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Dear Cedarburg CUMC's family and friends

What a journey we have been traveling together since June 1, 2022; let me share a bit of what is going on in the ministry and life of your new Pastor.

I am blessed to spend time praying and preparing the liturgies and messages for the services as the Lord led me to preach on the Old Testament Lectionary texts. It has been so interesting to look at the world and us through the eyes of a prophet who lived and prophesied in a peculiar time as Israel and Judah lived in those days which still speaks to us today.

Attending committee meetings has helped me get a view of the CCUMC ministry blessings and where there is room for expanding, adjusting to this new phase, **improving, or even redefining what and how we are doing ministry.**

The SPRC (Staff Parish Relation Committee) - John, Tiffany, Meg, and Ellyn - have been **very busy since March when I first met them.** We have met more than 10 times, and we still have issues to discuss regarding this committee's responsibility. They are the ones who help the pastor to settle practical, personal, and ministerial matters. The AD Council was a great meeting. Thanks to Mark Sheets for accepting my invitation to become the interim Chair while we pray and look for a volunteer to be the Chair for a term. Lisa the organist was so sweet when I met her, and together we went over the selection of the monthly hymns for the services. You know what? She is already busy with the Christmas Program we may embrace this year.

It was a wonderful time meeting Mission Outreach, Finance, and the Facility Committees as we discussed few improvements needing to be addressed regarding updates per new building codes according to the WI-UMC Conference and Cedarburg / Ozaukee County policies for public buildings; for the Sanctuary a study is in process. There are some more meetings scheduled with the other committees or groups or teams as I get more familiar with the dynamic of this blessed Church God gave me to pastor.

Pastoral Counseling for members or guests, praying with or for the sick and the needy is **already in place as my office is always open to anyone who wants to come and have some time with me either to bless me with your presence and prayer or to be blessed by me with my presence and prayer.** You can always call and check if I am available. **When I am doing office routine, I can be flexible, and I would love to meet you!**

As we move on to this post pandemic time and interim pastors who blessed this community with their knowledge, faith, and presence for a few years, I was praying and preparing for the CCUMC Action Plan Workshop, "New Beginning: Beacon of Hope," as I expected the Committee Chairs and more people to attend engaging into the life of our community, discerning the Lord's vision for us as we move forward in ministry. I invite you All to keep on praying for this time of discernment and the growth of our Beloved Church.

In Christ's love, your pastor,

Pastor Lourdes

All Hands are Needed!

We are preparing to host the indoor CUMC rummage sale on Saturday Aug. 27th! This major fundraiser is for the mission and ministry programs of our church, and we need your help! What can you do?

1. Deliver your treasures during the week prior to the sale (Aug. 22-25). All tables will be labeled indicating where items should be placed in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that you reserve an hour on the day you deliver your contributions to help the committee volunteers place items in the proper place. Front doors will be open from 9:00 a.m. to noon, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug 22-25. If you need assistance getting larger items to church, please contact Shirley Krenzke at 262-375-4890. We will do pickups on Sunday afternoon, Aug 21. We will gratefully accept financial contributions for those unable to physically help with sorting and placing of items. Checks made out to CUMC with Rummage sale in the memo line.
2. Place a yard sign in your yard in high traffic areas. Signs are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate on the list the address where you plan to place the sign. When the sale is over, please return it to the office for next year's sale.
3. Sign up to take a shift with the committee volunteers either in the set-up, clean-up, or the day of the actual sale. Not only are we selling items, but we're looking to make connections with those who walk through our doors. Friendly, smiling faces representing CUMC are always appreciated. You can sign up in person at the rummage kiosk in Fellowship Hall or on-line at the church website under main events.
4. Bake a yummy treat to stock our Bake Sale Shop. Items may be dropped off either Friday morning, Aug 26, (9:00 a.m. until noon) or early on the day of the sale (7:30 am)
5. If you like to price items, we'll be finalizing this detail on Friday Aug. 26th beginning at 9:00 am – we keep things simple by using colored dot stickers. Please plan to help that day as we prepare for the day of the sale! Many hands are needed!
6. Got kids? We have a myriad of little details on the day of the sale – placing of balloons, runners, helpers to assist shoppers getting things out to their cars, helping pack things up at the end of the sale and push carts of boxes into the Community Room, etc. All things kids can do and be a part of this intergenerational church effort.

Thanks to a great steering committee who have set this sale in motion. Already, many hours of work have been donated! Please consider joining our efforts to make this a successful fundraiser for CUMC!



Saturday, August 27

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

rummage sale

Happy Birthday to You!

