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THE NEW

SPIRIT



50 year
member luncheon

WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

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11:30am Sunday Radio Broadcast on
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"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



I am encountering a work hazard.

People have responded to the THRIVE! book drive with great and generous gusto. There are children's books in boxes and piles outside of THRIVE! director Tanya Goretzki's office.

I must pass that area to get to my office and every time I do I am drawn to those books.

The stories in those books feature raccoons and children of all skin tones and they feature monsters and heroes and I love children's books. The stories found in children's books are indelibly woven into my soul and the souls of my children.

So it is with the stories of our faith.

There are stories we unpack in scripture. Stories of bears and monsters and heroes and heroines and mistakes and triumphs.

What I long for is a church community alive in the power of having faith stories indelibly woven into the souls of children and adults.

We heard some of those stories from Appalachia on Sunday when we welcomed the 56 youth and adults home from their mission work. God moments experienced under starlight and over power tools were shared. The power of encountering differences and affirming connection was so powerfully palpable as stories were shared during worship.

This church has been learning and creating story for over 160 years.

This fall we are intentionally leaning into stories and the power of sharing them. We are creating Connect Groups where we can gather together in groups of 6 - 12 to listen to and learn stories. We are enhancing our welcoming ministry so that those who come into this place for the first time encounter a sense that there is a place for them here.

We need you.

On August the 15th we are hosting a mega church party for those who are interested in being greeters and connectors and ushers and Connect Group hosts and YOU are welcome to this gathering of the hopeful.

Summoning the courage to connect is no small

thing. In the midst of the swirl of life, Christ UMC seeks to offer transformational relationship with Jesus the Christ. We believe that Jesus is shared and experienced in the power of places where we can speak and listen. When people come through the doors for the first or the fortieth time, they are seeking.

You are seeking. I am seeking.

What Christ UMC offers is a place to be known by name. We seek to create a place where each of our stories is shared and savored.

Really. Come to the gathering on the 15th. We'll provide child care.

You are the only you there is. You are uniquely called. Your story is woven into God's heart. It needs sharing.

August is a dense month. We are in the BWCA, enlisting and equipping teachers and hosts, honoring 50 year members, readying for the kick-off of Sunday school for our children on August 26th (school starts early this year!) and greeting the new Music Director we hope to hire early in August. All this while we ready for the opening of THRIVE!, experience the wonder of new windows throughout the building and welcome the enhancement of our rest room facilities on the main floor.

During this precious summer month, I pray that you savor the story that is uniquely your own. Give thanks for the ways you bring your story into the narrative of this church and God's world.

You are just what this world is waiting for.

See you on August the 15th!

Pastor Elizabeth

Pastor Elizabeth

NEW YEAR! NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

Calling all Sunday school teachers and leaders: Love working with children? Contact the church office to get involved in our Sunday or Wednesday night programs! Check out Page 8 for all the exciting changes coming to Sunday School to help protect our kiddos, and help start their involvement in the church!



Eat.
Pray.
RALLY!

august 26: bring your backpacks for a blessing and a prize!
september 9: popcorn & photo booth
september 16: scavenger hunt & cookies

Let's Get Ready to Rally!

It's almost that time of year again! Our Rally Sunday events will start on August 26 with the blessing of backpacks, and time to sign up for connect groups. Not only will we have a special worship service, there will be popsicles and prizes directly following the 9 o'clock service! We can't wait to see you!

CONNECT HOST TRAINING

Do you remember your first visit to Christ Church? Maybe you felt at home right away or maybe it took a few visits to feel plugged in. We are assembling a group of 'Connectors' to work with the greeters and ushers to make that happen. Nearly every Sunday new faces join us for a reason. Do they want a church home? Looking for a way to serve others? Maybe a small group? Whether you are a new to CUMC or a 50 year member, come to our training on Wednesday, August 15 from 6-8pm and be part of the connection. All are welcome to this "safe sanctuary" and leaders training: we want to continue to keep Christ UMC healthy for all, especially for our children and vulnerable adults. So all who serve in this church as a volunteer are invited. A make up training (if you cannot attend the 15th) will be September 15th from 10-noon.

Save the Date!

