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THE NEW

SPIRIT



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RALLY!

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

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



"Now that I've put you on a light stand - shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Creator in heaven." Matthew 5: 16 (The Message)

Happy September!

Fall is my favorite time of year. As temperatures drop and leaves crisp, energies rise. All things seem new and possible and promising.

This September, we will open the doors of THRIVE!: Child Care and Family Resource Center. We will be able to welcome 82 children, ages infant to pre-school. Our ground floor is no longer a tired and dark place. There is light shining through the new windows and welcome extended through space and faces that shine.

We are shifting our rhythm for Sunday morning worship at nine AM. Rather than dismissing children after a children's lesson, we will have parents drop their children off before coming into the sanctuary. Why? We want a sense of safety for children and families. Relinquishing children mid service to leave in a herd is not comfortable for parents and sometimes overwhelming for children. By dropping children off prior to attending worship at nine AM, parents are able to meet the Sunday school teachers and know where their children are at all times. We'll have children join us for worship the first Sunday of the month for the whole service. And of course, if parents want their children with them in worship, we do too, regardless of which Sunday of the month it is. Children are always welcome and always safe here. That's our commitment.

Choir and music-making ensembles are starting up again. Please, consider yourself invited to join a singing or ringing group.

We are focusing on cultivating discipleship in the way of Jesus. **This year we invite all members and friends to be involved in a Connect Group.** Groups will meet once a week through October into mid November for six weeks. We'll have groups of people doing things like making pies or running, and groups of people gathered around books or topics. At each group,

members will spend time in prayer and checking in around this core Wesleyan question: How is it with your soul? We'll be offering a "menu" of Connect and Class group opportunities throughout September so you can choose a group that meets at a time you find convenient and is engaging around a topic you are interested in.

During worship this September, we'll be looking at what it means to be a United Methodist in the midst of what can sometimes feel like a world steeped in madness. What do United Methodists believe, anyway? What are the promises we make when we become intentional disciples of a church?

Listen: While the world around us seems to be tearing itself apart (witness the street repair all around us!) the people of God are called to be "repairers of the breach and restorers of the street where people live" (Isaiah 58: 12).

What we celebrate here in this church and through this church is the transformational power of Jesus the Christ. The power of love emboldens us to name our belief that Black Lives Matter. The power of love emboldens us to know that we are light stand people shining welcome to all people. No exceptions. None.

I shared with you a definition of power that I like: Power is the ability to get things done. I heard a better definition the other day that goes something like this: Power is the ability to see that all people are cared for and respected.

Jesus came that we might know life in abundant ways. Abundant life begets and inspires abundance for all.

What blessing it is to keep open house and to be generous with our lives.

The world is light-starved.

Let us shine, church. Let us shine.

Pastor Elizabeth

Pastor Elizabeth

Can you tell we like to party?

Rally Sunday part 1 has come and gone with a rousing cheer. There was a celebratory cake for Pastor Nancy celebrating 20 years of amazing service to Christ Church, there was booths set up in the commons where people could sign up for up and coming activities, the brand new Hospitality Team was walking around making sure everyone felt welcomed to our wonderful church if they were new or nearly new, and both the 9 and 11 o'clock services culminated with the blessing of backpacks and the giving of glow in the dark CUMC keychains. The community showed up, and it was a joyful morning.

As exciting as last Sunday was, we are far from finished rallying! September 9 is part 2 with more information on adult activities/classes, delicious popcorn, and the traditional CUMC photo booth! Here's the kicker, that's not even the last party! On September 16 there will be a Rally Sunday PART 3! We will have a scavenger hunt and cookies. Getting into the new program year is an exciting thing that deserves celebrating, and we are so excited to share that with our congregation!



Mission & Social Justice next meeting will be September 10, at 6pm in room 145. Interested in serving in the community? Want to volunteer and help promote justice in the community? Contact Kathryn Gardner to get on our information list! Kathryn Gardner kegardner61@gmail.com

Thank You Bob!

All of us here at CUMC would like to extend a huge thank you to Bob Gardner for doing a spectacular job arranging musical guests for our Traditions worship. Bob worked very hard on organizing these artists, communicating with staff, and making sure that CUMC would have quality music throughout the summer while the choir wasn't in session. We even got to see him perform a couple of times in the summer! We are so blessed. Thanks again Bob!

