

FALL 2017

400 5TH AVENUE SW
ROCHESTER, MN 55902

507 289 4019

EMAIL@CUMETHODIST.COM

WWW.CUMETHODIST.COM

THE.

CHRIST
UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

NEW.

LIFE HACK #0001

LIFE HACKS

(a tool or technique that makes an aspect of one's life more efficient or fulfilling.)

THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

SEPTEMBER

2017

EDITION

SPIRIT.

WORSHIP DIRECTORY:

8AM BELOVED (CHAPEL)

9AM TRADITIONS (SANCTUARY)

11AM ARISE! (ECC)

www.facebook.com/cumethodist

www.twitter.com/cumethodist

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

www.youtube.com "Christ United Methodist
Church Rochester MN"

CUMETHODIST.COM

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR

“Get some new crayons.
We’ve got beauty to create.”

Life is just a short walk from the cradle to the grave – and it sure behooves us to be kind to one another along the way. ~Alice Childress

September is such a many-splendored thing.

Anticipation is palpable. No matter our stage in life, I think that all of us should treat ourselves to a deep inhale of new crayons and fall-crisped air. September is a stirring time. For my beloved, fall is football practices and games. For me, fall is possibility. New things are commencing: teachers and spaces are encountered and transformation is inevitable.

September reminds us that we are all going back to school. Each day we are given, we are students in this classroom called life.

Here is what I pray:

I pray that each child in this church knows that they are beloved on this earth.

I pray that each silver-haired person knows that their value is incalculable and their beauty shining.

I pray that we as a church and as human people will practice kindness with all the creativity and courage that we have.

I pray that our teens will allow their unique souls to find voice and witness.

I pray that families can come to this place and find rest and support for their busied souls.

I pray that our college students know that our hearts travel with them to new adventures and unfoldings.

I pray that our songs will be sung with an awareness that together we are amazing grace.

I pray that young adults find community and sustenance for life through this Body of Christ.

I pray that we practice kindness.

As we commence on this new year of program life together, we will be unpacking “Life Hacks”. We’ll be leaning into the heart of Jesus’ teachings about how it is we practice kindness together in our relationships with others and with ourselves. We’ll talk about how to disagree with each other without lasting scars. We’ll name the power and challenge of forgiveness and living with the “that’s not fair!” child that lives within each of our souls. We’ll name the glory and challenge of being human beings in relationship to God and God’s world.

It’s September. **Come to Rally Sunday (Sunday, September 10th)!** For we are students in the school called life.

Thank God that we are in the company of some of the best teachers I have ever encountered. The teachings of Jesus and the people of this church make for a powerful classroom experience.

Get some new crayons. We’ve got beauty to create.

And remember to ask: “God, what do you want to do through me?”



Pastor Elizabeth

Christ United Methodist Church Hosts *Stand Against Racism* Open Mic Service



On Tuesday, August 15th, we held a Stand Against Racism open mic night. We invited brothers and sisters of the Rochester community, all faith walks of life (and those with no religious affiliation, too). There were over 325 in attendance. We provided time for people to share their thoughts, prayers and concerns in the form of word at the mic, as well as on paper. The drawing above was one that was shared at this event. The wisdom of a small child is a beautiful thing, isn't it?

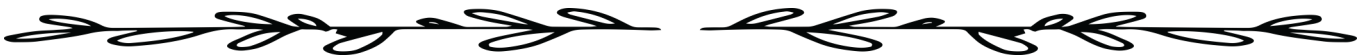
Dear Rev. Elizabeth,

Thank you for the wonderful gathering you hosted at your church on Tuesday night! It was such an important event in our city and happy that you were able to pull it together in the name of integrity for the city!!!

