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# CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH UNITED

Grace, In The City

# THE NEW

# SPIRIT



WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

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"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

# Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



Resurrection is real!

We have a new staff in place. I hope you will take the time to read about our new staffers and take the time to stop by the office to greet them. Oliver is here every Sunday playing bass and harmonica and singing in the Arise! worship band. Jenny will often be present on Sundays as well in order to get a sense of the rhythm of life here and meet the people behind the names she encounters in her work. We are so blessed by the talent and heart of these two new staff.

I cannot tell you how powerfully we were bridged by Mary Schmidt and Wendy Francis while we were praying for and looking for new persons to help lead this church.

Mary Schmidt handled keeping track of people and contributions. She scheduled the building and created a sense that all would be well. Please thank Mary when you see her. She ought to be wearing a cape.

Wendy Francis was a great gift in the time of transition. Wendy stepped in to do our bulletins and newsletter as well as our slides for the 11:00 service. Can-do is Wendy's first language. She and Mary worked as creative and joyful problem solvers in the office.

Dr. David Friddle contributed to the bulletin production and design, Pastor Katy was our tech go-to for Facebook and the Lenten Devotional distribution, and our building manager Glen Ojanen demonstrated a great capacity for helping out with computers and programs.

We arrive at this time of celebrating resurrection aware that times of growth and transition are challenging. We felt the challenge! And, the song of new life is fine and powerful. Thanks be to God and to all who stepped in to provide grace.

And, (drum roll here) the new bus is rolling! The first new bus run will be on Easter Sunday. How wonderful is that?

As I write this letter the drills and sounds of deconstruction are sounding through the church. We are reshaping our building in order to celebrate new life. The THRIVE! Board is building an organizational structure that will bless the whole community of Rochester and touch lives far into the future.

Please. Savor the good news. The tomb is empty. God's love is loose in this world.

Resurrection is real.

Happy Easter, all.

Pastor Elizabeth

*Pastor Elizabeth*





## The Brand New Churchmobile!

Glen, our building manager, has procured a brand new CUMC bus. We look forward to packing it full of our CUMC family and taking off on the next great adventure!



### Staff Pictured on Front Cover

(Back Row from right to left)

Kathy Davis, Sunday School Superintendent

Dr. David Friddle, Music Director

Oliver Books, Director of Communications

Glen Ojanen, Building Manager

(Middle Row)

Oscar Quinones, Custodian

Jenny Heim, Director of Operations

Julie Plunkett, Nursery Coordinator

(Bottom Row)

Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay, Lead Minister

Rev. Katy Lee, Minister for Youth, Young Adults and Mission/Social Justice

Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon, Minister for Congregational Care

### Staff not Pictured:

John Varona, Associate Organist

Cole Ebertowski, Arise Music Director

Anna Lytle, Director of Handbell Ensembles

Brenda Fyles, Little Angels Choir Director

John & Jan Lage, Individual Missioners to Guatemala

## Welcome New Staff!



**Jenny** started as a temporary bookkeeper in January 2018, then transitioned into the full time Director of Operations position on March 9<sup>th</sup>, performing the bookkeeping and office management for CUMC. She loves working personally with the members of CUMC, it's inspiring leaders, and the supportive staff. Jenny lives in St. Charles with her fiancé, Seth, and two black rescue cats, Chimichanga and Burrito.



**Oliver** joined the CUMC team two years ago as a member of the 11 o'clock worship band. When the director of communications position became available Oliver signed on full time. He lives here in Rochester with his fiancé, two cats Faye and Piper, Simon the Beta fish, and Alexander Louise Armstrong III the tortoise. When he's not working, Oliver spends his time, hanging out with his fiancé, playing music, video games, and wandering around.

Have an article for the *New Spirit*? Please submit it to [email@cumethodist.com](mailto:email@cumethodist.com) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Late articles may be very tiny or invisible.

Thank you and happy writing!



## The CUMC Book Of Life

Living, Celebrating, & Remembering with you

### Baptism

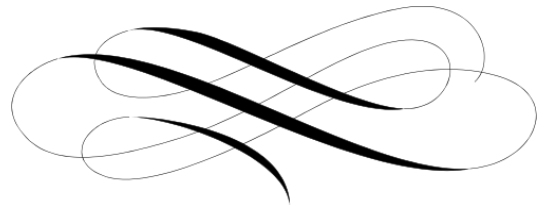
Sophia Kimberly Fitzpatrick was  
Baptized here on March 18th at our  
9 o'clock "Traditions" worship service.



