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THE NEW

SPIRIT

Confirmation 2018

Come celebrate May 13th,
2018 @ 9 am!

Eden and Emmy Mueller

Julia Katzenberger

Talon Frank

Tate Goretzki



WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

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11:30am Sunday Radio Broadcast on
KOLM (1520 AM)

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"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR

"What kindnesses are you blessed with day by day, and what kindnesses do you offer your world?"

I am at taking in the goodness of learning and loving in community.

Carrie Newcomer is one of my favorite songwriters. She sings the every day apprehensions of beauty as well as the longings for healing in this tumultuous day in which we live. I am a huge fan.

And, I get to be in her good company for three days. I sat next to her today at lunch. I tried to be cool, even as I wanted to (and of course, did) ask her many questions about who is writing (besides the work that she does) songs that have the power to move hearts toward resistance, and hope. She named authors she is collaborating with: Parker Palmer, Barbara Kingsolver, and she named some other songwriters and composers. We agreed that the power of communal song is one of the precious gifts that Christian community can provide, and that such gifts need to be celebrated and made new and fresh.

Carrie led us in our own writing processes. Some of the exercises are so simple: What did you see today? What caught your attention? Tell about that.

Together we also did an exercise that asked us to name two kindnesses offered us, and one we offered to another.

Carrie said that "love" is such a big word, so grandiose in its scope, that we can lose the particularities of how it is we practice love.

So she asked us to consider kindness as the lived practice of love.

Well now. Think on these things, community in Christ.

What are you paying attention to in your own life?

What kindnesses are you blessed with day by day, and what kindnesses do you offer your world?

The questions are holy. Living into the asking and answering of those questions is the stuff of Spirit living.

It is our call.

This month is dense with life. We are celebrating the witness and kindness of Pat Scoggin. She and her husband the Rev. Dr. Bob Scoggin brought to Christ Church the gift of communal song and the goodness of being a choir of humans in the service of a loving God. Pat's celebration of life is May 19th at 2:00 PM.

We'll also be celebrating the new voices brought to faith through Confirmation at our church. On May 13th at the 9:00 service we will name our gratitude for the faith song being entered by those being confirmed.

And then, some of us will gather at Annual Conference (the yearly gathering of United Methodists from throughout the state) for a time of worship and ordination.

Two things about that:

Our own Katy Lee is being ordained as an Elder at Annual Conference this year - on Friday at 2:00 PM in St Cloud - and our Arise! worship band is leading worship for three days. The whole state will be led by our musicians. Why? Because they are gifted musicians who sing God's song for this time while honoring what has gone before.

Wowza.

So. Pay attention to your life. Name your blessings. Sing your song. Come to church. Give and receive kindness.

Give thanks.

Pastor Elizabeth



Pastor
Elizabeth

Annual Conference: Christ UMC Shines!



"I hope that you will pray for me—or join me, all are welcome!—up in St. Cloud June 1st at 2 pm at the Rivers Edge Convention Center, where I will be ordained! The worship service is incredible. This has been a heartfelt, Spirit-filled process, I'm so thankful to you for your part in this joyful process. I bragged about you all the time in my interviews, and I passed, so, THANKS!"

—Pastor Katy



"I'm thrilled and honored that the CUMC Arise! Worship Band (along with guest vocalist and pianist, Amanda Schmiechel from Homestead Church) will be the house band for this year's United Methodist Conference! We're so thankful for the support of the CUMC congregation, and this wonderful opportunity to serve."

— Cole Ebertowski — Arise! Band Leader



The 164th Session of the MN Annual Conference is May 30-June 1. Our theme is "Discover Joy: Live Deeply!" (John 15:1-17). We will worship, eat and visit together. We will work together on mission and ministry. For more information visit our MN Annual Conference website: www.minnesotaumc.org. Live streaming is available.

In addition to Pastor Katy and the Arise band, we will be represented by Pastors Elizabeth and Nancy as well as Lay Delegate Diane Ilstrup.



What is it about critters and church?

We shared the joy of new life with hundreds of our neighbors on Holy Saturday (March 31st).