Gratefully,

Sister Marlys Jax and for all at Assisi Heights

To read the different news coverage of this event (and others), you can go to: www.cumethodist.com/in-the-news



50 Year Member Luncheon: Love, Sharing and Community!



Pictures by: Dick Odell

50 Year Member Luncheon: Love, Sharing and Community! (continued)

(submitted by Joanne Wayne)

On Thursday, July 20th, 2017 the "Class of 1967" was inducted at the 50 Year Member Luncheon. New and previous 50 Year Members and guests gathered in the Commons for lunch and shared memories and lively faith stories. Each year the Caring Ministries Team, under the leadership of Pastor Nancy Wheeler Handlon, sponsors this celebration honoring all members who have been members 50 consecutive years or more. In 1967, 13 new members joined Christ UMC, 3 of which were in attendance for this celebration. There was a total of 66 50 year members in attendance.

All 50 year members arrived and received a special name tag; the new 1967 class also received a red corsage or red boutonniere. The event began with a welcome and prayer given by Pastor Nancy. A delightful lunch was prepared under the direction of Deedee Odell and Caring Ministry volunteers and was served by the church staff and Caring Ministry volunteers. Following lunch, 50 year members went to the Sanctuary for a program. Thank you all volunteers who make this event possible!

The program began with all persons joining in singing familiar songs such as "Amazing Grace." Our previous (interim) Music Director, John Varona, graciously accompanied the group and provided all with a great afternoon of music. Thank you, John!

Each member of the Class of 1967 received a certificate honoring their 50 years of membership. Pastor Nancy then shared a few very interesting facts regarding the ministries of these new 50 year members. Deedee Odell followed with a presentation of historical highlights and events of Christ United Methodist Church from 1967. This event is always delightfully culminated by love, sharing, spirit-filled celebration!

The pastors of Christ UMC and the Caring Ministires Team wish to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped to make this celebration so special.



Meet the Artist: Sue Kosharek

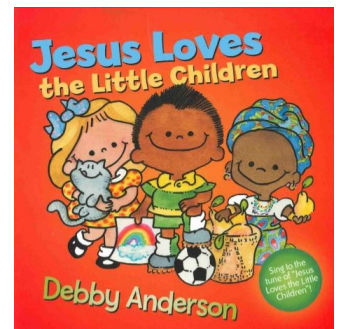


We walked along with Sue Kosharek on Sunday, August 13th in the art gallery for her "Meet the Artist" presentation! While painting the pieces you can currently see in Gallery 405 (our new gallery name), Sue explored different intentions she had in life. For example, "to retell and release stories that hold her back." We've had so much fun hosting her art, meeting her, and hearing all about her unique process.



Baptism Books from United Methodist Women (UMW)

The United Methodist Women are providing the gift of a book for baby baptisms. The book chosen was "Jesus Loves the Little Children". The first baptism books were given out on August 20th during the 9am service where not one, but two baptisms were performed and celebrated. There is a book plate designed by Nikki Gensmer with a place to personalize the child's name and baptism date. We hope this will be a special memento from the United Methodist Women and from CUMC for babies and families on their baptism day.





Thrift on Fifth: *repurpose with purpose.*

A group of creative people has been meeting together this summer with the dream of starting CUMC’s very own thrift store. And....we have a name!: Thrift on Fifth. We’re steadily working through more and more details.

The store will be located downstairs in what was “Room 9”, which has been cleaned and painted (see one of our awesome paint crews in the photo!) At first, we’ll be selling only quality clean seasonal clothing items. **We will have our grand opening in early October, with a sneak preview on September 10th at Rally Day!**— stay tuned!

Our mission? To serve the community. We’ll start with the store being open for a few hours on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Adult items will cost \$1 and children’s items will cost \$0.50. We’re excited to announce that all profits will go toward THRIVE! scholarships.

Like the church as a whole, we are working to “Break the Cycle of Poverty” here in Rochester. Our vision for this store is that it will be a fun and friendly place, built on the purpose of sustainable community with one another and the THRIVE! families. Repurpose with purpose!

To get involved, please call the church office and leave your name and contact info so that a member of the committee can be in touch with you soon!