### Wedding




CONGRATULATIONS to Faye Anne  
and Kendall Hughes, who were married  
in our chapel March 20th.






*In Memoriam*

**In Loving Memory**



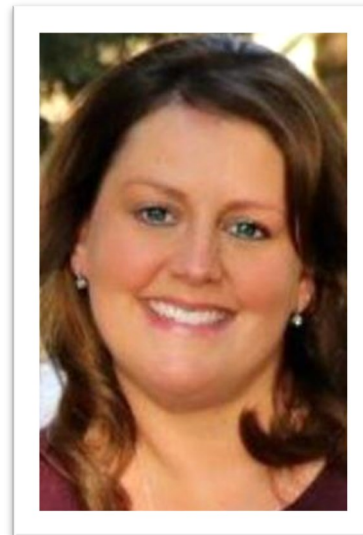
**Patricia Scoggin**

Patricia Scoggin passed away on March 5, 2018. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Robert Scoggin, who resides at Charter House; their children, Sylvia Scoggin, of Minneapolis, MN, Robert Scoggin, Jr., of Minneapolis, MN; David Scoggin, of Ashland, OR; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending for a future Celebration of Life and music, later this spring.

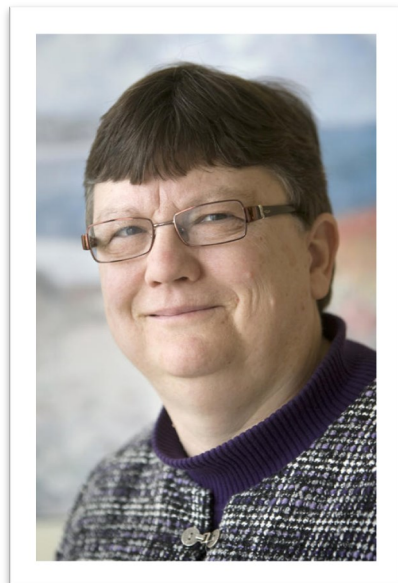
**Patricia Scoggin**

June 30, 1930 - March 5, 2018



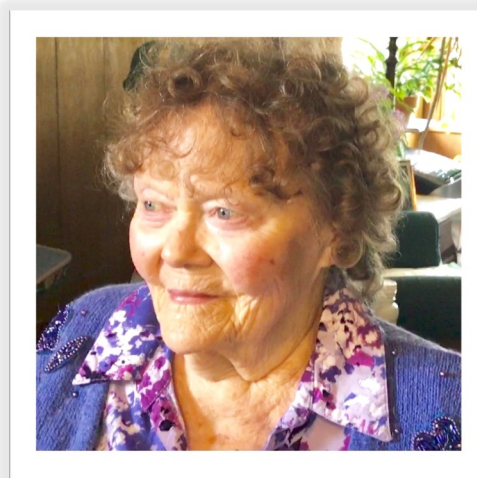
**Kaysie Nicole Kerr**

January 3, 1983 - March 2, 2018



**Diane Marie Hellie**

August 16, 1956 - March 21, 2018



**Betty Jane Laitala**

November 2, 1919 - March 21, 2018



**Delores Holland**

July 15, 1931 - March 22, 2018

# In Our Very Own Back Yard



## Hospitality House

Christ UMC is blessed with a duplex on our property. Currently the top floor unit is rented out through the year.

Beginning in April we will use the lower duplex unit (two bedrooms) as a hospitality house for those seeking short-term housing in Rochester. Our first guest will be a UM pastor and her family from Flint, Michigan. They are overjoyed to have found shelter during the time they are going to Mayo.

We need your help to create a space that is welcoming, safe, and warm (sounds like ASP making homes safer, drier and warmer?). There are opportunities to help: purchases to be made, furnishings to secure, cleaning to be done and set up of the space.