CU Wednesdays Return!

In between bell choirs, Little Angels practice, confirmation and other excitement is where you will find CU Wednesday Suppers each Wednesday night. We are breaking bread together while squeezing in a quick meal. The first supper will be Wednesday, August 29th from 5:30- 6:30pm. Please join us for the meal each week and if you'd like to help, sign up to bring a dish to pass on the sign outside of the kitchenette. Questions? Tracy Jones 259-6772

Welcome Is the Word - Come & SING!

Just as the CUMC family has welcomed me into its fellowship as the new Director of Music, the choir is ready to welcome you into the stimulating world of music every Wednesday night at 7pm! Whether your choral experience is vast, limited or nonexistent, it's a great time to explore new possibilities by: discovering new gifts, learning to sing better, developing deeper relationships, increasing musical understanding, sharing the Good News, expressing yourself, belonging to a group, contributing your best and leading in worship. We want each of you to feel the welcoming spirit, so come sing in the choir!

- Rev. Beth Joyner, Music Director CUMC



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CUMC New Year Training Day!

You are invited to a time of celebration and training

When: September 15th, 6pm - 8pm

Where: ECC and break out areas

What: Conversation about the importance of welcome and connecting. Training for Sunday School Teachers and Connect Group Hosts

Why: Connecting matters!

What Else: Child care is provided. If you have any questions email us at email@cumethodist.com

We're so grateful you are part of the ministry of this church!



Thrive Update - Tanya Goretzki

Thrive continues to move closer and closer to opening our doors on September 24! Children are being enrolled and staff are being hired. It is fun to see the Thrive team come together! Construction is winding down and we will soon be able to “move into” the Thrive space. It is certainly an exciting time!



As a new non-profit, we have been busy writing grants to secure additional funding to purchase equipment for the center. To date, we have secured the following grant dollars:



Gail Flanders accepts a grant from the People’s Energy Cooperative to be used for infant cribs.

- CUMC Memorials/Living Gifts Committee - playground equipment
- Families First – computer software
- People’s Energy Cooperative – infant cribs
- IBM – Infant equipment
- Olmsted Medical Center – Family Resource Center

Thank you to all of these organizations for supporting us!

The Thrive shower was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who purchased items off of our display. Everything has been ordered and will soon fill the classrooms!

This month will be filled with putting everything together! Keep an eye out for information on our grand opening. We can’t wait to show all of you the finished Thrive Child Care and Family Resource Center!

Thrive! Family Resource Center

- progress report, then and now -
April - August



Sign Up for children's activities on our website (www.cumethodist.com) Just scroll down, click the "CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITY SIGNUP" Button, and fill out the form! This is going to be a great year, and we hope you'll join the adventure!

Sunday school updates!

Sunday School for our children will be a FULL HOUR, from 9 am to 10 am, during the Traditions service in the Sanctuary, starting August 26. This gives our kids more time for a lesson and to get to know each other. We will have a more secure and safe system, through text notifications, for tracking the drop off/pick up of our children and for alerting parents during the worship service if needed. So, make sure to head to the children's wing before you enter worship!



Also! The first Sunday of each month will be "Families First" Sundays! Perhaps you're feeling sad that there will no longer be 9 am Children's Lessons, because you like having your children in worship. Have no

fear: We love children in worship, too! That is why the first Sunday of the month, communion Sundays, worship will be intentionally designed for intergenerational participation. Kids and youth will help lead singing, scripture readings, communion, greeting, and more! On those days we will have no Sunday school so that all children can participate. Nursery care, of course, is always available as well.

We are excited about this schedule, and of course welcome all comments and feedback. Thank you for being a part of this church family!

One more reminder: bring your backpacks or lunch bags for a blessing August 26th! See you then!

With joy,

Pastor Katy,
Sunday School Superintendent Jody Peterson,
and the Children, Families and Youth Leadership



We invite you to confirm your faith, not "conform" your faith.

We are starting a new thing, this 2018.

Confirmation is now not just for our 8th-9th grade students, although we still intentionally invite students of this age into the process: **All are welcome to commit to this 2-year journey.**

Do you want to ask the tough questions in community? Are you willing to step out and wrestle with the gray areas, the uncertainties, and the answers? Do you want to encounter God in a real, life-giving way? You will not walk away looking like anyone else, or everyone else: you will walk away becoming more deeply YOU, who God created you to be. We are not about cookie-cutter faith here.

