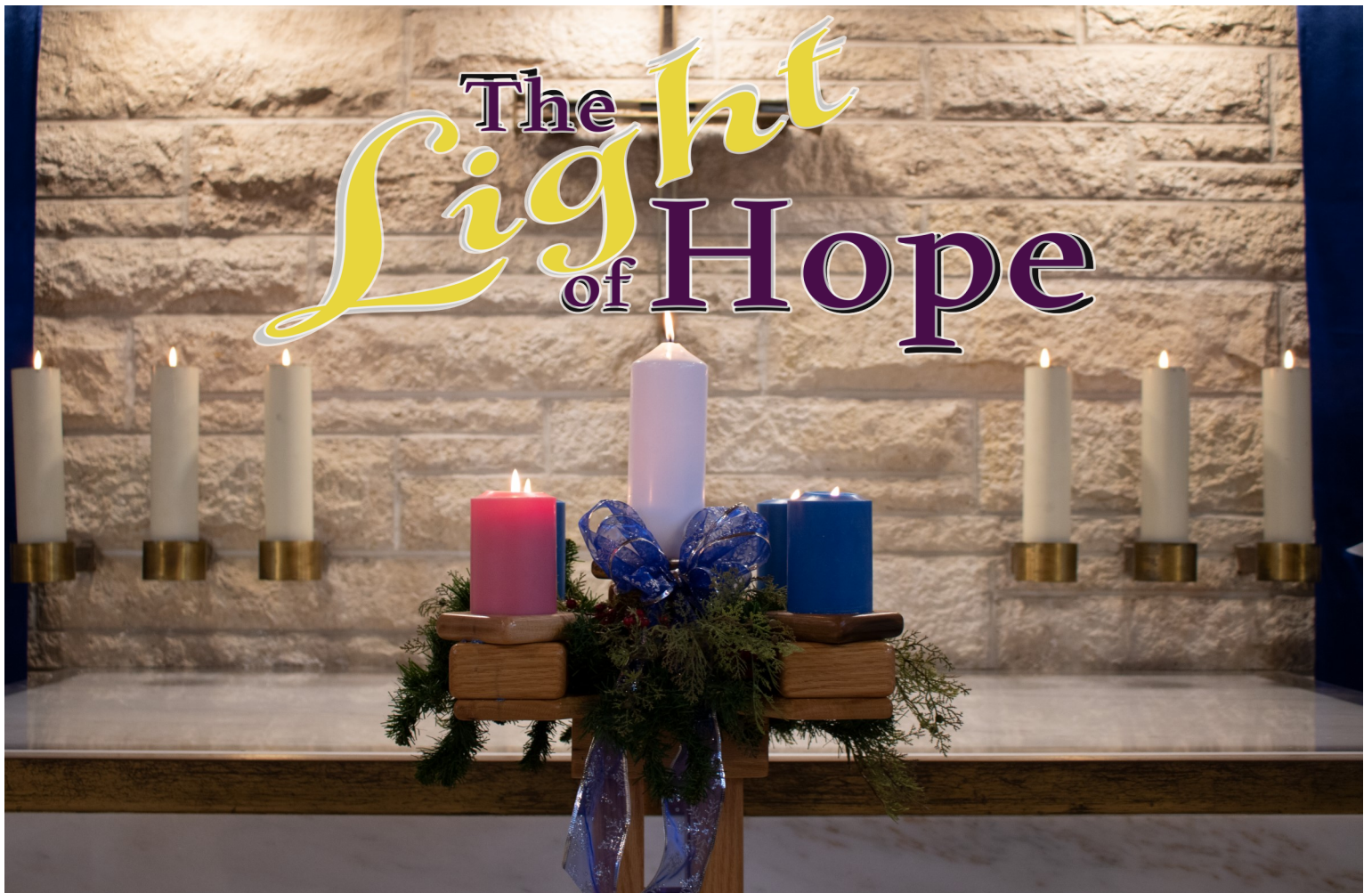


400 5TH AVENUE SW
ROCHESTER, MN 55902
507 289 4019
EMAIL@CUMETHODIST.COM
WWW.CUMETHODIST.COM

December 2020
CHRIST
METHODIST CHURCH
UNITED
Grace, In The City

THE NEW

SPIRIT



Join us for online worship every Sunday at 9am
facebook.com/cumethodist
Archived on Youtube & on our website
<https://cumethodist.com>

www.facebook.com/cumethodist
www.twitter.com/cumethodist
11:30am Sunday Radio Broadcast on
KOLM (1520 AM)
www.youtube.com

"Christ United Methodist Church Rochester MN"

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



Blessings to you in this time of Advent.

