

SPIRIT







WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

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Pastor's Pen with Elizabeth Macaulay, Lead Pastor



About this time a year ago I sold my cabin.

It had been in my family for over fifty years.

This has been my first spring without raking and putting in the dock.

This is my first summer spent apart from the smell of the lake, the shine of light through the white pines, and the sound of loons.

I am feeling a physical kind of ache around not inhabiting the place that has held me for so many years.

I cannot much imagine how it is for those who are refugees and immigrants. Leaving a place that has held life and love is wrenching.

I am so privileged. My lament and ache has to do with a second home.

People getting into boats and crossing borders are seeking a home, *any* home, where their children will be safe and their future will be secured.

I cannot much imagine the ache of it all, particularly when the well-being of their breathing futures - their children - are at risk in the land they are fleeing and in the land they are seeking to enter.

Lord have mercy.

The compassion and heart of Jesus is needful in times like these.

Here at Christ Church we are seeking to share that compassion and heart. We are creating space we pray

will serve as sanctuary for families and children. The walls are going up, the phones are ringing with inquiries about the program, and prayers and hearts continue to work with the Spirit to create blessing for 84 children and their care-givers.

We're hosting Vacation Bible School, sending youth to the BWCA (I get to go this year! Hurrah!) and praying over and blessing the team of people going to Appalachia in July.

The hospitality house is being a nest for a family experiencing a premature birth of their baby girl and it will be used in August for the family of a teenager who is seeking healing.

Week by week people are greeted in the Thrift on Fifth store and at Saturday noon meals.

Here is what I pray. I pray that we never underestimate the power of welcome, the power of advocacy, and the power of home.

There are many in God's creation seeking safety for their children and their futures. Let us be willing to know those children and futures as our own.

The heart of Jesus beats through this church and through our willingness to feel with others.

Find a way to give thanks and to give welcome.

And, find a way to savor summer. There are lakes to smell, white pines to admire and loons to sing along with.

May you find and extend blessing.

Pastor Elizabeth



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"Sing (and ring!) to our God a new song!" Psalm 98

A team of music makers and other congregation members gathered to discuss our music ministry.

Each shared three words about what it is we long to see in our music ministry.

Words like community, joy, beauty, multicultural, inclusive, inviting, outreach, beauty, teamwork and connection were shared.

We're excited about what the future holds for our shared witness.

Here is what we know: God is in this.

We are blessed with the following people who are engaged now and into the future with inviting people into ministry through music:

Brenda Fyles - Little Angels (Preschool)

Karla Sukov - Children's Choir (Elementary Age)

Anna Lytle - Bell Choirs

We are blessed that John Varona has agreed to be our organist.

We will be advertising for a director of music who will also be our adult choir director and director of music.

Should the person applying for the adult choir have an affinity for working with youth they will also direct the youth choir.



Following the receipt of applications each candidate will be interviewed by the group of music makers and work with the choirs to ascertain fit.

Please direct any questions to Bobbi Nichols, Karla Sukov, (Staff Parish Relations liaisons) or Pastor Elizabeth.

Those on the team are:

Carolyn Heine, Bell Choirs

Cole Ebertowski, Arise Worship Leader

Ray Hanson, Vocal Choirs

Michael Skillern, Little Angels parent

Tricia Katzenberger, Youth Choir Parent

Brenda Fyles, Little Angels director

Anna Lytle, Bell Choir Director

Rev. Martha Hendricks, vocal choirs

John Varona, Organist

Bobbi Nichols, Leadership Board

Karla Sukov, Leadership Board

Rev. Katy Lee

Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay





ReNEW the Green VBS!

What an awesome year! Through the help of 25 volunteers, both youth and adults, we had an AMAZING year of kids' summer camp (VBS). We welcomed 40 kids, both church regulars and new faces, where we got to learn about the Parable of the Sower, and how God is using us to continually RENEW and care for creation. And, GOD is always renewing US. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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Church Finance Report

Through May income has exceeded budget by \$73,379.55 or 7.6%. Giving (pledged, regular and loose offerings) are under budget by 6%, revenue from property usage fees is over budget by 14%. Other unbudgeted income from investments, special offerings and a bequest the Leadership Board designated to defray the cost of our new van was over \$49,000. Expenses are slightly over budget

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Giving	\$382,684.76	\$407,218.56	-\$ 24,533.80
Property Use	\$117,146.63	\$102,973.32	\$ 14,173.31
Other income	\$ 49,231.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 49,231.36
Total Income	\$549,062.75	\$510,191.88	\$ 38,870.87
Expenses	\$475,683.20	<u>\$474,429.81</u>	\$ 1,253.39
Net Income	\$ 73,379.55	\$ 35,762.07	\$ 37,617.48
Our 2018 expense budget is \$1,125,346.37.			