August 1 Shirley Westphal

August 12 Quinn Donaldson
Susie Heiniger

August 2 Bill Barnard
Pam Kolis

August 13 Linda Dillman

August 3 Alexandra Wade
Sharon Parker

August 14 Jeffrey Wade

August 4 Dave Armstrong

August 16 Sue Lewis

August 6 Saaba Annor
Nancy Severson

August 17 Jennifer Hansen

August 8 Grayson Swarthout
Noah Swarthout

August 23 Susan Hale

August 9 Shirley Krenzke

August 24 Kathleen Michaelchuck

August 11 Patty Rabas

August 25 Gerald West

August 28 Jacob Grams

August 30 David Olson

Aluminum Can Drive

Collection Day

Please bring aluminum cans and any items like brass, copper, etc. to church on Sunday, September 11.

Proceeds help El Porvenir, a UM supported program which provides clean water and sanitation facilities to outlying villages in Nicaragua!

Thank you for supporting El Porvenir!



Mary Martha Circle

All Women Welcome!

Mary Martha Circle is a women's fellowship group that meets on a Wednesday every month in local restaurants. Watch the newsletter and Sunday bulletin for meeting dates and times. Wednesday, September 7, 12:00 p.m. at Chuck's Place (406 N. Main, Thiensville) will be our next get-together. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to call Nancy Severson and leave a message. Please join us!

Women of Faith

All interested women are invited to meet with Women of Faith for summer fellowship and coffee at Nseven Coffee Company on Wisconsin Ave. (downtown Grafton, across from the Grafton Hotel Apartments) at **9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 22**. A pleasant outdoor patio and a spacious interior are available to enjoy if it is a rainy morning.

Group consensus for reading together during the upcoming program year is Shannon Bream's *Women and Daughters of the Bible Speak*; books will be available for pick up at either of the summer coffees. **September 12, 1:15 p.m.** is the time and date, and CUMC is the place for Women of Faith to discuss the first chapter! For more information or to order a book, please contact Barbara Ridgely.

Ozaukee Co. Back to School Fair

School Supply Collection



CUMC will be collecting school supplies until August 11. Supplies needed: Binders, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Folders, Kleenex, Markers, Pencils, Pens, Pencil Box/Bag, Rulers, Elmers Glue, Glue Sticks, Spiral Notebooks. Boxes marked for various supplies will be in the church Narthex. Please drop off your items on Sunday or during office hours (9 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Thursday.) Thank you so much for helping children get off to a good start in school this fall!

Contentment

We live in a society that seems to thrive on discontent. Through so many venues, such as programming, gossip, and advertising, we are confronted with ways for which we learn to be unhappy or dissatisfied. It is not a surprise then that we all know what it is to lack contentment in our lives – with what we have, how much we can get, what we do, what we are like, and what our future promises.

The constant hunger for something more may seem like something we just have to put up with in this far-from-perfect world. But the Bible shows us that discontent is an affliction that works against us, sending us into a never-ending spiral that does nothing but leave us dizzy with wanting more.

Even when we come to know God as our loving father, one of our greatest struggles is finding peace and happiness with what we have; being content with where and who we are right here and now. As dissatisfaction grows in our hearts, we become a negative influence on others, a poor witness for the Word of God, and distracted from our relationship with Him. Ultimately, it can lead to a loss of faith.

Yet Jesus promises that anyone who believes in Him will never again hunger or thirst. The apostle Paul was able to say that he had learned the secret of being grateful in any and every situation. "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:11a-13)

Discontent is a problem of our hearts, not our circumstances. Our August Bible study is designed to help us understand why we become discontent, how Jesus Christ alone can help us, and how living a Christ-centered life can bring the treasure of contentment to our daily lives.



Listed below are the readings and themes for each of the upcoming weeks. As you are able, I encourage you to read the scripture prior to our meetings so that we can engage with one another through enriching conversation and discussion.

July 31 - Ecclesiastes 1-5, 9, 12
Our Hungry Hearts

August 7 - John 6:25-42, 60-69
The Only Food that Satisfies

August 14 - 1 Timothy 6:3-19
Content with What We Have

August 21 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Content with Where We Are

August 28 - 2 Corinthians 1 and 4
Content When Life is Hard

September 4 - Luke 6:12-26
The Secret of True Happiness

Please consider joining us Sunday mornings (after our worship service) in Fellowship Hall. I look forward to seeing you there!

