

The Spire

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New Heights—Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of Acts 6, the apostles encounter the same problem Christ UMC is currently facing: growing pains. The apostles' ministry to feed the widows in Jerusalem has grown to the point that they can no longer service everyone. They also recognize that in order to fulfill the commission Jesus gave them to make disciples, they have to not only serve food but also proclaim the word, perform sacraments and lovingly introduce others to Jesus Christ.

So the apostles set up a system where seven dependable individuals are nominated to manage the ministry of serving food to the widows, while the apostles continue to answer their calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ by forming and growing the Christian church. New systems and new people helped continue and grow the ministry and church of Jesus Christ.

Christ United Methodist Church is blessed in that it has many visitors, new members and growing existing, as well as, new ministries. However, for visitors to become active members, for the membership to continue to grow, for the existing and new ministries to continue to love God, love others and make disciples of Jesus Christ (and to have the financial support to do so) will now require, as it did for the Apostles, systematic changes and new people to step forward to help with the management of it.

People who are willing to help at least once a month to be part of a team that manage technological aspects of worship and ministry will improve our effectiveness and extend our reach as the Body of Christ. Friendly faces who, once a month, are willing to welcome and care for both visitors and regular attenders at services will help increase attendance, as well as inspire visitors to become regular attenders. People, at least once a month, who are willing to invest time and energy in the souls of our children and youth will further support the family ministries of Christ UMC in fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Those systematic changes the apostles were called by God to implement and the seven people who accepted the call from God to fill those roles are now part of the Gospel story of how the church grew from Jerusalem two thousand years ago to Christ United Methodist Church making disciples today in Watertown, WI. Imagine what will happen when we, as Christ UMC, make the systematic changes and have the people accept their call to fill these new roles as part of the continuing story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

In Christ, **PJ**



Summer Midweek Concerts thru July 31st

The Summer Midweek Concerts are in full bloom. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend, there is still time! Our midweek concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.. 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 concerts. Please consider supporting this ministry with a financial gift. If you would like to donate any amount to this ministry, please indicate summer midweek concert on your check! We greatly appreciate your support of this successful ministry!

Summer Midweek Concerts



Summer Midweek Concerts in July! Turn up the heat, add some sunshine and put on your tapping shoes so our souls can soar with our midweek concerts! Mark your calendars and invite others to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. thru July 31st. Our schedule of concerts for the summer of 2019 includes the following groups:

July 3—Holiday—No Concert
 July 10—Alleluia Quartet
 July 17—King's Countrymen

July 24—Truman's Ridge
 July 31—Fourte

Summer Sandwiches in the Park - thru August 27th

Since 2010, this congregation has blessed Watertown with food provided at our Summer Sandwiches in the Park bag lunch program on Tuesdays at Clark Park. With your support, we have fed thousands of children and their caregivers. Also providing Books to Grow On and our Community Garden produce. We eagerly look forward to another great year of fellowship among us and them as we continue to do God's work. Our Summer Sandwich program will run on Tuesdays from June 11-August 27.

VOLUNTEERS are needed and are a critical part of this ministry! We have two Tuesday "shifts". From 9:30 to 10:45, we make lunches and from 11:00 to 1:00, we pack up to go to Clark Park to distribute and then clean up. If you are able to help us, please consider coming to our kitchen for one or both of these times. We usually make 100-120 lunches per week. We are serving lunches for 12 weeks. This takes many hands to do. You will be rewarded with some great friendships and the joy of watching many young families know that CUMC cares about them!

As always, your donations of the following are also needed and appreciated: creamy peanut butter, napkins & plastic spoons, 100% fruit juice boxes, sandwich-size ziplock style sandwich bags, and snack-size ziplock style bags. Flyers with information (for you or to give to others) are on the table in the narthex. Your generosity in time, talent and gifts is greatly appreciated.
 Ann Nienow/Missions Committee

Mission Sunday, July 14—S.O.S: Support Our Students

Historical: This is the 9th year that the Shared Community Mission Group has expanded upon a program started at the First Congregational UCC church. Working together, we have been able to help more children whose families are unable to purchase the items that their children need for school. The program thus far:

2011... 64 families with 156 children served
 2012... 65 families with 181 children served
 2013... 85 families with 223 children served
 2014... 89 families with 240 children served
 2015... 116 families with 298 children served
 2016... 95 families with 241 children served
 2017... 80 families with 213 children served
 2018... 89 families with 216 children served



While the numbers vary, the need is still huge and the gratitude is immense!