Assets and Liabilities

At the end of May the church had cash and other short term assets of \$1,472,043 of which \$1,094,422.42 were in restricted accounts (Transform, THRIVE! Scholarships, Makinen Bequest, ASP, YAM, SNM, among others). We also had long term restricted investments managed as part of the CUMC Foundation's portfolio of \$88,635.25. Current liabilities were \$9,853.73 (fairly typical) leaving unrestricted cash assets of \$357,819.62 or about 4 months of operating expenses. We believe 3 to 4 months is a prudent reserve. We currently have no long term debt.

<u>Transform</u>

To date we have received \$663,379 of the \$1,484,303 pledged toward Transform. Work is on schedule and so far we have had expenses of \$281,300. We will be obtaining a line of credit that will bridge us to the end of the pledge payment period in December, 2020. Because of our strong cash position and the pledges we have received we will not be required to mortgage the church property.

Thank you for your support of our church.

Complete financial statements are available in the office. Please contact Dick Estry (288-5938, rk.estry@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Thrive Update



Tanya Goretzki - Thrive! Executive Director

We are about two months from opening the doors of Thrive and it continues to be busy! The walls have all been covered with sheet rock and the painting will soon be put on the walls! The center is really beginning to take shape! Every time I enter the space, I begin to imagine children playing and learning with their friends and teachers.

A time capsule was "buried" in one of the walls before the sheet rock went up. We collected a variety of memorabilia to paint a picture of how Thrive came to be. The time capsule includes the business plan, a brochure, letters from Pastor Elizabeth, myself and board members, licensing rules, articles about Thrive as well as a complete set of blueprints. Who knows when it will be discovered!

Many people have asked about ways to purchase items for Thrive as we open the doors in September. We will be throwing Thrive a shower to provide an opportunity for you to do just that! We will kick off the shower on July 29th and continue to have a table in the commons on Sundays throughout August. You will be able to choose an item off our wish list to purchase for the center. Watch for more information as we get closer!

As always, thank you for your support and prayers for Thrive as we get closer to the finish line!

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2018 Annual Conference Wrap-Up

by Christa Meland

Theme: Drawing on John 15:1-17, the theme of this year's annual conference session was "Discover Joy: Live Deeply!" We focused on the pathway to a deep, well-lived life, which comes as we abide in Jesus. We connected to our collective story of how God has named and claimed us, heard a variety of "Why Jesus" stories, and explored practices that sustain us and give depth to our spiritual lives—those that allow us to discover the joy that comes when we invest ourselves in growing in our love of God and neighbor. And we celebrated the multitude of ways that we are sent into the world to live fully and offer the goodness we have discovered in living in the way of Jesus.

Bishop's Episcopal Address: In his 2018 Episcopal Address, Bishop Ough talked about how when we remain in Jesus, his joy is our joy, and he explored what it means to be Love First congregations—focused on loving God and loving our neighbors. The three most distinctive characteristics of Love First churches are that they live the United Methodist way, tell their Jesus stories, and generate Love First fruit, he said.

Teaching sessions with Olu Brown: In two teaching sessions, Rev. Olu Brown explored the importance of knowing, claiming, and reclaiming our personal "why" stories and underscored the critical task of staying connected to the vine so we can be inspired to transform the world. One of the worst things that can happen is for us to become "professional Christians"—doing church, worship, and prayer by the numbers, he said. He urged us to be "catalyst evangelists"—those who go before to create an opportunity or atmosphere to connect people to Jesus.

Missional Report: On Wednesday, through a spoken Missional Report, conference attendees learned about and celebrated a variety of Holy Spirit breakthroughs in our midst—places where we are shaking things up and changing people's lives by helping them come to know Christ more deeply. Examples include starting a faith community in St. Michael, creating a culture of call and helping laity to pursue new ministry paths, and clergy participating in covenant groups for support, learning, and accountability.

