

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 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.

Community United Methodist Church, Cedarburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March

Week of March 1, 2020

WORSHIP 8:00 AM FPU - 8:55 AM \$\$ for all ages 9:15 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM Information Session 11:30 AM FPU - 4:00 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM Youth Group Middle School - 5PM High School - 6:30 PM	2	Congregational Care Meeting 4:30 p.m. Acts 29 7:00 PM	4	Mens Study 7:00 AM 8 Week Bible Series Video, Dinner, Conversation 6:00 PM	6	7	
Daylight Savings begins Family Promise WORSHIP 8:00 AM FPU - 8:55 AM \$\$ 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	8	Women of Faith 1:15 PM CUMC Library FPU - Student Union 6:30 PM Facilities 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM	10	Mary Martha 12:30 PM Flipside, Grafton Faith & Science 6:00 PM Handbells 6:10 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM	Mens Study 7:00 AM 8 Week Bible Series Video, Dinner, Conversation 6:00 PM Relay for Life Planning Team 6:30 PM	13	14

Office Hours Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Greeters: 8:00 a.m. - David Enright
Coffee Fellowship: 8:00 a.m. - Need Volunteer
PC Operator: 8:00 a.m. - Don Zank
Sound: Tim Fingeroos
Welcome Center: 8:00 a.m. - Need Volunteer
Acolyte: 10:15 - Saaba Annor

Sunday, March 8, 2020

10:15 a.m. - Stan & Susie Heiniger
 10:15 a.m. - Buehler, Trellis Group
 10:15 a.m. - Don Zank
 10:15 a.m. - Tim Fingeroos
 10:15 a.m. - Need Volunteer

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

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month

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.

Church News

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.

Save the Dates — Two months! Mom to Mom Spring Resale Saturday May 30! Five months! CUMC 3rd Annual Rummage Sale – Fri. July 17 and Sat. 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! 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.

Information Session — Today, from 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. 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 are available for 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. 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." A feedback session with members of the GC delegation is scheduled by pastors of our circuit on March 10, 7:00 p.m. at 5th Avenue UMC in West Bend.

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 is set at CUMC for today at 11:30 a.m.) 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. Next 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: Jill Johnson, Dave Barnhart, Rebekah Gienapp, and Alex Joyner, all pastors, deacons, or teachers within the UMC. 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

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. All donations of food are distributed directly to those who need it. In addition, they provide: clothing, furniture, household items, information and referrals, school supplies, jackets for children.



Sunday, March 8, 2 a.m., is the official start of Daylight Savings Time, so set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!



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!