



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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New Heights

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the most important things a Pastor and a church can be is on the same page. You know, everybody being in unity and agreement about where God is calling us to go as Christians and as Christ UMC; and how, by God's grace, we are going to get there.

Churches that have this understanding of unity in mission share a common vision of how to love God, love others and make disciples of Jesus Christ. The Pastor, committees, employees and all members and friends of the church work in harmony. Most importantly, churches where everyone shares in the same mission and vision grow: in number and in spirit.

That is why as an experienced Pastor, one of the things I felt called to accomplish as soon as possible was to have a Mission and Vision Retreat. This is an excellent opportunity for church members and friends who care about this church and its future can come together and prayerfully discern a common mission and vision for Christ United Methodist Church.

So as we approach this retreat, which will begin at 4 pm on Friday, May 4, until after lunch on Sunday, May 6, at Pine Lake UMC Camp in Westfield, WI, the most important thing this church needs is you! Without you there cannot be any retreat, any prayerful discernment nor a common mission and vision for Christ UMC. Without you, there is no future!

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Come! Stop by The Blessed to Be a Blessing Table to pick up and fill out a registration form and turn it into the office by May 1st. If financial assistance is needed, it will be provided.

Come be a part of the future coming Kingdom of God busting out right here at Christ UMC! Come and experience God and help discern His will for all of us as Christians and as a church at the Christ UMC Mission and Vision Retreat.

I am so looking forward to this blessed time together,

In Christ,

PJ

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**We are called and empowered by Jesus
to love, to serve and to witness.**

-Mission statement of Christ United Methodist Church

Easter Services

Easter services will be Sunday, April 1, at 7 a.m. (outside, weather permitting), and 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Both services will include Communion. There is lots of special music at the 10 a.m. service.

Easter Breakfast

We will once again be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 1, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Please join us in a meal of pancakes, scrambled and hard-boiled eggs, sausage links, fruit, coffee cakes and beverages. It is a wonderful time to relax and catch up with others in our congregation.



Mission Sunday – April 8

Our April Mission Sunday donations will go to our commitment to Paul Webster in support of his mission work in Zambia, Africa. Paul is a United Methodist missionary serving as the economic development specialist at Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Zambia. Paul grew up in Wisconsin and has served as a local pastor. The Agriculture Centre addresses hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training. The project is managed by Wisconsin missionary Paul Webster. Paul and the Agriculture Centre are listed separately on our Rainbow Covenant mission plan. Thank you for your continued support of these missions.

Christian Education

My name is JoAnn Meyer and I am so excited to be serving Christ at CUMC as Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator! I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be holding office hours on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-11:30, and for a half hour on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 a.m. worship service! I would love it if you would stop by!

I welcome your input and ministry ideas for CUMC's children and youth. Please feel free to dream big! No idea is too big or too small because through Christ, all things are possible!

If you can't make office hours, there will be a CUMC children and youth IDEA BOX on The Blessed to Be a Blessing Table. Each month, there will be a new question for you to consider and write down your ideas! This month, the question is: **If you could see ANY children or youth activity or program happen at CUMC, what would you choose?**

I look forward to hearing what your thoughts are on important ministries for CUMC for children.

Serving Him together!
JoAnn Meyer

Church Camps

Check the Blessings Table for church camp catalogs. Many different varieties of camps are available for all ages. Pick up a catalog and see if there's a camp for you! Or, you can go to the camping website at <http://www.wiumcamps.org/> summer-camps to learn more.

Loaves & Fishes – April 9

It is our turn to help at Loaves & Fishes on Monday, April 9, at 4:30 p.m., at the Watertown Moravian Church on Cole St. We still need donations of 2 desserts, which need to be taken to the Moravian Church on that Monday. A sign-up sheet can be found on the Blessings Table. Thank you for your continued support.

Treasure Trove – April 13-14

The Treasure Trove is Friday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may bring in your items for the Treasure Trove during office hours and place them in Room 201, the youth room.

If you need to get bigger items to the church, please call Joe Wall (988-1229) or the church office and we will get a time arranged to pick up your items the week of April 9.

Mission Circle – April 17

The Mission Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m. at Christ UMC. Barbara Phelps will lead the group in devotions.

The business meeting will plan for the annual May outing, if the group will continue a special outing. The group will also discuss future plans, or not, for Mission Circle.

Please join the group at this meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the Circle, plan to attend on April 17.



Women's Dinner & A Movie Night!

On **Friday, April 20**, we will be having our next Women's Dinner and A Movie! Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu includes a lasagna dinner, salad, garlic bread and a vegetable. After dinner, we will head to the sanctuary to watch a movie that takes a look at the "what ifs" in life. I hope that is a good hint! After the movie, we will return to Fellowship Hall to have dessert. I am looking for volunteers to help make desserts. Please let me know if you are willing to help! Please RSVP to JoAnn Meyer by text or phone at 734-790-3331, or email at the8jfamily@yahoo.com or on our event page. You can also sign up at The Blessed to Be a Blessing Table in the narthex or by calling the church office! Hope you can make it!

