

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February

Week of February 16, 2020

WORSHIP 8:00 AM FPU - 8:55 AM SS for all ages 9:15 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM Worship Planning Meeting 11:30 AM FPU - 4:00 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM Youth Group Middle School - 5PM High School - 6:30 PM	17 FPU - Student Union 6:30 PM	18 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Acts 29 7:00 PM RMNC 7:00 PM	19 Faith & Science 6:00 PM Handbells 6:10 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM	20 Mens Study 7:00 AM 8 Week Bible Series Video, Dinner, Conversation 6:00 PM	21 Office Closed	22
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Office Hours Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 23, 2020

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| Greeters: 8:00 a.m. - John & Nancy Hardee | 10:15 a.m. - Shaun Hammerer |
| Coffee Fellowship: 8:00 a.m. - Need Volunteer | 10:15 a.m. - Need Volunteer |
| PC Operator: 8:00 a.m. - Jeff McCray | 10:15 a.m. - Jeff McCray |
| Sound: Bruce Krenzke | 10:15 a.m. - Bruce Krenzke |
| Welcome Center: 8:00 a.m. - Need Volunteer | 10:15 a.m. - Need Volunteer |
| Acolyte: 10:15 - Cooper Lator | |

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

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month

"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. Your donations to the American Cancer Society are greatly appreciated!

Eight Week Bible Series (Sunday Morning Worship and Thursday Nights)

Do you know the real story behind the New Testament?

"We all share a fascination for discovering 'the rest of the story.'
We enjoy learning the behind-the-scenes facts about seemingly familiar events."

The New Testament You Never Knew is an eight week series exploring the context, purpose and meaning of the story of God. In this video supported Bible study, well known Bible scholars N. T. Wright and Michael F. Bird team up to lead a tour of the story behind the story of the New Testament.

What is the literature in the New Testament? Why these books? Where did they come from?

How did the landscape and the geography inform the meaning of events such as the baptism of Jesus, the parables and miracles? What was the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection against the backdrop of culture and history, and the incredible expansion of the early church into the Greco-Roman world? How can the transforming mission of Jesus still turn the world upside down today?

On Sunday mornings starting February 9 the weekly content of this series will be introduced using a short video introduction followed by a sermon investigating themes for that week.

On Thursday evenings starting February 13 the video lesson will be shown in the sanctuary, followed by dinner fellowship and small group discussion using the lesson guide for this series.

As our congregation moves to and through the season of Lent, we can deepen our sense of the breadth of literature in the New Testament and how to use scripture to inform our faith today.

Dates and Themes:

- February 16 / 20 – The Creation of the New Testament
Thursday Night Meal: Lasagna, Salad, Bread
- February 23 / 27 – The World of Jesus and the Apostles
Thursday Night Meal: Poppysseed Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls
- March 1 / 5 – The Life and Death of Jesus
Thursday Night Meal: Gringo Taco Casserole, Corn Casserole, Fruit Salad
- March 8 / 12 – The Resurrection of Jesus
Thursday Night Meal: To Be Determined
- March 15 / 19 – The Ministry of the Apostle Paul
Thursday Night Meal: To Be Determined
- March 22 / 26 – The Early Christians and the Church
Thursday Night Meal: To Be Determined
- March 29 / April 2 – The Mission of the Church
Thursday Night Meal: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Thursday night Video Presentation starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dinner and Small Group Conversations start at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Traditional Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
Wednesday, February 26 - 7:00 p.m.**

Church News

CUMC 3rd Annual Rummage Sale — Dates are now set for our third rummage sale. Mark your calendars for Friday, July 17 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and Saturday, July 18 (8 a.m. to noon). We've expanded our hours to accommodate more guests and shoppers. Watch for information in our March newsletter but in the meantime set aside a box for your treasures that need a new home!

Financial Peace — Financial Peace classes are underway! We have a total of 12 participants across three different sites and times. The FPU leadership team has expanded and we give thanks for their time and enthusiasm: Sunday mornings - Dave Armstrong and Jesse Windmiller; Sunday afternoons - Eldene Doyle and Patrick Schiel; Monday evenings at The Student Union - Emily Switon and Ellie Wilmeth and Matt Lange and Randy Roupp are standing by to help substitute as needed.

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."

Mary Martha — Wednesday, March 11, 12:30 p.m. at Flipside Café, 2074 Washington Street in Grafton. Contact Nancy Severson (262-375-4073) if you have any questions. All women welcome!

Women of Faith — Recognizing that change(s) in the United Methodist Church will be happening soon, Women of Faith have decided our meeting on Monday, March 9, at 1:15 P.M. in the church library will offer an opportunity to discuss the options we hear and learn about for the UMC and the Wisconsin Area (Wisconsin Conference), moving forward. (An informational presentation of the options has been set at CUMC for Sunday, March 1.) Join us for coffee fellowship at 9:15 A.M. on the February 24 at AM (Grafton Arts Mill) Coffee Roastery, 1300 14th Ave. (at Bridge St.), Grafton. This pleasant environment in an old mill building on the Milwaukee River features off-street parking and delicious coffee and tea selections! Next month, on Monday, March 23, instead of meeting up for coffee at the A M Roastery, we plan to gather for fellowship and early lunch (11:15 A.M.) at the Flipside Restaurant, 2074 Washington St; Grafton. We will post a sign-up sheet on the church kiosk.

Cribbage — Cribbage will be held on Sunday, March 15 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!

Room Reservations — Because more meetings are being held at CUMC, **ALL** groups will now need to reserve the room they would like to use. If your group needs a particular room, you must call (262-377-3832) or email (office@cedarburgcumc.org) the office with your request. This information will then be available on the website church calendar.

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.

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. 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. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall.

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