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June 2021

CHRIST
METHODIST CHURCH
UNITED
Grace, In The City

THE NEW

SPIRIT

WORSHIP PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sanctuary Worship Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

No reservations required - Join us in-person or online

First and Third Sundays

9:00 AM In-Person and 10:00 AM Parking Lot Worship

June 6 Pastor Elizabeth's Last Sunday || 9:00 AM - Sanctuary & 10:00 AM - EAST Parking Lot

June 13, Rev. Kendall Hughes || 9:00 AM - Sanctuary Worship

June 20 - Rev. Karen Heistand || 9:00 AM - Sanctuary & 10:00 AM - EAST Parking Lot

June 27 - Pastors Jenny and Kirkland's first Sunday

9:00 AM - Sanctuary & 10:00 AM - EAST Parking Lot

July 4 - || 9:00 AM - Sanctuary (10:00 AM Parking Lot Worship canceled)

Join us for worship every Sunday In-Person or Online

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[YouTube.com/ChristUnitedMethodistChurchRochesterMN](https://www.youtube.com/ChristUnitedMethodistChurchRochesterMN)

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Open M-F 9am-3pm - Call the Office 507-289-4019

Pastor's Pen

WITH ELIZABETH MACAULAY, LEAD PASTOR



Thank you.

Thank you, church.

Thank you for the ways you have opened yourself to ministry and adventure.

Thank you for the ways you have shared love and life with me.

Thank you for the invitation into hospital rooms and homes.

Thank you for the trust you placed in my intentions as well as the vulnerable and precious gift of offering disagreement in healthy ways.

Thank you for rolling into the Missional Church Consultation Initiative and the Transform Capital Campaign and Thrive! Child Care and Family Resource Center.

Thank you for trusting your church with your children and youth.

Thank you for laughing with me and helping me laugh at myself.

Thank you for the forgiveness offered when I blundered.

Thank you for trusting that Jesus and the heart of love he taught is larger than our fear and sense of small.

Thank you for pies and fellowship on Thanksgiving Eve Eve and for the sound of your voices raised in song.

Thank you for sharing doughnuts and joy on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for supporting your church with your financial giving.

Thank you for loving Cooper and me through his diagnosis and into the next phase of our lives.

Thank you for releasing us with grace and care.

Thank you for the ways you will welcome Jenny and Kirkland, Molly and Logan.

Thank you for the witness you provide every day.

God is in the midst of this church, in the midst of this city, and in the midst of your lives.

You are powerful repairers of the breach (Isaiah 58).

The world needs the witness of Christ UMC.

For seven years we made life and ministry together; what a wonder.

Never forget the power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression and never forget the power of love nurtured, shared, and celebrated.

May God bless, keep, and embolden you.

Being your pastor has been a deep honor.

Thank you.

Pastor Elizabeth

You're Invited to *Pastor Elizabeth Macaulay's Going Away Party!*

June 4th, 2021 from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the West Parking Lot at CUMC

There will be time of fellowship and farewell. We will be sharing Nupa Mediterranean food, mac n' cheese, and pies! Masks are required. Cards are encouraged & there will a book to sign. If you would like to give a gift online go to www.cumethodist.com/give then choose "Gift Fund."

Office and Operations Coverage:

Susan Ross will be handling financial and organizational matters. Susan will be working on Tuesday afternoons as well as all day on Wednesdays and Fridays. Susan can be reached at Susan@cumethodist.com. Please be aware that she will only be accessing email on her days at work.

Oliver (Communications) Grace (Connections and Youth), and Kent (Building Manager) will be on hand to assist in the smooth functioning of the day-to-day operations.

We are blessed with dedicated volunteers who will provide continuity and welcome.

If there is a pastoral emergency please call the church office.

Pastor Nancy will be available for pastoral care needs. We are also blessed with Parish Ministers and a Care Team to provide care and support.

Times of Pastoral Transition

So what now?

During times of transition questions arise over relationships and boundaries.

In the United Methodist tradition clergy practice setting intentional space between outgoing pastors and the church they are leaving.

Creating space allows room for relationship with new clergy to flourish.

I will pray for you from a distance.

For a year, I will not respond to Facebook comments or reach out via social media.

If I encounter you, we won't talk about church.

We practice good boundaries because we love the church that we are leaving enough to leave it!

Establishing healthy boundaries acknowledges the power of pastoral relationship.

Powerful things deserve well-articulated care.

Thanks for your understanding and grace.



ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT

August 13 - 15

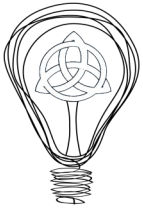
You can join us at the campsite, book your own, or join us part of the time. The church bus will bring people for the day on Saturday, August 14.