We are creatures in love with a God whose power overcomes death.

What's not to celebrate?!



The new bus has arrived! Easter Sunday was its maiden voyage.

Many thanks to the donors who gave generously to ensure that we get people safely to church and youth safely to the adventures they pursue.

These gifts plus a bequest from the estate of Virginia Payne were used to underwrite the cost of the bus. Please remember your church in your estate planning. As you can see in the picture above, your gifts change lives.

The CUMC Hospitality House has been blessed to provide respite to two out of town guests, during three visits. Hopefully some of you met Pastor Faith and her family when they were here during Holy Week. More recently, Gloria, a mother of a teen who was here 1 1/2 weeks for care, was able to find a sense of calm, peace, and caring while staying with us. Her father is a United Methodist Pastor, and referred her to us.



Our mission is strong, needed, and truly appreciated, as evidenced by the hugs and tears of our guests.

There is still much needed for the house. Please check the CUMC web site for some ideas of what's still needed. Purchases may be made through the link, or elsewhere if you find a better deal. We are still in need of three bedside tables and three bedside lamps, should you have some that aren't being used.

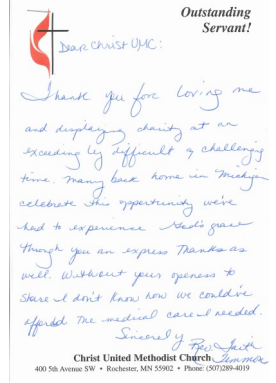
THANK YOU for your continued support and prayers.

-Wendy Francis

Dear Christ UMC:

Thank you for loving me and displaying charity at an exceedingly difficult and challenging time. Many back home in Michigan celebrate this opportunity we've had to experience God's grace through you and express Thanks as well. Without your openness to share I don't know how we could've afforded the medical care I needed.

Sincerely,
Rev. Faith Timmons



An Update from your Church Safety Team

The Church Safety Team has completed the Church's emergency procedures for Severe Weather, Fire, Medical Emergency, Bomb Threat, Assault/Fight, and Intruder/Active Shooter. The Fire Marshall, police, local, state and national agencies provided guidelines for us to develop our procedures.

In April and May, training will take place for staff, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and other church volunteers in regards to the new emergency procedures. Training will include procedures on evacuating the building based on various emergencies. Emergency procedure posters will be placed in all classrooms and other areas of the church. A forum will be held in the sanctuary for all church members later this spring to go over emergency and evacuation procedures. Various scenarios will be reviewed. Examples will be provided so everyone will know where to relocate to in case of a fire or inclement weather. Sunday school classes will also be taught evacuation procedures for their classroom. A planned fire drill for Sunday school students will be conducted this spring.

Walkie-talkies have been purchased for communication between the ushers, office, Church Safety Team, Sunday school area, church volunteers, and the custodians. They will be used during church services, so please don't be alarmed when you see someone with an earpiece and a radio within the sanctuary or elsewhere in the building. This is for everyone's safety. Earpieces will be used so noise will not be an issue.

In addition, large white numbers will be placed on all of the outside doors per the fire marshal request. This will provide a precise location for emergency personnel.

The Church Safety Team is looking for additional volunteers. Please contact a team member if interested. We also welcome questions and/or concerns you may have.

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Roy Schroeder - roys@q.com

Jon Harrington - twohotfeet@charter.net

Diane Ilstrup - deilstrup@msn.com

CUMC Sanctuary Support Help Needed

An April 2nd Sanctuary Coalition meeting was held to organize volunteer support for both the Peace UCC Sanctuary facility and the Unitarian Church facility.

Mary Schmidt will coordinate CUMC volunteer signup for training and activation when sanctuary support is needed. There are two areas of training that are scheduled to occur on May 7th at Peace UCC church:

1. At 6PM instructors from ISALAH (<https://isaiahmn.org/>) will train Sanctuary volunteers on interfacing with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and other situations when staying in a Sanctuary Church with the immigrant individual or family. This is applicable to both of our two Rochester Sanctuary Churches. The Peace UCC Sanctuary Facility will be toured and specific volunteer needs within this facility taught. At a later date, a tour of the Unitarian facility will take place.
2. At 7PM instructors will conduct a class on Rapid Response Teams. These are individuals that will quickly go to any ICE action arresting or detaining an immigrant and record cell phone or other video and take notes of what takes place. In doing so, it provides deterrent to excessive force by ICE and provides legal documentation.