- Our ELI Intern, Allison's last day is August 5! Be sure to give her your well wishes that Sunday!
- August 15 will be a training day for
 - Connect Hospitality Team
 - Sunday School Teachers
 - Connect Group Hosts
 - Safe Sanctuary
 - Ushers & Greeters
- Our regularly scheduled weekly CU Wednesdays begin August 29 with a cookout!
- September 15 will be an alternate training day for those who cannot attend August 15.

Yoga with Mike Skillern

*Mondays at 5:30pm
Bell Room*

*Yoga class for beginners,
or experienced yogis,
all welcome.*

*A great way to stretch
body, mind, and soul!*

*Please bring a yoga mat,
if you have one.
If not, there will be a few to share.*

Shower for Thrive!

Every Sunday, July 29th until August 19th 8:30 am - 12:00 p.m. in the Commons
The walls are up and painted and the doors and windows are going in next! We are preparing to fill the classrooms by throwing a Shower for Thrive! Come shop at the Thrive display and see all of the fun and required items we need to purchase for the center. Items will be available for purchase each Sunday through August 19th. There is something for everyone! Thank you for your prayers and support as we begin to fill our classrooms! **"Building community one family at a time"**



HANDBELLS at CUMC Summer Update!

The Celebration Bells ended a wonderful year of ringing with glorious rendition of *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, on Sunday June 3. We are truly praising God and He has blessed our little music community this past year. The staff here at CUMC is thankful to the following folks for their time and bell ringing talents:

- Sue Alker
- Connor Brown
- Madeline Davis
- Gregg & Pam Geerdes
- Jacob Hansen
- Bob & Karen Heistand
- George & Carolyn Heyne
- Monte & Katie Imming
- Sam Katzenberger
- Max Knotts
- Kathy Krob
- Rachel Larson
- Kathy Lawson
- Hailey & Jon McAlister
- Paul Ray
- Larry Scilley
- Nolan & Jocylen Stepanek
- George & Eleanor Weigand
- Angela & Elizabeth White

We were additionally blessed to have received funding from memorials to have the bells professionally refurbished.

We're on summer break right now but the handbell program will begin again this fall with the first practice on Wednesday, August 29 along with the first CU Wednesday.

Here's what you can expect. For now, we plan to have the same schedule we ran last year. First: **Jubilee Bells, for kids in grades 1 – 6, will practice from 5:00 - 5:30.** New ringers are always welcome! We will work on ringing skills as well as learning how to read music, so send the kids for some fun music training. *Jubilee Bells* can expect to ring about once every six weeks through the school year.

Celebration Bells practice from 6-7:00 p.m. *Celebration Bells* is for those of any age who have some bell ringing experience or are music literate. We welcome new ringers! *Celebration Bells* generally ring once a month and for some holiday services. We have ringers who commit for the entire ringing year, and we have some who commit for just a couple of months. We strive to be both flexible and welcoming to musicians who would like to participate in leading worship.

If you are interested in ringing, please contact Anna Lytle at aklytle@gmail.com. You can also contact the church office and leave a message. I am excited to see all returning and new ringers at practice on Wednesday, August 29. Just show up in the bell room! - CU Wednesday!



Thrive Update - Tanya Goretzki

I continue to be amazed at how different the Thrive space looks every time I venture down to the lower level. The vision that this congregation had to create a space for child care is coming to life!

We are getting close to the final stretch! The new windows are being installed. They are beautiful and let so much amazing light into our classrooms! Take a minute to drive by the back of the building and see how great the new windows look! Cabinets and flooring will go in in the next two weeks. The crew that works on this project every day is getting it all done and it looks wonderful!

The interview process is in full swing and we are engaged in conversations with potential applicants for all of our positions. It is exciting to begin building the Thrive team!

The Thrive shower has begun and we are so blessed to have such great support from the members of this church. Feel free to stop by the display and check out the many items that we need for our classrooms. We will even have Thrive t-shirts available for purchase! We have a limited inventory of t-shirts so shop early to get yours! Our display will be up each Sunday through August.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support for Thrive!

Mission and Social Justice Group

Mission and social justice meeting: 6:00-7:00 pm August 6th in room 145! All are welcome to be a part of our conversations about how this community is transforming Rochester and how we can be involved. Some of our current topics for discussion are below: you're welcome to bring your own!