Sign Up TODAY!

tinyurl.com/AllChurchCamp2021



Volunteer Spotlight!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Gardeners Needed! Saturday Noon Meals has built garden beds on the church property for but we need volunteers to help us raise the produce. If you are interested in tending a bed for this summer, please let Kathy Lombardo know.

Vacation Bible School will be July 12-15 and we will need lots of help with snacks, crafts, games, and more. There are volunteer opportunities for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults of all ages. Let Miss Jody know if you are available.

Safe Sanctuary This hour long training will be offered on Wednesday, June 9th at 9:30am and on Sunday, June 20th at 11am in the ECC. Safe Sanctuary training and background checks are required for all volunteers with children, youth, and vulnerable adults including VBS and Sunday School helpers, caring ministry volunteers, and van drivers. Please let Grace Glover know if you plan to attend.



Meeting Christ Fellowship - June 16th at 5pm

We hold Meeting Christ Fellowship to welcome those who are new and nearly new to our church! We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 5pm. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the church have them send us an email and join this introductory fellowship:

Grace@cumethodist.com



Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sale Update

Thrift on 5th's first sidewalk sale of 2021 was a huge success! Our first sidewalk sale on April 17th raised over \$500 for Thrive Scholarships!

We are so happy to be able to offer safe, fun sales that benefit Thrive Childcare & Family Resource Center Scholarships.

Our upcoming sales and donation collections are from 9am-12pm on June 5th and 19th

Donations accepted include: clothing, accessories and jewelry for all ages and gender identities. Come shop with us!



Huge thanks to our Worship Arts Team!

Throughout the pandemic our worship arts team has been making sure our sanctuary has been appropriately adorned for each season of the church calendar. During Easter they crafted the incredible tomb in our sanctuary and decorated the flatbed for Easter Sunday.

They even made social distancing stylish by using ribbon to enforce safety measures in the Sanctuary.

If you see them, share thanks! (*pictured left to right: Daphne Soleil, Marjie Baisdell, Gail Flanders. Not pictured: Kathy Lawson*)





Hopeful EarthKeepers

An Introduction to We Bike Rochester by Brett Ostby

I try to bike as often as I can. Biking on our streets and paths put me closer to nature and to my neighbors. Even wearing a mask, I smell coffee roasting and flowers blooming. Biking keeps me healthy, both physically and mentally. Biking is an inexpensive activity I share with family and friends. When I use my bike to run errands, I reduce my environmental footprint and leave a parking space open for someone that really needs it.

Some years ago, I joined a grassroots group called We Bike Rochester (WBR). WBR represents a diverse community that works to normalize bicycling in Rochester. Our members have different takes on cycling, with some everyday commuters, others recreational riders, and a few identifying as athletes. We are part of a larger organization, the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN).

Together WBR and BikeMN work to make our transportation networks equitable, sustainable, and safe. For example, we work with the City of Rochester to make sure our streets are designed for everyone. When streets make space for bicycles, those changes benefit those with no intention of ever getting on a bicycle. That is often misunderstood. Infrastructure enhancements for bicycles indirectly help people using wheelchairs, families with strollers, kids biking to school, and older citizens walking dogs.

It may seem counterintuitive. This is how it works. Providing space for bicycles keeps cyclists off sidewalks. This avoids conflicts with pedestrians. When streets are narrowed to provide room for protected bike lanes, automobile drivers “feel” less safe, this makes their driving behavior safer. I know that sounds strange, but bike infrastructure results in attentive driving at slower speeds. Bicycle infrastructure also makes cyclists more predictable for drivers.

Biking and buses often go together. Many of our neighbors can’t afford cars and need to get to work when buses don’t run or get somewhere a bus will not go. Bicycles fill that gap in our transportation system.

If you want to learn more about WBR, visit us at www.webikerochester.com or <https://www.facebook.com/webikerochester>



Thrive Updates

“Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero.” – Fred Rogers

Every day I am lucky enough to spend my time with many heroes that are working at Thrive. They truly are an amazing team of teachers who show up every day to do the most important work with our youngest citizens. Over the last year, they have adapted and changed and continued to be heroes to our children and families.

Navigating through a pandemic is no easy task. Just when you think you have it figured out, it changes, and I find myself wondering what is going to happen next. While I have not been able to predict what comes next, I have been able to predict that the Thrive staff will continue to show up each day. I can count on them to be there for our children and families. Everything around us has changed in the last year. When the pandemic started, our goal at Thrive was to be the most consistent part of the lives of the children enrolled.