The season of Advent is a time when all of creation stills. Advent is a time of indrawn breath, of nesting, of preparing the space of our hearts.

We prepare enough room in our heart for the light of hope to live.

The season of Advent is immensely congruent with this season of pandemic distancing.

We sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel", asking that God would ransom those living in captivity.

Like the community of Israel during the time of exile, we are unable to worship in our "temple" and go about the ways of living we assumed would be ours.

Unlike the community of Israel, we are not shipped away from our homes and communities.

Instead, we are bound to our homes.

Let us name the disorientation of these days.

We will miss concerts and Christmas Anonymous in our building. We will miss joining for worship weekly and soaking in the power of candle lighting and scripture. We won't be able to swap stories and share coffee between worship services.

There is so much we will not do during Advent this year.

And yet, the invitation to prepare our hearts to shelter hope has never been more urgently shared.

You will have received an Advent box. It contains an Advent candle wreath, readings for each Sunday and some wonderful treats.

The light of hope shines wherever the people of Jesus make room for hope.

You are the people of Jesus.

Light candles. Savor scripture. Listen to music that hums your soul.

Prepare the stable of your heart, beloveds in Christ.

For unto us a child is given.

Day by day, possibility is now.

Blessings be yours,

Pastor Elizabeth

Pastor Elizabeth

Christmas Eve 2020 ONLINE ~ What can you expect?

You can expect beautiful music, candle light and the story of how it is God's love became flesh in a baby born in a manger.

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to gather in person. We will, however, **share two different Christmas Eve worship services!!**

At 5:00pm we will share child-engaged worship drawn from past and current worship.

At 7:00pm we will draw from past and current worship services to offer a quieter more music-soaked Christmas Eve worship.

On Christmas Day at 10:00am you can revisit the children & youth's Christmas pageant originally shown at 10:00am on December 20th.

All of the above services will be on our church Facebook page and on our YouTube page. As always, you can call in to connect (507) 215-8816

We will offer our Praise and Prayer time as usual at 8:00pm every night, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Please join us for this powerful time of community prayer. You can find us on Facebook.

The angels sing. The light of hope is alive in and through us.

Christ the Savior is born.



Volunteer Spotlight!



Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and staff who safely assisted with packing and prepping our Stewardship and Advent Box mailings this past month.
(Watch the January spirit for the Advent update!)

John & Gail Flanders
Brad Finseth
Oliver Books
Dotti Loutfi
Deb Jensen
Mary Schmidt

Kathy & Dick Estry
Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay
Kathy Davis
Terry Anderson
Jean Harris
Kathy Stettler

Kathy & Del Lawson
Suzi Mueller
Jerry & Marjie Blaisdell
Kent Nymann
Tanya Goretzki

Your help during this time means so much, thank you!

To our pre-COVID office volunteers: We think about you all the time and miss you, Merry Christmas!
Jan Martin, Marilyn Latcham, Gwen Mead, Ruth and Robert Lyngholm



The Thrive Fundraiser will be taking place online during the week of December 7-12, but we would love your help in putting together a drive-thru celebration of Thrive Swag Bags on the afternoon of the 12th.

If you're interested, contact grace@cumethodist.com (more information on page 7)



Zoom Coffee Hour

Join us every week immediately following worship as we share a cup of coffee and discuss topics around the service that just concluded. You can find the zoom link in the weekly Sunday Reminder email right near the top of the page. See you over coffee!

(right: photo from one of our recent coffee hours!)



Missions and Social Justice

Have you been looking for a way to get involved at church or in the community?

Our Missions and Social Justice Committee will hold a Zoom open house on December 15th at 7pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85441073065>

Our various missions and social justice groups will send representatives to give an update on what their group is and what they've been doing in 2020. Groups include:

Thrift on Fifth, Thrive Childcare and Family Resource Center, Rochester Interfaith Immigrant Rights Coalition, Saturday Noon Meals, Three Rivers Restorative Justice, Hopeful Earthkeepers, Appalachia Service Project, United Methodist Women, and more!