- Voter registration
- THRIVE potential service opportunities
- Hopeful Earth and reflections on "eco VBS"
- Isaiah connections
- Racial Reconciliation and Diversity conversations
- Hospitality House updates
- Sanctuary church support
- Saturday Noon Meals

PRIMARY ELECTION day is August 14th – Make your voice heard, vote your faith

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot on November 6th. Several key races have multiple candidates running which makes this is an important voting date.

- [Vote by mail or in person](#) now through August 13. In person at 1421 3rd Ave SE, 2nd Floor (East side of fairgrounds). The hours are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Additional hours will be August 7 and 9, 2018 from 8am-8pm and Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 10am-3pm.
- You may register on the 14th or when you vote early if you aren't registered.
- On August 14th vote at your local precinct. To find out where you vote: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Immigration Justice

CUMC Plans:

CUMC will have Jean Binkovitz tell us about immigration law at our August 19th Forum. (More information on page 7)

CUMC Sanctuary Status:

There are 47 individuals at CUMC that have expressed interest and willingness to help with immigration issues. Five at CUMC have taken training to help staff the Sanctuary Facility at Peace UCC. Further training for Sanctuary helpers for both Peace UCC and the Unitarian church are expected later this fall. If you hear of individuals that would like to be part of Sanctuary or Immigration events, please provide their name and email to Mary Schmidt 507-258-7460.

Rochester area Immigration action:

The organization CURE had asked the Sheriff to stop providing information to Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE) when immigrants enter or leave detention. When the practice continued, CURE organized a June 1st demonstration/march on the Government Detention Center to bring attention to the problem. This resulted in a meeting being arranged on June 28th with CURE representatives and the County Board Chair, Attorney and Administrator. The results of the meeting are not known at the this time. CURE is also organizing a meeting with the new City Police Chief to be held sometime in July or August.

A Pine Island business has proposed an immigration detention center for the Elk Run area. There is discussion of action to object to further detention centers and perhaps have a meeting or demonstration to protest this action in Pine Island. The United States already has one of the highest percentage incarceration rates in the world.



Hospitality House Update

We have furnished the Hospitality House with two new beds! A supply closet, and have created a visitors handbook to welcome and direct our guests! We have continued to provide respite to those in need of short term lodging. If you or someone you know is in need of this service, contact the church office at email@cumethodist.com or call directly at (507)289-4019

2018 InBetweeners Steak/Corn Feed

August 5th is the date for the InBetweeners Steak/Corn Feed this summer. InBetweeners is a social group at Christ Church for those over 50 years of age. If you would like to attend and are not on our list please call or email the Odell's. (Dick and Deedee Odell , 281-2755, ddbells@aol.com)

We will begin with a social time and appetizers at 4:30pm. The price remains the same at \$11 per person. There will be portabella mushrooms for those non meat eaters. Bring your own plates, knives, forks and spoons.

The Steak/Corn Feed is at the home of the Odell's. We look forward to seeing you in August.



Save the Date!

The Fall UMW Rummage Sale is scheduled for Oct. 12 & 13. Look for more details in September New Spirit.

Check out your kitchens, closets and fall holiday areas for items. We look forward to seeing you and your items on October 11th. General Secretary of the United Methodist Women recently wrote, "the reason for coming together, raising funds is to do our part in helping women, children and youth flourish.

Our joint work is needed to make an impact to which we sense God calling us"

CUMC UMW has accepted the challenge to help the MN Conference with the Lydia Project. When the conference meets in 2020 there will be 10,000 purple hand stitched scarves to be given to all those in attendance. CUMC UMW has committed to providing 200! *We need knitters, crocheters and people to donate yarn!* If you want to be part of this challenge, please contact Marjie Blaisdell at Mablaisdell@gmail.com or 507-289-4933. Suggested patterns and yarn can be found at <https://www.minnesotaucm.org/lydiaproject> Completed scarves can be turned into Jenny's office with a nametag of the creator attached.

Reminder to all 50 year members:

From the Caring Ministries Team at Christ United Methodist Church 50 Year Member Celebration and Luncheon will take place Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 11:00am. Please call Christ Church directly at (507) 289-4019 to RSVP. Reservations are needed no later than Tuesday August 7th. We will need your name, guests name, phone number, transportation needs, and if you have a gluten allergy. Luncheon is provided free of charge.

