

## Dear Community UMC Family ~

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God for you have been my partners in ministry. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will continue with you to complete the job. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace".  
(Philippians 1:3-7)

September arrives with the change that some of us like, others not so much: change from vacation to school time, from hot days to chilly days and our Church offers a New Beginning: Beacon of Hope. I am proud of all our volunteers, leaders, and staff for the way that they have been so supportive in my ministry. We have so much to praise God for since I first started June 1. I have more important changes to share with you concerning our worship for the rest of 2022.

The Administrative Council, after praying and discussing, approved all we have achieved so far this year and the changes we are about to start on **September 11th, 2022**.

We are focused on equipping the entire congregation to carry out our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World" - *UMC Theme*.

The Action Plan Workshop we had on July 28, was a great approach to the New Beginning: Beacon of Hope. We ended with three groups discussing and putting together some ideas for programs to help Our Church Moving Forward. Meg Johnson, Stevie Stibor, and Mark Sheets are the leaders of each group. If you are not part of any group, contact the office and step in to be part of this special time as we all in prayer and in collaboration discern God's will for our beloved Church - becoming the Home for the Spiritual Homelessness.

Our Second Action Plan Workshop - New Beginning: Beacon of Hope is on October 1st, 9am - 3pm with the participation of Rev.



Welcome September

Welcome Fall

Welcome Holy Spirit

Welcome Cedarburg Community Family

Dan and Barbara Dick. Lunch and snacks will be served. **Invest in the Lord, Invest in how best you can serve the Lord as we learn and discern together not what "I" want to do, but what the Lord wants "me" to do.**

September is a time for healing.

From September 11th onwards, we will have new times:

9am - 9:45am - Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids.

10am - Worship Service - In Person and Online (there WILL NOT be a second service)

11am - Fellowship time (All are expected to participate). [If you need to have a Sunday appointment, please book it after 12pm, so you don't need to rush from sharing love with your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ].

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th grades. Parents, enroll your child. Classes will be with Pastor Lourdes Magalhaes during the week (schedule to be discussed with parents).

Make September a month of your renewed personal experience with God.

Pray on a daily basis you can choose the best time for you:

6am or 12pm or 6pm or 9pm. Pray for your spiritual life, for your family's spiritual life, your Church's spiritual life and for your country and the world, make a journal and annotate God's answer to your prayers.



## "They will know We are Christians"



"They will know we are Christians by our Love" is one of my favorite songs. Pastor Lourdes mentioned this song in one of our group meetings. The song includes lyrics that says we will walk and work and "Praise God" side by side. To me, that is what worship is all about, loving and praising God together.

I hope everyone had a great summer. It is hard to believe fall is near. We will all be lining up "side by side" at Bell Choir and Chancel Choir practice for fall.

Come and join us on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. as we polish the bells. No polishing experience necessary.

Bell Choir will begin practice at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12. The practice will be approximately 45 minutes.

Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin the same day, September 12. Come at 7:20 p.m. for a short prayer session. Rehearsal will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last until approximately 8:20 p.m. Choir is great fun and easy even if you have never played any instrument or don't have any singing experience.

Both rehearsals will be in the Music Room.

See you there.

*Lisa Graves*

## Volunteers Still Needed!

**C**UMC 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.



## Notes

We don't have a lot to mention from the Mission Outreach Committee, but we do have several very brief notes that we want to mention.

First, we will not be making lunches for Meta House in the month of September. Fortunately, Meta House had enough volunteers to cover the entire month without us, so that is good news for them. We will, however, be making lunches again on October 2, and then again in November and December. We will publish those dates a little later. If you would like to participate, just come to the kitchen after worship, and we will get to work. And thank you!

We have another work date for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. This will be on Thursday, September 15, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. We can only take five people, so please sign up if you are interested. Those who volunteered in August had a good time!

