

**Ministers:** The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church

**Pastors:** Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder,  
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**Coordinator of Handbell Choirs:** Deedee Odell

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Children's worship bags and bulletins are in the narthex

**Welcome Center:** Betty Christensen and Wilma Grove

**Greeters:** Gary and Cindy Nelson, Denny and Peg Anderson

**Fellowship Coffee:** Larry and Ginny Tupper, Jim and Ruth Colville, Jack and Judy Zierdt

**Sound Booth: 9:00** Lad Roering and Chuck Handlon

**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 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14,  
John 12:1-8

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by **Circle 2 in memory of JoAnn Dunn, Charlene Gerads and Sieberta Lovestedt.** 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. There are still many available dates.



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**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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**An inclusive church where all are welcome!**

**March 14, 2010**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**9:00 am**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING**

(UMH) No. 546

The Church's One Foundation

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**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Welcome, we are so very glad you joined us in worship.

**We are happy to be here. We gather with our friends to worship God in this church.**

Rejoice, for on this day a party has been prepared in your honor.

**We have not been together in worship for an entire week. Help us rejoice on this day, O God, for we are once again gathered as your people. We will sing hymns, share in prayer, receive the written and spoken word and have our spirits renewed.**

**Wonderful things happen when we are together in this sanctuary. In this sanctuary we celebrate new life through baptism. In this sanctuary we celebrate Christian maturity through confirmation. In this sanctuary couples have stated their love for one another. In this place you celebrate all of our stages of life.**

So welcome, God is so glad you are here.

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2257-b Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Mark A. Miller

TIME WITH CHILDREN

**HYMN**

(FWS) No. 2038 Father, I Adore You *MARANATHA*

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.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

(UMH) No. 138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is *RESIGNATION*

**TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Joshua 5:9-12  
Luke 15:11-32

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY “We Miss You When You are Gone” Michael Wuehler

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY ‘Pie Jesu’ from *Requiem* Andrew Lloyd Weber  
**Voices in Praise with Dario Koon and Merri Bremer, sopranos**

*Translation:*

*Sweetest Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest.  
Lamb of God, grant them everlasting rest.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*DUKE STREET*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 378 Amazing Grace *NEW BRITAIN*  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6 only,)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(FWS) No. 2257-d Amen, Amen, Amen Mark A. Miller

POSTLUDE

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

MY NEXT STEP IS . . .

Jesus tells us the story of the Prodigal Son. The word “Prodigal” means wasteful, spend thrift or extravagant. It can also mean, “Producing Generous Amounts”.

Where do you need to spend less of your life resources?

Life resources are things like money, time, entertainment or even food.

Where do you need to be extravagant?

Are you finding more time for yourself, family or your connection to God?

The **Brown Bag Lunch** will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. The topic is "Visiting Rochester's Sister City in China and Other Chinese Historical Places." Diane Hellie, a participant in the Mayor's Tour of China, is the presenter. The Brown Bag Lunch is open to the public from 12:00 noon until 1:00pm, on the 4th Tuesday of most months at Christ United Methodist Church in the Hamline Room. Coffee and Juice will be provided by the United Methodist Women.

### Flowering Plant Order Form

Please fill in the information below if you would like to share a flowering plant with others this Easter season. You may place this slip in the offering plate on Sunday morning, drop it off or mail it to the church office. We would like to have about 75 plants to deliver. Please support this ministry of caring to our homebound and bereaved members.



**Please do not include the flower payment with your offering. (Please print very clearly)**

***Please mark your choice of plant. Cost: \$12***

\_\_\_ **Lily**      \_\_\_ **Tulips**      \_\_\_ **Begonia**      \_\_\_ **Mum**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print clearly)

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Church take to a shut-in. Total payment for flowers = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will pick up after the 11:15 a.m. worship service Easter Sunday.

In **memory of:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

In **honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The Menu for Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** on March 17 will be selections from the Hy-Vee Chinese kitchen.