Here are the expectations:

- **Class attendance:** We ask you make this commitment your priority for these 6-8 week increments. We promise you will not regret this

season!

- **Church attendance** 3x a month: Can't make it one week? No worries, our services are online! To keep track and keep learning together, we'll ask for a paragraph written (by hand, typed, texted, emailed, whatever!) of sermon and service notes 3 times a month.
- **For youth:** March confirmation retreat: March 1-2, 2019!
- **One "challenge" opportunity per semester (spring/fall):** These include any offsite trips (Boundary Waters, ASP, Fall service days, The Event) or internal opportunities (Greeting, ushering, Vacation Bible school service). You'll check in with your small group leader to confirm participation.
- **Family participation:** a parent, guardian or mentor is expected to be at confirmation every week.

For more details, or to sign up, call or email the office and talk to pastors Katy and Elizabeth, co-teachers this year!

Peace,

Revs. Katy and Elizabeth



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings

Third Sunday Forum: Informed Voting

September 16th at 10:15 AM in the
Hamline Room

Presenters: Kathryn Gardner and Aileen Williams

"We live in a world where unfortunately the distinction between true and false appears to become increasingly blurred by manipulation of facts, by exploitation of uncritical minds, and by the pollution of the language." - *Arne Tiselius*, Swedish biochemist and Nobel Prize laureate in Chemistry

In this important election year, the ability to sort through the massive inundation of information is a formidable task. Fake news, disinformation, soundbites, and manipulation are increasingly employed to sway voters and to gain power.

What is the difference between fact and opinion?
Where do we find reliable sources of information?

In the September forum these topics will be explored to help us become more informed citizens. An informed citizenry, the basis for a healthy democratic system of government, is a responsibility each of us should accept.

Ways to Connect

Our mission is to create committed Christ-followers for the transformation of the world. To do this we can't grow on our own. John Wesley believed it is through *participation* in small groups that we become Christ-followers. We invite you to test this by participating in at least one of these outstanding opportunities.

Connect Groups

Connect Groups are forming.

A sign-up and information table will be in the Commons September 9th.

Connect Groups: These groups will meet weekly for six weeks. The time and focus of the group will be centered around a shared issue or activity. The duration of the gathering is one hour. The core of the time together is developing relationship with the Holy and with each other. A host will hold the space meeting on site at church, in coffee houses or in homes.

Congregational Read: A book selected by clergy that everyone is invited to read individually or in a Connect Group. Worship will follow the "story" of the week raised in the book.

Short Stories by Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Amy-Jill Levine offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus' narrative. Connect book discussion groups will begin the first week in October around this read. Books will be available for \$10 in the Commons September 9th.

BYOBook Club: Exploration of Racial Justice Issues
Hosts: Rev. Kendall Hughes, Bobbi Nichols, Kristin Perry, Nicholas Wysocki

This group will provide safe spaces for exploring the following topics:

- Racial identity and "seeing white"
- Race and criminal justice system
- The intersection of race and poverty

Connect Groups that meet weekly and welcome new members:

- 2:00pm Monday, Mettam Conference Room
- 11:00am Tuesday, Men's Discussion Group, in the Library
- 1:00pm Tuesday, Fireside Room
- 7:30am Thursday Men's Coffee Group, Rm. 145
- 10:15am Sunday, Library

Ongoing Classes

Inquiring Spirits - After the 9am worship service (except Third Sunday of each month) Room 145
Discussion varies on books, videos, and other sources to investigate and challenge theological boundaries. The group enjoys occasional picnics and potlucks. All are welcome. Facilitators: Hank Kliewer and Ed Shafer

Contemporary Issues - After the 9am worship service, Room 146

Discussion is centered on current issues, news reports, and media viewpoints that shape public opinions. A United Methodist faith perspective will inform each unique session. Visitors and seekers are especially welcome. Facilitators: Jim Colville and Rev. Frank Nichols

Short-Term Classes

“Psalms: a Whole is greater than the Parts”

Sundays, after the 9AM worship service

September 30 – October 28, Room 133

Facilitator: Dr. Warren Thompson

A source of comfort, a source of inspiration, and a source for guidance – the book of Psalms has been revered for centuries. Martin Luther said that the entire Bible can be understood both beautifully and briefly in the Psalms. Most people read individual Psalms and are unaware that Psalms bring an important message collectively. In this class we will discuss how Psalms crystalize the Old Testament and anticipate the New.