Notes from Pastor Nancy

Thanks to the leaders of the Caring Church Conference on November 5 and 6: Pastors Elizabeth and Nancy, Rev. Kendall Hughes and Rev. Karen Heistand and Connections Coordinator Grace Glover. We now have three new lay visitors: Deb Jensen, Jackie and Steve Robie. We also have a new Parish Minister: Deedee Odell. Once they complete their training they will be commissioned for ministry. We are excited for the gifts they bring to caring ministry. Thanks to all who attended.

We continue to need to grow our caring ministry team, so if you feel God is calling you to reach out to provide care to those who are facing life challenges, please contact Pastor Nancy or one of our team members. We have two lay pastoral visiting teams led by Pastor Nancy, the prayer chain, led by Jan Bolton and the flower ministry team led by Judi Berg.

~Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon



Christ UMC's Financial Year-End is Thursday, December 31st!

Greetings from Jenny Cordry, Director of Operations here at Christ UMC.

- **If you mail in your offering** during this time of pandemic, please make sure you give your mail AT LEAST 1 week to arrive so I am able to deposit it on time.
- **If you would like to drop off your offering in person**, please call (507) 289-4019 ext. 202 to choose a drop-off time and I will come pickup curbside!

- **Please note** I will be out of the office on Monday Dec. 28th and Tues. Dec. 29th.
- I will make the **last deposit at the bank for the year** at 4:30pm on Thursday, December 31st.
- **Year-End giving statements** will be mailed the week of January 4th, 2021.

Thank you for your generosity in 2020 and beyond. If you have any questions, call (507) 289-4019 ext 202. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

~ *Jenny Cordry* - jenny@cumethodist.com

Current COVID Guidelines from the Conference *People are advised not to gather with anyone outside of their household, and there are restrictions on many businesses. The number of cases is high and rising, and hospital capacity is a significant concern.* Church buildings are closed. Specifically, this means:

- Churches should worship online only.
- Pastoral care visits should be done by phone or online.
- Staff, leadership team, ministry team, youth group, and other group meetings should be done virtually.
- Weddings and funerals should be postponed if at all possible. Outdoor weddings and graveside services can be conducted provided no more than 10 people are gathered and those present follow social distancing guidelines and family units remain at least six feet apart from one another. These gatherings should be live streamed when possible to allow greater participation.
- Under state order, there can be no wedding receptions or post-funeral gatherings through Dec. 18.
- Church volunteers should cease activities that require them to leave their homes.
- Clergy can leave their homes in order to do essential work that cannot be done remotely; they should remain at home and connect with people virtually whenever possible.



Children's Ministry



Wonderful Wednesdays Explores "The Joyous Birth of Jesus"

During the month of December ~ Wednesdays over Zoom ~ December 2, 9, 16, 23

5:00-5:30 pm for ages PreK-Second Grade

Join us as we "wonder" about Jesus' birth and the traditional Christmas story. We learn and practice some traditional Christmas Carols with Miss Karla.

5:30-6:00 pm for ages 3rd-5th grade

Join us as we explore the birth of Jesus through a creative drama experience "The Animals of Bethlehem" over Zoom.

Children's Pageant

Several Christmas Pageants will be taking place this year with the help of Rev. Amanda Larsen, Zoom, and lots of CUMC children and youth.

Youth will meet Sunday nights at 7pm on November 29, December 6 and 13 during Sunday School.

PreK-5th grade will meet December 2, 9 and 16 during their usual Wonderful Wednesday time slot.

These pageants will be recorded on Zoom and premier on the CUMC Facebook page on December 22nd following 9am online worship

Youth Ministry

Youth groups meet weekly on Zoom. We offer something for different age levels and a Sunday night get together for all middle school and high school.

Sunday School – Sunday nights at 7pm – open to middle school and high school students.

We will be meeting to discuss the Christmas story and prepare our Christmas pageant: *The Wizard's Question*, situating the coming of the Messiah in the Wizarding World.

Games of Among Us are being played at the end of the meeting. Don't miss out on the fun!

Middle School Book Club – Tuesdays at 7pm

We are reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and taking turns discussing how this book teaches us about our Christian faith.

Confirmation – Wednesday at 6pm

Confirmation continues to meet weekly to share scripture and learn what it is to be a United Methodist.

High School – Wednesday at 8:30pm

High school will focus on advent, meditation and slowing down during this holiday season spent at home. ~ Grace Glover





Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings ~ Winter 2020

The Faith→Life Team will be offering a variety of classes, forums and connect groups starting in January. Watch for more details in the January issue of the New Spirit, the Wednesday Connection, and the Sunday Service Reminder that come to you by email.

