

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 28 and February 4, 4:30 – 6:00pm, in-person in Room 145 and on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588011310?pwd=b3JiSVNtUCthQzV4aWZ1dmdqOGlUdz09>). Meeting ID 895 8801 1310 Passcode: stopwars.) The book can be purchased from any major bookseller.

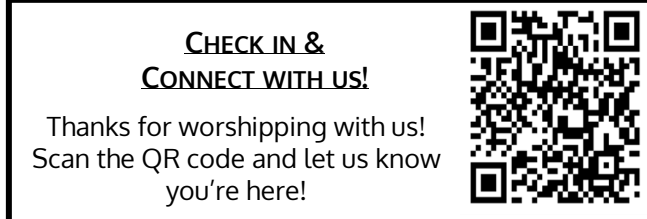
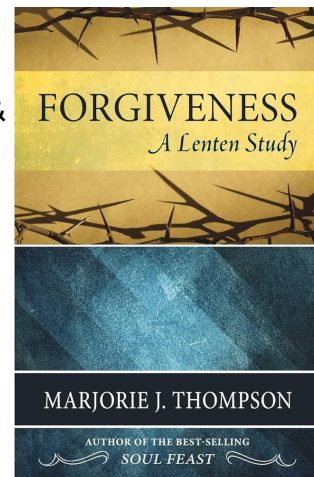
2023 Giving Statements In the coming weeks we will be mailing out 2023 Giving Statements. If you have an immediate need or question, [contact](#) Jack Jefferson at the church office at 507-289-4019.

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.

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 are 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 & childcare provided.



9:00am Traditions Worship January 28, 2024



We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Vision

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Purpose

We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concerts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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 "Fanfare and Processional" Lynn Trapp
Kristy Giere, Organ

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

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.

United Women in Faith Minute Piroska Lueck

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music "Make My Life an Alleluia" Ruth Schram
Chancel Choir

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** "When We Are Living" (Pues Si Vivimos) UMH 356

Hearing the Word Ecclesiastes 3:1,7-8

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: Everything Happens for a Reason?" Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri

***Closing Hymn** "Go Forth for God" UMH 670

Connections and Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise" Johann Gottfried Walther
Kristy Giere, Organ

*indicates please stand as you are able



Rev. Pamela R. Ngunjiri (Go jeri), MTS, MSW, grew up in a military family and is a transplant to Minnesota.

She is currently completing her doctoral dissertation, focusing on white supremacy and its entanglement with the Christian Church, at Bethel Seminary. Previously, Rev. Ngunjiri received Master of Theological Studies and Master of Social Work degrees.

She is currently employed as a Co-Director of Racial Justice at the Minnesota Council of Churches. Previously, she has worked as a Social Worker in child protection, in the chemical dependency field, as a Family Support Services Manager, and as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Social Work at Bethel University.

Rev. Ngunjiri is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the AME Church, and she is the Senior Pastor at St. James AME Church, St. Paul, MN. She likes to garden and has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a great-grand dog named Ava.

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.

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Joann Sheldon in memory of Richard Sheldon

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 an end to the violence in Gaza
- For United Women in Faith and its leaders, mission and ministry
 - For The Minnesota Council of Churches
- Gratitude for storytellers, artists and creators in our community