50-Year Member
Celebration Luncheon

Thursday, August 16th, 2018
11:00am - 1:00pm
Commons

Reservations needed by Tuesday, August 7th.
Please call the Church Office at 289-4019.

We need your name, name of your guest, and phone number.
Please let us know if you need a ride.
Luncheon provided free of charge.
All Are Welcome

This year we give thanks for 12 members have been a part of this congregation for 50 years, having joined the Church in 1968.

Our new 50 year members:

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| John Mitchell | Elizabeth Houser |
| Amrita Humphrey | Goldie Michael |
| Richard Humphrey | Daniel Owen |
| Delores Wright | Jo Owen |
| Douglas Wright | Peggy Milbrandt |
| Mary Tompkins | |

Menu
Punch and Coffee
"Penzeys" Chicken Salad, Fresh
Fruit, Dinner Roll
Ice Cream and Cookies

Entertainment
Program to follow
Pastor Nancy will emcee



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

Third Sunday Forum
 August 19, 10:15 AM – Hamline
Immigration Law 101
 Jean Binkovitz

A stanza from “Becoming What We Pray”
 By Rev. James Marchionda

“When our tolerance grows beyond all our fears
 and we view one another as the image of God,
 when believers truly practice what we pray
 then the kingdom of God will be near.”

What part of legal immigration don't you understand? We hear that foreigners should “get in line”. But what does that line actually look like, and how many years (or decades) does it take to get through? Jean Binkovitz will be our instructor in Immigration Law 101.

Jean has practiced immigration law since 1989. She served as a supervising attorney for the Minnesota Justice Foundation volunteer program, is a long-time member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, has served on the Minnesota State Bar Association Legal Services to the Disadvantaged Committee, and on the Civil Gideon Task Force. She also taught classes including constitutional and international law classes at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Jean has a JD from the University of Minnesota and an MS in education from Walden University. Her publications include Conscientious Objection, The Free Exercise Clause. P Finkelman, ed. Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties 1, 349-351_2006.

Since immigration is such a relevant topic today, you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more!

Growing the Soul of the Church

“The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion”
 John Wesley

If you missed Pastor Elizabeth's July Forum, *Growing the Soul of the Church*, here's a brief summary:

Christ UMC is committed to offering ongoing relationship with God, neighbor and creation through worship, service, and connect groups and classes. To that end, all who attend Christ UMC will be invited to join a connect group.

John Wesley organized people into small groups he called “bands” of between five to ten people. Here at Christ UMC Wesley's “bands” will be called Connect Groups. They may be created around shared realities or interests. It may be that Connect Groups will form that are women or men only, couples, those

whose members are dealing with shared life stages, for those new to the congregation or those interested in pursuing skills or interests.

Each Connect Group will meet weekly for a period of six weeks. The time and focus of the group will be centered around a shared issue or activity. A host will hold the space. Groups will meet on site at church, in coffee houses or in homes. The duration of the gathering is one hour. The core of the time together is developing relationship with the Holy and with each other. Each person will have an opportunity to reflect upon some version of John Wesley's powerful question: “How is it with your soul?”.

Some nudge brought you into faith community. Our prayer is that you will find through Christ UMC companionship and spiritual sustenance for life's journeys.

Are You Thinking Fall??

Maybe not; we are in the dog days of summer and still have time to spend at the lake or plan a vacation. But the Faith→Life Team is busy planning and scheduling Connect Groups, Classes, Forums, Discussion Groups centered around a congregational read: “*Short Stories by Jesus*”, and retreat opportunities.

Sign-up for these fall activities will begin Sunday, September 9th in the Commons with the sessions beginning the first week in October. So watch for a complete listing in the September New Spirit, and notices in the worship bulletins, handouts, Faith→Life posters, and on the CUMC Website.

Exciting Sunday School Updates!

We have a big shift coming that we think will put a lot of parent's minds at ease and be a joy for our Sunday school teachers. Right now, we all love our children's lessons in the service, but the struggle is that guardians are asked to release their child to the Sunday school teachers at 9:15 without having formally checked in at the classroom. Plus, Sunday school teachers barely have time to get through the lessons and get to know the kids with the 35 minutes they have left.