Finally, please remember that we are still collecting donations for the UMCOR U.S. Disaster Relief Mission. This was initially motivated by the flooding in Kentucky

and the fires in California, but since then, there have been other disasters such as the flooding in Texas. You may remember that our goal, while very ambitious, is \$2,000. As of last weekend we had collected \$530, and by now, hopefully substantially more. For those of you who have donated, THANK YOU!. And if you have not yet done so, please consider doing so. CUMC does a great job at donating to the needy in other countries. Now it is time to recognize that there are many people in our own country who are facing unimaginable difficulties. If you are able to donate, thank you! And if not, please remember those in need in your prayers.

On behalf of your Mission Outreach Committee, thank you.

*Craig Pierce*  
Outreach Committee Chair



## Nursery Ministry

It is important to note that this is a ministry, not a babysitting service. Babies can process information and be impacted by God's Word, and this ministry will include age-appropriate faith lessons, activities, and prayer. The early years are a key time to teach and pray God's promises for children. They are also crucial years, when young children need spiritual warriors praying hedges of protection around them. Additionally, children will be shown the love of Christ through the interaction and compassion shown by our staff and volunteers. These elements are the priority of the nursery.

Please help dispel the thinking that CUMC does not have a nursery and encourage or invite families with young children to connect with our church.

*Stevie Stibor*  
Director of Children's Ministries

The nursery located in the Education Wing is available for newborns and children who are 3 years old or younger. While this has always been the case, we have revitalized the nursery to offer a more welcoming experience to the children and parents who are looking to engage in nursery ministry. Of course, children of all ages are more than welcome in the sanctuary during services. However for families who opt to participate in this ministry, the nursery is open every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. until the conclusion of our worship service.

**B**efrienders took a break from regular monthly meetings this past summer. We will begin meeting again beginning on September 19th at 1:30 in the Community Room. The remainder of the dates for fall are the 3rd Mondays of the month: Oct. 17, November 21, and December 19. The purpose of this group is to offer support to our Pastor by assisting in visiting and communion to shut ins, a listening presence for anyone who desires someone to walk with them in trying times and connecting senior

members to CUMC through prayer and phone calls. As we move forward, we encourage others who might be interested in this ministry to contact Pastor Lourdes or any member of the group. If you know of someone who might benefit from a relationship with a Befriender, please let the CUMC office know. Group members include Jennie Hansen, Joann Jacobs, Karen Maihoffer, Judi McCullum, Nancy Severson, Elyn Wagner, Ellie Wilmeth, and Suzanne Zabransky.

## 40 Plus Small Group

**T**his small group at CUMC has been together for eight years. It all started with the book "40 Days of Community" and the rest is as they say, "history". What does this group do? We meet once a month to check in with each other, share our joys and concerns, study a book or text, share a story, and support various efforts at CUMC. During the pandemic, we met once a week via zoom to make sure everyone was managing. You will often see this group filling in sign up sheets to lend their help to the work of our church. We took a break this summer but

will begin meeting again on Sept. 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, and 12/10 – the second Saturdays of the month starting at 10 am at N7 coffeehouse (back room) in Grafton. If you are interested in small group ministry, want to see how this group functions, or just curious, please feel free to join us. Although members of the group are definitely "40 +" in age, we would love to be intergenerational in the future. We are inclusive and welcoming. Questions? Contact leaders Tom and Ellie Wilmeth.

Thank you!

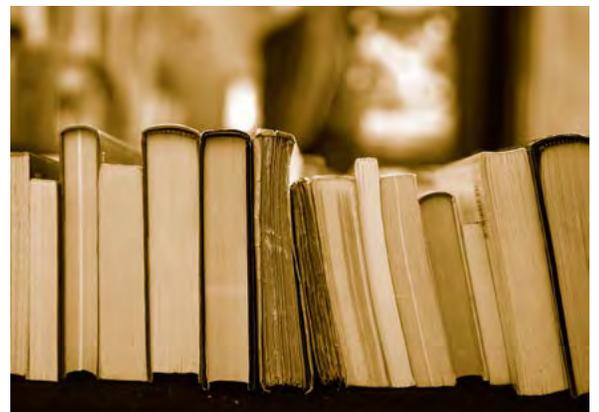
I want to thank all my friends at church for your prayers and love during my healing after eye surgery. I am very grateful to have recovered nearly 100% of the vision in my left eye, surprising even the eye surgeon and my ophthalmologist! I know the prayers were a significant factor in that. I pray for God's blessings for CUMC.