JoAnn Meyer



Meals-On-Wheels-Apr. 30-May 4

It is our turn to deliver meals to the shut-ins of our community during the week of April 30 to May 4. If anyone is interested in driving and/or delivering the food to our shut-ins, please sign up on the sheet on The Blessed to Be a Blessings Table in the narthex or contact me at the church office. Thank you for your help.

Annette Wolf,

Mealmobile Coordinator

Mission & Vision Retreat

We are accepting Registration Applications for the Mission & Vision Retreat to be held on **May 4-6, 2018**, at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield. You can find them on the Blessings Table. Any questions, please contact Pastor Jeff. **Deadline to register is May 1st.**

Women's Spring Retreat - 2018

Join us for our Spring Women's Retreat **May 18-20!** Registration forms are available on the Blessings Table in the narthex for the Spring Retreat and can be returned to the church office to secure your spot!

We will meet at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp in Westfield for a weekend of worshipping, studying, praying, singing, relaxing, playing games, eating delicious food and enjoying each other's company. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Meyer at 734-790-3331 or email her at: the8jfamily@yahoo.com

There is a \$20 deposit due ASAP to reserve your room. This money will go towards your room amount.

We will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude on Sunday afternoon. *We will be staying at the Rader Retreat Center again this year.*

Deadline to sign up is May 1st.

Prices: 1-person room \$195,
2-person room \$110/person,
and 3-person room \$81/person

Sunday School Celebration

Sunday, May 20, will be our last day of Sunday school for this program year. We will be having a special Sunday School Celebration! During the church services, there will be a special Sunday school slideshow to honor our teachers and Sunday school students! After the 10:00 service, there will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Come and enjoy an ice cream sundae and celebrate the blessings of our great Sunday school staff and students! We have learned a lot about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this year! Thank you to all of our teachers and students for making it a great year!

Summer is Coming!

We will again be having our Summer Midweek Concerts on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting June 6th. Because this ministry continues to grow, our need for financial support continues to grow, too!

We would appreciate having any donations made to this worthwhile ministry. We estimate that we need approximately \$125 for each of our midweek events. Please consider supporting this ministry with a financial gift. If you would like to donate any amount to this ministry, please indicate summer midweek service on your check! We greatly appreciate your support of this successful ministry!

Summer Midweek Concerts

Our plans are set, the groups are ready, so now all we need is summer! Just turn up the heat, add some sunshine and get out your tapping shoes so our souls can soar with our midweek summer concerts!

Mark your calendar and invite others to join us on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Summer Concerts Schedule

Our concerts are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. from June 6 through August 1. We hope to see you all here. Our schedule of concerts for the summer of 2018 includes the following groups:

- June 6 – Faithful Men (from Immanuel)
- June 13 – Three Wives Men
- June 20 – Alleluia Quartet
- June 27 – The Assemblymen
- July 4 – Holiday – No Concert
- July 11 – The Sonshine Gals
- July 18 – The King's Countrymen
- July 25 – Gary Beal & His Traveling Salvation Show
- August 1 – Professions of Faith



April Prayer List

Please include Pastor Jeff and his family and three other families or individuals from the list below in your prayers each day.

Annette Reese
 Scott & Rhonda Radtke Family
 Rich & Laurita Radtke
 Kevin & Julie Quinn
 Jeff Pirkel
 Jim & Michele Pirkel
 Randy & Barbara Phelps
 Kurt & Laurie Peterman Family
 Jennice Penza Family
 Roger & Marilyn Peirick
 Tom & Verla Parmley
 Jeff Overlien
 Marion Otto
 Jon & Barbara Olson
 Brian & Eleanor Norin Family
 Rich & Ann Nienow
 Mike & Jodi Nienow Family
 Mark & Shannon Nienow

“Dear Members of Christ United Methodist Church,

I am writing on behalf of Crossroads Transitional Housing. We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your recent donation of one thousand, five hundred two dollars and fifty cents (\$1,502.50) to the Crossroads Program of Watertown. Your generous donation helps provide a Watertown family with shelter for one (1) year and helps us assist Watertown individuals and families with rental assistance to keep them from facing homelessness. Thank you so much!”

Sincerely,
 Beth Mueller
 Crossroads Secretary

DEATH

Allison (Al) Dittmar passed away on March 10, 2018 at the age 93. Our condolences to the entire family. He will be sadly missed!

April Birthdays

- 1 Cara Wentzel
Megan Cooper
Jadyn Meyer
- 5 Patricia Breselow
Abbot Skrobak
- 6 Maria Boschi
- 8 Terri Breese
- 9 Brandon Braker
- 10 Dale Lindemer
Dan Yenser
- 12 Karl Wolf
Linda Dietzel
- 14 Kathy Klemp
- 15 Dennis Breselow
Alexis Breese
- 18 Eleanor Norin
- 19 Ian Griffin
Mike Mechelke
- 20 Vicki Bartz
Dawn Bergren
Heather Walter
- 21 Kathy Lindemer
- 22 Tammy Lee
- 25 Breann Johnson
- 26 Marion Otto
Amber Brake

