

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening Song

This Is Amazing Grace

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Jody Peterson

Prayers of the People

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Invitation to Give

Thank You for Being a Friend by Andrew Gold

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Message

"The Gifts of the Wise"
Rev. Michelle Hargrave

Holy Communion & Candlelighting

All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and nonalcoholic grape juice. Gluten free also available.

The Table

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Song

Holy Is the Lord

Connections & Next Steps

Blessing

Congregational Prayers

- For family of Ted Colescott on his death Jan. 1
- For Toni Mangskau on death of her brother Dec. 31
- Gratitude for Pastor Nancy's ministry at CUMC and in the Minnesota Conference
- Gratitude for all who serve in Caring Ministries at CUMC
- For light & wisdom for all who serve in leadership
- For Perry, Iowa and Perry High School community
- For peace and the vision of beloved community



Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

Children in Worship Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available at both ECC entrances. A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

Special Offering We are collecting a love offering in honor of Pastor Nancy that will support the CUMC Foundation. You may note "Love Offering" with your gift or choose "Love Offering" from the giving options at cumethodist.com/give.

John Varona's Last Sunday We invite you to join us on Sunday, January 14 to celebrate John Varona's ministry with us. On his final Sunday, John will participate in our 9am traditional service and we will hold a reception for him from 10am-11am. Though John will soon conclude his service as our principal organist, we give thanks that he will serve as a guest musician at CUMC from time to time.

How Civil Wars Start and How to Stop Them Join Reverend Gary Lueck in searching for answers on how to stop civil wars with the book, "How Civil Wars Start: And How to Stop Them" by Barbara F. Walter. Sessions will be Sundays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 4:30 – 6:00pm, in-person in Room 145. **Please RSVP to the church office by today.** The book can be purchased from any bookseller.

Winter Worship Series We kick off our Winter Worship Series entitled "To Tell the Truth-Christian Cliches & What the Bible Doesn't Say" on Sunday, January 14th. We'd love to hear some of the Christian cliches and sayings that you're familiar with too. Email your favorite or questionable Christian clichés to samantha@cumethodist.com.

Thrift on Fifth January Sale Our store has gotten full again despite our best efforts. We're therefore planning a January Sale; half price on everything from January 6th through January 20th.

MLK Day Community Celebrations Be a part of Rochester's community activities commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. On Monday, January 15 the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and NAACP Rochester branch will hold events that include a Freedom March & Freedom Rally. Register at <https://business.rochestermnchamber.com/events>.

Annual Meeting Feb. 4, 2024 We invite you to our annual church conference meeting, which will be on Sunday, February 4 following our two worship services. The meeting begins with a community potluck meal and we will begin our annual meeting work at 12:30pm. Contact Pastors Jenny or Kirkland for more info.

VBS 2024 We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School dates & theme for 2024. Mark your calendars for August 5-9, 2024 for "Digging In & Growing Deep!"

MNCare Public Option Tour: Healthcare Listening Session

Thursday, January 18 | 6:30-8pm
People of Hope Church
3703 Country Club Rd SW, Rochester



Could a public option for health insurance benefit you and your family?

Scan to RSVP:



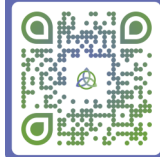
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Church Calendar



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11am Arise Worship

January 7, 2024



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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.

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