“Why?: Making Sense of God’s Will”

Saturdays, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

September 29, October 6, 13, and 27

Mettam Conference Room

Facilitator: Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

In this book study we will look at the topic of

suffering and the will of God. We will grapple with the age old question of why a loving God would permit heinous acts to be committed. Why do innocent people suffer? Where is God when tragedy strikes? Does everything happen for a reason? We will use the United Methodist approach to examining theological questions: looking at suffering in the Bible, in church teachings throughout history, and using our reason as well as our own experience. Please buy the book in advance. We will have copies at the church office for purchase. Cost is \$10.99.

Young Adult Connect Groups

Dessert Group, October/November

Sunday nights 7:00 - 8:30 rotating homes

Contact Rev. Katy Lee:

email Katy@cumethodist.com or text [651-399-8605](tel:651-399-8605).

Fun Hang Outs – Monthly

Contact Rev. Katy Lee to be on the email list for updates: Katy@cumethodist.com.

Third Sunday Forums

All are welcome! Third Sunday of the month, 10:15 – 11am in the Hamline Room. These forums cover a wide range of topics of interest and are given by insightful guest speakers. No registration required; just bring your cup of coffee and enjoy the presentation followed by Q & A

September 16: “Informed Voting” - Kathryn Gardner and Aileen Williams, CUMC members

October 21: “Healthcare Serving Underrepresented Students at UMR” - Dr. Lori Carell, University of Minnesota Rochester Chancellor

November 18: “Destination Medical Center: Discovery Square” - Chris Schad, Director of Business Development for Discovery Square

Child Care is available every Sunday and for weekday and Saturday Small Groups and Classes Upon Request

Watch the Sunday bulletins, Fresh Spirit email, and the New Spirit newsletters for other offerings as they become available!

Creation Care

Ecumenical Rally at Christ United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 13

8:30-2pm

Come and witness for a sustaining, wondrous Planet Earth. Come and pray, worship, learn, share, and activate.

Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ecology at Garret-Evangelical Seminary will lead a series of workshop sessions that explore how Christians are called to share in the healing of creation.



15\$ includes lunch
Free for students

Sign up:

Email@cumethodist.com



50 Year Member Luncheon: Celebration of Years of Fellowship and Community *by Jan Bolton*

On Thursday, August 16, 2018 we celebrated those who have been members of Christ United Methodist Church for 50 consecutive years or more. A delicious lunch was served in the church commons, followed by a program in the sanctuary. Pastor Nancy presented a certificate to each new 50 year member. Then she shared some interesting facts regarding the servant ministries of each fifty year member. Deedee Odell reported on some historical highlights and events of the 1968 Christ United Methodist Church Year. Pastor Elizabeth led us in singing some fun songs and favorite hymns, with John Varona accompanying on the organ.

The afternoon was filled with beautiful music, Christian love, and spirit-filled celebration of community of Christ United Methodist Church.



New 50 year members receiving their certificates and our pastors from left to right: Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay, John Mitchell, Amy and Dick Humphrey, Peggy Milbrandt, Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon, and Rev. Katy Lee



Returning by popular demand for its 11th consecutive year, CUMC Dinner Club sign-up begins August 26 in the Commons. The objective of Dinner Club is to foster Christian fellowship through small-group (usually 7-8 adults) informal dinners and to provide an opportunity for CUMC adults to get acquainted. Last year we had 6 groups, 4 of which were hosted in homes and the other 2 dined in restaurants. If you have questions, stop by the sign up table or contact Marjie Blaisdell @ 507-269-7637 or mablaisdell@gmail.com or Mary Schmidt @ 507-254-5216 or oronocombs@yahoo.com. New dinner groups will be formed in September.

UMW Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13.