*David Ridgely*

## Book Discussion

**A**s the Bible calls for us to seek justice for all people, would anyone in the congregation like to study the book, "1619" as an outside church effort? This book examines the complex issues of slavery in a number of essays across a historical perspective. This study would begin in September and last throughout the year.

The invitation to discuss will go out to many Ozaukee county churches and a location for the study will be determined depending on interest. If you know of others interested in sharing in this effort, please let them know of this potential book discussion. If interested, please contact Ellie Wilmeth.



# Children's Church



In addition to children's Sunday school, we are also reintroducing Children's Church to our Sunday mornings. I am so excited to have this ministry available again to the kids within our church community! Children's Church is designed to build a strong foundation of worship in kids starting at a young age. The messages provided within this ministry time are designed to help children learn about God, about how much He loves them, and about how that love can be shown as they spread the love of God into the world.

Children's Church offers an opportunity for children to take part in a worship service that is age-appropriate for them. This creates a more intriguing, exciting experience for kids while also inspiring them to learn and grow as they walk closer with Jesus.

Here's how it will work. Children will join their families in the sanctuary for the start of our worship service. They will then be dismissed and lead to the Elementary Sunday School room while the rest of their family remains in the sanctuary. A small change to how we have done this in the past is that children will not return to the sanctuary midway through the service but instead a parent or guardian will then pick them up from the Sunday School room after the service has concluded.

Can't wait to kick things off Sunday, September 11!

*Stevie Stibor  
Director of Children's Ministries*

## Why is giving important in the Church?

Our giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ." We find in John 3:16 three thoughts that should be the foundation of all our giving. God's motivation for giving was love; he gave himself in the person of Jesus; and God gave in response to our need. It is a pure joy to give!

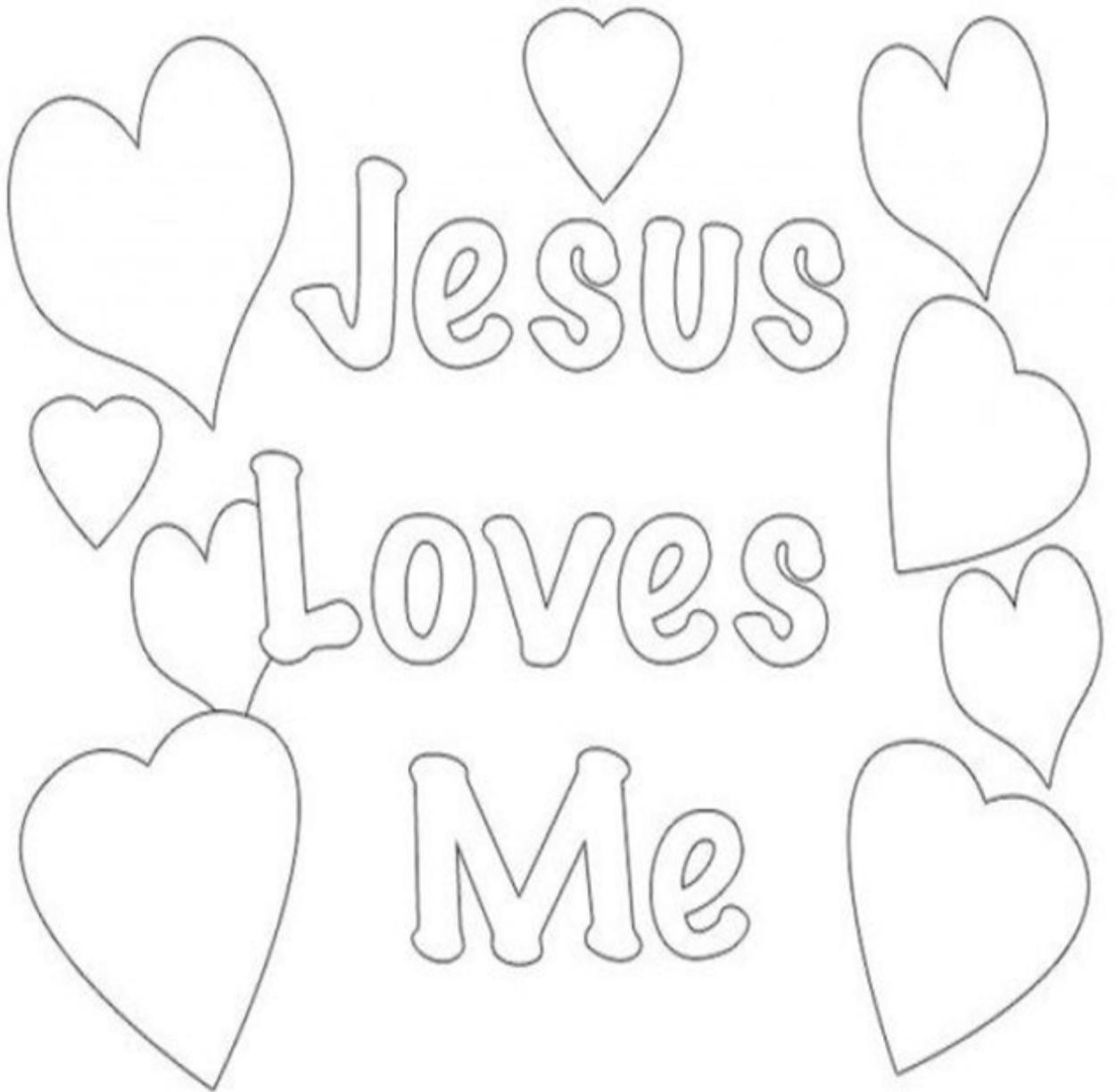
How many different ways can you give to our church? We have almost 10 different ways:

