

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: Christy and Helen Olsen
Greeters: Janet and Chub Stewart, Katie, Elizabeth and Cassie Arendt
Fellowship Coffee: Jim Morton, Jim and Ruth Colville, Jack and Judy Zierdt
Sound Booth: 9:00 Lad Roering and Sandy Shirk Heath
11:00 Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp
Front Desk Receptionist – Mary Petersson
Nursery care for under age five is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hallway.

Next Week's Lectionary: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Today's **radio broadcast** is given by **Delma Clarey and Bob St. John**. 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.



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 ECC
400 Fifth Avenue SW , Rochester, MN 55902
507-289-4019 email@cumethodist.com

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

December 27, 2009

9:00 am

* Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE Good Christian Friends Rejoice arr. Paul Manz
Diane Toogood, guest organist

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(UMH) No. 246 – Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

***OPENING PRAYER**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,

A son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We truly rejoice and continue to celebrate the birth of Savior and Redeemer, O God. We have celebrated another beautiful Christmas. Gifts have been given and received in celebration of the birth of Jesus. We have shared meals with friends and relatives in honor of the incarnation of the Christ Child.

Our homes have been decorated and adorned with beautiful reminders of this season. Now we pray, O God that you will bless the year ahead with daily reminders of the joy we felt at Christmas. Help us to keep Christmas in our hearts and in our lives.

Rejoice and be glad, for Jesus lives for you.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

UMH 220, STANZA 1

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

HYMN

(UMH) No. 217 – Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMISSIONING OF GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

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

HYMN

(UMH) No. 249 – There's a Song in the Air

CHRISTMAS SONG

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Luke 2:41-52

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY

“A Child is Born, and an Adult is Given”

Pastor Michael Wuehler

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Allegro from Concert in D Major, Op. 27

Luigi Boccherini

Linn McCoy Kezer, flute and Diane Toogood, piano

***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. 251 – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz

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

In accordance with the 2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, paragraph 248, as an Elder of the Church, you are hereby authorized to call, convene and chair a Special Charge Conference of the Christ United Methodist Church at 6:00 pm, Monday, January 11, 2010, to transact the following business:

Adjust pastoral compensation for Nancy Wheeler Handlon for 2010

Approval must be given by a majority of the membership present and voting. Notice of the meeting must be given at least ten days in advance by two or more of the following (except as local laws may otherwise provide): from the pulpit of the church, in the weekly bulletin, in a local church publication, or by mail (2008 Discipline paragraph 246.8).

Christmas-tree Pick-up – Boy Scout Troop 21 will again be picking up Christmas Trees to dispose of. Pick-up will be Saturday, January 9, 2010. Please have your tree at your home's curbside by 9:00 am that day. To schedule a pick-up, call 281-5992 and leave a message with your name and your address.

The 2010 Disciplines are here. The cost is \$10.00. Visit the table in the commons. On weekdays, come to the church office.

The **Thursday Men's Discussion Group** will resume meeting on Thursday, January 7.

Our YAM team leaves for Guatemala on January 1. We will return on January 10 and share our stories with the congregation in worship on January 17. Please pray for the members of the team by name from January 1-10 as we "join with what God is already doing" in Guatemala. Thank you for all of the ways you support our Guatemala missions.

Amanda Larsen
Betsy Callahan
Brian Beyerl
Carrie Coufal
Chris Lombardo
Connie Wesley
Gary Lueck

Heather Nielsen
Jessica Schultz
Jill Olmschied
John Wesley
Lindsay Young
Mark Callahan
Matt Peterson

Mike Mikenas
Nathanael Lexvold
Noah Retka
Piroska Lueck
Randi Beyerl
Scott Koon
Ted Sisco

Poinsettias

Given By

Mae DeFosse, Joanne, Judy, Jane
Merl and Marilyn Groteboer

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Lisa Kirkland

Delma Clarey and Bob St. John

In Memory Of

James DeFosse, son and brother
Carl and Grace Berge (mom and
dad)
Carol and Joel (Marilyn's sister and
brother)
Paul Groteboer, Gary Groteboer,
Dennis Katter (brother-in-law)
Dr. Richard H. Kirkland
Mrs. Ninette P. Kirkland
Don and Shawn Clarey
Corey Robinson

Given By

Delma Clarey and Bob St. John
Brad and Brenda Finseth
Lisa Kirkland

In Honor Of

Our loved ones
Our parents and grandparents
Dr. Warren Thompson
Mr. John Thompson
Mr. Armand Thompson
Mrs. Virginia Thompson
Mrs. Katherine Litehiser

Volunteers will be delivering Poinsettias to shut-ins on Monday, December 28, beginning at 9:00 am.

How Can I Help? A Christ Church Retreat, January 17-18. The deadline to sign up for this retreat is January 3. Please pick up a brochure in the office or on the church website for more information.

**Calendar of Events:
December 27 – January 3**

Sunday, December 27

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
10:10 Age 3-Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133
10:10 K-5th Grade Rotation Sunday school – Lower East Hallway
10:10 Mid High Sunday school – Room 38
10:10 No Sr. High Sunday school – Youth Room
10:10 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline
10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146
10:10 No 20/30/40 Class – ECC
10:10 Voluntary Simplicity – Mettam
11:00 Emergent Worship - ECC
4:00 IHN Guests arrive

Monday, December 28

5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes
5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library
6:00 YAM Packing – Wesley Hall
6:30 Labyrinth - Commons
7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

Tuesday, December 29

5:15 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
7:00 Social Concerns - Mettam

Wednesday, December 30

6:00 pm Child Care – Room 137
6:15 Wednesday Worship – ECC

Thursday, December 31

Friday, January 1

Church Closed – Have a Very Happy New Year
YAM leaves for Guatemala

Saturday, January 2

11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall
12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

Sunday, January 3 (See Sunday, December 27)

3:30 pm Sr. High Guitar Group – Room 38
5:00 CUMC Band Rehearsal – ECC
7:00 ASP Leaders Meeting – Fireside