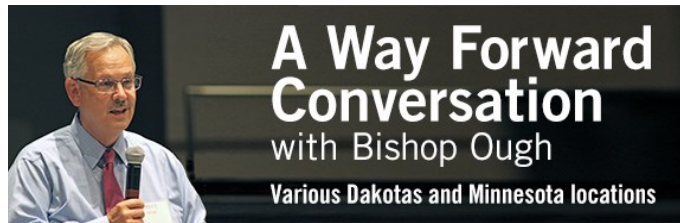
Check out your kitchens, closets and holiday storage areas for no-longer needed, gently used items and bring to CUMC on Thursday, October 11. We are looking for notions, knitting and crocheting pattern and kits, crafts and Christmas. *Please do not donate TVs, baby/child car seats, large microwaves, or exercise equipment. We have to pay to discard these items if they do not sell.*

We need volunteers to help set up on Thursday from 8am-5pm and clean up on Saturday. 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".

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. We look forward to seeing you and your items on October 11th.



The UMW September Unit Meeting will be on Saturday, September 8 starting at 10am. The meeting will start with brunch in the commons, followed by a program titled "Chatty Chicks on the Run" in the ECC. The Chatty Chicks are a group of local women who started running together and have evolved into a community. Several are members of CUMC and the Sunday UMW circle; they will share their experiences with us!



This fall, Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the Area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. **He will speak at CUMC on Wednesday, September 26 from 6:30 - 9pm.**

All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to

attend. Members of the Dakotas and/or Minnesota Conference delegations to the special session of General Conference will assist Bishop Ough in hosting the gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for the delegates to listen to and dialogue with participants.

These gatherings are timely for the following reasons:

- The members of the Commission on a Way Forward have completed their work, and their report has been submitted to the Commission on General Conference.
- The Council of Bishops has endorsed the One Church Plan.
- Other petitions related to the Commission's report will be available to the General Conference delegates and the church by this fall.

Immigration Justice

Rochester Sanctuary Status: All sanctuary spots in the twin cities are full and Sanctuary churches in Rochester have had no inquiries. The Rochester Sanctuary team is taking steps to increase community visibility.

Rochester area Immigration action: Pine Island city council voted yes to a private ICE detention prison. A Pine Island group has formed to protest and Rochester Immigration Coalition is supporting them in letter writing campaign and by attending the Pine Island City Council meeting on August 21 to protest allowing this prison.

Rochester Interfaith Immigrant Rights Coalition has changed their meeting time to the third Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm at the Universalist Unitarian Church to attract new members.

Accompaniment – Isaiah is moving away from Rapid Response to accompanying individuals to court and elsewhere. They are asking for individuals who would like to engage in the training and be in solidarity. Individuals need to be bilingual and somewhat flexible to go when needed and travel to the twin cities as all court hearings are done there.

Contact Mary Schmidt if interested in more information on any of above.



Thrift on Fifth is now open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Wednesday and 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
Wednesday: 4pm - 7pm
Saturday: 9am - 12pm
Sunday: 9am - 12pm

GALLERY 405

405 Gallery Exhibition Schedule

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

Look for the following artists soon!

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!

I want to share with you an incredible thing.

The Lilly Endowment supports clergy renewal. The Endowment works with Christian Theological Seminary to invite clergy to consider what would enrich their lives and ministry and make their soul sing.

The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline provides for clergy to take a three month renewal leave every seven years.

Given that it has been over a decade since I last took a leave, I consulted with the Leadership Board about writing for a Clergy Renewal grant. The Leadership Board was supportive.

I wrote for a three month leave for Sabbath and for "wilding" time - time spent in holy places with space to be present to life and God's creation. Bobbi Nichols wrote on behalf of the Leadership Board to name support and rationale for this initiative.

I found out last week that the grant was approved!

Here is what the grant covers:

- A leave-taking reception at the church on January 12th, 2019
- Flight and lodging for Cooper and me in Cairns (we will snorkel the Great Barrier Reef) and the Whitsunday islands area in Australia for two weeks
- Flight to and trekking through New Zealand for two weeks
- Time at home
- Flight and time at Ghost Ranch in Albuquerque,

- New Mexico for a solo retreat for me - two weeks
- Rental of an RV and time in sacred sites in the Southwest for Cooper and me.
- And, the cost of a group camp site and food for an intergenerational church-wide camping weekend at Whitewater State Park July 20 - 22nd of 2019.

Factored into the grant are guest preacher honoraria for one Sunday each month that I am gone. The church will continue to pay my salary while I am on renewal leave.

