

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

Director of Operations: Kris Olson

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

Welcome Center: Wilma Grove and Ginny Stauber

Greeters: Betty Christensen, Ron and Judy Yaggy

Fellowship Coffee: Larry and Ginny Tupper, Dan and Cheryl Hamm, Dean Swanson

Sound Booth: 9:00 Lad Roering and Sandy Shirk Heath

11:00 Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp

Front Desk Receptionist – Kathy Stettler

Nursery care for under age five is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hallway

Next Week's Lectionary: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Today's **radio broadcast** has no sponsor. 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 2010 Disciplines are here. The cost is \$10.00. There is a table in the commons, where Disciplines can be purchased..

As you celebrate Advent at CUMC, take a moment to enjoy the variety of nativities displayed in the SE corner of the Commons. Collected by Carla Behnke, they reflect only a few of the many ways the birth is depicted in cultures around the world.



Rochester, MN 55902

Worship Hours:

8:00am – Worship and Communion in the Chapel

9:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00am – Emergent Worship in the Education Conference Center

Wednesday Worship

6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship Celebration in the Education

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

December 6, 2009

Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 am

* Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

GATHERING MUSIC

Windchimes

Kirsty Mitchell

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Beverly Simpson

Senior Ringers

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(UMH) No. 206 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

***OPENING PRAYER**

There is a voice crying out to us.

The voice is telling us, "Allow God to make a path straight to your heart."

Listen to the voice, and allow God to enter into your lives today.

Loving God, we pray that you will enter this sanctuary and come into our lives today. We have been diverted by the busyness of our lives and the hurried pace of this world. Come and be with us and quiet our lives even for one hour.

Speak to us in the stillness of this moment so that our hearts will be refreshed and our souls renewed. Let the words of this day be carried in our hearts so we can serve you throughout our lives.

Blessed are we who hear these words and then live them.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

**Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
Pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.**

NATIONAL HYMN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SILENT PRAYER

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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Coventry Carol
Christ Chimers

arr. Bob Burroughs

***DOXOLOGY**

**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!**

UMH No. 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-6

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY

“Staying on Course”

Pastor Michael Wuehler

TO CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

*(This is the Lord's Table. All who respond to the invitation are welcome.
It is our tradition to serve grape juice so that all may partake freely.
Gluten free bread is also available.)*

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

Alleluia
Christ Chimers

arr. Linda Lamb

AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No 203 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata in C Minor, Op, 65 No. 2/ii

Felix Mendelssohn

*Thank you for being with us in worship this morning.
Please join us for worship again next week.*

We are friendly. We are just temporarily suspending shaking hands during this flu season. Share a wave, smile or elbow bump with your friends. You are also encouraged to use the hand sanitizers throughout the church building.

**Calendar of Events:
December 6 – December 13**

Sunday, December 6

- 7:45 am-Nursery - Room 137
- 8:00 Worship and Communion – Chapel**
- 9:00 Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary**
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Room 146
- 9:00 KinderWorship – Room 133
- 9:30 *Mennonite Worship Service - Chapel*
- 10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room
- 10:00 Mahler Anniversary Celebration – Commons
- 10:10 Age 3-Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133
- 10:10 K-5th Grade Rotational Sunday school – Lower east hallway
- 10:10 Mid High Sunday school – Room 38
- 10:10 Sr. High Sunday school – Youth Room
- 10:10 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline II
- 10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146
- 10:10 20/30/40 Class – Room 145
- 10:10 Voluntary Simplicity – Mettam
- 10:20 VIP Warm-up – ECC
- 11:00 Emergent Worship – ECC**
- 12:00 pm First Lego League – Room 36 & 37
- 2:00 Rochester Orchestra and Choral “Messiah” – Sanctuary
- 3:30 Sr. High Guitar Group – Room 38
- 5:00 CUMC Band – ECC
- 7:00 ASP Leaders Meeting – Fireside

Monday, December 7

- 5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes
- 5:30 Men’s Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library
- 5:30 Communications – Room 145
- 6:00 Christmas Anonymous Board Meeting – Room 146
- 6:00 Youth Ministry Team – Youth Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

Tuesday, December 8

- 5:15 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 5:30 Community Bible Study Leaders - Hamline
- 7:00 Celebration Bells – Bell Room
- 7:00 Community Bible Study – Church-wide
- 7:00 Social Concerns Team - Mettam

Wednesday, December 9

- 9:00 am Senior Fellowship Breakfast – Holiday Inn South
- 10:00 Under K Play – Room 137
- 4:30 pm Child-care – Room 137
- 4:30 Little Angels – Rooms 134 & 135
- 4:30 Stepping Stones & Pathway Singers – Sanctuary
- 4:45 Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Wesley Hall
- 6:00 Jubilee Bells – Bell Room
- 6:00 Voices in Praise – Choir Room
- 6:15 Wednesday Worship – ECC**
- 7:00 Carillon Ringers – Bell Room
- 7:00 Exploration – Wesley Hall
- 8:00 Christ Chimers – Bell Room

