



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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**Lenten and Easter Celebration Services at Christ United Methodist Church
 112 Hall St. in Watertown.**

<p>Ash Wednesday February 14th: Lenten Dinner at 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: <i>What It Means to Be a Member of Christ UMC</i> <i>February 18th Part I: Our Prayers</i> <i>February 25th Part II: Our Presence</i> <i>March 4th Part III: Our Gifts</i> <i>March 11th Part IV: Our Service</i> <i>March 18th Part V: Our Witness</i></p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY April 1st SUNRISE SERVICE @ 7 AM (Held Outside if Weather Allows) EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 8 to 9:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall. EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE AT 10 AM In the Sanctuary.</p>
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES:
 Palm Sunday March 25th at the 8 and 10 am Services
 Maundy Thursday March 29th at 6:30 p.m. .
 Good Friday March 30th at 6:30 pm.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

When one becomes a member of Christ UMC and the United Methodist Church, we take specific vows where we promise God we will support the mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit through five specific spiritual practices. Each Sunday, Pastor Jeff will be examining each of these vows and the importance of fulfilling them for ourselves and for the Kingdom of God.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 25, at the 8 and 10 a.m. Services: Come and wave palms to celebrate the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. Relive the story of Jesus' last night with the apostles before His death through the Washing of hands or feet as well as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is followed by the Stripping of the Altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Reflect and pray on the sacrifice Christ made for all on the cross in this solemn, yet intensely, spiritual service, which includes a special act of reconciliation.



Come and Experience the Miracle of Easter at
Christ United Methodist Church
112 Hall St.
Watertown, WI.

**EASTER SUNDAY AT
CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH:**

SUNRISE SERVICE @ 7 AM
(Held Outside if Weather
Allows)

EASTER BREAKFAST will be
served for anyone and
everyone from 8 to 9:30
am. In The Fellowship Hall.

EASTER SERVICE
CELEBRATION AT 10 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

Come and celebrate the hope and promise we have in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen!

SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7 AM (Held Outside Weather Permitting)

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Anyone and everyone is invited to come celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ over Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in a meal of pancakes, scrambled and hard-boiled eggs, sausage links, fruit, coffee cakes and beverages. A free-will offering will be taken. Look for the sign-up sheets on the Blessings Table in the narthex for those who would like to bring food, work in the kitchen or serve.

EASTER SERVICE CELEBRATION AT 10 AM

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

-Mission statement of Christ United Methodist Church

Froehlich-CUMC Scholarships

Application forms for the Lysle & Dora Froehlich-CUMC scholarship are now available for high school seniors, vocational and technical school and college students who are members of Christ UMC. Contact the church office for an application and **return it to the church office by April 1.**

Treasure Trove Scheduled

April 13 & 14, 2018 are the dates for our Treasure Trove (Rummage Sale). Right now, If you would like to contribute items to our sale, please contact the church office.

Worship Surveys

You all should have received a Worship Survey in the mail. Please be sure to put your name on the survey and get it back to the church office by Sunday, March 11. These surveys will help at the Mission & Vision Retreat in May. Thanks for your help.

Mission Sunday March 11, 2018

This month, our Mission Sunday collection will be divided between two very important local meal programs: Bread & Roses (Thursday evenings at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church) and Loaves & Fishes (Monday evenings at Watertown Moravian Church, co-sponsored by Ebenezer Moravian Church).

These programs provide a hot, nourishing meal, as well as socialization for families and adults of all ages. Christ United volunteers provide side dishes, milk and desserts, as well as help to serve and clean up after dinner

is finished when our "turn" comes up. Thank you for the gifts of your time you willingly offer. Any collected funds will help to pay for the main dishes and other supplies necessary to keep these meals going. The churches sponsoring the meals have made a huge commitment to host these meals year-round. We need to do our part to make it possible for them to continue. Please specify on your donation that you wish to have it go toward these programs, or place your donation in the plastic cup in the offering plate on Mission Sunday, March 11. Your generosity means so much to those receiving this blessing.

Circuit Chili/Soup Cook-Off

You are invited to attend the Circuit Annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off, which will take place on **Sunday, March 11**, at noon at the Sullivan Village Park. Come and enjoy the finest chilis and soups made by our circuit churches.

At 12:45 p.m., enjoy an auction by Stan Jones of bakery goods, crafts and gently used items. Entertainment to be determined.

Each church in our circuit is responsible to donate certain foods for this event. Our church needs to supply shredded cheese, cocoa and bottled water. All the churches are to bring desserts. If you can donate any of the above listed foods, please sign up on the Blessings Table in the narthex or contact the church office.

This event is sponsored by The United Methodist Churches of Circuit 34: Concord, Johnson Creek, Sullivan, Oconomowoc and Watertown.

Join Our Easter Sunday Choir

Anyone interested in singing in the choir for the 10 a.m. Easter worship service is encouraged to attend rehearsals following the 10 a.m. service on Sundays, March 11, 18 and 25. The choir will sing just one song. Please contact Vicki Larsen or the church office if interested.

Mission Circle

The next meeting of Mission Circle will be on Tuesday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. at Christ UMC. Beth Stuart will lead the devotions. The business meeting will include: What is the Circle's mission for the future? If you are interested in Mission Circle, please join us at this next meeting on March 13th.