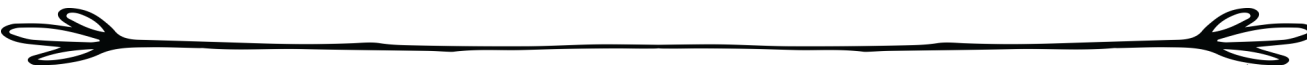
A Letter from the Reconciling Ministries Network

Dear Friends,

Your support has brought us to strength now, as opportunity, changing minds, and the Bible itself call for action to bring justice and equality to our Church. Thank you for your recent gift from our 2017 Easter offering of \$1,427.67. The generosity of Reconciling Communities like yours make possible the lifesaving ministries of creating safe sanctuaries and just policies of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Keep up with all the ways you are helping RMN at www.rmnetwork.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RMNetwork.

We’ve come a long way in 30 years and there is still much work to be done to manifest the peaceable kin-dom of God on Earth today. We will put your gift to good use right away. Thank you for your Reconciling Community’s inspiring support!

Many blessings,
Jan Lawrence
Executive Director



Widowed Persons Coffee

Saturday, September 23, 2017 | 10am | Fireside Room | Speaker: to be determined



**C U Wednesdays starts on
Wednesday, September 6th!**



UMW Fall Rummage Sale

The UMW Fall Rummage Sale will be held September 27th-30th. This 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 can especially use people to help set up on Wednesday and clean up on Saturday. Setup is Wednesday from 9am- 5pm and Thursday from 9am-3pm. The church family can shop on Thursday from 3pm - 5:30pm. The sale is Friday from 8am- 5pm. The \$3 bag sale is Saturday from 8:30am- 1pm.

We will have a coffee shop on Friday. Donations of cookies, bars, and muffins are needed and highly appreciated. Please bring donations to the church kitchen on Thursday and mark them "for UMW coffee shop".

Please do not donate TVs, baby/child car seats, large microwaves, or exercise equipment. We have to pay to discard these items if they do not sell.

Contact Diane Hellie (dhellie@juno.com, 507-398-6329) for questions.



Young Adult Bible Study

Young Adult Bible Study is launching again this fall! We will be walking through Rob Bell's "What is the Bible" (don't worry...no homework is required) in a 7-week series. The first gathering is open to any and all curious about hanging with other young adults. **We'll have a dinner gathering at 7pm, Tuesday, September 19th at Pastor Katy's apartment complex.** For exact address, email Katy@cumethodist.com or text 651-399-8605.

It's Time for Safe Sanctuary Training: September 9th, 9-11 am, Hamline Room

Safe sanctuary training is not just for people working with youth or vulnerable adults. It is a good way for people of all abilities, generations, and skillsets to learn to be in trusting and quality community with one another. This is a training that helps us have tools for keeping one another, and especially our vulnerable populations, in safe relationships. Useful for EVERYONE who interacts with humans on a daily basis! We will have baked goods. Required for all working with children, youth and vulnerable adults this fall. If you cannot make it, contact Katy@cumethodist.com to reschedule a time.

Have you and your family registered for Fall programs yet?! Register now at:

www.cumethodist.com/fall-registration

*****We will be making sloppy joes for this event on September 9th! If you are a sloppy joe master (or not but are willing to try!) meet at church at 1:30pm.**

DiversityCouncil



Christ United Methodist Church
Creating committed Christ-followers for the transformation of the world.

Community In Motion

faith • culture • connection



Sunday, September 10, 4 p.m.

Olmsted County Fairgrounds 4-H Pavilion

Christ United Methodist Church and the Diversity Council invite you to join the first annual Community in Motion celebration. This family-friendly event is an opportunity for people of faith to share music, food, and discussion.

All Rochester faith organizations are welcome. The facilitated discussion will develop concrete action plans around themes identified in previous community conversations.



No two leaves are alike, and yet there is no antagonism between them or between the branches on which they grow.

