

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.

Children's Sunday School Sunday School begins today for preschool aged children and children in elementary school. Following the children's message in worship, children accompany our Children's Ministry Coordinator Jody Peterson and Pastor Amanda to the Sunday School classrooms.

Third Sunday Forum *Thrive is Five!* Jennifer Hazelton, Thrive Board Chair, will share updates about Thrive's work and its preparations for celebrating five years of operation this fall. Join us in Wesley Hall at 10am or on Zoom (meeting id: 940 8755 4704) to join in the conversation.

Thrive Gala is in need of auction items! We need your help celebrating Thrive turning five this fall. Thrive's fundraising gala and auction on Oct. 7th is in need of donations. 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. For items or questions, contact Jennifer Hazelton 507-251-3177 or jenhazelton63@gmail.com.

Community Hoedown Volunteers We're looking for some helping hands for our Community Hoedown on Sept 24. from 4-6 pm. Contact the church office if you can assist with set up or clean up.

CU Wednesday Wednesday nights are full of life here at CUMC. Each week includes dinner, fellowship, classes and musical opportunities for children, youth and adults. Join us at 5:30 pm for dinner or contact one of the pastors to learn more.

A Disciple's Path A short-term class for those new to CUMC or who want to learn more about the church. Sundays Oct. 1, 8, 15 from 4:30-6:00 pm. Contact Pastor Jenny or Kirkland to sign up.

Blessing of the Animals Service Join us at Soldier's Field at 3pm on Sunday, October 8 for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. All pets are welcome! We will also take time to give thanks for beloved companions who are no longer with us. Contact Pastor Jenny for more information.



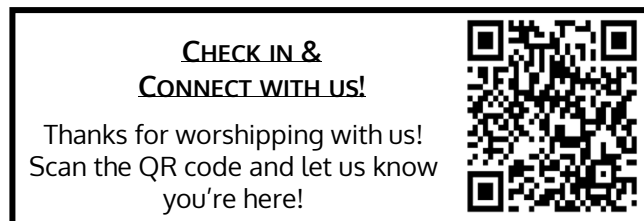
Community
HOEDOWN
24 SEPTEMBER
4-6pm
CUMC east parking lot
Music, Food,
Dancing & More!



Join us for the
Thrive Child Care
and Family Resource Center
**CHANNEL
the
FLANNEL**
5th Anniversary Fundraising Gala
OCTOBER 7TH, 2023--6:30 PM
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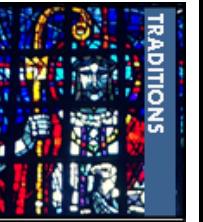


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Thanks for worshipping with us!
Scan the QR code and let us know
you're here!



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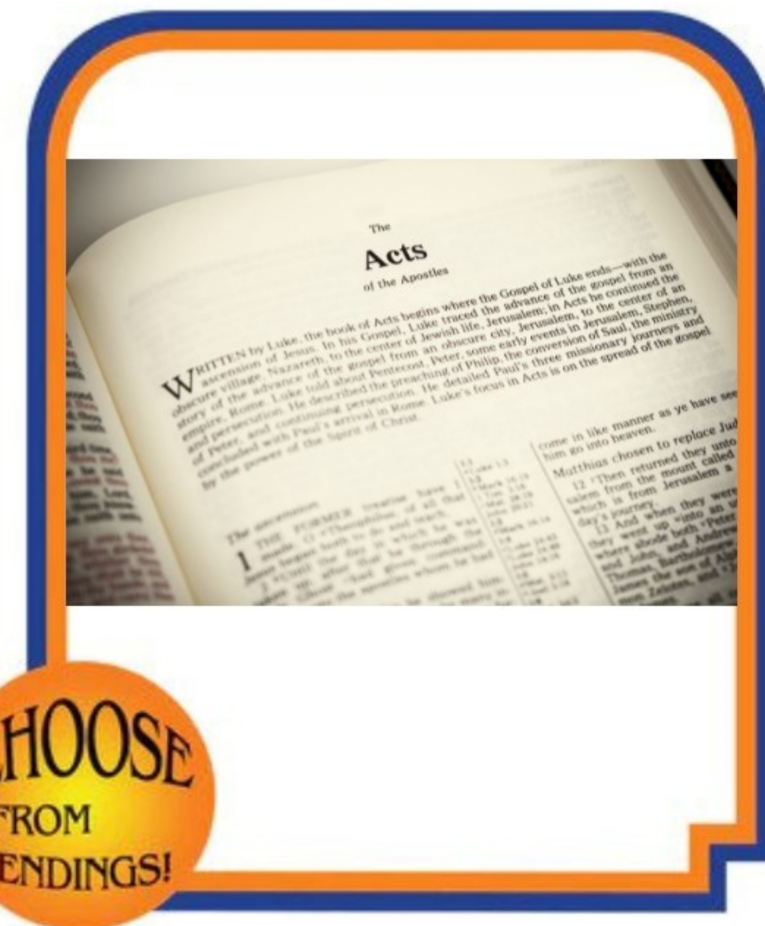
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Choose Your Own Adventure

Traveling Through The Book of Acts

September 17, 2023



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 "Heavenly Hideaway" John Varona, Organ
Lou Ricca

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" UMH 374

Morning Prayer

Children's Message Rev. Amanda Larsen, Jody Peterson
*Bible Recipients: Kate Lawson, Cecelia Westfall, Emily Czarnowski,
August Scussel, Madeleine Paopao-Skillern*

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 "Seize the Moment" John Lage, Jr., Soloist
by John Lage, Jr. Jackie Robie, Flute
arr. Nathaniel DeBoer John Varona, Organ

***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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Hearing The Word Psalm 121:1-2, 7-8 Kate Lawson

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Hearing the Word Acts 16:25-40

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 "Breaking Free" Rev. Jenny Cannon

***Closing Hymn** "Your Love, O God" UMH 120

Connections & Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Suite pour Orgue" John Varona, Organ
Denis Bédard

*indicates please stand as you are able

†*Morning Prayer adapted from Rev. Anna Blaedel on enfleshed.com*

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

Congregational Prayers

- Blessings for students receiving Bibles
- Gratitude for the ministry and hospitality offered through the UWF Rummage Sale
 - Comfort and assistance for the people of Morocco and Libya
 - Healing prayers for Maureen in ICU awaiting a transplant
 - For those in care facilities
 - For those imprisoned and all those who serve in prison facilities
 - Remembering lives lost and impacted on 9/11/2001



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)