

Dear Cedarburg CUMC's family and friends ~

Summertime arrived with joy and excitement. After a time of lockdown, studies and jobs online, limited traveling for the last two years, 2022 Summer arrives bringing all its warmth leading us to a new beginning as we pack our things and our families, jump in the car, or on the plane, and head off to relax, renew, reconnect. How about your faith?

I invite you to join me in person or online for a journey to discover what is at the heart of our faith. Have you ever thought what we might learn if we took the risk to listen to the Lord's word and shared what it means to each one of us?

What is your response? Are you ready for a journey this summer, a journey to the edge of our faith? If so, then join me every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in person or online diving into this New Beginning Beacon of Hope Time.

Personally, I celebrate with joy and gratitude the warm welcome I received from all of you. The gifts, the delicious meals, the phone calls, but above all your prayers and your presence.

Thank you also to the staff who is being supportive and facilitating as I get to know the dynamic of CUMC; those who worked preparing the parsonage before my arrival and are still working to help me settle down, may God reward each one of you with his unfailing grace.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Lourdes



music

What a wonderful new beginning we had in June! For Pentecost and the first Sunday for Pastor Lourdes, we had a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all members of the Chancel Choir for a wonderful job singing hymns and the Music Ministry piece, "We are the Church!" A big "Thank you" to the Bell Choir for performing three pieces in the Pentecost service. These choirs have worked hard since March coming to practices weekly to prepare wonderful music for worship. They are greatly appreciated!

The children are wonderful - performing their version of "I'm gonna Sing when the Spirit says Sing" for Pentecost and "Kum Ba Yah" on the following Sunday in June.

We said goodbye to Kayoko, who did a wonderful job, playing the piano for many services in 2021 and 2022. She came back to play for the installation of Pastor Lourdes on June 19, and she will be a guest occasionally as her schedule allows. We are blessed to have her wonderful talent.

I am also grateful to all the video and audio consultants, who help make our service a wonderful experience.



Looking forward, we anticipate starting choir and maybe a youth music rehearsal in the fall. Anyone who wishes to share their musical talent is always welcome to come forward and we can arrange a date to perform. More details on dates and times will be available as fall nears. Feel free to contact me with any concerns or if you wish to join any of our groups. They are all great fun and part of our CUMC community!

Lisa Graves

Sunday Service Attendance



Now, for your convenience, you can register your attendance on Sunday mornings by scanning a qr code. There are flyers with the code at the front entrance of the church, on the door going into the Sanctuary, and on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

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CUMC Suggestion Box



On the high-top tables in Fellowship Hall, two acrylic boxes are available for you to place suggestions.

Report from Outreach Committee



Meta House Lunches

Thanks to your continued generosity, we have been able to commit to providing lunches for the women of Meta House through September. We last made lunches on May 22 & June 19. We will do so again on Sunday, July 17. If you would like to join us in making lunches, please come to the kitchen after the 9:00 a.m. service.



Coin Offering

Please remember that we are continuing with the coin offering, and during the third quarter, the recipient will be Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Founded in 1978, Family Sharing is the longest standing Food Pantry in Ozaukee County. Family Sharing is proud to provide pantry participants with healthy food options including fresh produce, nutritious pantry staples, bread and dairy items. Other items accepted include personal care items, cleaning products, diapers, dog or cat food.



Monthly Food Collection

We have begun collecting food for Northcott and Family Sharing. In July, the food that is collected will go to Northcott Neighborhood House. We will alternate donations each month between these two organizations. So please consider purchasing a little extra when you do your grocery shopping. Thank you for your generosity!

Life as God Intended

facebook devotional series

This summer we remind ourselves that, when we follow Jesus, His Spirit will help us live lives that can help us change everything around us. By allowing the light of God to shine in us and through us, we can be beacons in a struggling world, spreading God's love and light to others. Because of our relationship with Him, we know to express kindness and goodness, to demonstrate faithfulness so that others can learn to depend on us, and to display self-control especially when we become frustrated, angry, or tired. We do all these things through the Holy Spirit so we can live out our lives in the way that God intended.

During the month of July, we will be looking at ways we can honor God by allowing the core values he instilled in us to shine through our everyday lives. We will look at how we can treat others with kindness. Jesus once told the story of the Good Samaritan to illustrate the importance of treating others the way you would want to be treated. Because the Samaritan chose kindness, the hurt man received the help and care he needed to recover. We can all be good Samaritans when we take the time to notice the needs of others and help when we are able. This does not necessarily mean a grand gesture – sometimes the greatest thing we can do for someone is just offer a kind word to let them know they are not alone. The Holy Spirit works through us to help us spread kindness to everyone.

And as we continue to spread kindness, we begin to show others God's goodness by offering light when darkness falls. When things suddenly go dark, we look for light, and, when we find it, we turn it on and hold it up to illuminate the darkness. Because we remember John 1:5 which tells us, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it," the Holy Spirit will help us shine light on God's goodness in what can sometimes seem like a very dark world.