“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention . . . A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words.” Rachel Naomi Remen

Looking Forward to 2021??

Faith→Life is planning a fantastic and varied “line up” for the winter session that you won’t want to miss; United Methodist Church History (for newcomers and old-timers alike), Humor During the Pandemic (a relief from the stress of it all!), Storytelling (familiar with The Moth Radio Hour?), Part 3 of Covenant Bible Study, America’s Unholy Ghost film series, and others to be announced!

It’s not too late! We always welcome ideas/topics that are of interest and also those interested in hosting a group; contact Kathy Estry at rk.stry@gmail.com or Grace Glover at grace@cumethodist.com.

Third Sunday Faith→Life Forums **There is no December Forum**

We are offering forums that cover a wide range of relevant topics and are given by insightful guest speakers. There will be a 30 minute presentation followed by an interactive Q & A. No registration required. Join by clicking on the Zoom link provided in the Sunday worship reminder the day of the forum.

January 17, 2021 Forum Topic will be Immigration

Previous Forums are archived at: [youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochestermn](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1m0K0K0K0K0K0K0K0K0K0K)

Part 2 of Pastor Elizabeth’s Covenant Bible Study Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Continues in December

Part 2 (Living) focuses on how the community lives out their covenant in faithful love – how it’s applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

**** Offering in January 2021** Part 3 (Trusting) looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Registration is required for Part 3. Please call the church office at 507-289-4019 or email jenny@cumethodist.com to register. Books are available for \$18 in the church office by appointment only.

Ongoing Sunday Classes

Contemporary Issues

Host: Joel Charlson **Time:** Sundays at 10:00am **Place:** Zoom

Each Thursday Joel emails participants the week’s topic from *Wired Word*. Scripture verses and critical questions related to the topic lead to in-depth discussions that apply to how we live our daily lives.

If you are interested in joining the class email Joel Charlson (joel.charlson@gmail.com) to receive the weekly *Wired Word* or just join via this zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/832924941> on Sunday morning at 10:00!

Inquiring Spirits

Hosts: Larry & Gwen Scilley **Time:** Sundays at 11:00 am **Place:** Zoom

Group members suggest theological topics/books of interest to study. Currently Rev. Gary Lueck is leading a discussion of Ephesians. New participants are always welcome. For further information contact Larry at Scilleys@charter.net.

Connect Groups

Knit One Pray, Too

Host: Marjie Blaisdell **Time:** Wednesday 10:00am – 12:00 noon **Place:** WebEx

Contact Marjie at mablaisdell@gmail.com to receive a link to the WebEx meeting. The group is knitting prayer shawls and scarves and hats for winter.

Men's Coffee Group

Host: Dick Estry **Time:** Thursdays at 8:00am **Place:** On Zoom

Whether you are a long-time member, new to CUMC or looking for a fellowship group, you are invited to join for coffee and conversation. To receive a Zoom invite just email Dick Estry at rk.estry@gmail.com.

Ongoing Faith Formation Groups

Due to the rise in COVID cases all groups are meeting by Zoom

10:00 am – Monday – Women's Book Discussion Group || 11:15 am – Monday – Men's Book Discussion Group || 1:00 pm – Tuesday – Covenant Discipleship Group || 8:30 am – Thursday – Covenant Discipleship Group || 4:00 pm – Thursday – Women's Group || 10:00 am – 2nd & 4th Friday – Women and the Sacred

Congregational Read

This book is selected by clergy that everyone is invited to read individually or in small groups and discuss.

All Earth is Waiting: Good News for God's Creation at Advent ~ Katie Z. Dawson

All the Earth is Waiting invites readers to explore the familiar Advent themes of hope, preparation, joy and peace with the heavens and earth in mind. Through her powerful and personal reflections, author Katie Z. Dawson calls us to consider how all creation longs for the coming of Christ. The good news of Christ is for all creation – even the plants and animals.

Each chapter in this Advent study offers reflection/discussion questions, a prayer and a weekly focus encouraging readers to engage in a specific act of creation care.

Good for individuals, small groups and families in preparation for the coming of Christ.

Watch the Wednesday Connections/Fresh Spirit email and the New Spirit newsletters for updates on offerings as they become available! Also check out cumethodist.com/get-involved/connect-groups for a complete listing and registration information.

