

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: Ann Loth and Betty Christensen

Greeters: Amy & Dick Humphrey, Susan Day, Joan Hernlam

Fellowship Coffee: Mary Schmidt, Dan & Cheryl Hamm, Jack & Judy Zierdt

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: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Today's **radio broadcast** has no sponsor. The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520 am. This ministry is very important to those who are homebound. 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

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

January 3, 2010

9:00 am

* Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE AND PRAY

PRELUDE

We Three Kings
Carillon Ringers

arr. Valerie Stephenson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

(UMH) No. 188 – Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

***OPENING PRAYER**

Now when God started creating things, Jesus was present.

Jesus was the Word.

All things came into to existence through speaking this great word.

We continue to give thanks for the birth of the Christ Child, O God. We pray that you will help us to see an even larger picture of the birth of Jesus. The birth of the Christ Child was more than just a onetime event. Christ was born for all people of all generations.

We pray that the light of Christ will continue to shine in our lives throughout the year. Let our lives testify to the light just as John the Baptist let the light shine through his life. Help us to live as lights to the world.

Let your lights shine so that the darkness will never overwhelm it.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2043 – Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rebecca Clarke

Adagio (Movement III) from Sonata for Viola and Piano
Rochester Chamber Music Society Members
Dr. Horacio Nuguid, piano and Rachel Kuipers, viola

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

OFFERTORY

Rebecca Clarke

Impetuoso (Movement I) from Sonata for Viola and Piano
Rochester Chamber Music Society Members
Dr. Horacio Nuguid, piano and Rachel Kuipers, viola

***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

TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-9

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY

“That is a Good Word”

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.)*

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

(UMH) No. 219 – What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

(UMH) No. 250 – Once in Royal David’s City

IRBY

Communion Anthem

The First Noel

arr. Dan Forrest

Voices in Praise

AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 248 – On This Day Earth Shall Ring

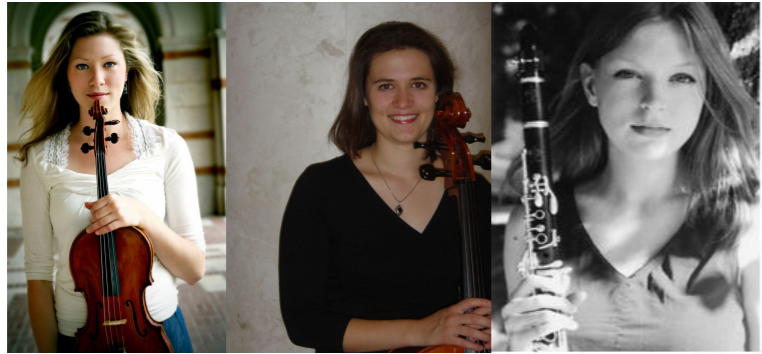
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Rochester Chamber Music Society
presents in concert
Rachel Kuipers, viola
Veronica Staupe, cello
Rachel Light-Diede, clarinet



January 9, 2010 7:30pm
Christ United Methodist Church

Admission is free. All are Welcome

Special Charge Conference

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.

Living as Stewards - Prayer

When you think of stewardship, prayer probably is not the first thing that comes to your mind. But for me, prayer is the most important act of stewardship I can give. The giving of oneself to another is the most generous thing we can do to show our love and devotion toward that person. To give of ourselves means that we have to set aside time for the other person. Time seems to be one of the most critical commodities we have in our busy lives.

How do we show our love and devotion to God? We give God our time. To set aside times in our fast paced lives and quietly connect to God through prayer is a sign of our devotion and enduring love to God.

Many religions have prescribed times for prayer throughout the day. They know how important it is to reconnect to God throughout the busy day. Prayer gives us the opportunity to be open to God and listen to that still small voice that is trying so hard to communicate with us.

Do you take time for prayer? In the letter of James, the author writes in the eighth chapter of the fourth verse, "Draw near to God and God will draw near to you." Do you want to feel closer to God? Then take some time during your very busy day and draw near to God in prayer.

Pastor Mike Wuehler

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

Please remember to pray for those in Guatemala this week until January 10, 2010.

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| Amanda Larsen | Heather Nielsen | Mike Mikenas |
| Betsy Callahan | Jessica Schultz | Nathanael Lexvold |
| Brian Beyerl | Jill Olmschied | Noah Retka |
| Carrie Coufal | John Wesley | Piroska Lueck |
| Chris Lombardo | Lindsay Young | Randi Beyerl |
| Connie Wesley | Mark Callahan | Scott Koon |
| Gary Lueck | Matt Peterson | Ted Sisco |

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

Menu for Wednesday Fellowship Dinner on January 6

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| Boneless Pork Ribs | \$3.00 |
| Chicken ala King | 3.00 |
| Meatloaf | 3.00 |
| Pork Tenders | 1.00 |
| Pizza Boats | 3.00 |

Roll and Butter with every Meal!

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| Mashed Potatoes with Gravy | \$1.00 |
| Steamed Vegetables | 1.00 |
| Green Bean Casserole | 1.00 |
| Macaroni and Cheese | 1.00 |
| Fruit Cobbler | 1.00 |
| Cold Salad | 1.00 |
| Cut Fresh Fruit | 1.00 |
| Choc. Covered Rice Krispy Squares | .50 |

After dinner, please join us for the **Wednesday Worship Celebration** at 6:15 pm in the Education Conference Center.

Calendar of Events: January 3 - January 10

Sunday, January 3

- 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 Sr. High Sunday school – Youth Room
- 10:10 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline
- 10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146
- 10:10 20/30/40 Class – Room 145
- 10:10 Voluntary Simplicity – Mettam
- 11:00 Emergent Worship - ECC**
- 3:00 pm Senior High Youth Guitar Group
- 5:00 CUMC Band Rehearsal - ECC

Monday, January 4

- 5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes
- 5:30 Communications – Room 145
- 5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library
- 6:00 Youth Ministry Team – Youth Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

Tuesday, January 5

- 5:15 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 5:30 Community Bible Study Leaders – Hamline
- 7:00 Community Bible Study – Church wide

Wednesday, January 6

- 4:45 pm Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Wesley Hall
- 6:00 pm Child Care – Room 137
- 6:00 Voices in Praise – Choir Room
- 6:15 Wednesday Worship – ECC**
- 7:00 Exploration – Wesley Hall
- 8:00 Christ Chimers – Bell Room

Thursday, January 7

- 7:00 am Men's Discussion Group – Room 146
- 8:30 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 9:00 Mitten Mission – Room 34
- 9:00 UMW Executive Committee – Room 146
- 5:30 pm Power and Light – Room 38

Friday, January 8

- 10:00 am Rug Hooking Group – Room 145
- 6:30 pm Family Movie Night – "Night at the Museum – Smithsonian
- 7:00 Taizé - Chapel

Saturday, January 9

- 11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall
- 12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall
- 7:30 Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, January 10 (See Sunday, January 3)

- 7:00 ASP Leaders Meeting – Fireside