We encourage individuals from CUMC to sign-up with Mary Schmidt (oronocombs@yahoo.com or call 507-258-7460) to attend either or both of these training sessions.

Since often the children are US citizens, there will also be needs for food, driving of family members to

school, medical appointments etc. In addition to the training that is necessary to be in contact with the Sanctuary family, criminal background checks and photos are needed to assure the right individual is reporting or volunteering. For the safety of the Sanctuary family, all individuals that will participate will need this training, background check and photo. So, if your spouse will also be staying with or in contact with the Sanctuary family, both of you will need the training, background check and photo on record.

Mary Schmidt will arrange with the CUMC office for CUMC volunteers to obtain the photos and background checks if not all ready on record and coordinate sharing these records with the two Sanctuary Churches. Please notify her ASAP of your intent to attend either or both of these training sessions.

At the April 2nd meeting we heard that there are 89 cases involving ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and another 14 people in detention from Olmsted County. The March 19th issue of Time magazine has an article 'Bye Dad, I Love You' that shows the US has 5.9 million children that are US Citizens under the age of 18 living with an undocumented family member. These children are just one group of the 11 million undocumented immigrants that need help.

Please sign up for the training.

Our regular mission/justice meeting will be May 7th at 6 pm! Join us, if you are not at the "sanctuary church" training!

-Gary Lueck, Mary Schmidt, Larry Segar



405 Gallery Exhibition Schedule

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

Easter Blooming Plant Delivery

Many beautiful plants helped give the promise of Spring and Resurrection to our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Fifty of these plants were delivered the next day to members who are bereaved, homebound, and in assisted living and care centers.

Thank you to the persons who made the phone calls and delivered the plants. You are appreciated!

We are also grateful for the help we received from Jenny, the Office Manager, and the custodial staff.

- The Flower Ministry Team



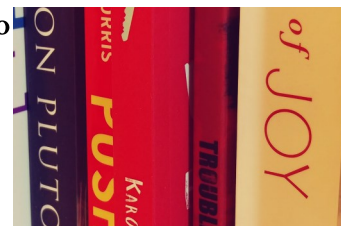
United Methodist Women

UMW Rummage Sale

We sold jewelry, golf clubs, cross country skis, a stroller, Longaberger baskets and many other items. Thank you for bringing your treasures. More than 30 volunteers made the rummage sale a success. Thank you to all the men, women

and children that assisted in set up, selling and clean up. The proceeds will go toward our pledge to Emma Norton as well as other national United Methodist Women Mission institutions. Thank you again for supporting the United Methodist Women of Christ Church.

The 2018 UMW Reading Program, Book List, and library is located adjacent to the Church Office. All church members are welcome to check out the books. The reading list is divided into sections: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. To provide an opportunity for others to enjoy a book please try to return borrowed books within two weeks. Thank you.



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.



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!



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

Third Sunday Forum

May 20, 10:15 AM – Hamline Room

Christian Responses to Gun Violence

Kim Norton and Anjali Goradia

How do we, as citizens of God's kingdom and members of our society, respond to the increasing escalation of gun violence? Two advocates of reasonable gun control policies will speak at the Forum about their efforts.

Kim Norton, former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, introduced legislation to reduce gun availability in her last of five terms. Kim is a long time public servant with experience working on the Rochester School Board and in numerous civic and educational organizations. She resides in Rochester with her spouse, Randy Stone, and has a family of four children, a step-son and two grandchildren.

Anjali Goradia is a junior at Century High School and one of the leaders of the local student movement to curb gun violence. She was a key organizer and speaker for the student March For Our Lives. Anjali presents a message of optimism and hope for change. "Now we are going to see change because we finally have the country's attention," Goradia said. "We are no longer whining teenagers ... We have the power to decide what happens and who makes those decisions. We are the next generation of voters."



