based on those conversations, we are confident that we can embark on a campaign in the range of \$750,000. It is anticipated that the campaign will be drenched in prayer, clearly communicated, and joyfully commenced in Fall of this year.

On behalf of the church, the Leadership Board desires that the congregation be well informed about the projects being proposed for the campaign. That information will be shared at the meeting on April 30th.

We will hold weekly Q & A sessions at 10:15am on May 7th and 14th. On May 21st there will be a Church Conference held in the Sanctuary of our church. At that meeting we will vote to approve the commitment to THRIVE! and to the capital campaign. Those who are full members are eligible to vote at this event.

This is momentous, my friends. Please pray.

Those who are joining our church are doing so because they have heard of THRIVE! and are excited that we seek to be a witness for all people in the midst of Rochester. We want to be part of changing lives. We want to share the love of God through great worship and rocking babies. We want to be using the considerable gifts God has blessed this church with through the years. I believe that the need for more chairs on Sunday morning and the growing number of children in our Sunday School has to do with a renewed sense we have that God is just getting started with us!

We can do this.

To be alive alive alive is such gift.

How will we share it?

In Christ -

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Registration for VBS is NOW OPEN!:

www.cumethodist.com/vbs-2017

We're offering an "early bird special" until May 26th! Don't miss it!











We had a blessed **Easter Sunday** (see photos above) here at Christ United Methodist Church! Beautiful colors and sounds and smells filled the church!

Next up: Spring Into Summer & VBS!





Pre– Easter Celebration of Creation was a HUGE Success!

The Children, Family, and Youth Ministries Team took a leap of faith in trying to pull off a petting zoo in the midst of Spring uncertainty. Their hopeful wishes paid off! The Celebration of Creation brought breath, life, and excitement into the church during Easter weekend. The rain held off, animals moved outside, and crowds of people swarmed in!

I want to specifically acknowledge many hard-working people who helped make it happen: CUMC staff and clergy, Sue and Dave Dripps, Lexie Eberley, Mary Hanson, Lara, Nikki, and Alex Peterson, Betty Butters, Tanya, Anthony, Connor, Teagan, Sydney, and Reilly Brown, Gabi Burchill and Milo the Bunny, Mike, Denise, Angela, and Matthew White, Sarah Knotts, Mary Schmitz, Bobbi Nichols, Tracy McCray, Andy, Olivia, and Joel Ott, Sydney Frank, Abby Lindenfeld, Heather, Creighton, and Ella Witt!

This event would not have been the great success it was without each and every one of you! We are all so grateful for your time, energy, and effort for our Celebration of Creation!

Joyfully,

Alisha Nelson, Children and Family Ministries Director



Easter Blooming Plant Delivery

Sixty-three of the many plants that beautified the Sanctuary for our Easter Services have been delivered to members who are homebound, bereaved, and in assisted living and care centers.

Thank you to the people who delivered the plants on April 17th. Your efforts brightened the day for those who received them! They are appreciated. Thank you to those who made many phone calls to the recipients. Without all of your help, these deliveries would not have been accomplished. We are also grateful for the help of the custodians and Gwen (Office Manager).

~The Flower Ministry Team, Chair: Elaine Bauman



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The CUMC Book of Life

LIVING, CELEBRATING & REMEMBERING WITH YOU

New Members:

We welcome a new intentional disciple to our CUMC family:

David Erickson:

David Erickson moved to Rochester recently with his wife, Mae Belle, to downsize their property and to be closer to family members. David golfs, woodworks and fixes stuff. He also enjoys plastic model building and collects stamps. David loves life, family, friends and enjoys traveling with Mae Belle. He's excited to join CUMC to be home again.

Remembering:

Barbara Simmons

October 3, 1930 – March 27, 2017

Dr. R. Drew Miller

March 16, 1922 – April 15, 2017

Dr. John King

November 10, 1939 – March 31, 2017

Terri Jaeger June 29, 1953 – April 18, 2017 Helen Mitchell

April 15, 1918 – April 2, 2017



VOLUNTEER



Ardys Bartel- Spotlight Volunteer for May!

Ardys Bartel has been volunteering at Christ United Methodist Church for at least 10 years. Ardys has been helping in the office all those years... and maybe more! She also helped with church funerals in the past.

Ardys lives in Rochester with her husband, Hank. They have three sons: David, Richard and Brian, and three grandchildren: Emily, Joey and Abigail. Prior to being

married, Ardys grew up in Hayfield, MN. She attended college at the University of Minnesota to receive her Bachelor's Degree. Ardys went on to earn her Master's Degree. She first taught Home Economics classes; later she worked as a State FHA Advisor. Both Ardys and Hank are retired from their careers, but they both keep up with volunteering.