From The Memorials and Living Gifts Committee

What an amazing time for the history books! I've tried to focus on all the wonderful creativity everyone is using; whether it's seriously rethinking ways to keep businesses afloat, or just to come up with ways to put a smile on friend's and neighbor's faces, or teachers working to keep students engaged, or healthcare workers figuring out new ways to treat patients and stay healthy. There is much to be thankful for...even in these times.

With the holidays coming up, maybe you are looking to be creative as a gift-giver? Read on. I have a suggestion to add to your list of possibilities. Please consider a gift to the Memorials and Living Gifts Fund of Christ United Methodist Church. All you need to do is designate it for the fund and give us the name of the person you wish to remember or honor.

Sometimes we tend to focus on the Memorials part of our name, with family or friends donating to remember one who has passed. This is a wonderful and meaningful part of our committee's work. But funds can also be donated in someone's name, who is still very much alive, to commemorate an event or date with significance.

Whether you wish to remember a loved one with a memorial gift or honor someone with a living gift, know that these gifts are put to worthwhile use throughout the church, whether it's improving the pollinator gardens or enjoying popcorn from the new popcorn popper...or maybe projects behind the scenes, like improving the sound and sights of the online services or helping Saturday Noon meals move meals around a bit easier (and they are still moving meals!) We WILL be back in the building and together eventually, even though we might not be able to enjoy all these recently funded projects at the moment.

Our only source of income is through your gifts. When we have undesignated funds the committee meets four times a year to review requests from ministry areas. Currently we do not have enough in the undesignated fund to receive requests for ministry projects.

Thanks for your consideration and have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Peace and Health to you,

Suzi Mueller, Chair of Memorials and Living Gifts Committee



Greetings from Thrive!

We at Thrive Child Care and Family Resource Center are indebted to Christ United Methodist Church for our very existence and continued support. We have celebrated two years of serving families in the lower level of Christ Church. Thrive was started from the desire to “Break the Cycle of Poverty”. We do this by providing scholarships to families in financial need and that is where you come in.

Thrive Fundraiser 2020 Last year’s Thrive Gala was a huge success, and we were able to help even more families get high quality childcare for their children through scholarships when we raised over \$44,000. This year our goal is \$50,000 and we are hoping you can help us reach that goal. Times being what they are, we decided to host the Gala virtually this year. As you determine how you may give, consider these facts: **One week of care: Infants \$355 - Toddlers \$315 - Preschool \$280**

We would like to have some fun with this, so we have developed a week’s worth of information and joy. A series of videos can be accessed through Facebook on the CUMC or Thrive pages. You can also find the links to our daily videos on our website, www.thrivefrc.org. Click on the “Together We Thrive” button. Here are our plans for the week of December 6 to December 12:

- **Matching Monday:** The first \$3000 donated will be matched by funds from our Board of Directors and one other donor.
- **Teacher Tuesday:** Video featuring the tremendous teaching staff of Thrive.
- **Wondrous Wednesday:** Video featuring Thrive families and their stories.
- **Thrift on Fifth Thursday:** Video featuring some of the Thrift on Fifth volunteers and the scholarship support they have provided for Thrive families.
- **Family Resource Center Friday:** Video with the volunteers who work directly with Thrive families and truly add another dimension to our childcare.
- **Saturday Finale:**
 - * Drive through donation option—1 to 3 o’clock in CUMC east parking lot
 - * Swag bag available for the first 150 people who drive through and have given at least \$25.
 - * Music and fun for all.
 - * Premiere video at 5 o’clock with pictures, history and appreciation.

Hope you will join us in the fun!

Donate by: **Online giving:** <https://tinyurl.com/Togetherwethrive2020>

Email pledge: Admin@thrivefrc.org

Mail checks to: Thrive FRC

400 5th Avenue SW
Rochester, MN 55902

~ Gail Flanders - Pres. Thrive Board of Dir.s



Garden Ministry News

On November 8th, the Garden Ministry was able to finish planting the new rain garden along the new wall by the Wesley House. We dug up pollinator plants from backyard to transplant in rain garden. A rain garden is a depressed area in the landscape that collects rain water from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. Planted with grasses and flowering perennials, rain gardens can be a cost effective and beautiful way to reduce runoff from your property.

Before:



After:





The CUMC Tree of Life: Living, Celebrating, & Remembering With You

Welcome New Intentional Disciples!

