

**Ministers:** The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church  
**Pastors:** Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder, Nancy Wheeler Handlon  
**Children and Family Ministries Coordinator:** Jenny Gunter  
**Director of Music/Organist:** Richard D. Owen  
**Coordinator of Handbell Choirs:** Deedee Odell  
**Parish Nurses:** Patricia Hrabe and Ann Loth

**Welcome Center:** Peg and Denny Anderson  
**Greeters:** Cory and Gary Fiksdal, Stu and Diana Eickelbert  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Jim and Ruth Colville, Doug and Lori Wright  
**Sound Booth: 9:00** Lad Roering, and Anthony Brown;  
11:15 Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp  
**Front desk reception:** Joan Wilcox

**Children's worship bags and bulletins** are in the narthex.

**Nursery care** for under age three is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hall.

**KinderWorship** for ages 3-Kindergarten is in Rooms 133 and 134 in the upper east hall.

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19



**Worship Hours:**  
8:00am – *Worship and Communion in the Chapel*  
9:00am – *Worship in the Sanctuary*  
11:15am – *Emergent Worship in the Education Conference Center*

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**To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches**  
***An inclusive church where all are welcome!***

***May 17, 2009***

***9:00 am***

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE As the Deer arr. Bruce Greer

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*HYMN OF GATHERING

(UMH) No. 98 – To God Be the Glory

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

We gather as witnesses to the power of God.

**We are witness to the grace of God through water and through the Spirit.**

Water gives life to the body, the Spirit gives life to the soul.

**Help us to become more than just witnesses, O God. Allow us to live as your disciples and friends. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we will be empowered to live a life that reflects our faith in you. You have called us friends. We are your friends because of your desire to love us. Let love be our leading guide in all we do, for it is by your love that the world will know us.**

Hear the Good News, we are baptized by water and by the Spirit.

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2022 – Great Is the Lord GREAT IS THE LORD  
*(During the singing, all children are invited to come to the Chancel steps  
for the pastor’s time with children.)*

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptismal Covenant II p.39b  
ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter  
**Voices in Praise**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD’S WORD**

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY **“A Friendly God”**  
**Pastor Michael Wuehler**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM For All That Is Taylor Davis  
**Voices in Praise with Tina Wong, violin**

*The peaceful stream, the dancing leaf, the breeze that rollicks on the grain,  
the warmth of sun, the tow’ ring wave, the cool refreshment of the rain;  
We thank you, O God. We catch our breath at your glory,  
we fall to our knees in adoration. We thank you, O God.  
The touch of grace, the hint of heav’n, the healing balm that eases pain,  
the broken bread, the saving cup, the sacrament we can’t explain;  
We thank you, O God. We catch our breath at your glory,  
we fall to our knees in adoration. We thank you, O God.  
The birthing breath, the dying sigh, the holy cycle you ordain.  
For ev’ry second, for ev’ry instant, we give you thanks, O God.  
We thank you, O God. We catch our breath at your glory,  
we fall to our knees in adoration.  
We give you thanks, we give you thanks, we thank you, O God.*  
– John Thornberg

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*UMH No. 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 68 – When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Being baptized today:**

*Scarlett Evelyn Hedrick*, born December 23, 2008. Daughter of Suzanne and Corey Hedrick.

*Genevieve Avery Cadwell*, born February 21, 2009. Daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey Cadwell.

## Calendar of Events

May 17 – May 24

### Sunday, May 17

- 7:45am-12:15 Childcare, birth to 18 months-Room 135
- 7:45-12:15 Childcare, 18 months to 36 months-Room 137
- 8:00 Worship and Communion - Chapel**
- 9:00 Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary**
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study-Adult Library
- 9:00 KinderWorship--Room 133
- 10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room
- 10:15 Connections Brunch - Fireside
- 10:15 Age 3 – Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133
- 10:15 Last Rotational Sunday school – Designated Rooms
- 10:15 Mid-High Sunday school - Room 38
- 10:15 Contemporary Issues - Room 146
- 10:15 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline II
- 10:15 Reading the Psalms – Mettam
- 10:15 Voluntary Simplicity – Hamline I

### **11:15 Emergent Worship – Education Conference Center**

- 5:00 pm Inbetweeners – Wesley Hall
- 5:00 Youth Band – Education Conf Center
- 5:30 ASP Leaders Meeting – Youth Room
- 6:00 Empty Nesters – Lombardo's Home
- 6:30 ASP Orientation IV - ECC

### Monday, May 18

- 5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes
- 6:00 Health Cabinet Potluck – Room 146
- 6:00 Organ Task Force - Fireside
- 7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall
- 7:00 Sr. High Youth Group – Room 38

### Tuesday, May 19

- 8:00am Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 5:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

- 5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library
- 7:00 Handbell Meeting – Bellroom
- 6:00 Staff Parish Relations Team – Mettam
- 7:00 Circle 4 – Fireside
- 7:00 Community Bible Study Prayer Time – Room 145

### Wednesday, May 20

- 1:00 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 7:30 Exercise Class – Wesley Hall

### Thursday, May 21

- 7:00 am Men's Discussion Group – Room 145
- 7:15 Circle 2 - Fireside
- 8:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 9:00 Mitten Mission – Rooms 34 & 35
- 9:30 Circle 1 – Hamline
- 10:30 Circle 8 – Homes
- 1:00pm Circle 9 - Fireside
- 4:00pm Staff Parish Relations Review Team-Mettam Conference Room
- 4:30 Coordinating and Planning Team – Room 146

### Friday, May 22

- 10:00 am Rug Hooking Group – Room 146
- 5:30-8:30pm Parents Night Out - Commons

### Saturday, May 23

- 9:00 am New Hospital Lay Visitor Training-Mettam
- 11:00 Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall
- 12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

### Sunday, May 24 (See Sunday, May 17)

- 10:15 Rotational Sunday School Continental Breakfast – Wesley Hall

### Monday, May 25

**Holiday – Church Closed**

**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored by **Ginny Stauber, Sarah Healy and sons in honor of Dick and Kathy Estry's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary**. The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520 AM. Please use the chart in the Commons by the Sanctuary doors to sign up for a radio broadcast, or you can sign up in the church office.

**The flowers on the altar** today are given by **Dick and Deedee Odell in honor of their three granddaughters Addison and Scarlett Hedrick and Genevieve Cadwell**.

**Brunch for New Guests** At 10:15 **today** we will have a brunch for people who are newer to our church community. This allows our community to get to know you and for you to find out more about our community. All interested in this conversation are welcome to attend.

### **An Invitation to Pianists to Perform on All Church Piano Recital on May 31**

Here's your chance to assist in celebrating the arrival of the Bösendorfer Imperial Grand Piano. We are planning an all church recital for May 31, 2009 at 10.15am. We ask that the pianists have taken lessons for at least one year. Please list below the following information and return it to the church office or e-mail [ric@cumethodist.com](mailto:ric@cumethodist.com) by May 24, 2009.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Composer: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**UMW Brown Bag Lunch**, Tues. May 26, 12:00 – 12:45 pm. Harley Flathers will bring the question, "What would Will and Charlie Mayo (gone since 1939, 70 years) say about our city today?"

**Today is the last day of rotational Sunday school.** Thank you to all of our volunteers, parents and children. Please join us next week in Wesley Hall during the education hour for a continental breakfast to celebrate the end of the school year.

**Interfaith Hospitality Cards**, handmade, appropriate for graduations, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and for memorials will be on display in the Commons today. Each card supports the ministry to homeless families in our area by IHN. Your donation is tax deductible