1. Offering plate using cash or check.
2. By mail using check.
3. Cedarburgcumc.org website: giving online is easy using a credit card or bank account. Can be set up to be recurring.
4. Ach recurring electronic giving: Notify treasurer, Shirley Krenzke, if you would like to start this program. Giving is once or twice a month using a bank account: 15th and/or end of month.
5. United Way through your employer. Set up our church as a recipient using your payroll.
6. Smile.amazon. Do you order from Amazon? Please go to smile.amazon and select Community United Methodist Church – Cedarburg and the church will receive a percentage of your purchases.
7. IGive.com – Do you purchase online from Kohls, Walmart, Costco, LL Bean, Eddie Bauer, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.? Set up an account, and CCUMC receives a percentage of your purchases.
8. Papa Murphy's-Grafton. Do you like pizza on Sunday after attending church? Take your bulletin from church to Papa Murphy's that Sunday, and the church will receive 20% of your purchases. This is too easy!
9. Attend our fundraisers and watch us Grow!
10. Ideas?

We would love to add one more called "Scrip Gift Card Program" now known as Raise Right. If someone would be interested in leading and implementing this program, please let Shirley Krenzke, treasurer@cedarburgcumc.org know.

giving

*Healing Love! Paint the Color  
You Feel God Loves for You!*



## Point of Connection!



**D**epression is a natural emotion that often occurs during a difficult time in a person's life such as a move, the death of a loved one or the loss of a person. For teens, difficult times often arise from the transitional

period in their lives where their bodies are changing, their emotions are changing, and more demands are placed upon them. Thus, teens are quite susceptible to depression. While it is natural to feel depressed from time to time, most people are able to feel better within days. Clinical depression, however, is a medical illness that can last years. Not only does it affect the way people feel, it also affects the way they think and act.

Clinical depression in teens can take the form of:

- Sadness, agitation, isolation
- A drop in academic performance
- A sense of being overwhelmed
- Loss of interest in activities they previously found enjoyable
- Self-medication via drugs or alcohol
- Self-mutilation such as cutting or burning themselves

Too often, parents misunderstand the signs of depression and label it "dramatic teen stuff." However, teens who suffer from depression don't intend to be lazy, moody or difficult. Teens who suffer from depression already feel like the world is against them and need compassion, patience and help. More importantly, they need to know there is hope. Dr. Gary Nelson, a retired UMC pastor, currently strives to raise awareness of teen depression. Dr. Nelson has worked as a pastoral counselor and therapist for over 40

years. Here are Dr. Nelson's tips for church leaders on how to identify teen depression and what to do when faced with a teen who suffers from depression.

