



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"New Heights" with Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sisters,

The change of season is often a time for reflection. The dropping temperatures and coloration of the leaves as fall approaches here in Watertown is no exception. However, my thoughts this fall, have been dominated by the amount of crops I have seen driving here and there outside of Watertown that are now ready for the fall harvest.

If I were to list and comment on all the times the fall harvest is mentioned in the Bible, I would have to write a book of epic proportion. There were laws, festivals and a myriad of lessons centered around the concept of the fall harvest.

The one I am thinking about the most now, as I enter my first fall at Christ UMC, is the harvest that comes at the end of the Bible in the Book of Revelation. When Christ comes again, He will harvest, He will gather to Himself all the souls of those saved by His grace and usher them into His Kingdom that has come for eternity.

That will be the end of the harvest. The beginning was when Christ came as the way, the truth and the life. It officially started the day Christ died for us and three days later rose from the dead, ascended into heaven forty days later and then sent His Holy Spirit to His followers to start the church and begin the process of preparing the fields of souls in this world for when Christ comes again.

What does that crop look like here in Watertown and at Christ UMC? How many souls are ready for the harvest? How have we cultivated and tended the fields God has assigned to us and what can we do to enlarge the harvest by the grace of God?

Those are my thoughts and reflections this fall. I invite you to join me in seeing every person you see in a given day as a soul and the mission of our church to tend and prepare these beautiful fields of souls here in Watertown, WI. I invite you to join me in prayerfully discerning how God is calling us to not only plant seeds, not only nurture but to also prepare the fields so that when Christ comes again, every one of those souls within our reach will be harvested, will be gathered to Christ and brought into the Kingdom to Come. All because at Christ UMC we loved God, loved each other and made disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
PJ (*Pastor Jeff*)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

-Mission statement of Christ United Methodist Church

Youth Ministry – October 1

There will be an important Youth and Pre-Youth Summit (for 12 – 18-year-old Youth and their parents, as well as anyone interested in supporting and being a part of the Youth Ministry at CUMC) on Sunday, October 1st, in the Sanctuary after the 10 am service (approx. 11:15 am). At this meeting, Pastor Jeff will be asking for help in determining programming for youth and pre-youth age this year at Christ United Methodist Church. This includes Youth Group, Faith Club and Confirmation.

Decisions on these three ministries will be made and based on information provided and feedback given at this meeting. Please make every effort to be there with your youth and pre-youth-age children, or your calling from God to

minister to youth, to help discern God's will for this essential part of our church this year.

Mission Sunday – October 8

This month's mission project donations will go to World Communion Sunday, one of the Churchwide Special Sunday Offerings of the United Methodist Church.

Our mission is to love others and share the Gospel. One of the ways we live out this mission is to empower others to share the Gospel by nurturing their education. Your offering on October 8 helps an international or national student with the cost of their continuing education. These are students who might otherwise be overlooked or forgotten.

We believe that we are all called to be a part of the important work of discipleship, and that is one of the many reasons we give on this Special Sunday. Your generous giving allows future teachers to be prepared to meet the world with the Gospel. Together, we do more.

Loaves & Fishes – October 9

We need your help at Loaves & Fishes on Monday, October 9, at 4:30 p.m. at Watertown Moravian Church. We will need volunteers to serve and also food donations taken to the Moravian church on October 9. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the Blessings table to see how you can help. Thank you so much for your support of this mission

Mission Circle – October 10

Mission Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, at the church. The group will continue the discussion of the book, *Doing Good Is Simple*, chapter 4 (pages 96-105). The devotions will be led by Ruth Ann Borbe.

The business meeting will include making plans for the Cookie Walk which will be held on Saturday, December 9.

Any woman interested in joining the Mission Circle is encouraged to come to Christ UMC on October 10!

Mealmobile – October 16-20

It is our turn to deliver meals to the shut-ins of our community during the week of October 16 – 20. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Blessings table in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Annette in the church office.

Mission Project

On September 12th, the Mission Circle held their first meeting of the year. A discussion is continuing on the book, *Doing Good is Simple*. Through our reading, we hope to make a difference right where we are.

One way of doing that is by supporting the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Methodist churches and other congregations provide the salaries for one full-time chaplain and one part-time chaplain. These wonderful chaplains are able to provide both male and female inmates with tutoring, spiritual support and counseling, and help in re-joining the community.

To better serve the inmates, they are in need of several items. The greatest need, currently, is reading glasses of 1.5 strength. In addition, they hope to receive 2018 calendars, composition notebooks, not spiral-bound notebooks, new sharpened pencils, and postage stamps, so the inmates can write to their families.

We are collecting these items and hope to have a box ready to send to them in November. We are hoping that you, also, will find it in your heart to be a powerful force for good in the world and support this project. You can leave your donations in the Mission Project box set up in the Narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put it in an envelope labeled Mission Circle Project and leave it in the office. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Beth Stuart

Summer Sandwiches, 2017

We had another successful year at Clark Park this summer. We served food on 11 Tuesdays (skipping July 4). Along with the other two churches, First Congregational United Church of Christ and Good Shepherd, we have seen a decline in the number of families that come to the park for food. It may be due to the improved economy with more people at work – we hope. Regardless, the people who do attend are appreciative of our efforts.

