

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.

Each night the study topic is focused to stand on its own. You are encouraged to attend any of these sessions even if you cannot attend all of them.

Dates and Themes:

- 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.

Community United Methodist Church, Cedarburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March

Week of March 8, 2020

Daylight Savings begins Family Promise WORSHIP 8:00 AM FPU - 8:55 AM SS for all ages 9:15 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM FPU - 4:00 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM Youth Group Middle School - 5PM High School - 6:30 PM	Family Promise Women of Faith 1:15 PM CUMC Library FPU - Student Union 6:30 PM Facilities 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM	Family Promise 10	Family Promise Mary Martha 12:30 PM Flipside, Grafton Faith & Science 6:00 PM Handbells 6:10 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM	Family Promise Mens Study 7:00 AM 8 Week Bible Series Video, Dinner, Conversation 6:00 PM Relay for Life Planning Team 6:30 PM	Family Promise Office Closed 13	Family Promise 14	
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Office Hours Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 15, 2020

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| <p>Greeters: 8:00 a.m. - Need Volunteer</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship: 8:00 a.m. - Wee Family</p> <p>PC Operator: 8:00 a.m. - Tom Tews</p> <p>Sound: Mike Harrington</p> <p>Welcome Center: 8:00 a.m. - Need Volunteer</p> <p>Acolyte: 10:15 - Need Volunteer</p> | <p>10:15 a.m. - Shaun Hammerer</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Wee Family</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Tom Tews</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Mike Harrington</p> <p>10:15 a.m. - Stan & Susie Heiniger</p> |
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» Please see the kiosk in Fellowship Hall to sign up to help! «

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month

Foreign Coins

Each quarter there are several foreign coins in our coin offering. Please double check your coin contributions to make sure it is US currency. Unfortunately, foreign coins cannot be deposited and therefore are just left at the bank. Thanks so much!



Church News

What goes around, comes around — This applies especially to respiratory infections such as the common cold, influenza, and the newly described corona virus (COVID-19). As a medical and public health microbiologist (retired), over the years I have been witness to many rumors and false statements regarding a variety of infectious diseases. Those associated with this new virus are no different and I would like everyone to get the correct information. While COVID-19 appears to be very infectious, i.e., easily transmitted, the risk for individual infection is very low primarily due to the public health initiatives taken by the various US and local public health agencies. Similarly, the mortality rate is very low compared to the more common influenza for which there is a vaccine. To protect yourself and your family, maintain the low risk, and curtail spreading COVID-19, the approach is the same as for what you tell your kids about any respiratory infection: wash your hands (20 seconds) frequently, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and stay at home if you feel you have a respiratory infection. Please take time to read the information posted on the kiosk or go to cdc.gov/covid19 for more information.

Ron Zabransky, Ph.D.

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.

Papa Murphy's — Every Sunday our church members and friends can bring in our church bulletin to Papa Murphy's in Grafton and Papa Murphy's will donate 20% of the purchase to our church and everyone gets a GREAT pizza meal!

Save the Dates — Two months: Mom to Mom Spring Resale **NOW TWO Days!** Friday and Saturday, May 29 & 30. Five months: CUMC 3rd Annual Rummage Sale – Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18. Things in common for both sales: great deals, munch on baked goods or savor a brat! Car wash! And weather permitting: Live Music on the Patio with our own CUMC Jazz Ensemble! Need more info? Talk to Stevie Stibor or Ellie Wilmeth.

Congregational Care — Perhaps you are missing someone who normally sits by you in worship...or aren't sure if living situations have changed and would like to visit a fellow member...or like to chat on the phone to extend a kind word or encouragement...or want to make visitors feel welcome and eager to return. Born out of our study of the book "Gear Up" we are working on an intentional system of congregational connections and care. Everyone is welcome to participate in this blanket of congregational care at whatever level you feel comfortable. If you are interested in that sort of ministry, please speak to Pastor Don, Sarah Lovy, Judi McCullum, or Ellie Wilmeth. Details will be presented to the congregation this spring.

Women of Faith — Recognizing that change(s) in the United Methodist Church will be happening soon, Women of Faith have decided our meeting tomorrow, 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. Next month, on Monday, March 23, instead of meeting up for coffee at the AM 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.

Men's Group — As the date Annual Conference of the worldwide United Methodist Church approaches in May, the issue of how our denomination will treat human sexuality

and related issues is becoming more forefront. This month, the Thursday morning Men's Study Group will begin using the book, "LIVING FAITHFULLY-- Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church" as a guide to understand and grapple with with what the UMC teaches about homosexuality, same-gender marriage, and the ordination of LGBTQ persons. The book, prepared by the UMC is a compilation of discussions by four officials of the church. While there is deep disagreement about what the UMC should teach about this contentious issue, this book is designed to help us understand the shape of the debate and what it means for the present and future of the church. We anticipate that it will lead us in an honest, informed, and grace-filled conversation and understanding of what changes may occur. We invite all men to join us at PJ Pipers at 7:00 a.m., Thursday mornings to join us in our discussions of this vital topic.

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!

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!

Outreach

UM Lunch Bunch at UWM — The United Methodist Student Ministry at UWM serves a free lunch every Wednesday during the school year. Churches volunteer to bring lunch and serve it to the students and faculty. Our church has volunteered to provide the lunch on April 15. About 70 people are served and we, the Outreach Committee, are asking for your help in preparing the lunch. Only about 3 people need to serve and clean up but we need volunteers to make the food and bring

it to CUMC so it can be heated and brought down there. We will be serving Chili with the fixings. We have the recipe, an assortment of vegetables and dip, bread, and cookies. One batch of chili will be vegetarian. A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. Please help us reach out to the students! Thank you.

March Food Drive — CUMC will be collecting food for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Family Sharing provides food, at no charge, to people in need in Ozaukee County.



April 5
Services at
8:00 & 10:15 a.m.



April 9
Service at 7:00 p.m.



April 10
Service at Noon,
Light luncheon
follows



April 12
Services at
8:00 & 10:15 a.m.



April 12
9:00 a.m.
Sign up in
Fellowship Hall today!