- M.K. Gandhi

Registration

REGISTER YOUR ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE
<http://bit.ly/2uiMY7I>

SIGN UP TO ATTEND
<http://bit.ly/2vgLZIN>

Questions?
info@diversitycouncil.org

Diversity Council
507.282.9951
www.diversitycouncil.org

Christ United Methodist Church
507.289.4019
www.cumethodist.com

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



Women & Spirituality Retreat Moves to Rochester

The 36th annual Women & Spirituality Conference is scheduled for September 16th and 17th and consists of workshops, discussions, exhibits, dialogue, discovery and celebration. The conference provides a supportive setting for a dialogue of mutual respect between people from many spiritual and religious traditions. The weekend events include the conference with a keynote and 6 workshop selections from 95 offerings. The keynote address, "How to Turn Your Faith (whatever faith that may be) Into Action", will be presented by Becca Stevens— author, speaker, priest, social entrepreneur, founder and president of Thistle Farms (ThistleFarms.org), the largest social enterprise in the U.S. run by women survivors.

The conference also includes the following events which are free and open to the public: Exhibit Area and Wellness Retreat Room with 90 merchants, nonprofits and healers, La Mese delle Donne art exhibit and show, Maker's Space with opportunities to create art with Teaki Garcia.

We are also looking for teen and adult volunteers. For more information, visit <https://www.womenandspirituality.org/planning-committee/>. For a full list of presenters, exhibitors and information, visit WomenAndSpirituality.org

Registration Cost: \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door
Senior or Student \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door
One- day pass \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door. Scholarships are available.
Location: Mayo Civic Center (30 Civic Dr. Center SE, Rochester)

New CUMC Directory – Are You Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

Do you have some free time in September? We'd love to have you here at CUMC to help check in people for their new photo directory photo sessions. You would be committing only a few hours of your time and it would help out the project coordinator, Wendy Francis, a bunch! You can sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49a4ae29a31-photo> or send an email to: email@cumethodist.com.



WE NEED
YOU
 to make our new family directory complete

Dates Needed:

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| September 21 | 12:45-4:30pm (1 person) | September 27 | 4:30-8:00pm (2 people) |
| September 21 | 4:30-8:00pm (2 people) | September 28 | 12:45-4:30pm (2 people) |
| September 22 | 12:45-4:30pm (2 people) | September 28 | 4:30-8:00pm (2 people) |
| September 22 | 4:30-8:00pm (2 people) | September 29 | 12:45-4:30pm (2 people) |
| September 26 | 12:45-4:30pm (2 people) | September 29 | 4:30-8:00pm (2 people) |
| September 26 | 4:30-8:00pm (2 people) | September 30 | 8:45-11:00am (1 person) |
| September 27 | 12:45-4:30pm (2 people) | September 30 | 11:00am-1:30pm (1 person) |

The CUMC Book of Life

LIVING, CELEBRATING & REMEMBERING WITH YOU



Baptisms:

Baptized 8/20/2017

- **Jaylyn Jean Webb**, born 12/12/2016
Parents: Houston and Jocelyn Webb
Sponsors: Jenna Bearden and Johanna Johnsrud
- **Lukas John Andrist**, born 4/28/2017
Parents: Jake and Rose Andrist
Sponsors: John Andrist and Sarah Beck

Deaths:

Bette Carlon

February 15, 1928-August 13, 2017



New Members:

Dr. Alan "Wesley" Tower

Dr. A. Wesley Tower grew up as a Methodist preacher's kid. He earned his degree from a Methodist college in the field of music and worked as a symphony conductor and administrator of universities for fine arts. He was a long-time composer for education and documentary films for the National Commissions of Methodists. Wesley is coming home to his roots here at Christ UMC. He heard interesting and enthusiastic things about CUMC from the Charter House members. Wesley is so excited about the clear support and action taken by this church regarding social and economic justice given to local, national and international problems. Wesley is engaged to be married to CUMC member JoAnn Kinzer.

