

Overcome Crises!



We all face crises in different times of our lives. What makes the difference is how we overcome it. In Genesis God created the world to be a perfect place for nature and for all creatures to live in harmony with him and with each other. The beauty of it all is that God created a diverse perfect world, and everything together was in harmony.

Then God created man and saw he was lonely and alone, so God created this second person to be a helper; Adam called her Woman. God blessed them and said he was trusting humankind to take care of this diverse, yet perfect world.

In Revelation, John had a dream with the diverse perfect world God had created. However, humankind destroyed it by being greedy for power, and storing up natural resources for self-enrichment. Consequently, the perfect diversity become unbalanced, and the world grew in all forms of violence.

Today millions of years later, humankind still struggles to overcome crises; the inspiration for how to overcome is in the Lord our God.

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Cedarburg Community United Methodist Church Family, I am so thankful to God for how He is investing in us. I trust He will lead us through times of crises. John’s dream in Revelation starts the days we are living now. God said to the people of Israel through the prophet Jeremiah 29:11 “I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. (MSG)”

Trust the word of the Lord and live it in your daily lives; it will make a huge difference in the world bringing back harmony in His diverse world. It has to start in you and me. Do you live in harmony? Let us keep on practicing the fruit of the Spirit! Serve one another with gladness and celebrate with praises and songs of thanksgiving, connecting the unchurched with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, so they will know we are Christians by our love!

Your pastor,
Reverend Lourdes Magalhaes

September 15 - October 15

I am blessed God called me to be a pastor, in this journey He brought me to the US to share all he allowed me to learn, first with equals – Latinos and Hispanics in the Garden State – New Jersey. What a great experience and opportunity to share the love and grace of the Lord to many people that did not have an opportunity to hear and learn or did not engage with Jesus Christ in their own country. I can see God’s smile when he looked at my ministry and thought this girl is getting comfortable, let me give her a bit more of responsibility in this journey of being a missionary pastor abroad, yes abroad because I had come all the way from Sao Paulo, Brazil – After 15 years - I still find strange writing my country of origin with “z” and not “s” as I was taught. So the humorous God I serve, gave me the pleasure to have people from other ethnicities and races and there started to come people from India, Romania, Afghanistan, Korea, Africa and other countries to join us in the rather Hispanic/ Latino experience of serving the Lord.

As CCUMC's first female and Cross Racial Pastor, I invite you to celebrate the Hispanic Latino Heritage month, reading the extract from an online article - <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/unidos-celebrating-hispanic-heritage-month>

“Every year, we observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. We use this month to highlight and celebrate the vast contributions and positive impact that people from South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean have brought - together with those who became Americans when the border grew after the Guadalupe treaty.”

The treaty of Guadalupe, signed in 1848, added an additional 525,000 square miles to the US territory including the land that makes up all parts of present-day Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Mexico also gave up all claims to Texas and recognized the Rio Grande River as America’s southern boundary. <https://www.history.com/topics/mexican-american-war/treaty-of-guadalupe-hidalgo>

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson. President Ronald Reagan expanded it in 1988 to cover thirty days – beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, with the approval of Public Law 100-402.

National Hispanic Heritage Month offers a great opportunity to state boldly that Hispanics and Latinos are not monochrome and cannot be boxed into a simple category. We come in all shades and styles, and our ministries are as vibrant as our vast cultural diversity ministries we have in the UMC that vary in cultural backgrounds, outreach approach, social-economic groups, and multiple generations, each bringing a unique gift to the table. They will know we are Christians by our love.

