

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

Children are always welcome in worship. Our nursery is adjacent to the church office. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance. There are always two adults in our nursery. You may stay with your child if you like.

CU Wednesday Kickoff On Wednesday, September 6 we will have an open house from 6:30-7:30pm to drop in and learn more about Kids with Purpose, Club 6-7 and our music groups. Confirmation students and parents will meet at 6:30pm for an introduction meeting. Choose your Own Adventure Rally Sunday is September 10 & that will be the first night of youth group from 4:30-6:00pm. CU Wednesday with the meal, music groups & others will begin on September 13.

Coffee & Conversation with Lorraine Charinda CUMC will host Lorraine Charinda, a United Methodist missionary serving in agricultural rural economic development in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She will join us to share more about her faith story and her work on Friday, September 1st at 10am in the Fireside Room. No RSVP required. Free will donations accepted.

Combined Worship Service Join us for a combined worship service Sunday, September 3rd at 10am. This 10am service will replace our services at 9am and 11am.

Thrift on Fifth Our end of summer sale has started! Join us now through August 30th. All items will be half price. We're getting ready for your donations of fall and winter items. And if you have any backpacks you're not using, either child or adult size, we'd be happy to find them a new home.

Interested in Handbells? School bells are not the only thing starting up again this fall—so are handbells! In addition to providing music for service, playing bells encourages teamwork and a sense of community. All ages are welcome, no experience is required. For more info, talk to Paul or email paul@cumethodist.com.

Rally Sunday September 10 a new program year is kicking off at CUMC! On Rally Sunday this year we'll host Ken Medema to share music in our morning worship services, enjoy special treats for coffee break and celebrate 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.

Concert on Sept. 10th Save the date for a concert with song writer, composer, artist and church musician Ken Medema, Sunday September 10th 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 will also be our guest in both services.



Purchase Tickets Here

Thrive Gala is in need of auction items! Thrive is turning five this Fall and will celebrate with a fundraising gala plus a silent, live and online 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, 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.

UWF Rummage Sale Hurray! The UWF Rummage Sale will be held on September 15th and 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 8:30-4:30. We also need men and women to help accept donations and set up on Thursday 8:30-4:30, assist during the rummage sale, Friday 8:30- 4:30, Saturday 8:30 - 12pm and cleanup on Saturday at noon. If you have any questions, items to donate, or would like to help, please contact Kathy Lawson 507-951-4008.



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CONNECT WITH US!**

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



Christ United Methodist Church
Creating committed Christ followers for the transformation of the world.



9:00am Traditions Worship
August 27, 2023



**Golden
Member
Celebration**

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

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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.

Hymn Sing

Prelude "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" David Townsend, Clarinet
Stevie Wonder John Varona, Organ

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" UMH 398

Children's Message Blessing of the Backpacks Jerry & Margie Blaisdell
Jody Peterson

Welcoming New Members
Brad and Susan Duncanson

Recognition of Golden & Long Term Members

Special Music "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" Beth Joyner
UMH 333

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music "Piano Man" David Townsend, Clarinet
Billy Joel 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 Philippians 4:8-9 Pat Hrabe

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Hearing the Word Galatians 5:22-26 Joyce Gibbs

Responding to the Word

Message "A Hole in the Heart" Aileen Williams

***Closing Hymn** "Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me" UMH 336

Connections & Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree"
Levine & Brown David Townsend, Clarinet
John Varona, Organ

*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



Congregational Prayers

- For the family of Hollis Feeser who died August 18
 - For longtime and new 50 year members
- For those experiencing flooding, fires and excessive heat
 - For students and educators