Carlene Diekhuis

Carlene Diekhuis moved to Rochester 40 years ago from Iowa. She has worked at Mayo Clinic for 37 of those years. Carlene has always belonged to a Methodist church and is transferring her membership from Bethany UMC. She has chosen Christ UMC because it is a better fit for her. Carlene enjoys cooking, crafts, reading, computers, golf, fishing, and dogs. She has two of these furry friends living at home with her.



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Children's Sunday School

Let's "Whirl" into fall with the Children and Family Ministries Team!

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 17th at 9:15am.

We will again be using Whirl Lectionary Sunday School Curriculum for

Grades Pre-K to Grade 5. Every "Whirl" lesson is rooted in one of the bible readings for the lectionary day. Children will leave with their teachers after the children's message and go to their classroom:

Nursery- Room 140

Pre-K and Kindergarten- Room 137

Grades 1 and 2- Room 134

Grades 3-5- Room 133

To register your child(ren) for Sunday School online, go to: www.cumethodist.com/fall-registration or stop by the church office and pick up a form to fill out.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me, Kathy Davis, Sunday School Superintendent (Kathy@cumethodist.com).

Blessings to all and I hope to see you in Sunday School!

~Kathy Davis

Hopeful Earth: “Not So FAQ’s” (not so frequently asked questions that we want to make sure you know anyway!)



What is Hopeful Earth at Christ United Methodist Church?

Recognizing the urgency for Creation Care, it's a group of people interested in sharing ideas and experiences related to Creation Care.

What does that mean?

All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings (words right out of the United Methodist Social Principles).

Do I have to attend meetings?

No, but, to change the church practices, utility practices and government practices, showing up is at times very valuable. Christ Church is using less toxic cleaners, no pesticides or herbicides outside, has native prairie plantings and has done various lighting and energy efficiency projects. Individuals have done similar things at home. Attending meetings is sometimes an opportunity to learn new things. Our goal is Creation Care, not attending meetings. Sharing your experience is valuable to others.

Aren't there already people working on these things?

Yes, but it's a big planet, with lots of people, and lots of things to do. The phrase “Be the change that you would like to see” is quite applicable.

Do you have a logo, and how will we identify Hopeful Earth activities?

We do not have a logo.....yet. Hopeful Earth is our identity.

When do you meet?

Our CUMC group meets the second Sunday of the month at 10:15am in the library, but sometimes we need to show support for community efforts and those ties and places vary.

What's the minimum I need to do?

Showing interest in Creation Care is the minimum. Have us add you to the email list. The email shows local opportunities to participate in activities related to Creation Care. Send an email to email@cumethodist.com to get started.



Handbell Music Ministry

The handbell music ministry is starting up again this fall with all practices on Wednesday evenings, centered around the community meal (C U Wednesdays). The handbell groups here at Christ Church practice weekly and lead the 9am worship once a month. Handbells are a unique instrument where a team of players ring their own part, but together create one whole music celebration. Ringers can commit for a month at a time, fall or spring seasons, or the whole year. If you enjoy being part of a team or having fun with people, please come join us on Wednesday evenings! We need some new ringers!

- Jubilee Bells - Elementary, 5 - 5:30pm
- Celebration Bells - Adult, 6 - 7pm
- Youth Bells - Middle & High, - 7 - 7:45 pm

All practices are in the Bell Room downstairs. **Practices begin on Wednesday, September 13th** after Rally Sunday. Please contact the director, Anna Lytle (aklytle@gmail.com) with any questions.

An Update from the Lage Family:

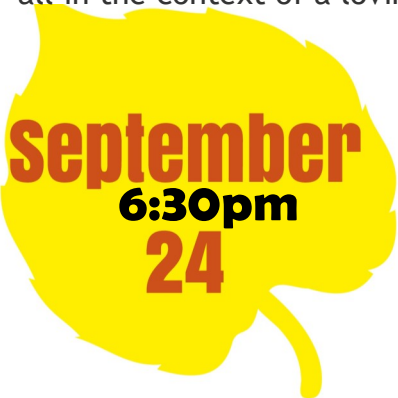
Our family is back in Guatemala and busy with the work God has for us! Update!: for those who have heard us talk about Tomasa's story and have seen the video— Salud y Paz construction teams have been hard at work to build her a much-needed new home! Look for the pictures in the New Spirit next month! Blessings to all!