Thrive had the opportunity to celebrate our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. It was a great opportunity for us to acknowledge the hard work our teachers do every day and shower them with all the good things. There was coffee and cookies, popcorn, and coffee mugs and lots and lots of donuts!

As we approach summer, we hope everything will continue moving towards getting things back to normal!

~ Tanya Goretzki, Director of Thrive



Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be July 12-15, 9am-Noon

PRAISE - A Creative Arts Camp in the Heart of the City

We will explore faith, human connectedness, and community through music, art, storying telling, drama, and games. Head to tinyurl.com/VBS2021CUMC to sign up!



June Family Activities!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Honkers Game - June 17 at 6:30pm

We will meet at Mayo Park then watch the game together.
Grandstand seats are \$12 at the game or \$10 in advance.

Rochesterfest - June 23 at 5pm

Family night is Wednesday, June 23rd!

All members are invited to go to family night together and get food.
We will meet at Soldier's Field Park at 5pm. Look for Grace!

Rochesterfest Parade - June 26 at 2pm

We will watch the parade together!
Grace will save a spot along the parade route.

Nursery Update!

Our new nursery construction is almost complete. We are so excited to fill it with new furniture and toys for our families. We have been blessed with a generous donation from Diane Ilstrup, in memory of her beloved husband Duane, to furnish the nursery. We would like to invite you to help purchase developmentally appropriate toys and books.

1. We have created an Amazon CUMC Nursery registry of toys, books, and other necessities for the nursery. We have included a link that will take you to the registry page. Just click on the link: https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/34KA3MZ9P7TO7/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result
2. You can donate money to the nursery by making a check out to CUMC and writing nursery in the memo.

Questions- email Jody Peterson - jody@cumethodist.com

Youth Ministry

A round of applause for students and teachers. You are amazing. You made it through a markedly unusual school year and now summer is here. It's time to celebrate! There will be weekly youth activities with the church, service projects galore, and lots of fun!

~Grace Glover



Youth are meeting IN PERSON on Wednesday nights at 6pm.

Projects, snacks, games, and fellowship. Dress for mess and games, and please bring a mask.

Everyone is welcome - bring your friends!

Current-fifth-soon-to-be-sixth graders are invited to join us too and get to know our Youth Group. We are SO excited to have you!

A big thank you on their first major project of the summer: repainting the rainbow doors.

Adults needed - in order to hold in person events we need at least 2 adults to chaperone. Please email grace@cumethodist.com to volunteer.

Water fight - June 13th after worship. In the Labyrinth. Weather permitting.

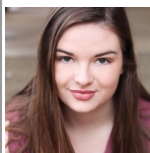
Bring your suits, your goggles, and some sunscreen. We will provide popsicles and water balloons.

HELP WANTED - youth to facilitate crafts and games at the Spring Into Summer Party on June 6th. Please report to the Youth Room (Room 141) after Parking Lot Worship.

ASP (Rochester Service Project) is July 11-17 – it's not too late to join! We will be doing local service projects and have offerings for all ages and abilities. In the mornings we will be helping with Vacation Bible School at the church and in the afternoon teams will do service projects around the community. Evenings will be full of fun activities, shared meals, and devotionals. Email grace@cumethodist.com to learn more.

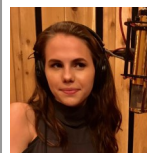
Boundary Waters are back! July 25-29 we will be in the Boundary Waters. Middle school and high school youth are welcome as well as adult chaperones. No wilderness experience required - that's what the guides are for. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/BoundaryWaters2021>

Congrats College Grads!



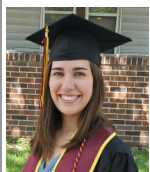
Daria Koon is graduating from Millikin University in Decatur, IL where she studied Musical Theatre. She will be moving to Chicago to pursue theater.

Isabella Loutfi: I am a recent graduate of Millikin University where I studied Musical Theatre and minored in Dance. This fall, I will be moving to Chicago to work as an actor in a city that I love.



Josephine Van Ert is graduating from University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

Aidan Zimmer: I am excited to let you know that I graduated this spring with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Degree at the University of Minnesota twin cities campus. I will be working for Cybertron Engineering in Plymouth, MN as an Automation Engineering Project Engineer.



Annika Zimmer: I graduated with my Bachelors of Science in Business (BSB) from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. I majored in Accounting and Finance with a minor in Leadership. This fall I will start as an External Auditor at Deloitte in the Minneapolis office.



Cullen Zimmer: I graduated in December from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities with a BS in Mathematics and Statistical Science. I have been working as an Actuarial Analyst at USAA since January.



