

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.

Ken Medema Concert Today Join us today for a concert with song writer, composer, artist and church musician Ken Medema at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased using the QR code to the right and at the church office for \$5. Learn more about Ken at kenmedema.com. Ken is our musical guest in both services.



Purchase Tickets Here

Rally Sunday Today a new program year is kicking off at CUMC! We are hosting Ken Medema to share music in our morning worship services, enjoying special treats for coffee break and celebrating a ministry fair from 10-11am in the Commons and Education Wing where you can learn more about our small groups, ministries and service opportunities.

Disciple Bible Study Starting September 13 Join Pastor Kirkland during CU Wednesdays at 6:30pm for an engaging and easy-to-jump-into Bible Study. Using the BeADisciple app, you will have everything you need to participate. You may participate in-person or by Zoom. Learn more about BeADiscipleApp.com & contact Pastor Kirkland at pastorkirkland@cumethodist.com to RSVP or for more info.

Theology on Brew at the Farm Join us Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm at Haven Valley Farm 11361 105th St NW. bring a lawn chair, BYOB your own beverage and park by the barn. Brats, burgers, vegetarian options, condiments, chips and s'mores provided! Any questions please contact Pastor Jenny at pastorjenny@cumethodist.com.

Rummage Sale "Pay What You Want" Pre-Sale Today, check out UWF Rummage Sale pre-sale items in Wesley Hall. All items are "Pay What You Want." You may give your payment to the church office, use the offering box to the left of the main office doors, or place your payment in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please note "Rummage Sale" with your pre-sale payment.

UWF Rummage Sale Hurray! The UWF Rummage Sale will be held on September 15th & 16th. Check out your kitchens, closets, basements for gently used items you no longer need. These items can be dropped off at CUMC on Thursday, September 14th from 8:30am-4:30pm. We also need volunteers to help accept donations & set up on Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, assist during the rummage sale, Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, Saturday 8:30am-12pm and cleanup on Saturday at noon. If you have any questions, items to donate, or would like to help, please contact Kathy Lawson at 507-951-4008.

Thrive Gala is in need of auction items! Thrive is turning five this Fall and will celebrate with a fundraising gala plus a silent auction on Oct. 7th. What we need: New items, individual items or basket of assorted/related items. Events such as sport or theater tickets, gourmet dinners, etc. Places to go: a weekend condo, cabin, or a hotel package. Gift cards to your favorite restaurants or entertainment venue. If you have items for the auction or questions, please contact Jennifer Hazelton 507-251-3177 or jenhazelton63@gmail.com.

Community Hoedown Join us on Sunday, September 24 from 4-6pm for a free Community Hoedown in our east parking lot, featuring live music from our Arise Praise Band, square dancing, games, food, beverages and more. Opportunities to volunteer are available. Contact the church office for more information.

Church Office Staff Update Beginning the week of September 11, Susan Ross will serve as our Interim Financial Secretary while our Director of Operations Jack Jefferson takes a temporary leave from the church office. You may contact Susan about finance & stewardship matters at susan@cumethodist.com.



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Thanks for worshipping with us!
Scan the QR code and let us know
you're here!



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Traveling Through The Book of Acts



9:00am Traditions
Worship
September 10, 2023

CHOOSE
FROM
ENDINGS!

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

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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 "Prélude" John Varona, Organ
Denis Bédard

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "The Gathering" Ken Medema
(To the tune Ebenezer from UMH 108)

Children's Message Rev. Amanda Larsen, Jody Peterson

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Invitation to Give

***Doxology** UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Music "You Call O God" Chancel Choir, Ken Medema

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hearing The Word Acts 9:1-16

Special Music "Sittin' By the Window Praying" Ken Medema

Hearing the Word Acts 9:17-28

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 "Choosing God's Adventure" Rev. Jenny Cannon
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Adventures in Faith Ken Medema

***Closing Hymn** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" TFWS 2221

Connections & Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Fanfare" John Varona, Organ
Richard Proulx

*indicates please stand as you are able

We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation after today's worship service
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. (\$60)

Congregational Prayers

- Gratitude for newcomers and guests on this Rally Sunday
- For church ministries, groups, and classes resuming with a new program year
 - For those who live with food insecurity
 - For those caring for aging loved ones
 - For children in foster care