Together we help children get ready to learn. Member congregations and others from the community donate school supplies or money to purchase school supplies. We set up a large “school store” where children are accompanied by their parents and a church volunteer to select a new backpack, if needed, and selected supplies that are listed on their school’s required list.

Invitations to participate in the event are available through each of the member churches and specialized programs to help low-income families in our community including 3 Summer Sandwiches in the Park programs, Mary's Room, Hometown Mission, Watertown Food Pantry, Personal Essentials Pantry, Bread and Roses and Loaves & Fishes community meals programs.

This year, we again will invite community resource agencies to set up information tables on Tuesday, August 21, with information on city resources such as the Watertown Health Dept., Watertown Cares Clinic, Watertown Family Center, Head Start and church-based programs including Mary’s Room, Loaves & Fishes, Bread and Roses and the Food Pantry among others.

This year, the SOS program will again be held at St. Henry Parish Center at 300 E. Cady Street. Monday August 19th--- Late afternoon Exact time to be determined. * This day is for Families who are members of SCMG churches. They are helped to select items. They should have **invitations from their church with this date specified**. At CUMC, the office will have these invites for families affiliated with our church. Membership is not required, but prior participation in our activities is needed. Tuesday August 20th Late afternoon Time to be determined.

* EVENT IS OPEN to those with invitations from any of the above resources.

Volunteers assist children and families in selecting items that are needed for school.

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Mission Sunday, July 14, 2019 (continued)

Remaining supplies will be boxed up and delivered to the schools in the Watertown Unified School District, Head Start, St. Henry, St. Bernard and Good Shepherd schools. (These schools are affiliated with donating churches.)

The list of required items is always changing—just look at a school supply list at your area stores. For example, most kids now need multiple sets of ear buds (tiny ear phones for we older folks!) to use during classes with their computers. Dry erase markers are expensive, and multiple ones are on the lists for many kids. These often cost \$1.00 + each. WASHABLE Markers are needed. It doesn't take a math wizard to see that families can't afford to send these items to school, in addition to paying class fees (yes, many public school kids have to pay fees for certain required classes) and buying clothing for growing kids. School supplies are often at the lowest prices in mid summer, with prices RISING just when school starts. (This is the opposite of how things used to work in the "good old days"!)

CUMC has been a huge supporter of this program, both financially and with volunteers. To help with money, use the Mission Sunday cup on July 14, or put cash or a check in an envelope specifically marked SOS or school supplies, or purchase supplies and bring them to church. To volunteer on distribution days, contact Ann Nienow at 988-7029. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Planning Week at CUMC—July 15-18, 2019



The week of July 15-18 will be planning week at CUMC. A giant-size calendar will be in the Prayer Room for you to list your meetings, events and ministry activities for the 2019-2020 school year. We are asking all Chairs, Coordinators and Leaders of any study, club and activity to come and write down dates and times to secure space, promote all activities and to ensure that no other event or activities will overlap. The more dates and times we receive, the better it will be for our ministry and our mission here at Christ United Methodist Church. Could you please take the time during the coming weeks to pull out your calendar and prayerfully start jotting down dates and times to put on the Church Calendar?

Thanks and God bless you all! 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

Quilters Corner—Sunday, August 4, 2019

As many of you may know, we give baby quilts at baptism and graduation quilts to our high school seniors. Over the years, we have received generous donations of cotton fabric. Still, we must purchase batting, thread, needles, and backing fabric.



At this time, we would like to offer “Anything Quilts” to the congregation. You can use these quilts for ball games, picnics, naps, or as an emergency blanket in your vehicle. They are approximately 50” x 60” for \$30.00. These will be scrappy quilts made in various patterns and colors. I will have them available for sale after both services on Sunday, August 4. With your help, we will be able to continue this ministry. In His Service, Sarah Walter

Loaves & Fishes, August 5, 2019

It is our turn to serve and donate food and/or money to Loaves & Fishes at the Moravian Church on Cole St. on Monday, August 5. Check the sign up sheets on the Blessings Table in the middle of July. Thank you for your continued support. Any questions, contact the church office.