Celebrate with me by making a famous chocolate Brazilian dessert, “Brigadeiro”. Click the link for recipe and watch how easy it is to prepare. Enjoy! <https://tasty.co/recipe/classic-brigadeiros>

Deus te abençoe por todo mês de outubro!
(Portuguese)

Dios les bendigan hoy and todo lo mes de Octubre! (Spanish)

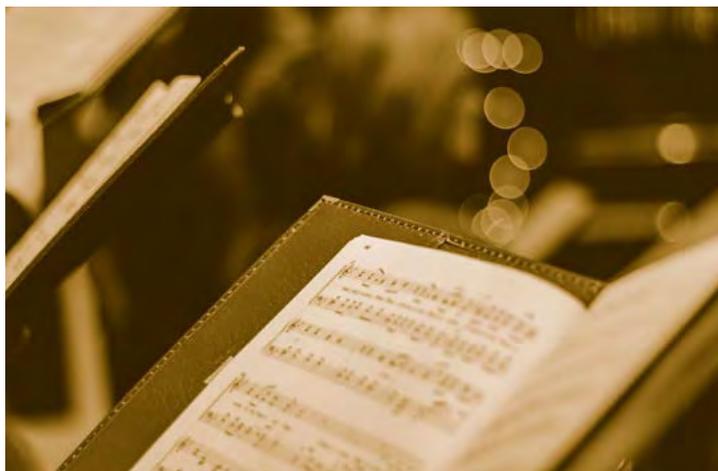
May God bless you each day of October

Reverend Lourdes Magalhães



Update

music



I am so excited that fall has started. We have our new Sunday School program, and the kids are preparing a wonderful musical piece for us to hear on October 9.

The Bell Choir is off to a great start, and we have two new members! The Bells will play on November 20 and again at Christmas and maybe after Christmas as well.

The Chancel Choir did a great job on their piece called "I will call Upon the Lord" at the end of September. The Choir will continue to sing on the last Sunday of every month. We are preparing traditional Christmas songs. Drop in anytime at our Monday night rehearsals at 7:20 p.m. to sing along. Come whenever you are able. We understand if you cannot be at every rehearsal! The more, the merrier!

Lisa Graves

pc operator

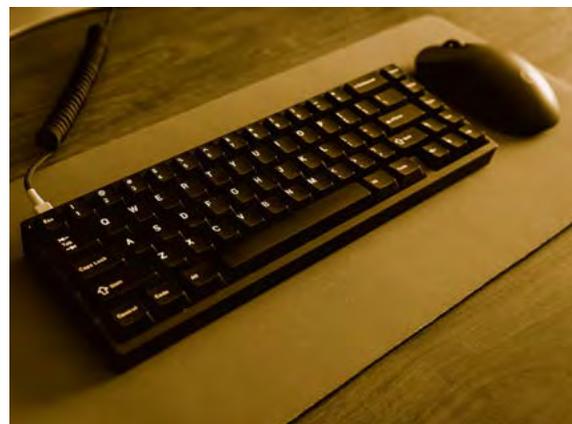
Volunteers Still Needed!

Church of the United Methodist (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.



Upcoming Activities & Giving Opportunities

mission outreach

Although it is only late September/early October, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season is right around the corner. As in years past, the Mission Outreach Committee has planned a number of giving options that will allow us to support those less fortunate than us. These are in addition to the ongoing activities that CUMC has been involved with recently, so please consider supporting these activities by your gifts, financial contributions, and willing hands.

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry – CUMC has started working at Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry once each month. Those who have participated in August and September not only supported a good cause, but had a fun time. The work involves sorting clothing that will be made available to the homeless in Milwaukee, and it only takes one hour, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. We are scheduled to work on Thursday, October 13, and will be signing up for an additional date in November. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

Meta House Lunches – As we have been doing for the past year, we continue to make lunches for the women undergoing outpatient counseling at Meta House. Many of you have supported this ministry by donating funds to purchase food and by working with us in the kitchen to make the lunches. Upcoming dates are Sunday, October 2 (60 lunches), Sunday, November 13 (40 lunches), and Sunday, December 4 (80 lunches).

Pecan Sales – The annual Pecan Sale Project will soon be starting up, and you will see members of the Mission Outreach Committee selling the pecans in Fellowship Hall after church services starting in November. The proceeds from this activity will be donated to the Franciscan Peacemakers, a Milwaukee organization that provides a pathway to sustainable, healthy, safe, and productive lives for women engaging in prostitution due to trauma, human sex trafficking or drug addiction.