Faith → Life: Learn from Christ's Teachings ~ 2021

“Only through our connectedness to others can we really know and enhance the self. And only through working on the self can we begin to enhance our connectedness to others.”

~ Harriett Goldhor Lerner

Faith→Life is a group of CUMC people who are passionate about “making disciples for the transformation of the world” and offering a variety of ways to grow relationships with others and deepening your relationship with God. Please feel free to contact anyone on the team with suggestions for classes or small groups or if you would like to host a group. You can also thank them for spawning the fantastic ideas that have kept us connected during the COVID Pandemic.

Wailana Barker, Joel Charlson, Susan Dripps, Kathy Estry, Grace Glover, Marita Heller, Rev. Gary Lueck, Pam Lund, Keri Ostby, Aileen Williams, and Connie Williams. *Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay has been our visionary team member!*

The Faith→Life offers many opportunities to enhance your connectedness to others within your church family. Our hope is that you will find at least one group of interest to grow your relationship with others and your relationship with God. Kathy Estry at rk.stry@gmail.com or Grace Glover at grace@cumethodist.com.

Third Sunday Faith→Life 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.

“Caring Conversations” June 20, 2021~ 11:00 am (after Parking Lot Worship)

Presenter: Toni Mangskau

Zoom Meeting ID: 940 8755 4704 Password: forum -or- Call In: (312)626-6799

<https://zoom.us/j/94087554704?pwd=M2xST0cvSm5jUGcyRDZjVlIKRGNRUT09>

Providing care for a loved one diagnosed with a chronic disease or life-threatening illness can be challenging. You may be facing these types of questions:

“How much work will I miss?”

“How will we pay all of our bills?”

“Who can help if I get sick or need a break?”

You are not alone! Join us for an opportunity to learn about caregiver resources in our community.

With a Social Work degree and 34 years at Mayo Clinic working in research along with extensive work experiences at the local, state, and national levels in research, mental health, correctional programs and immigration and refugee casework, Toni brings a vast amount of knowledge to share about caregiving resources. She currently volunteers with Three Rivers Restorative Justice, Olmsted County United Way, National Patient Advocate Foundation, and AARP focusing on caregiving issues. Also, having cared for family members with significant health issues she has advocated for a variety of health-related legislation at the state and federal level.

Previous Forums are archived at: <https://youtube.com/christunitedmethodistchurchrochestermn>

Click on our playlists tab, then “Faith to Life”

Ongoing Sunday Classes

Contemporary Issues

Host: Joel Charlson ~ Time: Sundays at 10:30 AM ~ 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 at 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 10:30!

Inquiring Spirits

Hosts: Ed Shafer and Hank Kliwer ~ **Time:** Sundays at 11:00 AM ~ **Place:** Zoom

Group members suggest theological topics or books of interest to study. The group is currently reading “How to Live” by Judith Valente. New participants are always welcome. For further information contact Ed at shaferchurch@hotmail.com.

Connect Groups

Knit One Pray, Too

Host: Marjie Blaisdell **Time:** Wednesday 10:00 AM – 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 8:00 AM **Place:** On Zoom

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

Garden Ministry

Host: Mary Schmidt ~ **Time:** Thursdays ongoing, 8:30 – 10:30 AM • 2nd Saturday of the month starting May 8, 9:00 – 11:00 AM • 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:00 – 7:30 PM • Saturday, June 12, 9:00 – 11:00 AM:

Mulching new garden on 5th Avenue side!! ~ **Place:** CUMC Grounds

Ten yards of mulch will be delivered Saturday, June 12 for the newly planted area on the west side (front) of the church. We could use a couple extra people with wheelbarrows to help get the mulch spread and the sidewalk in front of the church cleaned off. Please contact Mary Schmidt (oronocombs@yahoo.com) or Kathy Estry (rk.stry@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks!

The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone

Host: Diana Nelson ~ **Time:** Monday June 7 at 6:30 PM ~ **Place:** CUMC, Room 145

This powerful book, by a world renown theologian, shares his and others’ stories of struggling with the ever-present terror of living under the threat of lynching. The lynching tree helped him to understand the tragic meaning of the cross, which appears to me to have been the meaning of the cross for the early Christians. The book helps one to wrestle with the mystery of the cross, the paradox of the cross, and the terrorizing racist history of our American Christianity. Diana looks forward to exploring these issues with you.