Ardys volunteers at the Mayo Clinic as well as CUMC. She started volunteering to keep busy and stay healthy. She said, "it keeps me out of the house and away from sweets". Ardys likes meeting people and thinks volunteering is a good way to do that! What Ardys likes doing best is repetitive jobs, like mailings. She said that she already has had jobs that required so much responsibility and authority that she wants to have easier tasks to complete. Ardys likes visiting with the people that come in the church. The best part about volunteering for Ardys is leaving happy!

Outside of volunteering Ardys likes to spend time with her husband, keeping busy, and visiting Florida in the winter months. She and Hank have been going to Florida for the past seventeen years. Ardys enjoys crafting, knitting, and sewing.

Ardys likes attending and belonging to Christ United Methodist Church because of our emphasis on missions like ASP and Mission to Guatemala. She is very grateful that CUMC is a reconciling church!

We thank Ardys for her dedication to CUMC in general and to the office/clergy staff over the years. She is so valuable to the church and carries out the mission by being such a great hostess in the office, and beyond! Thanks, Ardys!

(Submitted by Spotlight Volunteer Interview Team: Nikki Gensmer and Gwen Ravenhorst)



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Thank you, Dave! David Erickson built the beautiful wooden cross that you may have seen at our Good Friday service. Thanks, Dave for your amazing talents!

United Methodist Women's Spring Rummage Sale

The UMW Spring Rummage Sale will be held May 17th-20th. The UMW Rummage Sale is a very important mission project for our church - proceeds help meet UMW pledges to missions locally and around the world! The rummage sale also provides low cost clothing to people in our church and community with limited incomes.

We can especially use help during the setup on Wednesday and cleanup after the sale on Saturday. Setup is Wednesday from 9am - 5pm and Thursday from 9am-

3pm. Church members can shop on Thursday from 3pm - 5:30pm. The sale is Friday from 8am - 5pm and the \$2 bag sale is Saturday from 8:30am - 1:00pm.

We will also have a coffee shop on Friday, May 19th. Donations of cookies, bars, and muffins are needed. Please bring donations to the church kitchen on Thursday and mark "for UMW coffee shop"



Please do not donate TVs, baby/child car seats, large microwaves. or exercise equipment. We have to pay to discard these items if they do not sell.

Contact Diane Hellie (dhellie@juno.com, 507-398-6329) with guestions. We thank you in advance!



Tour of Minneapolis Jeremiah Program Campus

Friday, June 2nd

JoMarie Morris, our February Forum presenter, has invited all who are interested to visit the Jeremiah Minneapolis Campus. What a great opportunity to see a facility and program that will be replicated in Rochester! If you would like to attend please contact Kathy Estry (rk.estry@gmail.com or 507-288-5938) about transportation.

Community Tour of Minneapolis Jeremiah Program Campus

June 2, 2017

12:00-5:00 p.m. 1510 Laurel Avenue

Minneapolis, MN

Do You Enjoy Yard Work?

April showers bring May flowers...and lots of grass and dandelions! As our yard gets greener and greener, Building Manager, Glen, is looking for those talented in the yard work department who have a little bit of time to spare! We could use help with things such as trimming, side walk edging, landscape upkeep, and more! If you're interested, get in contact with Glen: glen@cumethodist.com or 507 289 4019 ex. 209.

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!

ASP 2017 Teams

Team 1

Craig Nichols, Kari Nichols

Sam Jones Claire Creedon Paige Anglin Emerald Mayer Sophie Butterfass

Team 2

Jon Fjelsted, Cherie Jensen, Kurt Kennel

Olivia Ott Allie Ruter Abby Lindenfeld Connor Brown Logan Shapiro

Team 3

Erik Lundquist, Sue Lundquist

Tim Boyce Peter Lundquist Brock Sykes Sophia Iezzi Megan Engelken

Team 4

Katy Lee, Alan Stepanek

Kyra Nichols Sydney Frank Nathaniel Gunter Lauren Wood Emma Firstbrook

Team 5

Cindy Fjelsted, David Lucas

Eryn Fjelsted Emma Duff Braeden Cox Weston Fyles Parker Schultz

Team 6

Brenda Fyles, Royce Ruter

Jacob Hansen Nolan Stepanek Simon Kennel Shea Hansen Anna Thompson

Team 7

Curt Naylor, Dan Zimmer

Cullen Zimmer Aidan Zimmer Annika Zimmer Daria Koon Laurel Naylor

Team 8

Mark Clark, Darlene Lucas

Lucas Iezzi Christian Koski Bergen Koski Jocelyn Stepanek Elena Schultz

"Love in Action"

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

This year marks the 36th year that Christ United Methodist Church will send its youth and adult leaders on a mission trip with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Thirty-six 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 John 3:18. Christ calls us to move beyond our words, to show our LOVE IN ACTION. It's not enough to recognize those around us that are in need. We must serve others through the good works that God has set out before us. This summer, God calls us to be a part of a movement in Central Appalachia that speaks louder than words. Put your LOVE IN ACTION with us!