This summer, we made 1290 lunches, including 40 for Camp in the Community. About 85% were eaten at the Park, with the remainder donated, primarily to the Food Pantry. SO, we averaged 93 people eating at the park this year. That's A LOT of hungry kids and caregivers!

We had a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom came on most Tuesdays to make sandwiches, bag carrots & Twinkies, and distribute lunches at the park. We have it down to a science, after 8 years of practice. Thank you all so much for your help! Special thanks to Kathy Lindemer, who brought us dozens & dozens of wonderful loaves of bread from her employer, Bimbo (BROWNBERRY) Bakery in Oconomowoc at a fabulous discount. Our philosophy is to make food that we would serve our own families—nothing less. Though expensive, your continued generosity in time, prayers and financial support makes it possible.

The Community Garden produce was also shared with Park families. It always looked wonderful, and was eagerly taken by many of them. Thank you to the hard-working church members, led by Scott Morgan, for planting and tending the garden, and making vegetables available to those in need of them!

Thank you to Jan Detrie and her merry band of book ladies, for distributing hundreds of books at all three Summer Sandwiches locations!

Clark Park is the place to be on Tuesdays. If you haven't helped before, we would love to see you next year. Thanks again!

Ann Nienow

Mission Committee

Books To Grow On

We had another successful summer of giving books away in the park at Summer Sandwiches. In addition to Clark Park on Tuesdays, books were handed out at Riverside Park on Wednesdays, and Lincoln Park on Fridays.

This year a total of 1,552 books were given to excited kids. Many would rather have a book than a sandwich. With your help, we were able to connect kids with books they can and want to read. You're helping to instill a love of reading—thank you.

A special thanks goes out to Carleen Schloemer and Kate Lapin, who helped at Lincoln, Beth Stuart and Jadyn Meyer, who helped at Clark and all those who donated gently used books

and/or money. Special thanks also goes to Bonnie Ladish, who faithfully brings books each week all summer. In the past five years, we have now given out over 11,500 books to Watertown kids.

Jan Detrie

Weekend Food to Go & Grow

Please donate the following foods to help support this Shared Ministry Program that creates and distributes meals to families in need each weekend:

Tuna Helper
Mac & Cheese (7 oz.)
Rice
Canned Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz.)
Long Spaghetti Noodles (1 lb.)

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Fill out a form out at the Blessed to be a Blessing Table to ensure your offering supports the ministry of CUMC every week whether you are able to attend church or not...☺

Worship Hours

Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Church School Hour

Sundays at 8:45 am

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday-8:30 am to Noon
and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm



Be part of the Drama that God loves to see at Christ UMC! Go by the Blessed to be a Blessing table to sign up for the Drama Team and participate in worship through the gift of acting out dramas. If you have any questions or to sign up by phone, call Bernadette Cassata at 608-206-2241 or sign up on the sheet on the Blessings table in the narthex.

October Prayer List

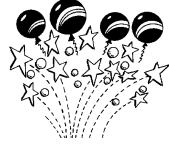
Please include Pastor Jeff and his family and three other families or individuals from the list below in your prayers each day.

Doris Fincutter
Judy Farmer
Carol Erickson
Geraldine Elftman
Paul Dunn
Don Drost
Deanna Drost
Alvin Drost
Al & Lorraine Dittmar
Allen Dittmar Family
Doug & Linda Dietzel
Mike & Jan Detrie
Ed & Jill Dantuma
John Danielson
Bob & Kate Crupi
Gloria Cowen
Gordon & Wendy Cooper Family
Pete Colletti
Elaine Coleman
Steve & Bernie Cassata



October Birthdays

- 1 Jan Nienow
Nathan Lord
- 3 Bev Spangler
- 4 April Mutter
- 5 Julie Quinn
- 7 Joyce Hughes
- 10 Mike Nienow
- 11 Glen Hostetler
- 13 Carla Walsh
- 14 Jeremy Yenser
- 16 John Ullsvik
- 17 Taylor Walter
- 20 Bev Walter
Ken Thiede
- 26 Elizabeth Burleson
- 28 Lena Brennan
- 30 Vicki Larsen



Turkey Dinner - 2017

Our annual Turkey Dinner will be Tuesday, November 7, from 4-6:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets for food donations, volunteers to help on Nov.6 & 7, Turkey Club, volunteers for the carryout room and donating money for pies will be in the narthex on Sunday, October 1st. Be sure to check them out.

Cost of the tickets are: Adults - \$10 in advance (up through November 6) and slightly higher on November 7 and at the door (amount to be determined); Children (6-12 years of age) - \$5; Children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be available at the church office, church members and possibly a couple retail businesses. We will be accepting all major credit cards at the door only

on November 7. Everyone will need a ticket. Watch for Turkey Dinner coupons on two Thursdays in the Watertown Daily Times.

The menu includes: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, corn, coleslaw, jellied cranberry sauce, rolls, apple or pumpkin pies and beverages. Carryouts will be available.

There will be a Craft Fair in conjunction with the Turkey Dinner. Please contact Sarah Walter if you plan on selling your crafts that day.