Dave and Jill Dunn: Dave and Jill live in Rochester with their two girls, Claire (age 10) and Grace (age 8) They have been attending and participating at CUMC for over a year, but its time now to make it official! Dave is the director of the Olmsted County Housing & Redevelopment Authority and Jill is a clinical social worker at Rochester Public Schools. As a family they like to play games, have local and not-so-local adventures, and hang out with friends (pre-covid!).



Harvey and Suzanne Tanner-Bertrand: Suzanne was raised in the Sierra of California, where she enjoyed ski racing and living along the John Muir section of the Pacific Crest Trail. Prior to joining Mayo Clinic as an orthopedic surgeon, her practice was at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Harvey grew up in Central Texas. His education and training in a number of states prepared him for a career in engineering. He served in the US Navy for three years. He has a passion for the fresh winter breezes and white landscapes in Minnesota. Harvey has adopted the belief held by some northerners, that there is no such thing as bad weather – just bad clothes!

Kristin and John Morgan: John and Kristin are natives to Rochester. They moved back home in 2013 after spending time in the twin cities and Arizona. John works in the restaurant business and Kristin works in finance. Their two children are Collin (6-1st grade) and Nora (3). They have a 1 year old golden retriever named Cooper.



Jolynn Newkirk-Hornecker: I grew up in this church and was confirmed at CUMC, the daughter of Joan and Harvey Newkirk. This summer I retired as Adult Psychiatric Service Manager at the WY State Hospital, and relocated to Byron MN with my husband Marty Hornecker.



Welcome to the World!



Charlotte Mae Barreto
Date of birth: 11/11/2020
Parents: Erin & Jay Barreto



Nova Sojourner Kotokeme
Date of birth: 11/24/2020
Parents: Nicole & Seth Nofonyim-Hara



In Memoriam



Eldene Larson
12/1/1941 ~ 11/1/2020



Frank Nichols
4/10/1924 ~ 11/18/20

Lloyd Wood
8/7/1925 ~ 10/29/2020

Janis Brown
8/16/1928 ~ 11/16/20



CUMC Earthkeepers

Members of CUMC EarthKeepers joined with others around the state of Minnesota this past spring and summer to contact Legislators advocating for passage of a bonding bill for water infrastructure. Excerpts following are from a letter from Isaiah Friesen, Environmental Justice Organizer - Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church we received the beginning of November.

We have a huge win to celebrate! On October 15 the Minnesota Legislature passed a bonding bill that included more than \$302 million for water infrastructure! This is such good news. This means cleaner water across our state. It means limited resources in local communities doesn't result in poor water quality. It means good jobs in a pandemic economy. And it is a testament to how to take faith-filled action together to move the needle. . . .

. . . Our advocacy as a part of the wide coalition and multiplicity of voices shining a light on this issue over this year meant our legislators knew we were watching and knew this was critical. The fact that the water infrastructure piece of bonding came through with near to full funding is testament to that. Together we give thanks for the sacred gift of water that unites, cleanses, and empowers us!

CUMC EarthKeepers will follow up on how this money is being used and will update you periodically.



Jean Dunn article for the Spirit 12/2020

Some time ago my daughter asked me to write some of my memories. I told her it would entail too much thinking and memories. Then Deedee Odell called and wanted me to write an article for the United Methodist Womens' page in the monthly Christ Church's "The New Spirit".

My article is a little bit about my life, growing up, a little bit about women's involvement in the life of the church, and a little bit about aging.

From the age of four I loved the children's activities at church. My mother had me taking piano lessons at age eight, and I was playing the piano for hymn singing at age eleven. I became the church pianist at sixteen.

I was accepted in the Cadet Nurse Corps at the University of Minnesota following graduation from high school. Then my future husband, Rev. Merle Dunn, wanted us to marry so I became a pastor's wife instead of a nurse.

Women's involvement in the life of the church has been a wonderful asset. I knew when Merle asked me to help him in working with the women of the church, he appreciated what the women could do: volunteering in the kitchen preparing meals for many occasions, doing secretarial work, cleaning, leading Bible studies, visiting shut-ins, caring for children, teaching Sunday School. Women have been there whenever they were needed.

Some of you may not know or remember that at the Uniting Service of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968 in Dallas, Texas, Merle represented all the EUB pastors and churches in the United States. As I watched from the balcony in the huge auditorium, with tears in my eyes, I wondered if as a woman and Merle's wife, maybe I had a small part in helping him become a good and dedicated pastor.