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministries

Love One Another

We live in a world that can be cruel and harsh. Sometimes it feels like all we hear about is evil doings, people hurting one another, greed, bitterness, and overall discontentment. With all of that, it is hard to keep love in our hearts. Not just love for our family and friends, but love for our neighbors, our community - love for everyone. Yet, as followers of Jesus Christ, this is a predominant guiding principle for which we must constantly and consistently strive.

Isn't it interesting to think that we do not have to like someone to love them? We do not have to like their background, the way they behave, or the words they speak because our job is not to judge them but, instead just love them. In fact, those who rub us the wrong way may be the people we need to love the most.

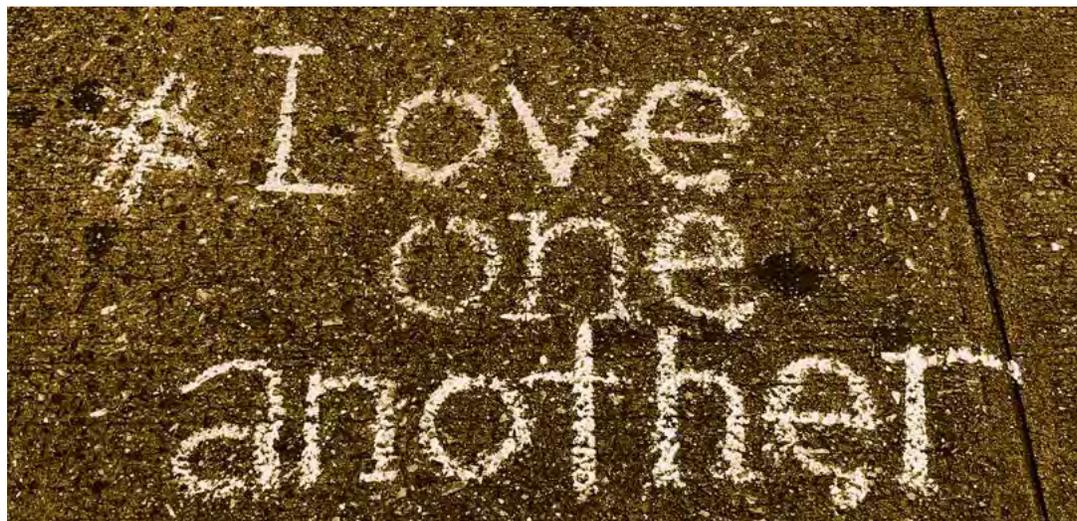
My dad used to keep a small stone in his pocket all the time. It was a reminder for him to never cast the first stone. As Jesus said in John 8:7, "Is there anyone here who has never sinned? The person without sin can throw the first stone." Although my dad was someone who was easily irritated by people, he fully recognized this about himself, so that stone in his pocket symbolized his own short-comings and reminded him that other people do not have to be just like him to worthy of love, to be worthy of grace, to be worthy of compassion, to be worthy. When my dad passed away, we gave everyone a stone to carry because the power of the lesson that guided him throughout his life was so strong in us, we did not want that message to pass with him.

Love starts and ends with God. Love has always been the point of how God has interacted with the world. Since the beginning of time, God's love has been on display. And he continues to love us today. We know that God loved us first and he loved us so much, he sent Jesus for us. In response, we can show how much we love God by loving others and showing people how much they mean to us.

Throughout the month of August, our Facebook devotional series will be all about love. When we choose to love, even when it is the exact opposite of what we want to do, we are showing God that we love him too. So, love each other and be kind to each other, not because of what someone has done for you or to you, but because of what God has done for all of us.

God had a plan from the very beginning to show love to the entire world. It is why he sent Jesus, his one and only Son. Through his death, burial, and resurrection, every person from every walk of life can know God and experience his love for them. 1 John 4 reminds us, "Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. True love is God's love for us, not our love for God. God sent his Son to die in our place to take away our sins. That is how much God loved us, dear friends! So, we must also love each other."

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministries*



"The Lord is My Light"

I really like that passage. There are so many great ways that light helps us see God and helps us guide our way. We recently sang "Shine Jesus Shine" asking Jesus to guide our spiritual journey.

The music team would like to thank The Johnson Family and Greg Dempsey for their wonderful special music in July that provided great joy and light to us. It was also wonderful to see Acts 29 back with their awesome band.

We are looking ahead with the light of God to a wonderful fall season with the music ministries.

Bell Choir will return with bell polishing on **Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.** Tentatively, we will have bell rehearsals on **Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. beginning September 12.** Anyone who would like to play is welcome to come to our rehearsals. We plan to play at the Sunday service every 4 to 6 weeks and also for Christmas.