Vine and Branches Talks: Rev. Carol Zaagsma and Rev. Rachel McIver Morey shared TED-style "Vine and Branches Talks" related to staying connected to the vine that is Jesus; living with love, compassion, and respect; and honoring different perspectives while maintaining our Christian beliefs and ideals. Zaagsma focused on the importance of listening deeply to others and trying to see the other as Christ would, while Morey talked about sharing our stories from where we stand and listening to the stories of others as they would have them be told.

Recognizing those entering new chapter of ministry: At a Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service Friday afternoon, hundreds of Minnesota United Methodists gathered to remember 21 friends and colleagues who have died over the past year, honor 22 retiring clergy, and celebrate nine people being ordained, two people transferring in from other denominations, four being commissioned as provisional members, and 17 newly licensed local pastors. Thanks be to God for this group of dedicated leaders!

Arts as a Spiritual Practice festival and

concert: Attendees explored various art forms as spiritual practices at a festival on Wednesday night. They engaged with local artists hosting stations where they could try out sculpture, spoken word, body movement, drawing, and paper cutting. Then nationally known singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer performed a 90-minute concert.

Legislation: Members of Annual Conference debated and voted on a number of pieces of legislation on Thursday. They approved changing the location of the 2020 Annual Conference to Sioux Falls, South Dakota so that the Minnesota and Dakotas Annual Conferences can engage in two shared days of learning, worship, and celebration, and they approved raising the minimum clergy salary. They also approved resolutions related to preventing gun violence and advocating for the rights of children living under Israeli occupation.

Love Offering: As of the end of Annual Conference, nearly \$70,000 had been given to the 2018 Love Offering. This year's Love Offering will go to Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65 percent), Park Avenue UMC Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program (20 percent), and NUMAS Haus (15 percent).

For a video recap of the event go to: vimeo.com/273029121

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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.

50 Year Member Celebration & Luncheon - Thursday August 16, at 11:00am

Years or more on Thursday August 16, 2018 at 11:00am. Invitations will be sent to member luncheon all 50 year persons being honored; the invitations will be sent by July 17 for the August Event. Lunch will be served followed by a special program. This will all take place in the church commons. See the next addition of the spirit for more details

Missing UMW Books

Over the past 5 years, a few UMW books have gone missing. Please double check your library for any books with the UMW color coded disk on the bottom of the spine and white label inside the front cover. These are the books we're looking for. If you happen across one, please return to the UMW book cart. Thank you! - Patricia Hrabe & UMW Books Americanah - Adichie

Climate Justice - Watkins

Created for Happiness - Hopson

The Dressmaker of Khair Khana - Lemmon

Finding Higher Ground - Seidl

Fulfilled - Jones

House of Purple Cedar - Tingle

Faith & Struggle on Smokey Mountain - Beltran

<u>Just Mercy</u> - Stevenson

King Peggy - Bartels

Launch Your Encore - Finzel

Moral Ground - Moore

Outcasts United - St. John

The Weight of Mercy - Richardson-Moore

Tilly - Smith

Where Grace Meets Power - Schaaf

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The UMW (United Methodist Women) Assembly was held May 18 – 20th, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio.

Over 5,000 women from the United States and around the World assembled to learn about the theme: The Power of Bold. CUMC members Wailana Barker, Grace Swanson and Mae Belle Erickson attended the conference. Wailana and Grace have attended numerous assemblies, this was my first. As a new attendee, I gained an understanding of UMW's Call to Mission to women, children, and youth. I realized the longevity of the UMW organization (150 years) and how this organization has and continues to identify current needs, both local and world-wide. UMW provides financial support and direct services to these causes. I had opportunities to attend Community Gatherings daily and chose workshops of interest to me. I enjoyed attending the Assembly and valued the opportunities I had to meet and interact with UMW women from Minnesota and all parts of the U.S. and the world.

Submitted by Mae Belle Erickson

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!