Whether we like it or not, as we continue growing older, we will need many props to keep us going. In a few months I will be ninety-seven years old. I use a cane or walker to get around. I have hearing aids to hear what is going on, and glasses to be able to see and read books and newspapers.

I will hopefully enjoy life until one day our Heavenly Father says to me, "Jean, it's time for you to come Home," and I will reply, "I'm coming."

~ Hand written by Jean Dunn, typed by Deedee Odell

A small bit of thanks from a proud new bible owner

Dear Pastor Elizabeth,
Thank you for the bible.
I really like it.
from
Emma Lehman



For the darkness of waiting
of not knowing what is to come
of staying ready and quiet and attentive,
we praise you, O God:

For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.

For the darkness of staying silent
for the terror of having nothing to say
and for the greater terror
of needing to say nothing,
we praise you, O God:

For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.

For the darkness of loving
in which it is safe to surrender
to let go of our self-protection
and to stop holding back our desire,
we praise you, O God:

For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.

For the darkness of choosing
when you give us the moment
to speak, and act, and change,
and we cannot know what we have set in motion,
but we still have to take the risk,
we praise you, O God:

For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.

For the darkness of hoping
in a world which longs for you,
for the wrestling and laboring of all creation
for wholeness and justice and freedom,
we praise you, O God.

For the darkness and the light
Are both alike to you.

Taken from *All Desires Known* by Janet Morley.

~~~~~ ❧ ~~~~~  
The most painful Sunday of my ministry, into a weekend of previous memories for my children and family.

That miracle blesses me to this day! -- because, Sundays remain a challenge for me... after 20 years of pastoral ministry.

That Easter, at your church, marked the official start of my permanent disability.

Yet my children still ask every holiday: can we please go back to Rochester Minnesota?



God bless you and take care! Please share my appreciation. Love, your UMC sister

~ Rev. Faith Green Timmons [Busyrev3464@gmail.com](mailto:Busyrev3464@gmail.com)

## saturday **Saturday Noon Meals Ministry**



The SNMs program has continued to serve meals throughout the 2020 pandemic. In March we began serving hot individual boxed meals to the Mayo

Civic Center and in August transitioned to delivering meals to the Salvation Army for the Saturday noon meal. As of November 7, 2020, we began delivering meals to The Landing at the refurbished Silver Lake Fire Station. The Landing is hosting a day program at their current site in NW Rochester for the homeless and those in need. We have delivered over 2,000 meals since March 21, 2020!

We sincerely appreciate our community partners who have provide food support during the pandemic:

- Channel One
- People's Food Co-op
- Thrive Childcare and Family Resource Center
- Squash Blossom Farm Bakery
- Haven Valley Farm

We have been required to reduce the number of SNMs volunteers throughout the pandemic and look forward to seeing all of our volunteers and serving our meal from Wesley Hall at Christ United Methodist Church in the future.

Please contact Kathy and Phil Lombardo at 507-398-2686 or [Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.lombardo@gmail.com) if you have questions of how you can support the SNMs program at this time.

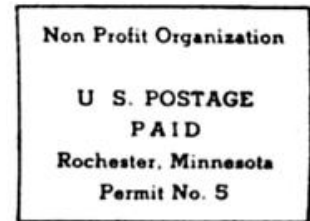
Thank you for your tremendous support of the Saturday Noon Meals program!

### ~~~~~ ❧ ~~~~~ A Note from the Wesley Hospitality House

I wanted to let you, the Sr. pastor, as well as the beautiful members there - that to this day my children refer to the Easter (I was there) as the best Easter they've ever had!!

Your love, and that of your congregation, transformed the

Christ United Methodist Church  
400 Fifth Avenue SW  
Rochester, MN 55902  
Phone: 507-289-4019  
Fax: 507-289-3648  
E-mail: email@cumethodist.com



Return Service Requested

### *Poinsettia Order Form*

Please fill in the form below if you would like to share a poinsettia plant with others this Christmas season. You can place this form in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. Each plant is \$15. The deadline for poinsettia orders is end of day December 7th. Please indicate below if you wish to pick up the poinsettia on December 28th, or if you would like to have it delivered to a homebound or bereaved person. *Thanks for supporting this ministry of caring to our homebound and bereaved members.*

Name *(please print)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

plants x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_

- Please deliver to a homebound or bereaved member.
- I will pick up between 10am-12Noon on December 28th.

*In memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

