



**Intergenerational Advent Event** — We begin our Advent journey today during the Sunday School time (9:15 a.m.) in the Community Room. The theme is reflected in our new Advent sanctuary banners - "The Way to the Manger" Disciples of all ages are invited to participate in this fun education experience. Singing, skits, art, crafts, games, books, puzzles, giving opportunities! Make a new friend...connect with someone young or old.

**Come and check it out!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## December

Week of December 1, 2019

<b>WORSHIP 8:00 AM</b> Adult SS 9:15 AM Intergenerational Advent Event Begins Today at 9:15 AM Community Room  <b>WORSHIP 10:15 AM</b>	2	3 Acts 29 7:00 PM	4 Handbells 6:10 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM	Mens Study 7:00 AM  Sanctuary Decorating 10:00 AM  Active Seniors 11:30 AM Walking the Labyrinth 6:30 PM - Grafton Finance 7:00 PM	6 Office Closed	7
Poinsettia Orders Due <b>WORSHIP 8:00 AM</b> Adult SS 9:15 AM Intergenerational Advent Event 9:15 <b>WORSHIP 10:15 AM</b> Confirmation 4:00 PM Church Conference 5 PM Middle Sch. 5:00 PM High Sch. 6:45 PM	9 Outreach 6:00 PM Facilities 6:30 PM	Women of Faith Christmas Lunch 11:30 AM Libby Montana Mequon  Acts 29 7:00 PM	11 Handbells 6:10 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM	12 Mens Study 7:00 AM	13 Office Closed	14

**Office Hours Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

### Looking Ahead

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**Greeters:** 8:00 a.m. - Val Nichols  
**Coffee Fellowship:** 8:00 a.m. - K. Roupp, P. Kolis  
**PC Operator:** 8:00 a.m. - Tom Tews  
**Sound:** Mike Harrington  
**Welcome Center:** 8:00 a.m. - Pat Morrissey  
**Acolyte:** 10:15 - Cooper Lator

10:15 a.m. - Need Volunteer  
 10:15 a.m. - 40 Plus Group  
 10:15 a.m. - Tom Tews  
 10:15 a.m. - Mike Harrington  
 10:15 a.m. - Pat Morrissey

» Please see the kiosk in Fellowship Hall to sign up to help! «

**Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month**



Pick up your  
**2019 Charitable Giving Guide**  
 at the Welcome Center!

**Men's Study Group** — This month the Thursday Morning Men's group will begin reading and discussing "The World Jesus Knew," a book that examines the culture, beliefs, and customs during the time of Jesus. The author, Anne Punton, is an authority on the Jewish roots of Christianity. We interpret the Bible through all its translations and try to apply it to our current thinking but sometimes fail to recognize that world 2000 years ago was indeed drastically different. We will look at a variety of the aspects of early Israeli culture, eg. clothes, education, language, living conditions. Through this text we hope to gain a better understanding of the stories, characters, and teachings found in the Bible. We invite all men to spend an hour with us Thursday mornings at P. J. Piper's at 7 AM for breakfast and spirited discussion.

**Poinsettias** — Sign up today to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for the Dec.22 and the Christmas Eve Services in honor of or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$10.00 each. They may be taken home anytime after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. The order deadline is next Sunday, December 8.

**New Advent Banners** — Thanks go to a talented group of CUMC seamstresses! They took the theme of "The Way to the Manger" and designed fabric art that reflects the different faith pathway each disciple follows. The pathway strips are done in Advent colors - blue, purple, pink, and white to reflect the same colors of our Advent wreath candles. The large squares remind us that even though the world is in full Christmas mode, we are waiting and learning about the way to the manger. It took many hands and creative spirits to put these beautiful pieces together and for that we are grateful.

**Active Seniors** — Thursday, December 5, 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at CUMC. We are in for a real treat. Youth from Cedarburg High School will be sharing our meal with us and providing the entertainment for our December program. Come and enjoy the Christmas Season music offered by this very talented group! Freewill offering baskets will be available for contributions to cover the meal cost and also to make a gift to the CHS Music Department. Please be generous. Bring a guest with you to enjoy great music, a delicious meal, and engaging fellowship during this Advent Season. See you on December 5! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

**Women of Faith** — On Tuesday, December 10, The Women of Faith discussion group will enjoy a Christmas Lunch at Libby Montana on Donges Bay Rd., Mequon, at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for our gift exchange. Because our November meeting was canceled due to extreme cold weather, at our January meeting we will discuss two Chapters of John Ortberg's humorous and insightful book, "Everybody's Normal Til You Get to Know Them." Please join us Monday, January 13, at 1:15 p.m. in the church library to share the nuggets in Chapters 3 and 4.

**Caroling in Cedarburg** — Please mark your calendars for our congregational caroling night on Monday, December 16. This year we will be caroling in the streets of downtown Cedarburg. We'll start at 6:15 and gather outside the Cultural Center to stroll around town with our joyous melodies. At approximately 7:15 we'll return to the Student Union next to the Cultural Center for some fellowship, treats, and Christmas Karaoke! There will be warm beverages available for purchase, too. This event is open to the public and we would love to have you invite a neighbor or friend to join in the singing. We've had a good crowd in past years and hope you look forward to coming as a family...sign ups will be available in the music room and in the education wing. Santa Hats optional!

## *Outreach*

**Family Promise "Make A Difference"** — Having supported Family Promise for over 5 years, the Family Promise committee and volunteers are well aware that many members of the congregation still aren't sure what volunteering for that week actually involves. So, on December 8th, after both services, members from each area will hold a mini job fair in Fellowship Hall where "Job Descriptions" will be available and explained. Volunteers from separate areas will answer any questions you might have as well as speak about their own experiences with Family Promise. If you have never participated in this week, please use this as an opportunity to learn about each area and consider signing up for one. We begin 2020 by having Family Promise the week of Jan. 5th. It truly means a lot to our guests and is one of the easiest ways to be a "servant leader".

**Pecans for Jail Literacy** — Pecans are here for holiday baking and gift giving. As always we will have plain, chocolate covered (milk and dark) and caramel clusters. If you have a special order please let Vicki Streich know at streichfamily@aol.com. This is a fund raiser and all profits will go to the Ozaukee Jail Literacy Program. Plain - \$11.00, Chocolate - \$10.00.

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## **Annual Church Conference**

Our annual Church Conference will take place on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:00 p.m.) It is at this meeting that members of the congregation vote on the financial and leadership plans for the coming year, 2020. This year CUMC will host a joint meeting at which all of the United Methodist Churches in Ozaukee and Washington County will come together with our District Superintendent for our conferences, all at the same time and place. We are hosting this meeting at CUMC with a catered dinner at 5:00 p.m. and then Church Conferences at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Church Conferences are done to help neighboring congregations learn more about each other. They make it possible for the District Superintendent to preside and supervise, rather than delegating this role to a proxy, or another clergy elder. Joint Church Conferences make it possible for the District Superintendent to preside over individual Church Conferences in places where there has been a change in pastor, where a change in pastoral leadership is anticipated in the coming year, and in places where there are unique or more complex issues. CUMC had its own individual Church Conference last year, because it was the first year of a new clergy appointment. Each congregation votes on its own business, but the process is organized for several churches. At the annual "Church Conference" all current members may vote.

**Please sign up by December 1 (TODAY) in order to assist us in the count for catered meal preparations and the production of information packets!**