Things you can do as a parent or youth leader:

**Pray.** Often times, depression among teens may be hard to identify due to the moving pieces going on in their lives. If you have a teen who may be showing symptoms of depression ask God for discernment. Pray for the teen – their life, their academic endeavors, their friendships, their goals in life and their relationship with God. You can also offer to pray with and for them.

**Just keep loving them.** Parents often get angry when their wonderful kids suffer from depression because underneath that anger is fear; fear of not knowing what to do or how to handle the situation. Teens don't need their parents or adult mentors to punish them for their actions caused by depression. God only calls us to love one another. God's glory will manifest itself.

**Stay in relationship.** Don't destroy the relationship you have with your teen. As a youth leader, one of the hardest ways of tackling teen depression can be talking to the parents and figuring out a way to explain things to the parents so they can save face in front of their children.

**Seek professional help.** Clinical depression is a medical illness that causes a chemical imbalance in the brain and other physiological issues that must be treated with medication.

In the words of Dr. Nelson, remember that "God can heal and because God can heal, there is hope."

Dr. Gary Nelson

*Dr. Gary Nelson is a retired therapist, pastoral counselor and a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church. He is the author of [A Relentless Hope: Surviving the Storm of Teen Depression](#). Dr. Nelson was moved to bring*

*awareness about teen depression and hope in God after almost losing his son to this very illness. Dr. Nelson can be reached at [revgenelson@yahoo.com](mailto:revgenelson@yahoo.com).*

**Understanding the UMC Today**  
 (A general overview on current issues)  
**CUMC Talk Dates with Pastor Lourdes**

- » **Sunday, September 4**  
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- » **Saturday, September 17**  
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- » **Wednesday, November 2**  
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Same presentation each date.  
 All talks will be held in the Sanctuary.

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**Fall Schedule Begins**  
**Sunday, 9/11**

- » **9:00 a.m.**  
Sunday School for all ages
- » **10:00 a.m. Worship**
- » **11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship**
- » **11:30 a.m.**  
**CUMC Potluck Picnic**  
**Hamburgers & Brats provided**

Bring your favorite salad or vegetable dish. If you are on a special diet you might want to bring your own so you don't have to worry.

Remember that some people are intolerant or allergic to some foods (peanuts, fish or seafood, lactose, gluten, etc.) There will be notecards on the Welcome Center to label your dish with any ingredients that might be troublesome to others.

Entertainment for the kids will also be provided. There will be a video on in the Library for the youth who would like to be there together while eating. (*Remember young ones, to clean the space before you leave*). We accept free will donations to cover the expenses of food, drinks and kid's entertainment.

fall schedule begins september 11

*New Beginning: Beacon of Hope*

**CUMC**  
**Action Plan Workshop**  
*Part 2*

**October 1, 2022**  
**9 am - 3:30 pm**

(lunch will be provided)

**Renew, Reshape & Reconnect**  
 with other CUMC members and friends where we will come together as one, grow the church, be supportive of each other, improve communications, unite with a clarified vision, and be a beacon to the community.

action plan workshop 2

**CUMC Rummage Sale clothes to be sent by Angie & Manny Mendonca to the Philippines.**



**CUMC Rummage Sale items donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry.**



**CUMC Rummage Sale clothes were also sent to a Ukraine family arriving in the area.**

## Trust

During the month of September, children's Sunday school will center on trust and learning to have confidence in God because we can always depend on Him.

Throughout history, God has been faithful to us. When we remember that He will continue to be dependable, we can choose to trust Him no matter what we face in life. The Bible shows examples of people who knew first-hand what it meant to trust God in many circumstances. This month in Children's ministry, we will focus on three of them who happen to part of the same family: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Through their stories, we will discover how they can trust God no matter what they face.