~Jan, John and John Edmund



Informational Meeting for Parents/Guardians: September 6th, 7:30pm

Are you in 8th or 9th grade or have a kid that age? We do a 2-year confirmation program for students who want to learn more about: faith, the Bible, Jesus, THEMSELVES, and non-trivial trivia— all in the context of a loving and supportive community.



outdoor movie night in the labyrinth! Dessert, yard games, contests, win a trip for you and your friend to the Rochester Escape Room!



Trunk or Treat youth HAUNTED HOUSE! Youth will put together the Haunted House and "Scream Contest" for the Rochester community



Youth serve at Saturday noon meals

spend the day with Derek Peterson, youth development guru from Institute for Community & Adolescent Resiliency



Questions on these things?

Email Katy@cumethodist.com!

Transform

We are honored to serve as co-chairs of the Transform stewardship/capital campaign this fall.

Thousands of hours of work have already been given to this endeavor by well over 100 people who have listened to the needs and hopes of our congregation and studied the needs of our congregation and our surrounding community.

We have voted as a congregation to refurbish our church building in a way that will allow us to better serve ourselves and our neighbors. We have voted to embark upon a three year capital campaign to support the transformation of our building, our ministries, and our missional presence.

We have learned that we have the potential to open a child care and family resource center that will allow us to be in mission right here at home. The financial implications of opening this home mission which has been named, "THRIVE!" have been studied, re-studied, critiqued, refined, and reviewed again. The final analysis is: "yes!" we can do this and more.

We and our fellow co-chairs, Bill and Lois McGuire, are excited by the incredible people of diverse ages and backgrounds listed below who have volunteered to serve on the Transform Steering Committee: Elizabeth Macaulay, Bill and Lois McGuire, Bobbi and Doug Nichols, Paul Harkess, Frank Nichols, Aaron and Deb Gross, Audrey Schuetz and Michael Ayres, Jerry and Marjie Blaisdell, Nicole and Royce Rueter, Carrie Robinson-Cannon, Gwen Ravenhorst, and Nikki Gensmer.

Our yearly stewardship campaign will be wrapped with the capital campaign this fall. The campaign is being guided and organized by John Laster from Horizons Stewardship and all clergy and staff are working extra hard to help our congregation be successful.

In the coming weeks and months, you will be receiving considerable information regarding the Transform campaign through the New Spirit, the church website, and at informational meetings. Please spend this time reflecting on the blessings you have received and prayerfully consider how you will support our current ministries as well as the future of our community.

It is a time of positive transformation at Christ United Methodist Church. There is new energy and excitement around the church and you can feel the Spirit among us when you walk in on Sunday morning or on any other day of the week.

We invite you to be a part of this transformation in any way you desire.

Blessings to you,

~Doug and Bobbi Nichols



Next Mission and Social Justice Meeting



Our next Mission and Justice meeting will be on September 11th at 6pm in Room 145. We will be talking about our fall mission opportunities (including the Women's Conference in September), weekend service and mission trip ideas for families, and service through our fall outreach events. Come one, come all, and bring your own topics!

A Reminder: from There to Here- Timeline of THRIVE!

Our THRIVE! timeline is still right on track and we've come so far together. Please continue to thoughtfully pray and consider your place in this endeavor. The below was approved by an 86% vote in favor.