Fourth Quarter Coin Offering – This offering will be collected through the end of December and will be donated to Sojourner Family Peace Center. This Center engages in domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 11,000 clients each year. Sojourner provides an array of support aimed at helping families affected by domestic violence achieve safety, justice, and well-being. When getting ready for church on Sunday mornings, please remember to bring your loose change!

Thanksgiving Offering – This year our Thanksgiving Offering will go to support the Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative. The Anti-Poverty Initiative is committed to working with poor, marginalized women to economically transform their lives through micro-credit loans and saving programs. The organization provides a practical way for women to generate income to support their families, thereby reducing poverty and supporting women in urban and rural communities in Senegal, West Africa.

Christmas Offering – Our Christmas Offering this year will go to Family Promise, the Ozaukee County-based organization that provides housing support for those who have found themselves in economic crisis. While Ozaukee County is one of the wealthiest counties in Wisconsin, you may be surprised to learn that the poverty rate in our county is 6%, which equals about 5,000 people. And the ALICE rate, which measures those who struggle to meet basic household needs, is 20%, or about 18,000 people! Please help us to continue the CUMC tradition of supporting this great organization by giving generously at Christmas.

Giving Tree and Gift Card Collection – As we have done in recent years, we will again be engaging in several activities that will benefit Northcott Neighborhood House and United Methodist Children's Services. The Giving Tree which is for collections of hats, mittens and gloves, and scarves, will be put up in the lobby in early November. At the same time, there will be a collection box in the office for gift cards that you can buy at Target or Wal-Mart. We are suggesting gift cards in the amount of \$10 - \$25 dollars. The

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collection of these clothing items and gift cards will continue through early December, and will then be divided equally between Northcott and UMCS, and will go a long way to providing Christmas gifts to those who otherwise would not have much on Christmas morning.

Lasata Gift Collection – Also starting in early November and continuing through early December, we will be collecting gift items for the residents of Lasata. A number of these residents are current members and former congregants of CUMC. These simple gifts that we will provide will put a smile on the faces of the Lasata residents. A suggested listing of items will appear in the published Holiday Season Giving Guide, which will be printed in late October or early November. Gifts should be unwrapped and placed in the appropriate collection box in the lobby of CUMC.

Poinsettia Purchase and Distribution – The Mission Outreach Committee will again be purchasing poinsettias for members and congregants who are not able to get to church as often as they would like. These will be available in early December to be picked up at church and delivered to specific members.

Please consider volunteering to deliver one or more of these to help brighten their homes during this special season.

Aluminum Can Collection – Please remember to collect your aluminum cans and bring them to church before January 8, 2023. This ongoing collection provides funds to make clean water available to the needy in Central America.

In addition to the above, the Mission Outreach Committee will, on your behalf, be providing funds to the Saukville Community Pantry, the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, and Midwest Missions, a United Methodist warehouse that purchases, stores, and provides emergency relief items to those affected by flooding, fires, and other natural disasters.

Wow! I say “wow” because we (as in CUMC) do a lot to provide for others who are less fortunate than we are. While the Mission Outreach Committee may take the lead in organizing these efforts, it is all of you who make it possible. On behalf of all of those whose lives will be touched by these activities, **THANK YOU!**

*Craig Pierce
Outreach Committee Chair*

Save the Date!



Art/Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday morning, December 3 (open to public)

Sunday, December 4 & 11 (after service)

Sunday, December 18 (after service - while supply lasts)

40 Plus Small Group

40 Plus met in person on September 10th at NSeven in Grafton. It was great to be back together in a favorite comfy location. After checking in with what summer pleasures we all enjoyed, the group began looking at the topic of “rituals” - in our daily lives and those we have cherished in our worship. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 8 at 10:00 a.m. at NSeven again. If you are interested in small group ministry, please join us.