When have you had to wait for something big? So much of life is spent waiting for something to happen. From checkout lines to results from a tryout, we cannot escape it. Every so often, though, we find ourselves waiting for something important that might cause us to doubt that God is still there. It is in these times that we must remember we can trust God even when we have to wait.

Waiting can be difficult. When we find ourselves in a moment where we must wait, it is easy to complain or become frustrated. However, we can discover a different way to wait. When we remember how God has been faithful to us in the past, we can find the strength to trust God with our current situation. Even in the waiting, we can practice trusting in our perfect God.

We all wish that life went as we planned, but it often does not work like that. Think about how you react in these moments and consider how God can help you respond with trust. When we read through the stories found in the Bible, we see how people experienced God as faithful throughout all kinds of circumstances. This simple truth can be a continual reminder that God's faithfulness continues today. We can trust God no matter what. Even if we are not quite sure what is happening in our lives, we can trust God to help us through it.

Remember you can continue to trust God even when you are worried. God is not scared of our questions, and He is not upset when we are worried. Worry is just what it means to be human. Thankfully, when we have concerns about what might happen in our lives, we can find comfort in trusting God with those situations. God has cared for us in the past. God is not stopping now.

Our memory verse for September is Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all you heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." This teaches us to trust God but also reminds us to not lean on our own understanding, because our understanding is limited. We cannot know or understand all that God knows and understands. And, although we may try, we will never be able to control the world around us. But there is One who is very much in control. God is holy and righteous and loving. He knows what is best in every situation and He is working everything together for good – even the hard things that do not make sense to us.