- July 2014 Bishop Bruce Ough appoints Pastors Katy Lee and Elizabeth Macaulay
- October 2014 Bishop Ough invites CUMC to participate in Missional Church Initiative
- November 2014 Church Council votes to participate in MCCI
- February 2015 Pastor Elizabeth begins to attend monthly trainings
- August 28 – 30th Data around budget, membership, history and neighborhood collected
MCCI weekend with delivery of five prescriptions:
Leadership – Create aligned and nimble leadership structure
Children/Youth/Family Ministry Focus
Downtown Rochester Missional Collaboration
Getting "Guest-Ready"
Creation of a Signature Ministry to connect with those "painfully church-ed"
- September – October Town Hall meetings to address concerns with prescriptions
- November 2015 Approval of prescriptions with 95% approval
- January 2016 Leadership Board commissioned
- January 2016 Feasibility Study team created as outlined in prescription #3
- April 2016 Feasibility Study team presents THRIVE! vision to Leadership Board
- July 2016 Leadership Board contracts with Horizons Stewardship to conduct Feasibility Study for possible capital campaign
- October 2016 Feasibility Study Team shares vision for THRIVE!: A Family Resource and Child Care Center at Leadership Board Forum
- September– December Building Needs assessed for THRIVE! and other facility upgrades –Master Facilities Team created
- November 2016 Rev. John Laster presents a plan for a Feasibility-Readiness Study for a capital campaign to Leadership Board
- January 2017 Rev. John Laster completes Feasibility-Readiness with the congregation
- January 2017 Finance sub team created to assess viability of THRIVE!
- January 2017 Continued THRIVE! discussion and "Buckets" for various capital projects shared at Leadership Board forum
- February 2017 Rev. John Laster meets with Leadership Board and gives recommendations and insights in the Feasibility Review
- February 2017 Rev. John Laster gives recommendations and insights in the Feasibility Review to the congregation
- March 2017 THRIVE! applied for as a 501(c)(3) non-profit status
- April 2017 Finance sub team reports findings regarding THRIVE! viability
- May 2017 Leadership Board votes to approve THRIVE! as outreach to the Rochester community and prioritizes building projects
- May 2017 Congregational meeting held to share priority list and elicit feedback
- May 2017 Congregation to vote at church conference on this motion:

CUMC, Rochester, MN will move forward with the creation of THRIVE!: a child care and family resource center as a downtown missional outreach and will support an \$800,000 capital campaign to make improvements to our ministry plant to support THRIVE!, sanctuary improvements and replacement of 8 window updates.

Yes__ No ____

What You Need to Know From Pastor Nancy:



- **Hospital Visits**

If someone you love is in the hospital, please know that the pastors and our hospital lay visitors are glad to visit, if requested! You need to call and let us know the name of the person and where they are hospitalized. We do not have access to the Chaplain's List and have no way of knowing someone is hospitalized unless you call us.

- **The Mild Cognitive Impairment Group (MCI)**

The Mild Cognitive Impairment Group will meet September 20th from 10-11am in the Family Room. This group is for persons with a cognitive impairment and also for their support person(s). We provide a listening ear and a supportive atmosphere for discussion. It is a place where you can experience the comfort of others living with the same condition and the comfort of faith.

- **The New Congregational Care Team**

Pastor Nancy is meeting with members of a new care team, Parish Ministers. These members will be providing care to members and friends of Christ UMC who are undergoing a life crisis. They will undergo an extensive training process including topics of listening, grief and loss, ministry with the sick, providing spiritual support, prayer and more. Please pray for those who are called to be parish ministers and for those who will be served.

- **Update from the Memorials and Living Gifts Committee**

This committee met in early August to review the requests for funds from undesignated memorials and living gifts. The total amount of undesignated gifts was approximately \$17,000. We received seven requests. Those writing the requests were asked to name what the item was, the ministry area requesting, the contact name, how it would be used, other areas that might be affected by the request, and how it would further the mission and vision of CUMC. Lastly, an estimate of cost was to be submitted. All requests were granted. The projects include: 6 tables to be used in the Sunday School rooms, a riding lawn mower, percussion instruments and movement props for the Little Angels choir, start-up cost for a thrift shop in Room 9 on the lower level, replacement of 64 folding chairs and 8 tables for use around the building, new choral music, a video screen and wiring for the Hamline Room, and also one in the Sunday School room. The funding of these requests was \$11,125.00.