### **Appalachian Service Project Hosanna Brunch**

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) volunteers will host a Hosanna Brunch Buffet of magnificent proportion. The Chateau de Christo shall have spacious dining, unique décor, beautiful music, and bountiful serving tables of exceptional food.

The buffet will be served from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Join your fellow United Methodists for a meal to begin Holy week. Reservations, with payment, are requested and will be accepted March 7, March 14, and March 21 in the Commons Area of the church. You may also make reservations with payment in the church office during regular business hours.

The cost is \$12.00 per adult, \$10.00 per senior and \$7.00 per youth (5-11), children under 5 are free. Make reservations early. Seating is limited.

**Easter flowers** will be delivered to people on April 5th. If you are willing to help with this, please call Carolyn Chaapel at 288-4459.

**Parent's Night Out** will be on March 26 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Take advantage of this time to relax and rejuvenate. 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](mailto:jenny@cumethodist.com) or 398-4882) by the 15th of the month to register for this free service.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner**

Christ Church Family Ministries (Roots and Shoots) has organized a Progressive Dinner every year for more than ten years. The format has changed from year to year, and different people attend, but one thing is constant: Everyone has a great time, sharing the meal and conversation. This year we plan on continuing the tradition. We will have a Progressive Dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Childcare will be offered at the church regardless of the evening's format. Please call Kathi Benson, at 398-6133, if you are interested.

**Calendar of Events**  
**March 14 – March 21**

**Sunday, March 14**

Hosanna Brunch Tickets available in the commons

7:45 am-Nursery - Room 135

**8:00 Worship and Communion – Chapel**

**9:00 Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary**

9:00 Adult Bible Study – Adult Library

9:00 KinderWorship – Room 133

*9:15 Mennonite Worship Service - Chapel*

10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room

10:10 Age 3-Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133

10:10 K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 Room

10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146

10:10 20/30/40 Class – Room 145

**11:00 Emergent Worship – ECC**

2:00pm Milk and Honey Cooking School-ECC

5:00 CUMC Band – ECC

**Monday, March 15**

5:30 Covenant Disciple Group – Homes

5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library

5:30 Communications Team – Room 145

6:45 Health Cabinet – Office Fireside Area

7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

**Tuesday, March 16**

12:00 pm Lenten Study – Fireside

5:15 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

5:30 Community Bible Study Leaders – Hamline Room

6:00 Staff Parish Relations Team – Mettam Conference Room

7:00 Celebration Bells – Bell Room

7:00 Community Bible Study – Church wide

**Wednesday, March 17**

10:30 am Senior Adult Choir – Choir Room

11:15 am Senior Handchime Ringers – Bell Room

4:30 pm Child-care – Room 135

4:30 Little Angels – Room 137

4:30 Stepping Stones – Choir Room

4:45 Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Wesley Hall

5:15 Pathway Singers – Choir Room

5:30 CUMC Band – Education Conference Center

6:00 Jubilee Bells – Bell Room

6:00 Voices in Praise – Choir Room

**6:15 Wednesday Worship Service - ECC**

7:00 Divorce Care – Room 145

7:00 Exploration – Wesley Hall

7:00 Carillon Ringers – Bell Room

7:00 Unbinding the Gospel – Room 146

8:00 Christ Chimers – Bell Room

**Thursday, March 18**

7:00 am Men's Discussion Group – Room 146

7:15 Circle 2 – Fireside Room

8:30 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

9:00 Mitten Mission – Rooms 34 & 35

9:30 Circle 1 – Hamline Room

1:00 pm Circle 8 – Carla Sussio's Home

1:00 Circle 9 – Fireside Room

5:30 pm Power and Light – Room 38

7:00 Circle 4 – Fireside Room

7:00 Visioning Team – Mettam Conference Room

**Friday, March 19**

**Saturday, March 20**

11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall

12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

**Sunday, March 21** (See Sunday, March 14)

8:00am Voices in Praise

8:30 Pathway Singers

10:15 Senior Adult Choir

10:30 Senior Adult Handchimes

3:30 pm Senior High Youth Guitar Group

7:00pm ASP Leaders