I'll be back in the midst of this community Holy Week of 2019 (April 14th or thereabouts).

I am able to step away for a time because Christ Church is served by a powerful staff and leadership.

This time of Sabbath and wilding will free my imagination and fill the sometimes-parched places of my soul. I will return from the renewal leave so full of gratitude and wonder. You can imagine that wide open spaces of time and the chance to read and ramble and be present to God's promptings will be life changing.

You will hear more about this and the implications of my being gone for three months as the time nears for my departure.

In the meantime, I had to share this good and incredible news.

Thanks for being the kind of church that blesses and sends - and welcomes back again!

- Pastor Elizabeth



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



In Memoriam

Welcome New Intentional Disciples!



Iona White
April 5, 1923
July 31, 2018



Lloyd Long
August 23, 1920
August 20, 2018



Phyllis Mahler
May 10, 1921
August 22, 2018



From left to right: Rev. Beth Joyner, Mariah Nelson, Logan Twedt and Molly Twedt. **Welcome!!**



Recap:

Our Arise! Worship Band members have created an annual music festival right here in Rochester MN that seems to be here to stay! Colton Ebertowski, Oliver Books, and Clay Ebertowski put together this festival, which is a charity concert to benefit the work of local non-profit, Mission 21. Mission 21 is an anti-trafficking service provider committed to the complete restoration of child victims of sex trafficking.

This year's event hosted 9 bands, a small village of food and craft vendors, and children's activities put on by Generation Z (a non profit run by kids!). The event

was a massive success! As the final band, Sterling & the Silver Lining, finished their set Foster Fest had raised over \$10,000 for Mission 21. **Video recap can be found online at goo.gl/onLPBq**



Volunteers Needed - Audio Technician

We need your help in running the 9:00 AM worship service. We are looking for volunteers who want to learn how to run the sound system in the CUMC sanctuary. (We promise, it's not as complicated as it looks!)

All training is provided. Volunteers will learn how to set up microphones for vocal and instrumental performances, how to run the sound system during the 9:00 AM service, and how to edit the 30 minute radio broadcast that runs on 1520 AM at 11:30 AM each Sunday.

Please call Joel Ott at 507-226-1115 or email joelott@outlook.com if you are interested.

The Memorials and Living Gifts Committee is asking for requests of undesignated memorials and living gifts. The forms to use are located in the front office and due on Sept. 6. Recent requests have furnished the new white round tables and chairs found in the commons, new AV equipment for adult education, new fire blankets for the sanctuary and ECC, and start up funds for THRIVE and the Hospitality House.

A full report was made on Memorial Sunday and will be available again in the Oct. Spirit.

"TTFN" (ta-ta for now) from our intern, Allison

One Thursday, Nancy and I made a visit to the hospital. She showed me the Methodist history on the wall and the names of church members who helped start the hospital. It made me a little emotional. I didn't realize it at the time but I was proud, proud to be a Methodist in a line of history makers. I felt I belonged to a church that had been making a difference in the Rochester Community. Not just the Rochester Community but the Methodist Community. Your ministries set a strong example for other churches.

You have an amazing second worship service with the contemporary music that many churches dream of.

That worship filled my spirit every Sunday. I couldn't help but raise my hands during it. There are all kinds of reasons I raise my hands. But the majority of the time it was because I was thankful. Thankful that God placed the call to ministry on my heart. Thankful that I could serve in this place. Thankful that God is moving here. Thankful that lives are being changed because people had the courage to speak their dreams and make it happen.

Thank you for hosting me this summer. It is my prayer that you continue to dream big, love radically, and carry on tradition.

Love, Allison Schwarz

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November 2-4, 2018 Cragun's Resort, Brainerd

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Founder of Recklessly Alive Ministries. He's committed to speaking truth, living fully, and helping others know their lives have value.

BOILING POINT
Boiling Point's music harnesses the fun, exciting parts of life, but is not afraid to explore the deeply challenging times we all face.

AND YOU
Gather with over 300 teenagers, youth leaders and youth group volunteers to have some fun and encounter God together.

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Creation Care

Ecumenical Rally at Christ
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Saturday, October 13
8:30-2pm



Trunk or Treat

October 28
2018
4-6 pm

food-music-games-haunted
house-cars-fun