Forms for requests for funds from the undesignated memorials and living gifts are available in the front office. Our next committee meeting will be November 9th. We will once again review requests from undesignated gifts.

Thank you to those who have given memorial and living gifts which further the ministry of Christ UMC!



Budget Reports from Dick Estry

Through July pledge, regular giving and loose offering are ahead of budget, as is revenue from other sources. Expenses are below budget. Mission commitments are up to date, including apportionments and our support for the Lage family in Guatemala.

Budget Comparison: Through July, revenue exceeded budget by \$23,595.15 (3.6%) and expenses were under budget by \$43,652.59 (6.8%). Net income was \$79,206.64, which exceeded budget by \$67,247.78

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Giving	\$528,832.80	\$513,503.00	\$15,329.98
Other Revenue	\$148,850.75	\$140,585.36	\$8,265.21
Expenses	\$598,476.91	\$642,129.50	-\$43,652.59
Net Income	\$79,206.64	\$11,958.86	\$67,247.78

Our total budget for 2017 is \$1,088,071.38.

Assets and Liabilities: At the end of July, the church had cash assets of \$1,151,690.49, of which \$778,852.84 were in restricted accounts among others. We had current liabilities of \$21,044.65 which is fairly typical for the end of any month, leaving unrestricted assets of \$351,793.30. This equals about 4 months of operating expenses which is a prudent but not excessive reserve. We have no long-term debt. Complete financial statements are available in the office.

Please contact Dick Estry (507-288-5938 or rk.stry@gmail.com) if you have questions about the budget.

september

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Communion Sunday 8, 9, 11am	28 Labor Day (building closed)	29 Community Bible Study 5:30pm	30 C U Wednesdays 5:30pm (start of: music programs, choirs, confirmation, etc.)	31	1	2 Safe Sanctuary Training 9am
3 Rally Sunday 9am-12:30pm Hopeful Earth 10:15am Community in Motion 4pm	4	5 Community Bible Study 5:30pm	6 C U Wednesdays 5:30pm	7	8	9 Women & Spirituality Conference 9am
10 Deadline for couple's retreat sign up	11	12	13 MCI Meeting 10am C U Wednesdays 5:30pm	14	15	16 Widowed Person's Coffee 10am
17 Baptism Sunday Sunday School starts Third Sunday Forum 10:15am Meeting Christ U/MC Coffee 10:15am	18 Young Adult Dinner 7pm	19	20 (October New Spirit articles due today!)	21	22	23
24 New Members join 10am Movie in the Labyrinth 6:30pm	25	26 Community Bible Study 5:30pm Photo directory sessions available Sept. 26th-30th	27 C U Wednesdays 5:30pm	28 Rummage Sale 3-5:30pm	29 Rummage Sale 8am-5pm	30 Rummage Sale 8:30am-1pm
1	2	<p>Fall Theme — Life Hacks that will change your life. Sunday, September 10th- "Love for One Another" Sunday, September 17th- "Forgiving Others" Sunday, September 24th- "Playing Fair"</p>				7



Christ United Methodist Church
400 Fifth Avenue SW
Rochester, MN 55902
Phone: 507-289-4019
Fax: 507-289-3648
E-mail: email@cumethodist.com

Non Profit Organization
U S. POSTAGE
PAID
Rochester, Minnesota
Permit No. 5



Rally Sunday
SEPTEMBER 10 | 9A-12:30P
celebrate togetherness and find out about our upcoming programs and events!
music popcorn photo booth!
Christ United Methodist Church
400 5th Avenue SW, Rochester | www.cumethodist.com | 507 289 4019



LIFE HACK #0001
LIFE HACKS
(a tool or technique that makes an aspect of one's life more efficient or fulfilling.)
THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.
LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER HEALTHY DISAGREEMENTS PRACTICING PEACE
FORGIVING OTHERS SETTING BOUNDARIES PLAYING FAIR
FALL 2017 AT CHRIST UMC
WWW.CUMETHODIST.COM