

Church News

Mary Martha Circle — August 13th, 12:30 p.m. at P.J. Piper's Pancake House in Cedarburg. Call Marilyn Seymour (262)618- 4719 with any questions.

Holy Communion — Due to the upcoming special services, Holy Communion will next be received on Sunday, August 31st.

Outreach

Northcott Food Drive — Thank you for your support for the food drives through the summer months. The need goes on in August, so let's have a great food collection to deliver to our neighbors to the south!

Family Promise — The first organizational meeting for members who have signed up for the various Family Promise areas will be held Monday, August 18th at 7 p.m. at church. Responsibilities for Housing, Hospitality, Food, and Fund Raising will be discussed. If you are interested, but have not signed up, feel free to attend this meeting to learn more about this important organization helping the homeless in our area.

UMCOR Responds to Immigration Crisis — The United Methodist Committee on Relief has responded to a plea by the Southwest Texas Conference/Rio Grande Conference for emergency assistance to meet urgent needs of a "rising flow" of refugees crossing into the United States from Mexico. Large numbers of women and children who have crossed the U.S./Mexico border and been apprehended by U.S. authorities there, have subsequently appeared on the steps of United Methodist border facilities and churches, and have received shelter, food, and other basic supplies. For more information and to donate online: <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2014/june/0626immigrationcrisis> or write UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670 in the memo line of your check and place in the collection basket.

People of the Book

Join us this Wednesday, for the mid-week summer worship called, "People of the Book". We are trying our hand at a new style of abbreviated worship. As with past services it will begin at 6:30 pm. Bring your Bible, because in one condensed summer service, Pastor Dave will plunge you into one of the short letters of the Apostle Paul. You will get depth, you will get a bit of overview, and you will gain a sense of mastery and companionship of the scriptures. Each Wednesday, "People of the Book," service will cover a different book: Galatians, Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1st & 2nd Thessalonians, or 1st & 2nd Timothy. Discover through vivid teaching how fun and meaningful the scriptures can be.

Youth

Spark Summer Fun — This Thursday, July 31st and August 14th. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Crazy "get to know you" activities; everything from water to mess to team building. Middle School youth - join us these last two summer fun evenings and bring friends!

Community

Cedar Legacy Gift Shoppe — Cedar Springs Health and Rehabilitation is looking for volunteers to help run the Cedars Legacy Gift Shoppe. It is open 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pick your own day - one or two a month. Please contact Patty Wollner at (262) 376-7676 or talk to June Janssen if interested (262) 377-6693.



Under Construction

"On the Road to God's New Creation"

An August Worship Series
9:00 AM Sundays

The jokes number in the hundreds, but they are all variations on one theme. "How many seasons are there in Wisconsin? Two - winter and road repair." In many ways, we all dread seeing those orange signs indicating some form of construction. On the other hand, we can hardly wait for what is the end result. Still, learning how to be under construction, in process, is generally the key to getting through this largely resisted season. Truth is it's the same in our following of Christ, our life as Christians. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are God's "new creation" (1 Cor. 5:7). We are also told to "work out our salvation" (Phil 2:12), indicating that God's work takes time, effort and is sometimes messy or kicks up some serious dust. Admittedly, we long for what this construction yields, but we need to learn how to appreciate the process and utilizing each "sign" and the lessons that are a part of it to grow in Christ. As we begin our long anticipated construction at our church facility, this season of repair and expansion offers us the opportunity to look within (not just at the facility) and see what God is up to as the new creation of us comes into being. The month of August will also be marked by very special music each and every Sunday and a few special themes and recognitions. Amid all your summer plans, you won't want to miss the "Under Construction" experience every August Sunday morning at 9:00 am at CUMC! Please join us and bring others, too!