



**Today at 9:15 a.m
Community Room
Join Us!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December

Week of December 22, 2019

WORSHIP 8:00 AM Adult SS 9:15 AM Intergenerational Advent Event 9:15 WORSHIP 10:15 AM 22	23	Office Hours 9:00 to Noon Christmas Eve. Services Young Children & Family Service 5:00 PM Traditional Christmas Service 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service 11:00 PM 24	Office Closed Merry Christmas! 25	Office Closed 26	Office Closed 27	Office Closed 28
One Service Only WORSHIP 10:00AM 29	30	31	Office Closed Happy New Year! 1	2	Office Closed 3	4

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

Looking Ahead **Sunday, December 29, 2019 (One Service at 10:00 a.m.)**

- Greeters:** Need Volunteer
- Coffee Fellowship:** Linda Hansen
- PC Operator:** Tom Tews
- Sound:** Mike Harrington
- Welcome Center:** Suzanne Zabransky
- Acolyte:** Need Volunteer

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

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month



Giving Update

\$520 in gift cards for UMCS and Northcott were dropped off last week. A significant amount of items were also delivered to Lasata and Mr. Bob's. A reminder that the collection for hats, mittens, gloves and scarves will continue until the end of the month along with the Book Drive and Gift Card Collection for New Beginnings. Thank you for your help!

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 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 a.m. for breakfast and spirited discussion.

Auction Thanks! — A big "Thank You" to all who stayed after our Thanksgiving Dinner for the Dessert Auction. A good time was had by all. CUMC raised \$2,375! \$500.00 to Youth Activity Fund, \$1035 to Pastor Discretion Fund, \$1035 will be going to the Music Fund.

Women of Faith Coffee Fellowship — Monday, December 23, 9:15 a.m. Grafton Arts Mill Coffee Roastery, 1300 14th Ave., Grafton.

Mary Martha — Wednesday, January 8, 12:30 p.m. at PJ Piper's, W61N514 Washington Ave. in Cedarburg. Contact Nancy Severson (262-375-4073) if you have any questions.

Women of Faith — 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.

Cribbage Club — Cribbage Club will not be meeting in December. Watch for more information about the January date. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Plaistow.

Outreach

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.

Christmas Offering — UMC's 2019 Christmas offering will be given to "Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative" and "Franciscan Peacemakers." \$500 will be sent to the Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative, and the remainder will go to the Franciscan Peacemakers.

The Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative is a program that assists women in Senegal to begin and sustain their own businesses. Women in Senegal are often the breadwinners and have the responsibility for supporting their families.

Franciscan Peacemakers provide a pathway to a sustainable healthy, safe, productive life for women engaging in prostitution due to trauma, human sex trafficking or drug addiction. Please consider a generous donation this Christmas to Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative or Franciscan Peacemakers.

Youth Ministry

Christmas Service Rehearsals — The children only have a little over two weeks before the Christmas Eve program. There is a lot for the kids to learn and become comfortable with so we are having an extra rehearsal after the 10:15 service today, for no more than 30 minutes.

Next Sunday, December 29
there will be one service
at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no
Sunday School on
December 29 & January 5



Worrying about a cash flow deficit this Christmas?

Why not get a budget and a plan? Christmas financial recovery is available.

Class Previews in January and course options begin February 2. Lasting nine weeks and costs \$109. Sundays at 8:55 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. Monday evenings (offsite location) Watch your January newsletter for more information.

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Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve worship services allow us to celebrate the birth of Jesus with one another and to participate in the story in ways that bring the gift of God's amazing love into our hearts. We will hear the sacred texts, sing the seasonal songs, and find room for the Christ Child in our own hearts. Once again there will be three distinct services offered at three different times.

5:00 p.m.

A Service for Young Children and Families

This family friendly service builds on our Advent journey as we arrive at Christmas with songs and interactive storytelling about "The Way to the Manger."

7:00 p.m. - Service of Celebration with Choral Music, Carols, and Preaching

This traditional Christmas Eve service includes sacred readings, choir music, and familiar Christmas Carols including a candlelight singing of Silent Night.

11:00 p.m. - A Service of Holy Communion and Candlelight

This meditative and prayerful service including the sacrament of Holy Communion is open to the public. Come and adore the Christ-child with special music, prayer and candlelight devotion this Christmas Eve.