

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Words

Opening Music

Come, Now is the Time to Worship - Brian Doerksen

Sharing Christ's Peace

The Earth is Yours - Gungor

Children's Message

Prayers of the People

(scan QR code to submit your prayers for the screen)



Invitation to Give

What a Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong

Hearing the Word

Luke 15:11-32 - Gail Flanders

Message - Exodus & the Nature of God

Litany of Commitment

Prayer & Candlelighting

The Summons - FWS 2130

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Music

I Saw the Light - Hank Williams

Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



Trunk or Treat at 3:30pm today! Trunk or Treat is an opportunity for children of all ages to enjoy Halloween fun, get some candy, and maybe even test out a new costume. From 3:30-5:00, Christ UMC will have decorated car trunks to visit. Members will hand out candy or a noncandy treat. We are also looking forward to music and dancing, tests of skill and luck, and a few spooky surprises in the haunted hallway.

The more trunks the merrier - If you would like to decorate your trunk, we would love to have you arrive at 3:00pm to get everything set up in the East parking lot. You can bring candy, or we will have some for you.

Thrive's Halloween Parade - 3:00pm Friday, October 29. With COVID precautions still in place, the children of Thrive are going to parade around the front of the church in their costumes!

We're making preparations to move the 11am Arise worship service back to the ECC. We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, October 31 to help us hold our first Arise service in the ECC since the start of the covid-19 pandemic.

All Saints Sunday You are invited to attend our special in-person or online All Saints Sunday service on Sunday, November 7th 2021 at 9:00 or 11:00 am. We will name, remember, and celebrate our saints who have gone before us.

**Film Screening - 5:00pm
November 7, 2021**

For They Know Not What They Do, a film by the director of *For the Bible Tells Me So*, explores the intersection of religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity in America through the stories of four families of faith. A brief 30-minute discussion will follow the 90-minute film.

We're looking for writers and creators of all ages for our Advent Devotional as we reflect on the theme of Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story. Written reflections (200 words or less) drawings, photos or poetry are all ways you can participate and we'll offer a scripture to help inspire your work. Contact the church office to sign up. Submissions are due by Nov. 1.



We're Hiring! Apply Today to Join Our Team. Christ UMC is hiring for our Director of Youth Ministries position, which is 30 hours per week. The Director of Youth Ministries supports CUMC's mission by fostering an engaging, fun, safe and inclusive environment for youth faith formation. Head over to our website for details: cumethodist.com/career-opportunities. Contact Pastor Kirkland to apply or for more info.

Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sales are coming! Join us for Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk sales on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of November from 9am-Noon. We are appreciative of all the amazing donations we have been getting. We are looking for warm coats and jackets for all ages and for cold weather clothing in child and teen sizes.



October 24, 2021



Give in-person in the Narthex after the service, online at cumethodist.com/give or by scanning the QR Code

Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers: With God's leading, Joseph used the seven years of plenty to store up food, preparing for the coming years of drought and famine (Genesis 40–43). His action served not only the Egyptians but also the surrounding foreigners, including his own family. How might you be a "Joseph," working now for a better future for all? What are you doing now to address issues around climate change?



Call the church office: (507) 289-4019
or email us: email@cumethodist.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scan the QR Code (*right*) or head to menti.com/32bfdowxrh to share your prayer request with the congregation



Hope means to keep living
amid desperation
and to keep humming
in the darkness.

Hoping is knowing that there is love,
it is trust in tomorrow
it is falling asleep
and waking again
when the sun rises.

In the midst of a gale at sea,
it is to discover land.

In the eyes of another

It is to see that he understands you.

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As long as there is still hope
There will also be prayer.

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And God will be holding you
in his hands.

~ from *With Open Hands*
Henri J.M. Nouwen

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.

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