Chancel Choir will begin our first rehearsal on **Monday, September 12, right after the bell rehearsal at 7:20 p.m.** in the Music



Room. The rehearsal will last 45 minutes to one hour. We hope to sing once a month during the school year and at Christmas. Please join us in making a joyful noise.

The rehearsal schedule may be altered at a later time if we find that it will work better another way. I hope to see everyone at the rehearsals in September.

Light our way, Lord!

Lisa Graves

Volunteers Needed!

CUMC would like to train more PC Operators for Sunday Services. The PC Operator operates the PC during service to display announcements, prayers and music and occasional videos.

The system is automated and requires minimum interaction by the Operator. Basically, only the keyboard space bar and mouse are used. No special computer skills or knowledge required.

Responsibilities: Arrive approximately one hour before service to open software, load file and turn on overhead projector. Work with musicians to review songs, review presentation for the service and occasionally test audio with sound operators. Turn off projector, close system and turn off computer.

A current PC Operator will instruct and shadow you until you feel comfortable running the PC on your own. If you have more questions, contact Don Zank, Mike Blodgett, Collin Roth, or the church office.



August Update

As you probably know, CUMC has been making lunches for the women of Meta House on a monthly basis. We did so on July 17, and we will again make lunches on **Sunday, July 31** for the week of August 1 (although I realize that this newsletter may come out after July 31). We will also make one-day's worth of lunches on **Sunday, August 7**.

There are several ways that you can help with this project. First, please feel free to join us when we make the lunches. This happens right after the 9:00 a.m. church service, and it only takes about 30 minutes. We meet in the kitchen to make sandwiches and pack bag lunches.

You can also help by "adopting" a month. A number of you have already done this, and we are so grateful for your financial support. Food for a full week of lunches costs approximately \$130, and obviously less if we are packing for only one, two or three days. If you are interested in adopting a month, please contact me or any of the members of the Mission Outreach Committee.

Speaking of the Committee, I want to remind you of who is on it. We are blessed to have Carla Schmidt, Carole Tiedeman, Vicki Streich, Kim Polan, Susie Heiniger, Judi McCullough, Jack Hale on the committee. We are actively looking for activities that members of the congregation can become involved with, and we are considering Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, the Hunger Task Force, Salvation Army, and other activities. If you have any pet projects that you support and would like us to consider, please let one of the members of the Mission Outreach Committee know. And if you are interested in participating in a project, which could be on an on-going basis or even just a one-time event, please let one of us know that, too.

Speaking of activities that you can become involved with, we are currently scheduled to sort clothing items that have been donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. This will be on **Thursday, August 11**, at the Volunteer

Center in Grafton, and it will only take an hour of your time. We work from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If you are interested in helping this long-standing mission to help the homeless population of Milwaukee, please consider joining us. We can only accept 5 volunteers on August 11th, but don't let that small number dissuade you from helping. Please let one of the members of the committee know that you would like to participate.

Two final notes: The 3rd quarter coin offering will go to benefit Family Sharing, so please bring your loose change to church on Sunday to support this non-profit organization. And finally, we have restarted collecting food on an on-going basis. You will remember that we have done this for years, but it was put on hold during COVID. We want to get this going again, so please bring a non-perishable food item (or several) and put them in the baskets under the table in the church lobby. This food collection supports Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee and Family Sharing in Ozaukee County on an alternating monthly-basis. The August collection will go to Family Sharing.

Thank you all for your financial support, helping hands, and most of all for your prayers for all of these organizations and the others that CUMC supports.

Craig Pierce
Outreach Committee Chair



by Jerry Johnson

reflections



LIFE

I was laying in bed
This morning pondering
What will today bring
To Me that will take
Some time to figure
Out if I had not lived
With "that" so far.

My mind was in a
Routine going back
And forth trying to
Recall a part of my
Life that I have already
Experienced and lived
With and had gotten
Through with and developed
An attitude about.

My mind was going
Around and around
Until I came to the
Conclusion that "so far
So good" and wish
For more of the same
Until I came to the
Conclusion that more
Of the same would not
Take much energy
Since I was there and
Done with it without
Much energy.

Well, laying in bed kept
My head looking up at the
Ceiling when my mind
Opened up as I looked
At the ceiling fan that was
Going round and round
Without looking for another
Place in the ceiling
Where it would just keep
Going round and round
Without using any more
Energy or brain power
To just keep going
Round and round.

This conclusion fit nicely
Into my thinking about
Today and I got the
Message of Life.
Get it?



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After Labor Day | 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. (Faith Formation at 10:00 a.m.)

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