We are trying a new thing: families will drop off children for the start of the 9 am service. They will have an alert system in place (through a buzzer and texting) to quietly tell them if there are any needs in the Sunday school room or nursery. The kids get to find home with their classmates and teachers for a full hour, and parents get to settle them in and pick them up in a more secured fashion.

One more shift: our first Sundays of the month will be "Kids first" Sundays. This first Sunday of the month, when we have communion (as my youth call it, "snack Sunday") the kids will be a huge part of leading the service. We will not have Sunday school, because the kids will be singing and speaking and have activities and get to both lead and participate in worship in intentional ways.

We are excited and grateful for your help and participation with this shift: let us know if you have any other questions. We'll launch this process August 26! Peace, Pastor Katy and the Children, Family and Youth leadership board



Mission to Guatemala January 4-13 2019

We need medical and dental professionals, as well as YOU! Anyone with a heart for serving others is welcome.

Save the Date

Mission to Guatemala: we have a new name: GAME! Guatemala Adult Mission Experience. Sign ups are by AUGUST 15th: FINAL DEADLINE! Got questions? Contact the church office: email@cumethodist.com



CU in the Summertime!

The final CU Wednesday Summer will take place August 8th! We can't wait to see you! After that our weekly CU Wednesdays will kick off August 29th, the Wednesday after Rally Sunday. Let's eat together!

Boundary Waters 2018! July 29-August 2

This is our 3rd year of going to the Boundary Waters by way of Kowakan Camp, a United Methodist camp owned by the Minnesota Annual Conference UMC. We have grown every year, providing increasing opportunity for our 6-10th grade students a supportive spiritual retreat as they prepare for or finish out their confirmation experience. They get to hike waterfalls, portage canoes, jump in northern lake water, grow in friendships and experience God through their connection to one another and the environment. Pray for these students and leaders!

Mika Mead
Lauren Mason
Jasmine Patterson
Morgan Blomberg
Elizabeth and Jocelyn Gunter
Allison Schwarz
Rev. Katy Lee
Julia Katzenberger

Naomi Kennel
Andy Ott
Rhys van Ert
Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay
Logan Ackerman
Rev. Cooper Wiggen
Cody Lee
Jacob Thomason

Garrett Singleton
Jaden Wysocki
Alex Peterson
Ethan Binnicker
Joel Ott
Rev. Wayne Souhrada

ASP Recap

All 56 of us made it back safely from Jackson, Kentucky. It was a fabulous trip which affected the lives of dozens of families in Kentucky and transformed a lot of us Rochesterites as well! We are IMMENSELY thankful for all of Christ UMC's support of this trip. Want to join us next year? You need not have youth on the trip to come and be a part! We'd love to have you serve with us.



Thrift on Fifth is now open every Saturday and Sunday. Saturday it's business as usual, but Sunday will be open with an honor system payment. There will be a locked payment box outside the door, and the store will be open all day!

Summer Store Hours | **Saturday:** Full Service 9am - 12:00pm
Sunday: Honor System Open all day

GALLERY 405

405 Gallery Exhibition Schedule

- August/September= Cassandra Buck's dye work on canvas with embroidery
- October/November= Gary Hicks' photography work

Have an article for the *New Spirit*? Please submit it to oliver@cumethodist.com by the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Late articles may be very tiny or invisible. Thank you and happy writing!

You Are Invited

All are Welcome.

What: Fellowship Coffee

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

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Where: Charlies Restaurant



We would love to give you a warm welcome

Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the church and how to connect with others?

We offer monthly "Meeting Christ Church" coffees at which our pastors will meet with people and introduce them to CUMC and the United Methodist denomination. Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Fireside room following the 9:00 service. Childcare is available upon request! The next Coffee is August 12. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email to email@cumethodist.com if you have questions or would like more information.



Foster Fest 2018!

