

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March

Week of March 15, 2020

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	16 FPU - Student Union 6:30 PM Ad Council 7:00 PM	17 Acts 29 7:00 PM Reconciling Ministries 7:00 PM	18 Faith & Science 6:00 PM Handbells 6:10 PM Chancel Choir 7:15 PM	19 Mens Study 7:00 AM 8 Week Bible Series Video, Dinner, Conversation 6:00 PM	20 Office Closed	21
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Office Hours Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Greeters: 8:00 a.m. - Shirley Krenzke	10:15 a.m. - Lyle & Carla Schmidt
Coffee Fellowship: 8:00 a.m. - Shirley Krenzke	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 - Kyra Westphal	

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

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of every month

Easter Flowers



Be sure and sign-up to provide bright & beautiful flowers for our sanctuary to be displayed on Easter Sunday. Most of these flowers are provided in loving memory or in honor of loved ones. Once again this year, you may provide a lily for \$10.50 or a daffodil, tulip or hyacinth plant for \$9.00. Deadline to sign up providing an Easter Plant is Sunday, March 29. Due to a new vendor, we are no longer able to specify color. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

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 15 / 19 – The Ministry of the Apostle Paul
Thursday Night Meal: Beef, Chicken Burgers
 March 22 / 26 – The Early Christians and the Church
Thursday Night Meal: Build Your Own Sub
 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.

Church News

New Member Reception — On March 22 & 29, 10:15 a.m., there will be a New Member reception. Contact Pastor Don if you have interest in becoming a member of CUMC.

Pringle Cans Needed! — Pringle cans, any size (tall or short) needed for Sunday School. Please drop them off by March 22 or March 29.

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!

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 — CUMC has been described as a “friendly” faith community. Long Range Plans include building on our strengths. As we move forward with an intentional care team connector plan, we would love to have you join our efforts. Can you make a phone call? How about write a simple note or card? Do you like to visit with folks one on one? If this caring ministry appeals to you, please speak with either Sarah Lovy, Judi McCullum, or Ellie Wilmeth.

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). 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. 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](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19) for more information.

Ron Zabransky, Ph.D.

Palm Crosses — Do you know how to make a cross out of a palm frond? If so, we need you to help our Sunday School students (K-12) make these during the Sunday School hour on March 22 in the Education wing. Materials provided. We're getting ready to lead an exciting Palm Sunday Worship and would love to have folks of all ages be part of the “crowd” that morning. Check it out!

Women of Faith — On Monday, March 23, instead of meeting up for coffee at the A M Roastery, Women of Faith will be gathering for fellowship and early lunch (11:15 a.m.) at the Flipside Restaurant, 2074 Washington St; Grafton, Wisconsin 53024. All of the women of CUMC are welcome! Please sign up on the neon green sheet found on the church kiosk to help us reserve enough space in the back room at Flipside. Thank you. On the fourth Monday in April, at 9:15 a.m. we will resume our monthly coffee meetup at the AM Roastery in Grafton. Meanwhile, on the second Monday in April (April 13th, the day after Easter) we will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the church library to discuss Chapter

6 of John Ortberg's insightful and humorous book, *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*. We invite suggestions and promotions to help us choose the next book to enjoy studying together.

Men's Group — 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. 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.

Cribbage — Cribbage will be held today, 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!

Roof Update — Thank you to everyone who has given to our flat roof replacement fund. From last year's drive, we received approximately \$80,000 of the needed \$160,000. Three weeks ago, we presented that we need to move forward with replacement this summer. It can't wait. We asked for an additional \$80,000 to reach our goal. So far, that second request has resulted in an additional \$30,000 of funding, leaving \$50,000 to go. If you wish to contribute to the need, please do so within the next week so we can sign a contract in early April. Contributions of any amount add up and all are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Outreach

UM Lunch Bunch at UWM — The University Christian Ministries 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.



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!