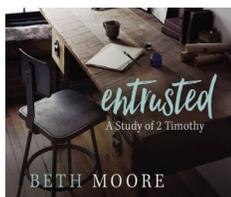
Mission Sunday, August 11, 2019—UMCOR

Our Mission Sunday focus in August will be UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). We have all been watching on the news information about the devastating flooding in southern states and the Midwest, as well as wildfires in the southwest and tornadoes everywhere. Wherever disasters occur, UMCOR is there to provide food and physical assistance to those affected. It is important that those of us, usually untouched by these life-altering events, support those trying to recover. It is a long, hard road to rebuild and UMCOR is there to help over the long term. We, as a church, are fortunate to have our very own disaster relief organization. I would encourage everyone to consider donating to UMCOR whenever you consider helping with state, U.S. or international disaster relief. If you forward it to CUMC and specify UMCOR, we will send it on for you. This month, we will be sending our mission money to them on behalf of CUMC. We are able to designate relief to Wisconsin, the U.S. or internationally. Thank you!

Circuit Picnic—Sunday, August 25, 2019

Our Circuit Picnic is Sunday, August 25, at noon at the Upper Pavilion of Riverside Park in Wattertown. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. The upper pavilion does have a kitchen area with refrigerator, stove, sink and electricity. Sweet corn and beverages will be provided. You may bring your own table service; paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided. Park tables with benches are available in the park. This is also the same day as “Praise Bands in the Park”. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Blessings, Mitch Behlke

Women's Bible Study—“Entrusted” by Beth Moore



Join us on Thursday mornings from 9-11 a.m. in Room 205 (the room next to the kitchen) at CUMC. Breakfast is served, so come hungry! The class will run from **September 5 to October 10**. The cost of the book for the class is \$20. If that is a financial burden, we can help! You can sign up for this class at the Blessings Table, call JoAnn Meyer at 920-253-0201 or Sarah Walter at 920-285-1744.

“Entrusted is a 6 session study of 2 Timothy by Beth Moore. We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves. In this Bible Study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations, just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because, in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness.” Please join us on Thursday mornings, and grow closer to God and to one another through the study of His Word!

Free Parent Classes Coming Soon—August 13, 2019

“The Incredible Years” parenting class for those with children ages 1-3 will be offered at NO COST at St. Paul’s Church, 413 S. Second Street., from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays starting August 13 to November 5. SUPPER will be provided. Free CHILDCARE will be available. Help with gas will be provided, if needed. Learn how to decrease frustration, how to use play to develop skills, to understand developmental stages, how to set clear limits, praise and rewards and connect with other parents. YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE CLASS by contacting Nichole Doornek at 920-674-8708 or email at NicholeD@jeffersoncountywi.gov.

Important Dates to Remember!!

Summer Midweek Concerts: Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. through July 31.

July 15 – 18: Planning Week - Come schedule your church events on the calendar.

Sunday, July 21: Animal Blessing at 9:15 a.m.

Monday, August 5: Loaves & Fishes at 4:30 p.m.

August 19-20: S.O.S. School Supply Distribution

Thursday, September 12: Bread & Roses at 4:30 p.m.

September 16-20: Meals-On-Wheels



**JULY 21
9:15 a.m.**

Blessing of
the Animals



Thank You

* A Special Thank you to Pastor Jeff for his ministry to both Judy and the family. Also, thank you for the prayer shawl she received, the kitchen workers, and to those who donated food. A special thank you to the congregation for their continued prayers. Ken Thiede & family

* CUMC received a Thank You from Hometown Missions Fund. Our Mission Sunday money was donated to their fund to help those less fortunate in our community. The funds were utilized for the Community Laundry Program. The Community Laundry Program is available every Tuesday at the Easy Wash Coin Laundry on South 3rd Street in Watertown from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Death

Carl A. Wing, father to JoAnn Meyer, passed away on Monday, June 24. The funeral is July 2, in St. Augustine, Florida. Our condolences to the family.

July Prayer List

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

Bill Welch
Mike & Sarah Walter
Jimmy & Nancy Walter
Brad & Kristin Walter Family
Beverly Walter
Tony & Jenny Walter Family
Adam & Heather Walter Family
Ed & Carla Walsh
Joe & Kay Wall
Wanda Vrendenbregt

Arnie & Jan Van Hoosen
Ryan & Laura Vander Galien Family
Mark & Val Uttech
Kendell Uttech
Patrick & Kristin Unertl Family
John & Wendy Ullsvik
Mike & Lauren Turtenwald Family
Robin Trebitowski
Al & Terry Toser
Regina Thompson



July Birthdays

2 Chip Hughes
3 Addilee Skrobak
5 Doug Stuart
6 June Mechelke
7 Sally Flegner
7 Anna Vander Galien
10 Audree Hostetler
10 Lance Mutter
11 Lauren Turtenwald