### Purchases:

- We are requesting new items for everything but furniture.
  - A wish list is posted on the CUMC web site, along with a link to a registry created at Target but items may certainly be purchased anywhere.
  - Review/shop Target gift Registry either IN the store (customer service) or online using this link: [tgt.gifts/CUMCHospitalityHouse](http://tgt.gifts/CUMCHospitalityHouse)
- Purchases made online through this gift registry may be sent directly to CUMC with no shipping expense.

### How Easy Is That?

- The wish list will also be posted in the Commons April 1. Please help keep the list updated to avoid duplicates. If you make a purchase, please mark it on the list in the Commons, drop Wendy Francis an email, or call the CUMC receptionist so they can check it off the list. (THANK YOU to our volunteer Receptionists)

### Furnishings:

- While most items requested should be new, furniture, tables, and lamps in excellent, clean condition are perfectly acceptable. Please communicate with Wendy Francis if you have something to donate so we don't end up with multiple couches.

### Cleaning and Organizing:

- April 16th we SPRING CLEAN this space and pull all of our donated items together. All cleaning supplies will be provided. Bring your cleaning gloves, meet at the duplex at 10:00 a.m. and let's make this place sparkle. There will be a job for everyone as we add the finishing touches for our anticipated guests. No need to RSVP - just show up.

### To Do Now:

- View the full wish list on the CUMC web site, or in the Commons, beginning April 1.
- Purchase or donate. (ok to drop purchases at CUMC)
- Help Clean and set things up. (4/16)
- Watch for updates in the bulletins of additional items needed.
- Pray for this ministry.

For questions, information or information about purchases, contact Wendy Francis at [wdf Francis@me.com](mailto:wdf Francis@me.com).

Please consider how you are called to help in this powerful ministry of hospitality.



# United Methodist Women



Muffin Mania was a success!

The UMW Sunday circle would like to thank everyone who contributed muffins, as well as thank everyone who purchased them. We raised just over \$450 for Project Legacy!

## United Methodist Women’s Spring Rummage Sale April 19-21

Spring is finally here and it’s time for spring cleaning! You may bring your no-longer needed, gently used items to CUMC on Thursday, April 19 for the Spring Rummage Sale which will be held Friday and Saturday, April 20-21. We can especially use people to help set up on Thursday from 8am – 5pm and clean up on Saturday at 1:00. The sale is open to the public Friday from 8am- 5pm and the \$3 bag sale is Saturday from 8:30am- 1pm. We will have a coffee shop on Friday. Donations of cookies, bars, and muffins are needed and highly appreciated. Please bring donations to the church kitchen on Thursday and mark them "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. **Please note: Due to construction in the lower level, donations will be received at the main entrance on Fifth Avenue.**



The UMW Rummage sale is a very important mission project for our church—proceeds help meet the UMW pledge 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.

## Service of Remembrance

Please join us for a “Service of Remembrance” May 3rd at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. We are celebrating the lives of the United Methodist Women Members that have died this past year. Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the commons following the service.





### Faith → Life:

#### Learn from Christ's Teachings

#### Third Sunday Forum

April 15, 10:15 AM – Hamline Room

#### United Methodist Karios Response

(Answering the urgent call from Palestinian Christians)

Carol Brunholzl and Hank Kliewer

In October 2010, United Methodist clergy and laity from around the United States came together in a grass roots effort to respond to the “Kairos Palestine Document.” This document is an urgent plea from Christians in the Holy Land for decisive action in support of a just peace. It is a powerful call to churches around the world to go beyond merely talking about peace and take real steps to help bring a just peace to the people of Israel and Palestine.

Carol and Hank, CUMC members, will give a historical background of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the United Methodist Karios Response (UMKR) focus on Education, U.S. Policy, Responsible Tourism, Boycott, and Divestment.

The UMKR movement includes thousands of United Methodists in dozens of annual conferences throughout the United Methodist Church, whose goal is to bring about a just peace for Israelis as well as Palestinians. UMKR also works with allies in many other faith communities and

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### Unity of the United Methodist Church and Human Sexuality - Four Week Study

Sundays April 8 – 29, 10:15 AM – Mettam Conference Room

Reverend Gary Lueck

You may remember that in August, Dave Nuckols, a lay leader and a member of the Commission on a Way Forward, gave us an update on the commission’s progress and recommendations at our Third Sunday Forum. This commission was appointed by the Council of Bishops to assist them 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. It will present its report to the Council of Bishops for action at the Special Session of the General Conference February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis.