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Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

Third Sunday Forum

July 22, 10:15 AM – Hamline

Growing the Soul of the Church Reverend Elizabeth Macaulay

Join Pastor Elizabeth as she explains the process of "growing the soul" at Christ UMC. Our longing is to follow Jesus' example; but we don't do this alone. We

do this by connecting with others to practice what Pastor Elizabeth delineated in a recent sermon: breath, courage, compassion, trust and humility. This is our Methodist DNA; living in community to grow our souls by loving God, loving others, and transforming the world through our service.

Come and discovery how YOU can "grow your soul" at Christ UMC in a way that will change your world.



Last Call! All Board!
Join Us As We Travel To
Des Moines, Iowa on October 9 – 12, 2018

curious.church

"Never lose a holy curiosity." Albert Einstein

Featured Speakers include: Brian McLaren (author of our congregational read – *We Make the Road by Walking*), John Roberto, Mary Scifres, Bishop Laurie Haller, Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey and Bishop Tracy Smith Malone.

I'm curious...but is this event really for me??

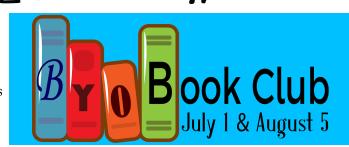
Yes!! It's for ground-breakers, answer-seekers, discoverers, questioners, dreamers, doers, out-of-the-box thinkers, and church changers!! Are you involved in a small group, children's ministry, leadership, Sunday school class, worship, as office volunteer or just curious? Then, this is for you, plus scholarship money is available if you are curious!

You can select to attend 1, 2, 3 or the entire 4 days. Over 50 breakout sessions will be offer to choose from in ministry

If you are interested in attending this event that offers you chances to engage in deeper learning, take a break from everything and awaken your curiosity, contact Kathy Estry (rk.estry@gmail.com) or visit www.cefumc.org/curiouschurch for further information.

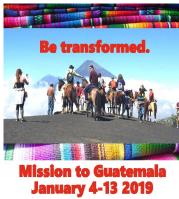
We all have different learning styles and different books we read, but we all love to grow through stories. Pick a book on the theme of racism and diversity, or get inspired by picking one of the books from our well-curated booklist

@ 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, July 1st and August 5th, in the Fireside room! All are welcome to join the conversation.

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Want more information? Email Katy@cumethodist.com

2019 Guatemala Mission Update!

The 2019 Mission to Guatemala is fast approaching! July 1st we will be gathering in the Fireside room for a pot-luck to help prepare our Missioners, and chat with Jan & John Lage, who are CUMC's sponsored missioners in Guatemala.

On the 4th of July, we hope you'll join us at The Pizza

Ranch in Stewartville between 4-8pm where we will be hosting a fundraiser for the mission trip! Stop out before the Stewartville 4th of July parade and support this great cause!

Summer Sundays off to a great start!

SUMMER sundays for kids @ CUMC

9:15-11 am June 24: plant 🔾 July 1: splash ~~

July 29: play

August 26: rally *after 9 am children's lesson, or after worship.

meet in Wesley hall for summer fun!! wear dothes that could get messy or wet

On the PLANT summer event June 24, we kicked off VBS with working on the church's landscaping: thank you to Mary Schmidt and Katherine Gardner for leading this beautiful activity!





MISSING C U WEDNESDAYS? We'll be coming BACK!

Sign up in the Commons to bring a dish for an outdoor picnic in the Labyrinth, 5:30 pm, Wednesday July 11, August 8. We will meet, eat, and have great time being 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!



Students:

Mika Mead Lauren Mason Iasmine Patterson Cody Lee Jacob Thomason Morgan Blomberg Andy Ott

Rhys van Ert Garrett Singleton Jaden Wysocki Julia Katzenberger Grace Hansen Naomi Kennel Claire Ruter Alex Peterson

Ethan Binnicker

Leaders: Allison Schwarz Elizabeth Macaulay Katy Lee Ioel Ott Wayne Souhrada

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We are celebrating 37 years of continuously serving ASP, helping make homes warmer, safer and drier in Kentucky. Will you pray for us as we travel with nearly 60 people July 7-16? We will be commissioning our ASP team at the 9 o clock service July 1st, and you can help send us off at our commissioning, 6:30 am July 7th in the West parking lot!