12 Tayln Brigowatz
12 Mike Detrie
12 Kayla Wendt
13 Debbe Robinson
14 Sally Rumary
15 Angel Eagen
16 Jennice Penza
17 Jerry Herzog
18 Randy Franks

21 Fay Martin
23 Chuck Bruce
24 Ralph Behlke
24 Fay Claas
24 Miranda Krakow
25 Reggie Reimer
28 Lisa Griffin
29 Lorraine Dittmar



August Prayer List

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

Ken Thiede	Cy & Bev Spangler	
Jean Tessmann	Kathy Sorenson Family	
Pat & Sarah Teska Family	Christa Sokolenko	
Candice Taylor	Jerry & Joan Snyder	
Bonnie Sukow	Travis & Gina Skrobak Family	
Doug & Beth Stuart	Jo Seibert	
Denise Strandell	Jeremy & Katrina Schwartz Family	
Jacque Stenzel	Russ & Lynda Schumacher	
Sandy Steffen	Mike & Vicky Schumacher Family	
Patricia Stark	Caitlyn Schultz	

August Birthdays

4 Jessica Meyer	19 Kris Krakow	25 Kristin Walter	
4 Caleb Parent	20 Kristin Unertl	26 Kathy Sorenson	
8 Jill Dantuma	21 Loraine Ackatz	27 Concetta Brennan	
8 Ted Durant	23 Jo Seibert	27 Evelyn Folyer	
10 Marilyn Knowles	24 Lisa Durant	27 Laurie Peterman	
16 Kyler Matamoros	25 Tyler Bartz	28 Yvonne Griffin	
16 Val Uttech	25 Tom Borbe	29 Cailee Franks	
18 Wendy Cooper	25 Madi Brigowatz		
18 Tonia Mindemann	25 Mathias Unertl		

Recognition of 2019 Graduates

Tyler Bartz, son of Josh & Mindy Bartz— Watertown High School
 Megan Cooper, daughter of Gordon & Wendy Cooper— Jefferson High School
 Nia Fredrich, daughter of Rob & Sarah Fredrich— Watertown High School
 Breann Johnson, daughter of Lee & Pam Schuhmacher—Watertown High School
 Jady Meyer, daughter of Pastor Jeff & JoAnn Meyer—Watertown High School
 Anna Vander Galien, daughter of Ryan & Laura Vander Galien—Watertown High School



Scholarships Awarded to Graduates

Tyler Bartz, son of Josh & Mindy Bartz — Froehlich CUMC Scholarship
 Breann Johnson, daughter of Lee & Pam Schuhmacher — Froehlich CUMC Scholarship
 Jady Meyer, daughter of Pastor Jeff & JoAnn Meyer — Froehlich CUMC Scholarship &
 Vern Bradow Memorial Scholarship
 Cailee Franks, daughter to Randy & Colleen Franks — Froehlich CUMC Scholarship

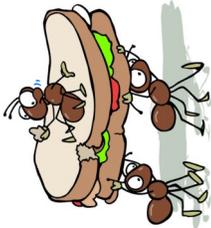


July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 am & 5:30 pm Quilting	2 9:30 am Summer Sand. 10:00 am Nifty Knitters	3	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship	8	9 9:30 am Summer Sand. 5:30 pm Quilters/Rock	10 7:00 pm Summer Concert "Alleluia Quartet" 	11 8:30 am Shared Comm. Mission Group	12	13
14 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship Mission Sunday	15 9 am & 5:30 pm Quilting Planning Week thru Thursday	16 9:30 am Summer Sand. 10:00 am Nifty Knitters	17 6:00 pm Teachers Mtg. 7:00 pm Summer Concert "King's Countrymen" 	18	19	20
21 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship 9:15 am Animal Blessing	22	23 9:30 am Summer Sand.	24 7:00 pm Summer Concert "Truman's Ridge" 	25 11:00 am Crossroads Board Meeting	26	27
28 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship	29	30 9:30 am Summer Sand. 6:30 pm Church Council	31 7:00 pm Summer Concert "Fourte" 			

August 2019



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4 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship & Communion	5 9:00 am & 5:30 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Loaves & Fishes	6 9:30 am Summer Sand. 10:00 am Nifty Needles 1:00 pm Worship Team Mtg	7 6:00 pm Teachers Mtg.	8	9	10
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