*Stevie Stibor  
Director of Children's Ministries*

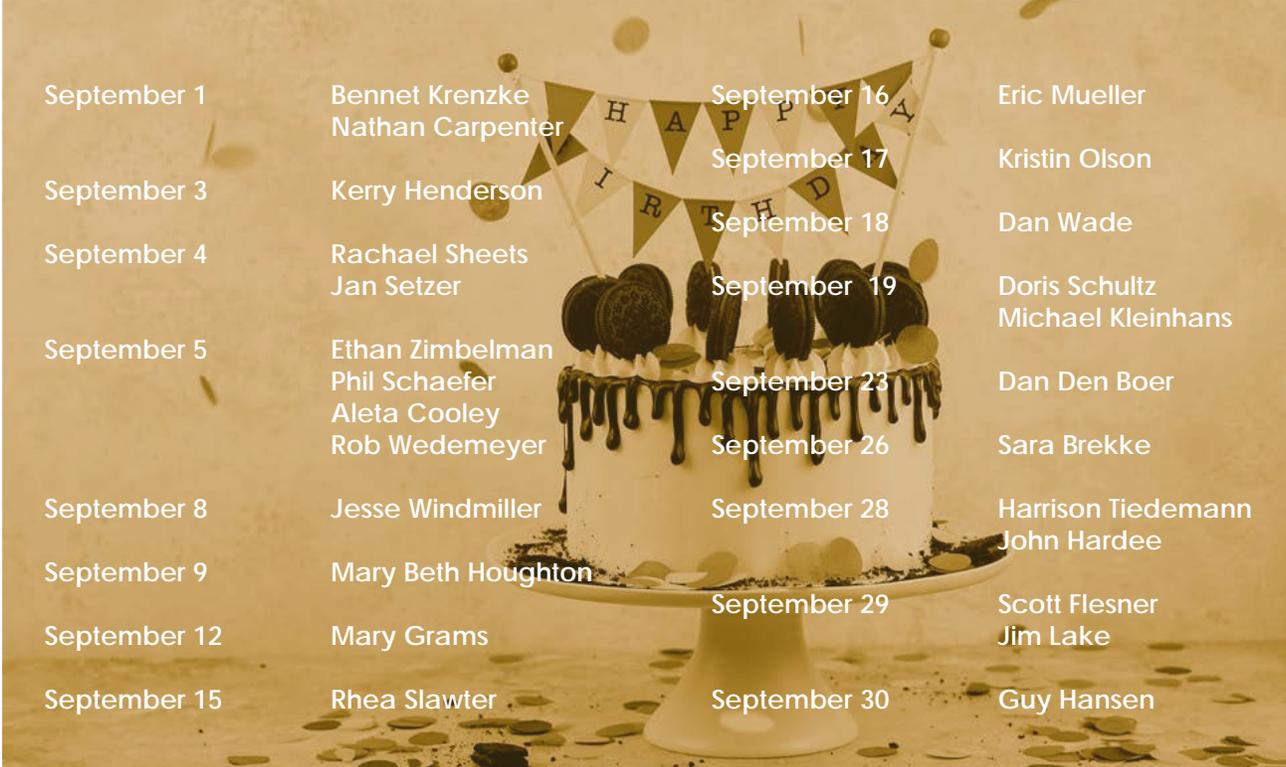
## Return of Children's Sunday School

Children's Ministry will return to traditional Sunday school classes for kids beginning Sunday, September 11! These classes will be held every Sunday at 9am in the Elementary Sunday School room located in the Education Wing. These classes are tailored to engage and meet the needs of children in grades 4K through 5th.

We are excited to bring this ministry back as we focus on living, loving, and teaching children about the love and grace of God.

*Stevie Stibor  
Director of Children's Ministries*

## Happy Birthday to You!



September 1	Bennet Krenzke Nathan Carpenter	September 16	Eric Mueller
September 3	Kerry Henderson	September 17	Kristin Olson
September 4	Rachael Sheets Jan Setzer	September 18	Dan Wade
September 5	Ethan Zimbelman Phil Schaefer Aleta Cooley Rob Wedemeyer	September 19	Doris Schultz Michael Kleinhans
September 8	Jesse Windmiller	September 23	Dan Den Boer
September 9	Mary Beth Houghton	September 26	Sara Brekke
September 12	Mary Grams	September 28	Harrison Tiedemann John Hardee
September 15	Rhea Slawter	September 29	Scott Flesner Jim Lake
		September 30	Guy Hansen

## Aluminum Can Drive

# Collection Day Coming Soon!

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!



**M**ary 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

**A**ll interested women are invited to the Monday, September 12 meeting of Women of Faith, a monthly bible study group. Come to the CUMC Community Room at 1:15 p.m. for fellowship and discussion of the first chapter of *Women and Daughters of the Bible Speak!*

In addition to fellowship and discussion on the second Monday of most months, all interested women are invited to meet informally for friendship and coffee at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday at NSeven Coffee Company, 1307 Wisconsin Ave. in Grafton (downtown, across the street from the Grafton Hotel Apartments), where a pleasant outdoor patio and a spacious interior are available to enjoy.

For more information or to order a book, please get in touch with Barbara Ridgely.



## Men's Study Group

**W**e are looking for a few good men! All you have to do is read about 20 pages of a selected book each week and join us for discussion on Thursday morning.

For example, we recently started reading Father Richard Rohr's book "The Naked Now". This challenging, but easy-to-read book helps us discover the lost tradition of mystical Christianity. Enlightenment, a concept of mysticism, is the focus of a number of religions, particularly the Eastern ones. However, enlightenment also has been a part of Christianity from the beginning and Jesus was the first mystical leader of the Western religions.

Through Fr. Rohr's teachings we learn to recognize how the forces of ego and dual thinking separate us from our deeper self. Our author, Fr. Rohr, is a Jesuit Priest and the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM. He has authored a number of books addressing how to transform ourselves by looking at our faith in a non-traditional way.

Join us as we seek a greater understanding and practice of our faith. We meet 7 a.m. on Thursdays at PJ Piper Pancake House, W61N514 Washington Avenue in Cedarburg. Coffee or breakfast is optional, but not discussion.

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Thanks for helping me to CELEBRATE 90 years of life and love ~ Jerry Johnson



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## Monthly Newsletter of Community United Methodist Church

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

After Labor Day | 10:00 a.m. (Faith Formation at 9:00 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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*"We are a Safe Sanctuary Congregation"*