In this 4-week study, Rev. Lueck will use *Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness – Study Guide* to address how the church can be a witness and provide for a diversified human community. Based on a paper by Dr. Charles M. Wood, this resource presents United Methodists an opportunity to think about what has become a cultural and ecclesial flashpoint – human sexuality – and comes out of the conviction that the church is thirsty for theological conversation.



# On The Horizon

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**EARTH FEST**



**2018**

**Earthfest Expo ♥ April 21**  
**RCTC Fieldhouse**

Vendor Booths, Educational Speakers & Much More!

The mission of Rochester Earthfest is to raise awareness; provide education and resources; and create inspiration and opportunities to develop a more environmentally sustainable community.

**EarthfestRochesterMn.org**  
 EarthfestRochester@gmail.com



**Earth Fest!**

Our church has been participating in conversations with Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, creating a coalition of faith communities learning more about solar energy. Come visit the booth about this coalition, run by Tom Williamson!

*Rochester Chamber Music Society Presents...*

**The Rochester Trio**



A wonderful combination of clarinet, cello, and piano in works by Weber, Debussy, and Brahms

**Horacio Nuguid**, piano                      **David Townsend**, clarinet  
**Stephen Pelkey**, cello

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 7:30pm, Christ United Methodist Church  
*Free Admission!*



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.

Visit us at  
[rochesterchambermusic.org](http://rochesterchambermusic.org)



**THRIVE! CONSTRUCTION** has begun in the lower level of CUMC. From **NOW** until at least **LABOR DAY**, the exterior Chapel Door entrance may **ONLY** be used to go to the Chapel. All other areas of the lower level are inaccessible from the exterior Chapel door entrance.



**405 Gallery Exhibition Schedule**

- March/April= Eric Anderson with a variety of media work
- May/July= District Superintendent, Cynthia Williams' watercolor work
- August/September= Cassandra Buck's dye work on canvas with embroidery
- October/November= Gary Hicks' photography work

We had a great time doing a “Youth church” in March! Pastors and leaders and youth from Homestead, Stewartville and Christ UMC participated. We hope to continue to do this: gives our churches a way to connect as the United Methodist family, and gets our youth getting to know new friends!



-Pastor Katy

# YOUTH MOVEMENT



## the breakfast club



high school youth  
 Tuesday mornings  
 6:50 am  
 First to arrive gets  
 free coffee/breakfast



Next Breakfast Club event will be April 10th at Caribou Coffee on Civic Center .



high school day of SURPRISE  
 Twin Cities adventures  
 APRIL 21  
 ADVENTURE LEAVES 11 AM  
 CONCERT 7 PM  
 fun, food, service, fellowship ending in the  
 Rend collective concert  
 Limited space- RSVP ASAP! 20\$

middle school SERVES!!!!  
 (5th graders do, too!)



April 28  
 9am-1pm  
 Service day + Pasqualle's Party  
 RSVP by April 27  
 All are welcome





Thrift on Fifth continues to THRIVE! TOF is springing forward as winter items are removed and spring items are hung. The last day for winter clothing is March 21. Spring items will be sorted and hung on March 22! THINK SPRING and come check out the new arrivals ... and remember .... Thrift on Fifth is now open the first Sunday of each month from 10-11 a.m. ALL monies collected at TOF go directly to support THRIVE! scholarships!



**save the date**  
**june 25-29**  
**summer kids camp**  
**Pre-k--5th grade**

**RENEW**



**THE GREEN VBS™**

**Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.**

Want to register for ReNEW summer kids camp (AKA Vacation Bible School)??

Check out our event link at [cumethodist.com/children!!](http://cumethodist.com/children!!)



## There Is Still Opportunity

As construction on the lower level of our church remodels rooms so that THRIVE, our child care center, can become a reality, it also affects the way the space can be used. With this change our church will no longer be able to host families for Family Promise for a week at a time which requires 6-8 rooms.



Christ UMC has been part of IHN (which is now a division of Family Promise) since it began in Rochester in 2000. We have hosted many families in our church over the years, and IHN using area churches has hosted every day/night since the first day it began in 2000. Hundreds of adults and children have been helped at a time of crisis in their lives through this non-profit organization.