Fall Stewardship Campaign

finance

As promised each year our fall Stewardship Campaign will begin in October. During the last 3 Sundays in October, you will hear from different areas/members of our church. The pledge information will be mailed to you mid to late October. Please return your cards during our services on November 6, 13 or 20. The cards may also be mailed to the church if you prefer. We ask that you please return your card, even if you are unable to contribute. This will avoid a follow-up phone call/email by our committee. Please be praying how you can help. Your pledge will help us establish a budget for 2023 and carry on our ministry. Thank you for your consideration!



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Point of Connection!

community youth



We eat food we like and sometimes what we don't like so much but we need in order to give us the health we need to grow strong for life. Spiritual life is like wise. As less food or garbage food we eat, less spiritual strength we have to couple with the diversity dynamic of life we encounter on a day by day journey.

When you fly, you rest and maybe sleep even though you don't know the pilot! If you go on a cruise you enjoy, rest, play and sleep, sure you will get to your destination even though you don't know the Captain. If you board a train you just relax and enjoy the beauty around the train line and you just get into your destination safe and sound.

When you are on a bus, you really trust in the bus driver to take you to where you need to go. You don't care if there is too much traffic, or if there is a diversion to take. You just wait for the driver to take you to your stop.

Trust October to Jesus and you will arrive at your destination safely. *He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you people of weak faith?" Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the lake, and there was a great calm. (Matthew 8:26 CEB) I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 CEB)*

Sunday School is every Sunday 9 – 9:45 a.m. and the Worship service 10 – 11a.m.

Come, let's reconnect and make the best of the Youth group again. If you have a plan, share it with me and let us put it into practice as a sign of blessings to you and to all.

*Your friend in Christ,
Pastor Lourdes
pastorlourdes@cedarburgcumc.org*

*In October, Share Kindness
for a Better World!*

Let us make Crafts! *Making Kindness Necklaces*

with the help of parents and older siblings -
spending family time together

ministry-to-children.com/kindness-bible-lesson-fruit-of-the-spirit/

With the help of an adult, draw a heart on a piece of cardstock or poster board like the example below. (Step 1) You can make them as big as you want! Cut them out. (Step 2) Write Proverbs 3:3 and Kindness on the inside. (Step 3) Punch a hole and loop twine or yarn through. Tie a knot to make a necklace. Now you can decorate it as you want.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

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, October 5, 12:00 p.m. at Edgewater Golf Club (1762 Cedar Creek Road, Grafton) 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 women are invited to meet for fellowship and book study on Monday, October 10, at 1:15 p.m. in the CUMC Library. Each monthly gathering will feature a chapter in the book, *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak*.

October's exciting discussion will center on the inspiring Old Testament story in the book of Ruth, which tells of Naomi and Ruth, mother and daughter-in-law, and how each responded to both the grief and predicament of being widowed. Now destitute without the support and protection of their men, they sought a better life by traveling to Naomi's homeland, where people remembered the older woman. Ruth insisted on staying with Naomi; she, too, sought to be where people worshipped the LORD she had heard about from Naomi. Both women kept their hearts and minds on the LORD, retained their dignity, and experienced the fantastic way the LORD provided for them.

Chapter two of *Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* gives insight into the relationship and dynamics this story reveals and will provide the basis for discussion. Could you come and learn why these two women hold a place of immense significance in biblical history?



Women of Faith are invited to meet informally for friendship and coffee at 9:30 a.m. on October 24. Come to 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.

Grit

Grit is a word that most kids do not use or perhaps even one with which they are unfamiliar. But it is a great word when talking about the tenacity we all need when we face challenges in life. Living with grit means that we refuse to give up because we believe, despite what we are faced with today, that our story is not over!

This month in children's Sunday school, we continue our journey through God's Big Story as we take a closer look at the lives of Joseph and Moses. Both men trusted God through hard circumstances and would not give up. These are two heroes of faith, and we hope to help the kids see how their stories connect between Genesis and Exodus.

