

Church News

Men's Study Group — The Thursday Morning Men's group began 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 are looking at a variety of the aspects of early Israeli culture, eg. clothes, education, language, living conditions. Through this text we are gaining 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 a.m. for breakfast and spirited discussion.

Cribbage Club — Cribbage will be held today, February 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room. Bring a sandwich/snack and a cold drink. Contact Marilyn Plaistow (262-391-7397) if you have questions. Everyone welcome!

Information Session — On Sunday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., there will be an informational presentation about the various proposals being prepared for General Conference regarding the church and human sexuality. The CUMC Administrative Council discussed this in January and recommended that a time be arranged for the various proposals to be presented and explained, including the recently published document that was widely reported in the news, "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation."

This meeting is not a decision point for this church, and it is not a conversation for positioning or voting as a congregation at this time. In fact, depending on the actions of General Conference 2020 there may not be any local vote necessary. Currently there is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding regarding the content and the process involved.

The purpose of this session is to equip us all with good information on the proposals being presented to the General Conference in May. Copies of two documents from the UMC will be made available prior to the March 1st presentation: "Comparisons of Proposals to General Conference 2020," and "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation." These may be picked up in the church office, where you may sign up for participation in the meeting.

There may be an interest on the part of some to develop more depth for conversation on these matters. If so, an informed study group opportunity will be provided using a balanced 4 session resource book for discussion, "Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church."

Outreach

February Food Drive — CUMC will be collecting food for Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. Northcott's mission is to support family stability, provide educational and recreational programs for youth, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration, and provide various social services for the residents of Harambee and surrounding neighborhoods.

First Quarter Coin Offering — The first quarter coin offering will be going to New Beginnings Are Possible in Milwaukee. The mission of New Beginnings are Possible is to develop family, career and community capable young adults through programming, mentoring and Christ-centered principles. As a Christian ministry, above all else, they believe the children need to develop a sense of themselves and how they can contribute to the Kingdom of God.

Save the Date for Hunger Task Force — CUMC will again be sorting food at the Hunger Task Force warehouse in Milwaukee. This will be on Saturday, February 29, from 9:00 am until about 12:00 pm. We will meet at CUMC at 8:00 am to carpool to Hunger Task Force, and we should be back by about 1:00 pm. Please consider joining us, as this is a fun time and one that is supportive of a very worthwhile project. Children must be at least 12 years old, and all workers must wear closed-toe shoes or boots. Please sign up on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, February 23.

Family Promise — The purpose of Family Promise is to help guests find a job, look for an apartment, and continue to move forward in their lives. Staff members in the Port Washington office help with all of those areas. Churches have the mission of caring for the guests with food, conversation, and overnight accommodations. CUMC and our support church, St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Mequon, are proud to be starting our 7th year in this nationwide program! Currently, our remaining schedule for 2020 includes the weeks of March 8, June 14, and September 13.

In order to help the Family Promise volunteers plan ahead "stress-free", the March sign-up sheet will be posted today.

As part of any new goals or mission work you may be thinking about, or feel nudged to try in 2020, please consider Family Promise. As always, Family Promise organizers are grateful for each and every person who is involved in ANY area. Thank you!

"Souper" Bowl Success! — The Outreach Committee and Representatives of Team CUMC for Relay for Life would like to thank you for your support of the "Souper Bowl" Sunday Fundraiser.

Thank you to the Outreach Committee for the fantastic idea! Thank you to everyone who made the wonderful variety of soups and chilis.

And thank you to all who bought soup!! With your purchases and donations we were able to exceed our goal of \$1,000.

We sold all but six quarts – some chili and some vegetable soup. They were frozen and are available on a first come first served basis for \$5.00 a quart.

Please reach out to Susie Heiniger, Judy McCollum or Pam Kolis if you would like to buy them.

Your donations to the American Cancer Society are greatly appreciated!



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