And the need hasn't lessened. Of the homeless population in our country, children are a major percentage. In our own city at present there are about 380 school age children who do not have an address to call home. This number does not include infant and pre-school children. We hear constantly about the need for affordable housing in Rochester and surrounding area and Family Promise's mission is to provide short term housing and to help families move into long term housing, jobs and support.

The faithful volunteers of CUMC who have worked in this area of ministry have been informed that First Presbyterian Church has offered to take on the weeks we can no longer provide. First Presbyterian understands, however, that it will need volunteer commitment from CUMC and Zumbro Lutheran Church because it does not have enough volunteers to cover the week's schedules. We are going to be able to commit to helping host at First Presbyterian when the weeks are determined, but we would like to have more volunteers.



This information about the future of this important ministry includes an invitation to you to become a volunteer. Can you help set up the rooms, cook a meal, drive a van, host during evening or overnight hours at First Presbyterian? This is only a commitment for a day, four times a year. The rewards of this opportunity are to help homeless families, become acquainted with volunteers from other churches, and know that you are making difference in the lives of homeless adults and children.

Please give this prayerful consideration. Training will be available and volunteers always work with a partner at the site. Please call me at 254-3006 or email Aileen at [greenhs@aol.com](mailto:greenhs@aol.com), if you wish more information about this opportunity to serve.

Aileen Williams and Terry Anderson  
Co-Coordinates at CUMC for Family Promise/IHN



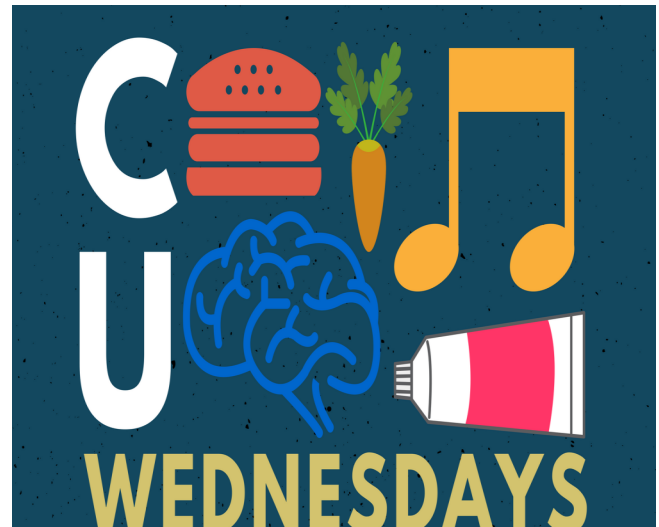
## You Are Invited All are Welcome.

**What:** Fellowship Coffee

**When:** 2nd Wednesday of  
**EVERY Month**

**Time:** 8:30 A.M.

**Where:** "Charlies"



### SANCTUARY AND IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

At our February 18th Forum, Phil Wheeler presented on Sanctuary action by the Rochester interfaith community. Following are selections from Phil Wheeler's Forum Presentation: 'A sanctuary faith institution provides a safe place to stay for people at risk of deportation, allowing the immigrant (and family) time to arrange matters and their lawyer time to process an appeal. It is not used to shelter criminals'.

'Four faith communities in Rochester, working with ISAAH of Minnesota (a faith-based social justice organization), have joined dozens across Minnesota and hundreds across the US by declaring themselves to be sanctuary or sanctuary-supporting faith institutions. While each of us has our own faith traditions and principles, we all have reached the same conclusion: the current immigration system, and in particular its treatment of our undocumented immigrant neighbors, is fundamentally immoral.

At CUMC over 30 people indicated they would like to help support this activity. If you would like to be added to this list of Sanctuary Support individuals and/or receive emails and notices, please let one of the following individuals know: Gary Lueck, Mary Schmidt, Larry Segar. These individuals are attending Sanctuary Church Coalition meetings and will help communicate and coordinate CUMC Sanctuary activity.

#### **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 April 8. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email to [email@cumethodist.com](mailto:email@cumethodist.com) if you have questions or would like more information.