Kari Nichols Ellen Butterfass Royce Ruter Katy Lee David Lucas Betsy Whitfield Darlene Lucas Mark Clark Kurt Kennel Jon Fjelsted Craig Nichols Matt White

Cherie Jensen Ray Hansen Alan Stepanek Brenda Fyles Cindy Fjelsted Anthony Brown Braeden Cox Sophie Butterfass Connor Brown Julia Katzenberger Parker Schultz Jacob Hansen

Megan Lucas Shea Hansen Christian Koski Eryn Fjelsted Alec Wood Maddy Hanson Simon Kennel Michael VanVught Megan Engelken Anna Thompson Weston Fyles Emma Duff

Jocelyn Stepanek Nolan Stepanek Nathan Spindler-Krage Ben Kossman Sophia Iezzi Sophie Sargent Lauren Wood Bergen Koski Shannon Thomas Brittany Kundert Jack Wood

Allison Ruter Nya Weivoda Elena Schultz Lucas Iezzi Ben Haugen Naomi Kennel Nick Gunter Logan Shapiro Sydney Frank Olly Ott Kyra Nichols



Thrift on Fifth continues to THRIVE! THINK SPRING and come check out the new arrivals. ALL monies collected at TOF go directly to support THRIVE! scholarships!

Store |

Summer | Wednesdays: CLOSE D

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hours First Sunday of the Month: 9 - 10 a.m.

405 Gallery Exhibition Schedule

- May/July= River Valley District Superintendent, Rev. Cynthia Williams' watercolor work
- August/September= Cassandra Buck's dye work on canvas with embroidery
- October/November= Gary Hicks' photography work



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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 June 10. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email to email@cumethodist.com if you have questions or would like more information.

THRIVE! CONSTRUCTION.

From April 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.



The CUMC Book Of Life: Living, Celebrating, & Remembering with



New Members! We welcomed Jim and Mona Ervin to our congregation on June 24th!



Andrew and Maria Nelson were married in our sanctuary

Congratulations to the Newly Weds! 😸 💥









Camilla Randall October 22, 1923 - May 31, 2018



Linda Curtis December 31, 2018 - May 31, 2018



Ruth Kirkham June 17, 1929 - June 25, 2018

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New ministry team Being Formed

At our last Caring Ministry Team meeting we affirmed the 25 plus years of the Widowed Persons Ministry Team.

We also discussed and affirmed a new direction for the ministry team. We are in the process of forming a new ministry team. It will expand the grief support we are able to offer. It will likely follow a similar process to that of the former Widowed Persons Ministry team. Thus, we will be offering speakers and programs along with visits by the new Grief support Ministry Team.

If you feel God is leading you to participate, please contact Pastor Nancy

If you would like a Parish Minister to visit you,

please call or email the office. Parish Ministers are available to make visits in the hospital, care facilities, and homes. They offer the caring ministry of the church to those who are sick, grieving, homebound, or going through a life challenge such as divorce, job loss, or another significant event. They will offer a listening ear and spiritual support as requested such as prayer, communion and/or anointing.

CUMC Medical Equipment Lending Closet

We have a closet full of durable medical equipment that is available to church members and frequent participants. There are walkers, commodes, shower chairs and other items.

The equipment comes from donations from church members and friends.

Notes from Pastor Nancy

We are very grateful to Pat Hrabe for her keeping track of items, cleaning and maintaining them. Please thank Pat for this service. She has made a difference in the lives of many.

If You or a Loved One Is in the Hospital

There is a new process for letting us know you are a patient in the Mayo Hospital: If you would like us to know that you are there, you need to register that you belong to Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester. Please remember to list the entire name of our church and the city.

We will call the chaplains office Mon-Fri to find out who has registered as one who belongs to Christ UMC.

Please call the church directly if you are a patient at Generose Building or at Olmsted Medical Center.

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. Please not the change of date:

We will meet July 25th 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.



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! The event will feature Rochester based music, vendors, and food trucks; and is sponsored by many local organizations, including CUMC!

Proceeds go to aiding local non-profit, Mission 21. Mission 21 provides resources and restoration services to child victims of sex trafficking, and assists victims of sexual exploitation so that they will be restored mentally and spiritually and re-enter society as survivors.

More information to come in next month's issue of The New Spirit, and stay up to date with the event at www.facebook.com/FosterFestRochesterMN

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