Already, it has been a Fall and Winter of hard work, prayer and song. In November, 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 and caramel rolls to sell between services. In April we will be holding our Lenten Brunch followed by a Spring service project. Amidst all these fundraising efforts, the youth and adults have met for orientation sessions, team building and preparation for the mission work to be done this July.

At left are the names of the adults (bolded) and youth serving with ASP this year. If they are able to contribute, we ask \$300 from each youth. But it costs over \$1000 for each youth to participate in ASP. Therefore, we are asking for your financial support, if possible. Your donation will help make this year's mission trip possible.

If you would like to support our 2017 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 using electronic funds transfer from your bank account. Select the "give" button and then create a user profile if using the site for the first time. You will need your bank's routing number and your account number to complete the transaction. You will receive an email receipt.

All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Thank you for your support. You will be hearing from us from Kentucky!
God's Peace,
The 2017 ASP Adult Leadership and Youth Teams
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Two Easy, "Every-Day" Ways to Help CUMC

Box Tops for Education:

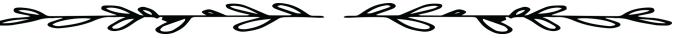


Start clipping Box Tops for Education coupons on your products from home! Check out this link: www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products to find out what products participate in this program! CUMC will have a collection box in the office for your box tops to start saving for THRIVE!. If the box tops get too close to their expiration date before THRIVE! is off the ground, we will donate them to a local school! Box Tops for Education maximum donation per year is \$20,000! Let's get in on this! Start collecting right away! Why throw away money?

Kwik Trip Milk Moola:



Save all of your Milk Moola bottle caps and coupons from the dairy products purchased at Kwik Trip! Each cap is worth \$0.05! CUMC can use this money for programs at the church. Please drop off your Milk Moola to the office at CUMC. All these nickels add up to big money for us to offer programs to benefit the church community! Don't throw away money!



VBS Volunteers

Vacation Bible School is not just for our children to know God, it is a way for them to know the CUMC community that will support them on their faith journey! For this reason, we encourage everyone to get involved in some way! There are many ways for people to volunteer either before VBS or during the June 26th-30th VBS week. No experience is necessary; we only ask that you are excited to be contributing to one of the biggest events for children of the year! For inquiries, either sign up at the volunteer board or email the Children and Family Ministries Director at alisha@cumethodist.com.







"A Biblical Understanding of Poverty and Our Responses" Dr. Warren Thompson

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak out and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. ~Proverbs 31:8-9

Mettam Conference Room, Sundays following 9AM service, May 14th, 21st, and 28th. Please note that these dates are different than previously scheduled dates! We apologize for any inconvenience.

Dr. Thompson will lead an exploration of both Old and New Testaments. This is an opportunity for participants to gain insight into the significance of poverty in scripture. How do these scriptures help us respond to those in need today? How does the Bible view the rich and the poor? What has God created us to do? How can the fight to end poverty be effective in our community? Let's discuss these things together! No need to RSVP!

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Third Sunday Forum May 21st, 10:15 – 11:15am, Hamline Room What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty (PBS video of a Ruby K. Payne, PH.D. presentation)



Dr. Anne Bradley, co-editor of <u>For the Least of These: A Biblical Response to Poverty</u>, says: "It is the job of the church, the body of Christ, to care passionately and genuinely for the poor. The church must step up to their responsibility and be the first line of offense in addressing poverty." As Christ United Methodist is focusing on the ways to "Break the Cycle of Poverty", you won't want to miss this presentation!

Ruby Payne is the founder of <u>Aha! Process</u> and an author, speaker, publisher and career educator. She is recognized internationally for her book, A Framework for Understanding Poverty.

In this video she talks about the "hidden rules" among those living in poverty, middle class, and wealth. The question is: "What can the faith community do to address poverty?" Dr. Payne has a lot of interesting things to say that tie in finance, relationships, emotional and personal experiences, education, spiritual awakening, and employment. Come and find out the specifics with us!



Call for Charge Conference

This letter will authorize the Elder named below to preside at a Charge Conference at **Christ United Methodist Church** in Rochester. This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 Book of Discipline Paragraphs 246-251.