## Notes from Pastor Nancy

### Holy Listening

Thank you to all who participated in the Holy Listening II event. We had 45 people who came to learn more about congregational care. As a church, you have developed such a fine model for congregational care that we wanted to share what we have learned with others. Our participants this year were largely United Methodists. They came from Hutchinson to Wadena/Deer Creek to Robbinsdale and Byron. A special thanks to my co-leader Rev. Cooper Wigen and to our workshop leaders Rev. Heather Klason, Rev. Karen Heistand and Pastor Elizabeth.



### The New Parish Ministry Team

Our six parish ministers are completing their training to respond to care needs in our congregation. They will be visiting on behalf of Christ UMC in the hospitals, care facilities, senior residences and homes. Each parish minister will be on call for two months of the year as well as follow certain persons with special care needs. They will be a listening, caring presence. They will also offer prayer, anointing and/or communion when requested by those whom they visit.

The parish ministry team joins with the Lay Visitors and the Widowed Persons Ministry team in visiting those in need. Your pastors will continue to visit as well.

Please join in welcoming the parish ministry team at a special service of commissioning on Sunday May 6. Your new parish ministers are: Mae Belle Erickson, Rev. Kendall Hughes, Jill Shapiro, Stewart Swanson, Jeff Ward and Linda Youlden.



### MCI news

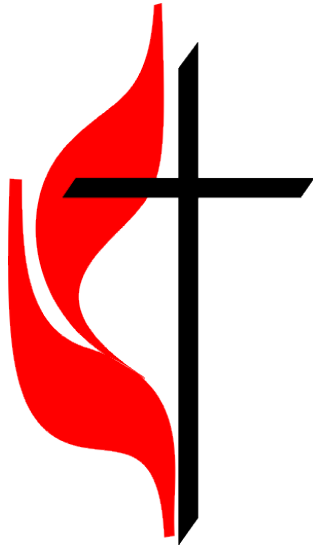
Two church members and Pastor Nancy attended the Dementia Conference in St. Paul on March 3. We heard fine keynote speakers and attended various workshops. I was especially impressed with a workshop I attended on communication with people with dementias.

Please join us for our next meeting April 18 at 10



am in the family room. The MCI support group is for persons with a mild cognitive impairment or early stage dementia and their support person. It is open to all, not just members. Please contact Pastor Nancy for more information.

## Schmita Ministry Development Plan



I was selected along with 40 some other MN United Methodist Clergy to be in the first cohort of a new plan for helping to strengthen ministers for long term effectiveness. This process is the result of a new addition to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016. It calls for an assessment of ministers every seven years. Each Annual Conference designs the process in such a way as to meet the requirements.

We attended a two day retreat along with leaders from Leaderwise in New Brighton. We learned about ourselves and our key relationships. We formed small groups for prayer and support. We also read and discuss 2-3 books on clergy self-care, soul care, and care for relationships. We develop a plan for this coming year in areas we have assessed that need growth.

Part of the Schmita year includes a two week paid sabbatical for furthering our development plan and for strengthening key relationships. I plan to take that time with Chuck this summer.

In September we all meet again to celebrate this special Schmita year.

I am grateful to the MN Annual Conference for having such a strong commitment to strengthen the effectiveness of its clergy. Furthermore, I am thankful for all of you for your generous gifts through our apportionments that provide this enrichment.



- **MCI Group:**

We invite persons living with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or early dementia and their support partner to join this confidential information and support group. We meet the third Wednesday of the month in the Family Room from 10-11am. The Family Room is on the main floor of CUMC just to the left of the main office. Pastor Nancy serves as facilitator. Please contact her to learn more about it.

The group plans to travel to St. Paul for the Meeting of the Minds Dementia Conference on Saturday, March 3rd. Please contact Pastor Nancy for more information. Early registration is recommended.

- **Congregational Care Seminar:**

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood Conference is offering the Congregational Care Seminar on April 19-21. Pastor Nancy is inviting those who may be interested in attending to contact her as soon as possible. This is a marvelous event for learning about their caring ministries and for strengthening our congregational care. For more info on the seminar see [COR.org](http://COR.org).

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**United Methodist Women's**  
**Spring Rummage Sale!**

April 19: Set up  
April 20-21: SALE  
8am - 5 pm

**Details inside!**