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October 9 – 12, 2018 Des Moines, IA

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Where curious people engaged in faith formation go to connect, learn, worship & discover.

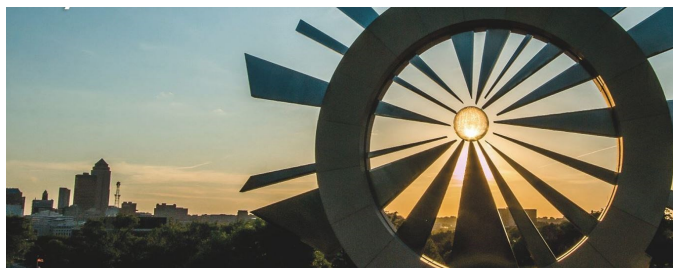
Sponsored by Christians Engaged in Faith Formation (CEF)

(Partners are the United Methodist Church Disciple Ministries and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)

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.

Over 50 breakout sessions will be offered in ministry specializations such as children's ministry, social media and technology, older adult ministry and many others. 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.etry@gmail.com) or visit www.cefumc.org/curiouschurch for further information. Registration has begun with limited space available so plan now!



ASP

Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT®

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' - Isaiah 6:8

This year marks the 37th year that Christ United Methodist Church will send its youth and adult leaders on a mission trip with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Thirty-seven 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 Isaiah 6:8. This summer, we as God's people are CALLED TO ACTION to serve the people of Central Appalachia. Be CALLED TO ACTION with us!

If you would like to support our 2018 ASP mission trip you can:

Mail your donation to the church office using the form provided at the ASP desk located in the commons on Sundays in the month of May:

(Christ United Methodist Church, 400 Fifth Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902) Please make checks payable to: Christ United Methodist Church - ASP.

Or you can 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!

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june 25-29
summer kids camp
Pre-k--5th grade

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

Check out our event link at cumethodist.com/children

The confirmation students (we have 17 8th-9th graders total right now...wow!) are going on retreat to Good Earth Village May 4-5th: pray for us!



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

Want more information?

Email Katy@cumethodist.com

**CLASS
OF
2018**

Eryn Fjelsted
Nolan Stepanek
Jacob Hansen
Abby Lindenfeld
Emma Duff
Shea Hansen
Ben Kossman
Weston Fyles

9 am, June 3rd! Let's honor our BEAUTIFUL seniors!!! With a reception afterwards

It's a book drive for Thrive!

Thrive! is in need of new and gently used books for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Research shows that all children, including infants, who are read to and engage with books, are more prepared for school and for life.

We want our classrooms to be filled with books as well as our Family Resource Center Lending Library! Families will be able to check out books for reading at home with their little ones.

Many ways to donate!

1. Collect gently used children's books from your personal library.
2. Choose and purchase books from our Target Registry. Search for Thrive Child Care in the store or online.
3. Choose and purchase a book from our Amazon wish list. Log in to smile.amazon.com/ch/82-2612625, choose "find a list" and enter Thrive Child Care in the search box. You can choose to have the books shipped directly to Thrive.
4. Check out the book list that is in the office and purchase books off that list.
5. Purchase one of your favorite children's books from a store of your choice.
6. Choose and purchase a book from our Scholastic wish list that will be available on May 20th (cash or checks will be accepted)

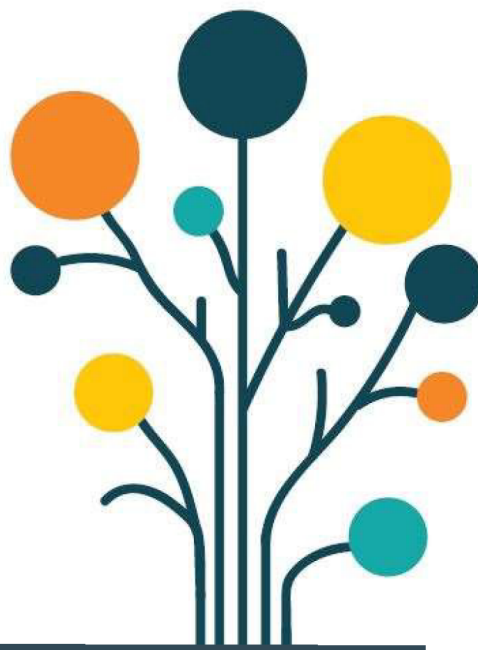
When: Sunday May 20th from 8:30-12:00

Where: the Commons

What: Please bring books appropriate for **infant through age 5**

If you cannot make it on the 20th, you can bring books to the church office and drop them in the Thrive book box.