Consider Camping

It's time to start thinking about what you would like to do this summer. One suggestion is to attend one of our Methodist church camps. There are a lot of different camps that are available.

There are posters up. We have schedule folders available. A bulletin insert will be coming. You can go directly to the website: <http://www.wiumcamps.org/summer-camps> to learn more.

Lives have been changed by participating in Christian camping. We are committed to helping everyone have the chance to be changed.



I am very excited to have the opportunity to introduce a few of my wonderful friends to you. They are all residents of Watertown and are looking to make some new friends in our community and share their faith. Along with all the wonderful gifts my friends have to offer, they also need some extra help. Due to intellectual and developmental disabilities, they would appreciate a kind "hello."

My plan is to slowly introduce one individual at a time so everyone gets a chance to meet and make new connections. I will be responsible for all my friends in church but **would love to have any help if you wish to do so.**

I am available to answer any questions and take suggestions you may have so this is a positive experience for everyone. I hope everyone will enjoy all the blessings my friends have to offer as much as I have!

Jennice Penza

Mission & Vision Retreat

We are now 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. Deadline to register is May 1st.

Weekend Food to Go & Grow

We need your help!! We are very **low on the 6 oz. size of Mac & Cheese**. We need 80 boxes per month. We are **also in need of canned spaghetti sauce** of which we use 40 cans per month. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

You may still bring in Tuna Helper and the 1 lb. box of spaghetti noodles. Thank you all for your continued support of this mission.

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 will need volunteers to serve and clean up and provide food donations, which need to be taken to the Moravian Church on that Monday. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the Blessings table beginning March 11. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

For church cancellations due to weather, watch on TV Channel 12 WISN or wisn.com.

Meet Rev. Carlos Sandoval

It is with joy that I, PJ, announce the appointment of Rev. Carlos Sandoval to develop a Spanish-speaking congregation here in Watertown, beginning right here at Christ United Methodist Church! As the host church, Christ UMC will be supporting his efforts by providing space, as well as our prayerful support.

Carlos and his wife, Rosemary, have three children: Jose Edgardo, Wilneysha Mary and Carlos Janiel. Carlos and his wife plan to join CUMC in worship soon and I pray you will all offer your love and support for their calling from God to offer Christ to the Spanish-speaking residents of Watertown.



Women's Spring Retreat - 2018

Join us for our Spring Women's Retreat **May 18-20!** Registration forms are available now for the Spring Retreat (also below) 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. Please watch the upcoming newsletters for more information. Spots will fill up fast, so please let the office know if you are interested in attending. 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 have also changed the building that we will be using. The new facility has a bigger meeting space so we can accommodate more people, more comfortably. We will be staying at the Rader Retreat Center again this year.*

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

Yes! I want to attend the Spring Women's Retreat!

E-mail _____
Phone _____

March Prayer List

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

Kathy Sorenson Family
Christa Sokolenko
Travis & Gina Skrobak Family
Jo Seibert
Jeremy & Katie Schwartz Family
Russ & Lynda Schumacher
Mike & Vicky Schumacher Family
Caitlyn Schultz
Lee & Pam Schuhmacher Family
Al & Mary Schott
Ed & Marcia Rydstrom
Mike & Lisa Rowoldt
Debbe Robinson
Nodra Richardson
Richard & Shirlee Reynolds
Dan & Carol Reinhardt
Chad & Vicky Reimer Family



Meals-On-Wheels

Thanks to all who helped with the February Meals-On-Wheels program. It is always greatly appreciated.

Our "helpers" for the week were: Jacquie Stenzel, Karen Williams, Joe & Kay Wall, Tom & Ruth Borbe, Kathy Lindemer, JoAnn Moldenhauer, Joyce Hughes, Lynda Schumacher, Beth Stuart, Cathi Waite, Bob & Kate Crupi, Vicki Larsen, Carol Erickson and Tom & Sue Kotur.

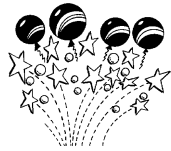
Our next scheduled time is April 30-May 4. Please mark your calendars. If anyone is interested in driving and/or delivering the food to our shut-ins, please contact me at the church office. Thank you for your help. **Annette Wolf**

BIRTH:

Zoey Jane Kreuser, daughter of Matt & Brianna Kreuser on February 8, 2018.
Congratulations!

March Birthdays

- 3 Joe Wall
Gordon Cooper
- 4 Kay Wall
- 5 Mike Walter
Tattum Groll
- 6 Nancy Walter
- 7 Rev. Jeff Meyer
Kristy Williams
Genevieve Haumschild
- 9 JoAnn Moldenhauer
Cortney Brigowatz
- 10 Kimberly Williams
- 12 David Griffin
- 13 Brian Norin
Patrick Unertl
- 15 Wanda Vredenbregt
- 17 Gloria Cowen
- 18 Ashley Wagner
- 20 Becky Wentzel
Nancy Kannard
- 21 Donald Klemp
- 22 Pete Colletti
Miranda Kluge
Ethan Johnson
Eli Walter
- 23 Mike Wendt
- 24 Michele Behlke
- 25 Aidyn Brigowatz
Maci Walter
Edward Mechelke
- 26 Hazel Mechelke
- 29 Ed Rydstrom
Steve Cassata
- 30 Richard Radtke



**Turn your clocks ahead
On Sunday, March 11.**