Conversation on the Book of Genesis

Host: Aileen Williams ~ **Time:** Wednesdays June 2- July 7 at 7:00 PM ~ **Place:** Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94709445169>

This class will focus on the accounts in the first book of the Bible, GENESIS. In the late 1990’s Bill Moyer brought together Jewish, Islamic and Christian scholars to share their understandings and perspectives about these accounts of creation on television. Using portions of these broadcasts, the class will give participants an opportunity to enter the conversation. Please contact Aileen at greenhs@aol.com if you wish to join this class.

Complete listing and registration at cumethodist.com/faith-life (or click get involved then faith→life)



Hurrah!! The Church is Open! We have been vaccinated!

We are ready to see each other in person!

CUMC United Methodist Women circles will begin their monthly meetings on June 17th.

Circle 2 - 8:30am || Circle 4 - 7:00pm || Circle 8 - 10:30am || Ruth - 1:30pm

We plan to meet in the Fireside room. Masks will still be required.

June Events Calendar 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30 Memorial Sunday 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Youth Door Project	May 31 Building Closed	1	2 6pm Celebration Bells Youth Fellowship 7pm Chancel Choir	3 8:30am Gardening Team Work	4 5pm Pastor Elizabeth's Going Away Party	5 9am - 12pm Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sale and Donations
6 Pastor Elizabeth's Final Sunday 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Parking Lot Worship (East Lot) 11am Spring into Summer! (East Lot)	7 6:30pm The Cross and the Lynching Tree (in-person Room 145)	8	9 8:30am Breakfast Fellowship @ Charles 9:30am Safe Sanctuary 6pm Celebration Bells Youth Fellowship 7pm Chancel Choir	10 8:30am Gardening Team Work	11	12 9am Gardening Team Work
13 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Water Fight (Labyrinth)	14	15 4:30pm Hopeful Earth Meeting	16 5pm Meeting Christ Fellowship 6pm Celebration Bells Youth Fellowship Garden Team Work 7pm Chancel Choir	17 UMW Spring Regathering (pg8) 8:30am Gardening Team Work 6:30pm Honkers Game	18	19 9am - 12pm Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sale and Donations
20 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Parking Lot Worship (East Lot) 11am Thirld Sunday Forum	21	22	23 5pm Rochesterfest Family Night 6pm Celebration Bells Youth Fellowship 7pm Chancel Choir	24 8:30am Gardening Team Work	25	26 2pm Rochesterfest Parade Viewing
27 New Pastors, Revs. Jenny Cannon and Kirkland Reynolds' First Sunday 9am Sanctuary Worship 10am Parking Lot Worship (East Lot)	28	29	30 6pm Celebration Bells Youth Fellowship 7pm Chancel Choir			

Notes From Nancy

We are seeing so many firsts these days at CUMC. We had the first Sunday morning worship service in the sanctuary. What a wondrous, emotional thing to see each other again singing, praying, responding, rustling and reunited.

We had our first memorial service in the sanctuary with the opportunity to worship and remember and celebrate together in the sanctuary and in the commons.

We had the first luncheon in the commons with delicious food, visiting and games after the meal.

We had our first meeting Christ coffee gathering in the Fireside Room welcoming newcomers and hearing their stories of faith.

Every night we welcome oldtimers and first time guests alike in our evening services of prayer and praise online.

We are a new people. We are a new church. Much is the same and yet much has changed.

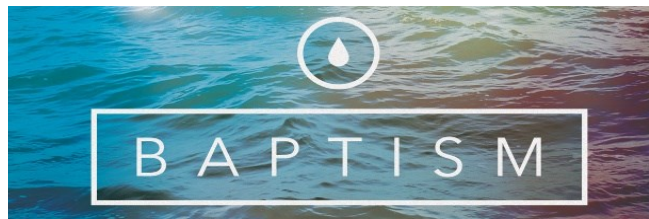
Let us acknowledge the sweetness of being together again and allow the tears of grief over the apartness for so long which was so hard. Let us name the hardship of national divisiveness and racial injustice. Let us see that we are coming out of a terribly difficult time.

Let us be gentle to each other and to ourselves.

God's strong yet tender peace be with you.

In caring ministry with you, Pastor Nancy

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



Madeline Sue Otemanu Paopao-Skillern
born March 21st 2015 baptized May 9th 2021
Daughter of Michelle Limasene Paopao &
Michael Sean Skillern



Eleanor Sue Naylor
born October 30th 2019
baptized May 16th 2021
Daughter of Calli and Andrew Naylor

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Pastor Elizabeth's Final Sunday

Sunday June 6

Sanctuary Service 9:00am

Parkling Lot Worship 10:00am

Party in the East Lot following Worship!
Games! Music! Flapdoodles Ice Cream!

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