The Arise! Band members from the 11 o'clock service are doing more than playing music on the weekends. After every Saturday rehearsal Clay, Cole, and Oliver get together, and organize an annual charity music event held at Foster Arend Park. This year, Foster Fest will take place on August 11! All proceeds from the event go to local non profit Mission 21. (www.mission21mn.org)

This year's activities include: live local music, vendors and food trucks, live painting a guitar that will be raffled, the "Megawatt video game trailer", a bounce House, face painting, bean bag toss, giant Jenga, and so much more! The Foster Arend water park will also be donating \$5 to Mission 21 for every wrist band sold! Dogs are welcomed to the event as well. There's fun for every family!

Be sure to check out the Foster Fest Facebook page for all the details of this year's festival: www.facebook.com/FosterFestRochesterMN

BYOBook Club: We all have different learning styles and different books we read, but we all love to grow through stories. Pick a book on the theme of racism and diversity, or get inspired by picking one of the books from our well-curated booklist: cumethodist.com/small-groups



We will get together to share our books and what we are learning through them. We will meet at 10:10am, August 5th, in the Fireside room and have our second discussion! All are welcome to join the conversation.

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



In Memoriam



William Barker

February 8, 1934 - July 3, 2018

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!



Our Director of Operations, Jenny, was officially married to Seth Cordry here in the church office on June 19th, and had a small ceremony in the Virgin Islands on June 29.

Creation Care Ecumenical Rally at Christ United Methodist Church, Saturday, October 13

Come and witness for a sustaining, wondrous planet Earth. Come and learn, share, and activate. Invite others from among our United Methodist and ecumenical neighbors to mobilize wise practices for both our personal and corporate lives.

Our MN Annual Conference Creation Care ministry team, Hopeful Earth Keepers, and our own Christ UM Church are bringing to Southern Minnesota a very special rally and education event. On Saturday, Oct, 13, from 9am- 2pm, we gather to learn, share, and activate for God's good creation. Dr. Tim Eberhart of Garret-Evangelical Seminary is our guest speaker. Professor of Theology with an ecological and Wesleyan emphasis, Dr. Eberhart will provide us with a timely and inspiring message. Participants will also have a variety of workshops to attend. Our goal is this: to encourage everyone to work together as Earth Stewards (or Keepers) toward creating sustainable and gracious life.

We will worship. We will learn. We will cry and laugh and pray for God's Creation. And, we will activate our faith lives into Creation Care.

Workshops will include:

- 1- Practical Activism Here and Now
- 2- Worship Resources for Integrating Creation Care
- 3- Farming and Earth Stewardship
- 4- Youth and Creation Care
- 5- How to Become an Earth Keeper
- 6- Round Table Discussion About Best Practices

Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. Please register through Christ United Methodist Church office, phone #507-289-4019 or e-mail email@cumethodist.com.

For Christ UMC and Hopeful Earth Keepers, Cooper Wiggen



GRACE IN THE MARGINS V:
STORIES OF HOPE, POSSIBILITY AND TRANSFORMATION

Join Project Legacy for an inspiring evening at our annual Grace In The Margins event. This year, we'll be joined by keynote presenter, Abdul Wright, the 2016 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, and will hear stories of hope and resiliency from Project Legacy youth speakers.

PROJECT LEGACY

WHEN: Tuesday, August 7th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM
WHERE: Christ United Methodist Church
DONATE: Register on Eventbrite or email us at kedmonds@projectlegacymn.org
All donations are used for youth support and programming
STUDENT SPEAKERS: Alysha Carlisle | Abdi Mohamed
Pierre Ruffin | Kristina Jovanovic

ABOUT ABDUL WRIGHT:
Mr. Wright is an eighth grade Language Arts teacher in North Minneapolis. In addition to being named the first black male to receive the Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award, Wright received the Minneapolis Peacemaker Award from the City of Minneapolis in 2015; and the 'You've Made a Difference' award from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in 2015 and 2016.

projectlegacymn.org

Next Issue!

- Details about Thrive! as it finally opens it's doors and welcomes its first group of children!
- Reflections of the annual Boundary Waters trip.
- Continued coverage of all the Rally Sunday events!
- Foster Fest 2018 Recap!
- Bishop Bruce Ough will be visiting CUMC on September 26. There will be a potluck, and the Bishop will host a forum called "Conversations On A Way Forward"

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august 26: bring your backpacks for a blessing and a prize!
september 9: popcorn & photo booth
september 16: scavenger hunt & cookies