Help us nurture
the love of
reading!



Thank you for helping us fill our shelves!

Are you a grant writer? THRIVE!: A Child Care and Family Resource Center opens on the first floor of our building in September. We need some excellent grant writers. If you are interested, please contact Judy Plank at judy@theplanks.net



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 Hours:

Wednesdays: 4 - 7 p.m.

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

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

THRIVE! CONSTRUCTION continues in the lower level of CUMC. 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.



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

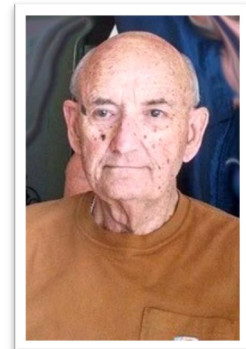


Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the church and how to connect with others? We offer monthly "Meeting Christ Church" coffees at which our pastors will meet with people and introduce them to CUMC and the United Methodist denomination. Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Fireside room following the 9:00 service. Childcare is available upon request! The next Coffee is May 13. Please contact the church office at 289-4019 or by email to email@cumethodist.com if you have questions or would like more information.

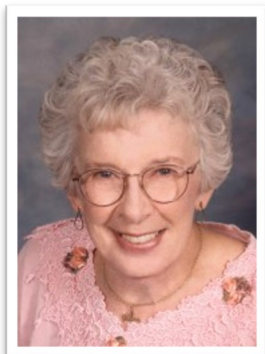


The CUMC Book Of Life:
Living, Celebrating, &
Remembering with you

In Memoriam



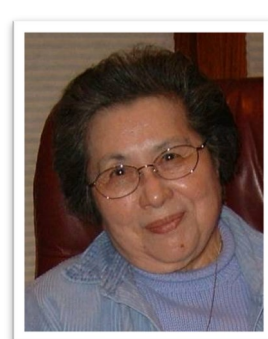
Ervin Schmidt
April 30, 1926 - February 26, 2018



Ruth Jewson
July 10, 1924 - March 29, 2018



Doris Dockstader
August 5, 1919 - April 8, 2018



Hideko Okamoto
December 24, 1927 - April 11, 2018

Notes from Pastor Nancy

When You or a Loved One Is a Patient at Mayo Clinic Hospital

We would be happy to visit you if you would like a Pastor or Parish Minister to come. Please note that Mayo has announced a new way for us to know you would like a visit.

With the new electronic medical record, you are now able to register your desire for us to know you are a patient (inpatient only). During the registration process at Mayo Hospital (St Marys or Methodist) please tell them you are a member of Christ United Methodist in Rochester.

We will call the chaplaincy department daily, give them our special code, and they will tell us who is in the hospital. If you do not wish for us

to know you are there, simply decline that option at registration.

Note that if you want us to be able to know you are a patient, each time you are admitted you will need to indicate your membership. This is a change from the former chaplains list, where once you were registered as a United Methodist, it stayed that way for every hospital stay. Also, you need to tell them Christ UMC Rochester, not just United Methodist.

We are not able to find out if you are a patient at the Generose building, at Olmsted Medical Hospital, or in Mayo Hospice unless you or a loved one tells us.

We are happy to call on our constituent members and our guests from other places.

You are invited to celebrate Memorial Day with the Dedication of the Memorials and Living Gifts on Sunday May 27. We are so grateful to all those who have enabled many ministries to receive gifts for such diverse projects from refurbishment of the handbells to new chairs and tables for Sunday school.

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.



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and thank
real firefighters,
medical professionals,
police officers
and teachers!

Celebrate
Service @ CUMC
Sunday