Date of Conference: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Time of Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

Presiding Elders: Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay, Cindy Gregorson (Director of Ministries)
Agenda: 1) approve moving forward with THRIVE!: A Family Resource and Child Center

2) approve capital campaign to fund building renovations

*full members will be able to vote

Thank you for your careful attention to this expression of ministry. May God's Spirit guide and bless the decisions you make, which can help your congregation live out our Gospel Imperatives: to Reach New People and Cultivate Spiritual Vitality...in our United Methodist churches.

Yours Sincerely.

Cynthia D. Williams, District Superintendent, River Valley District



- **Cookout!** Saturday, May 13th at 4pm at Foster Arends Park near the pavilion. Ages 18-40, or basically "self described" young adults. Kids are welcome, too! We will provide hot dogs, veggie burgers, and lemonade. Bring a side to share and other beverages for yourself.
- **Softball!** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has invited us to join in on their church softball team! If you're interested in summer church-ball league, email Katy@cumethodist.com.
- **Retreat!** Young Adult Retreat, May 19th-21st! Want to hang out with other young adults and "get away from it all"? Contact Katy about this \$75 weekend experience. Transportation and fun are all included!

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Notes From Pastor Nancy, Pastor for Congregational Care

- HOLY LISTENING! (see cover & back of this edition of the New Spirit) May 20th from 9:30am-2pm in the Commons. Are you a good listener? Want to use your talents? Already a CUMC caring visitor? Want to be one? We are excited to present "Holy Listening", a seminar on congregational care for church members and friends of Christ UMC! We want to encourage people to come learn about ways to provide supportive listening. We will discuss caring for those undergoing life challenges such as death of a loved one, serious illness, job loss and other situations. The event includes a time of welcome, "Caring as a Means of Grace" with Pastor Nancy, "Holy Listening" with Rev. Cooper Wiggen, lunch, video and small group discussion. All current Caring Ministry Team members and prospective members are invited. In addition, other United Methodists in the MN Annual Conference are being invited! Please register by May 15th! (507 289 4019 or email@cumethodist.com) Cost is \$10.00.
- Memorial Dedications. We plan to dedicate memorials and living gifts on Sunday, May 28th at the 9am service. Please plan to join us!
- **Hospital Visit Info.** Is someone you love in the hospital? Please contact us if you would like a pastor or a hospital lay visitor to call on you. Visits are confidential. We have no way of knowing unless you give us a call!
- The Mild Cognitive Impairment Group will meet again on May 17th from 10-11am. We invite everyone living with MCI and their significant other to join us for lively discussion, laughter and understanding. Pastor Nancy serves as facilitator. Please contact her to join the confidential and caring group— nancy@cumethodist.com.

Summer Baptism Class

Are you interested in a baptism for yourself or a little one or know someone who may be? Save the date for our Summer Baptism Class: **August 5th!** More details to follow.

If you would like to inquire now, go to: www.cumethodist.com/baptism and fill out the Baptism Inquiry Form!









What Are the United Methodist Women Up To?

- Join the United Methodist Women for the Service of Remembrance on May 4th at 10am in the Chapel. We will be memorializing 8 women. Pastor Martha Hendricks will lead us. John Varona and Katy Lee will provide the music. A salad luncheon will follow in the Commons. All are welcome.
- In 1921, Mrs. Emma (Hayes) Norton of Winona, MN gave a gift of \$25,000 in bonds to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The interest income was to be used for: scholarships for women going into Christian vocations and special home missions projects. We will be celebrating Emma Norton Services 100th anniversary on June 11th 18th and 25th here at CUMC. More information will be in bulletins and the coming editions of the New Spirit newsletter. Stay tuned!



Boundary Waters 2017

We have 24 people signed up to go! There will be 15 middle and high school youth and 9 adults. We will venture north July 23rd-27th for time in community with each other and time to experience God through the holy Camp Kowakan and the Boundary Waters! Our next meeting is May 31st @ 6:00 pm. Contact Katy if you are still interested in going or have any questions: katy@cumethodist.com.

Eagle Scout Honors

Aidan and Cullen Zimmer were awarded their Eagle Scout honors at Christ UMC this month. Nolan Stepanek finished his Eagle Scout Project here at CUMC this month! Congrats boys!



KICK-BALLI BALLI FRIDAY, MAY 19TH 3:30-5:30PM Teams decide on a themed outfit and we play kickball! it's really that simple!

Are You Registered for the Kick- Ball Ball!?

While this is mainly for 5th-12th grade youth, if there's an adult rival team that wants to join in, there's always room! We'll have our first ever Kick-Ball Ball on Friday, May 19th from 3:30-5:30pm at Soldier's Field. It's not too late to sign up! Contact Katy: katy@cumethodist.com. We will share ice cream snacks when all the competition is over!

Confirmation Sunday is just around the corner! May 14th!



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- "Caring as a Means of Grace"- Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon (CUMC)
 - Welcome/Registration

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