

Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance.

A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

How Civil Wars Start and How to Stop Them Join Reverend Gary Lueck in searching for answers on how to stop civil wars with the book, "How Civil Wars Start: And How to Stop Them" by Barbara F. Walter. Sessions will be Sundays, January 21, 28 and February 4, 4:30 – 6:00pm, in-person in Room 145 and on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588011310?pwd=b3JiSVNtUCthQzV4aWZlZ1dmdGQOGlUdz09>). Meeting ID 895 8801 1310 Passcode: stopwars.) The book can be purchased from any major bookseller.

UWF Sunday January 28th The Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri from The Minnesota Council of Churches will be our guest preacher.

Scripture Readers Schedule Would you like to read scripture in worship? We are updating our list of scripture readers and are always glad to add new voices! All reading ages are welcome and training is available. Contact Pastor Jenny to make sure you are on our reading schedule this new year.

Annual Meeting Feb. 4, 2024 We invite you to our annual church conference meeting, which will be on Sunday, February 4 following our two worship services. The theme this year is "All You Need Is Love." The meeting begins with a community potluck meal and we will begin our annual meeting work at 12:30pm. Childcare provided. Contact Pastors Jenny or Kirkland for more information.



PANCAKE TUESDAY

"Pancakes are like warm, edible hugs."

"Dinner is better when we eat together."

PANCAKES, TOPPINGS, SAUSAGE, MILK AND JUICE!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
5:00-7:00PM

ASP
Appalachia Service Project

A FUN(D) RAISER FOR ASP!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Please join us for pancakes, community, and a chance to help our Appalachia Service Project team travel and serve in Kentucky in July 2024. Our Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner is February 13 from 5-7pm in Wesley Hall. The meal includes pancakes & toppings, sausage, milk and juice. A freewill offering of \$10 per person is suggested. For more info, please contact Pastor Amanda.

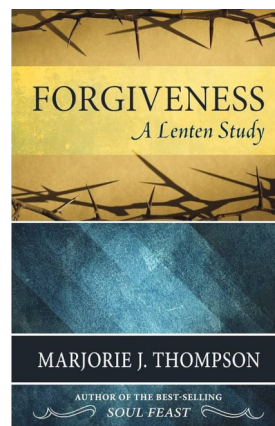
Lent Read Lent begins on Feb. 14th. We'll be using the book "Forgiveness: A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson as our guide for the season. Small group opportunities for discussion & reflection will begin in February. Books available for \$10 in the office.

CUMC New Members Class February 25 & March 3 12:00-2:00pm Would you like to know more about CUMC or explore what it means to be a member? Join Pastors Jenny & Kirkland for our next New Members Class. RSVP to the church office. Lunch and childcare provided.



2024 CUMC ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

All you need is love



FORGIVENESS
A Lenten Study

MARJORIE J. THOMPSON

AUTHOR OF THE BEST-SELLING SOUL FEAST



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Church Calendar

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Thanks for worshipping with us!
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Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ followers for the transformation of the world

TRADITIONS

9:00am Traditions Worship
January 21, 2024

To TELL The TRUTH

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?

We welcome you and name the sacred power of the Wahpeton people on whose land we stand

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Christ United Methodist Church

With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we welcome people of all races, nationalities, theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect.

Prelude "Andante in F minor" Michael Helman
Celebration Bells

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

Morning Prayer

Children's Message Jody Peterson
Following the Children's Message, preschool aged children and children in elementary are invited to Sunday School in the Education Wing. Children may be picked up in their classrooms after worship.

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Martha Lynn Thompson
Celebration Bells

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

*Prayer of Dedication

+Morning Prayers
One: We need you, God.
Response: We need you.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

***Hymn** "Stand By Me" UMH 512

Hearing the Word 1 Corinthians 10:13
Matthew 11:28-30

Responding to the Word

One: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message "To Tell the Truth: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?"
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Closing Hymn** "Christ Beside Me" FWS 2166

Connections and Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Toccata on Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Kristy Giere, Organ Michael Burkhardt

*indicates please stand as you are able

Guest Musician in Worship Join us in welcoming Kristy Giere who is participating in worship today at the organ. Kristy is an accomplished musician and is recently retired from Zumbro Lutheran Church. Kristy will be sharing her talents with us for the next three Sundays.

+Morning Prayers written by Katherine Hawker (inspired by *Iona Community Worship Book*, 2002).

You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude



If you would like to sponsor this ministry, please send an email to our Director of Operations, Jack Jefferson at jack@cumethodist.com. The 9am service airs Sundays @11:30am on KOLM radio 1520 AM. (\$70)

Congregational Prayers

- For Tom, Sarah, Sydney & Talon Frank on the death of Tom's mother on January 12th
 - Sympathy for Mary Jo Prigge on the death of her husband Gary Prigge
 - For an end to gun violence
- For leaders, elected officials and public servants serving Rochester & our community
 - Gratitude for our Care Visitor & Lay Visitor ministries
 - For neighbors lacking safe and secure housing
- For middle schoolers who attended "The Event" youth gathering