And as our light acts as a beacon to others, we can show our faithfulness in the way we live our lives. In the third of July, we hear about David and Jonathan from 1 and 2 Samuel. David proved his faithfulness by keeping his promises to his best friend Jonathan to take care of his family.



As Christians, we can show our faith by touching the lives of others with trust and integrity and confidence. When we speak and act in ways that honor the glory of God, others can see our faith lived out loud and can learn that they can faithfully count on us.

Just because we follow Jesus Christ does not mean we will not have bad days. We are all human and, at times, it may feel like nothing is going right – that the bad is outweighing the good. During these times it can be hard to have self-control – to do what is right even when we don't feel like it. God knows this and it is okay to feel that way. It is even okay when we stumble. God knows where our heart is, and He has given us His Spirit to help us stay in control so we can be wise with our words and actions.

Following God is not always easy. He expects us to embody the values He teaches us through Scripture – goodness, kindness, patience, faithfulness, self-control. These are things we should strive for everyday because, one person at a time, we can change the world around us. Philippians 1:6 reminds us, "God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ returns." We owe it to him to be ambassadors of his love – it changes us, and it changes the world around us.

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministries

Making Waves

Perhaps you have noticed the posters hanging in Fellowship Hall...that's right Vacation Bible School (VBS) is right around the corner. I invite kids (preschool through 5th grade) to join us for this four-day fun-filled, spiritual, and devotional event as we get to know Jesus better and learn to Make Waves in our world by living as true followers of Jesus Christ. So, mark your calendars, save the dates, and get your children, your grandchildren, your friends, and your neighbors registered now!

VBS 2022

**Monday, August 1 through Thursday, August 4
9:00 a.m. until Noon**

Please visit our website to register!

This year our focus is on Making Waves – what you do today can change the world around you. Of course, our primary goal is to connect kids into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ because we know that, through this relationship, we can lead them to a better future. This is a wonderful time for us to connect with kids outside of our weekly Sunday mornings, and it is a chance for kids and leaders to make great memories and have tons of fun.

Our theme is about teaching kids that what they do today can change the world around them. When they put their trust in Jesus, they can Make Waves because of His Spirit living inside them. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God's Word, will help kids understand how they can share God's love with the people around them.

On Monday, we will be Wave Makers as we learn about creation from Genesis 1 and 2. We will learn that God made people with a special purpose, and we live out that purpose best by following Him and allowing Him to lead our lives.

Tuesday we will Catch the Wave and learn about Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33). Jesus invited people to follow Him. What makes Him worth following?

Wednesday, we will focus on John 18-21:14 and hear the good news that Jesus is alive! We learn we can trust Jesus with our lives and what it means to put all our trust in Him no matter what.



We wrap up Thursday by Making a Splash as we learn to love one another as Jesus loves us. Our scripture focus will be on John 13:34-35 and Acts 8:26-40. We will talk about the Fruit of the Spirit and how God can help us affect the world around us.

I am excited for what is in store during VBS this year! The lessons we will hear will help kids to learn that they can impact people around them and around the world. This will be a great chance for them to learn how their kindness and goodness can spill into the lives of their friends and families and impact them in positive ways as they spread the love of Jesus...just as He intended.

So, **do not forget to sign up for VBS today!!** If you have children in your life, sign them up for this multi-day event. If you are a middle and high school student, please consider volunteering for this. It is a great opportunity to get some service hours! And, of course, any adults that want an opportunity to enrich the lives of our children are encouraged to volunteer. There are leadership, 2-deep, behind-the-scenes, and other roles, so come as you are; you will not regret it!

We have plans in place that will make it a super fun and enriching experience for all involved. I do hope you will join us!

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministries*

Happy Birthday to You!

July 1	Mike Blodgett Kyra Westphal	July 14	Elizabeth Blodgett
July 5	Brady Ryan	July 17	Emily Hansen Don Zank Susie Baldwin
July 9	Brynn Janssen	July 23	Linda Hansen
July 10	Carter Lator	July 25	Marilyn Frankson
July 13	David Kelly	July 29	Ken Michaelchuck
		July 30	Jerry Johnson

Aluminum Can Drive

Update

Thank you to all who participated in our June collection! In addition to cans, we had aluminum siding and a car battery for a total of \$49.02. Our 2022 total is \$75.42.

Our next collection date is September 11. We can make a difference in Nicaraguan villages where clean water is desperately needed!

We work with *El Porvenir - Clean Water, Healthy Nicaraguans*, part of the UMC mission opportunities.



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Return Service Requested

Monthly Newsletter of Community United Methodist Church

Please worship with us on Sunday mornings, either in-person or online at cedarburgcumc.org
Memorial Day Through Labor Day | 9:00 a.m.

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

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Hours | Memorial Day Through Labor Day | Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

After Labor Day | Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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