Thursday, December 10

- 7:00 am Men’s Discussion Group – Room 145
- 8:30 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 5:30 pm First Lego League – Rooms 36 & 37
- 6:30 Power and Light – Room 38
- 6:30 Outreach – Mettam

Friday, December 11

- 10:00 am Rug Hooking Group – Room 145
- 7:00 pm Taizé Service – Chapel

Saturday, December 12

- 11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Zumbro Lutheran
- 12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Zumbro Lutheran
- 2:00 ASP Christmas Brunch Set-up – Wesley Hall

Sunday, December 13(See Sunday, December 2)

- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm ASP Christmas Brunch – Wesley Hall
- 8:30 am – 11:30 am UMW Cookie Sale - Commons

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What was it really like to be born in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus? You can stop wondering and come and see for yourselves.

During the four Wednesdays in Advent you can see the story of the birth of Jesus in it’s original setting. The scenic footage is shot on location and portrayed by professional actors. The Gospel stories will come to life with these short video depictions of the birth of Jesus.

Come and join us each Wednesday night at 6:15 in the ECC. It’s cheaper than a plane ticket to Israel.

It's time to order poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill in the form below if you would like to share a poinsettia plant with others this Christmas season. Each plant is \$11.00 (separate from offering). You may place this slip in the offering plate or take to the church office.

Please indicate if you would like to pick up the poinsettia after 10:00 am on Dec. 27 or if you would like to have it delivered to a shut-in or bereaved person. We would like to have about 75 plants to deliver. Please support this ministry of caring to our homebound and bereaved members.

Name *(please print)* _____

Telephone: _____

_____ Church take to shut-in

_____ I will pick up after 10:00 am on December 27

_____ plants = \$ _____



In memory of:

In honor of:

Volunteers are needed to help deliver poinsettias to shut-in on Monday, December 28. Please call Carolyn Chaapel (288-4459) or Rachel Mullenbach (282-9034 if you can help. People of all ages who are able to drive are encouraged to volunteer. Bring boxes if you have any.

Parent's Night Out will be December 18 from 5:30—8:30 pm. Take advantage of this time to check things off of your holiday list. Children are fed a simple dinner, encouraged to do crafts and games and end the night with a video. Contact Jenny Gunter (jenny@cumethodist.com or 398 - 4882) by the 15th of the month to register for this free service.

The annual UMW Christmas Bake Sale will be held in the Commons December 13. There will be candies, cookies, breads, fabric gift bags, and other holiday items. Some GFCF goods will also be available.

ASP Christmas Brunch and Mitten Sale December 13th - Tickets are on sale now for the acclaimed ASP Christmas Brunch! Serving will begin at 8:00 am on Sunday, December 13th and serve through 12:00 pm. The menu includes a choice of meat or veggie strata, fruit, beverages, and pastries. Tickets may be purchased in advance, or at the ASP ticket table in the commons each Sunday. Prices are \$4 for children 5 and under, \$6 adult or \$18 per family.

The Christ Chimer CD will be on sale today in the Commons. Did you miss your opportunity last spring when we sold them, or do you need a Christmas gift? These are all pieces the group played in 2008 and 2009. The cost is \$15 and all profit will go toward the registration for the Area Festival being held in Rochester in June, 2010.

Interfaith Hospitality Cards offer a unique gift for your holiday giving. Your recipient receives a beautiful handmade card, and by your donation to IHN you have given a gift to homeless families in the Rochester Area. This ministry through IHN makes a difference in the lives of many people. Come by the display table in the Commons today to get more information and do some meaningful Christmas shopping.

Peter Mayer in Concert, Friday, December 18, 7:00 pm in the ECC. Peter is a singer/songwriter works with Harmony for Mayo.. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Dave Lieder, dave@cumethodsit.com or Sheila Parker, sheila@cumethodist.com.

Wednesday, December 23, after Wednesday Worship, The CUMC band will have a time of Christmas Carols. They will start this time off by doing a couple of songs, and then the floor will be opened up to the rest of the church community. Participants should bring their own instruments, accompaniment, etc, for the selections they would like to perform. If you are interested, please call the church office at 289-4019, x114.

The entrées for the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner December 9 will be:

Turkey Breast in Mushroom Sauce	\$3.00
Beef Stroganoff	3.00
Stuffed Pork Chops	3.00
Chicken Tenders	1.00
Pizza Boats	3.00

All CUMC Seniors are invited to meet every second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am for breakfast at the Holiday Inn South. No reservations required. Come, bring a friend. No officers – no dues – just fellowship! Next meeting is December 9, 9:00 am.