As we introduce the idea of grit to our kids, we want them primarily to understand that the best way to have grit is by trusting God. He is always with us no matter what we face. We may not understand why we must go through a hard season, but we can trust God is with us and will give us what we need to keep going. During the first couple of weeks, we will look at the life of Joseph and we will see how he kept doing the right thing because he knew that God was with him. Just like Joseph, the kids will learn that they can hold on because God is with them.

When we are going through a difficult time, it is hard to imagine that it could be part of something bigger and better than we expect. This idea is not to diminish any pain or hurt we might experience, but to remind us that we can live with hope, knowing that God can turn our obstacles into something better than what we think is possible. The life of Joseph reads just like a novel but the ending is something only God could write. In one of the most unbelievable turn of events ever, the same brothers who sold Joseph into slavery now stand before him asking for help. In that moment, Joseph realized that God had a bigger story. When hardships come, and they certainly will, we must remember that God's purposes and plans will stand and, no matter what happens, we can hold on because there is a bigger story for each of us.

One of the biggest lessons we learn from Moses' mom and sister is that they never stopped trusting God. They were not sure how their circumstances would work out, but they believed that God would keep Moses safe.

They held on to hope. And God came through for them with a major rescue. God can do the same for us. He can meet us in our confusion and give us the grit we need to push through. We do not know what the future holds but we can put all our trust in the hands of the One who does. He will help us stand strong and hold on even when we do not know what to do.

We can find comfort in knowing that God knows our circumstances and is helping us get through them. The Bible reminds us that even though we cannot see God, we can see all that He has made. The same God who made everything made us and loves us, flaws, and all. There is not any temptation, any pain, or any amount of suffering beyond His understanding, so we can hold on because God knows what we are going through.

At times, we may feel stuck, unsure of what to do, or if we will ever get to the other side, but we do not need to face these moments alone. God is with us and is always working things out, even when we cannot see it. When we get stuck in worry, it only erodes our trust and makes things worse because it focuses all our energy on the "what ifs" instead of WHO God is. God is GOD. Current circumstances do not change who God is. When you are tempted to quit instead of standing firm with grit, hold on because God is in control. Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we do not give up."

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministries*



Happy Birthday to You!



October 2	Craig Bauer Betsy Manz	October 20	Sandy Purdy
October 3	Ross Eggert	October 24	Claude Taylor Evan Zimbelman Nora Zimbelman
October 8	Grant Flesner	October 26	Lisa Zimbelman
October 11	Pam Singer	October 27	Karen Maihofer
October 12	Jan Adams	October 28	Mika Jelinski
October 16	Ethan Johnson	October 30	Sally Ghrist Nancy Hardee Grace Johnson
October 17	Chris Schumacher	October 31	Janice Olson
October 18	David Enright		
October 19	Stan Heiniger		

Bible Study

"Scripture and the Wesleyan Way"

Would it not be fascinating to attend a Bible study led by John Wesley? He discovered a challenging yet hopeful message in the Bible, which profoundly shaped his personal life and the Methodist movement he founded.

In our new Bible study, we will follow the book and video series, *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way*, in which Bishop Scott J. Jones and his son, Senior Associate Pastor Arthur D. Jones, use Wesley's own words to address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today. *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way* unpacks a Wesleyan approach to the Bible and Christian life. Each chapter and session explore a key scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons about the text to illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. As we study the Bible with John Wesley, we will be inspired to respond with faith and boldness.



Please consider joining us as we hear Wesley's call to live a real Christian life.

Wednesdays at 11a.m. in the CUMC Library

All are welcome!

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministries

Recap

On Sunday, September 25, we held a kid-friendly workshop during our normal Sunday school and worship service times. This was an opportunity for the kids to share their thoughts and opinions about what they would like to see happening at our church. And they had some great ideas! By the end of our time together, they settled on three projects, determined what they would need to do to bring those projects to fruition and developed a plan to make sure it happened.

They shared their three ideas with the congregation during our worship service on Sunday, October 2. They did an excellent job articulating what they want to do, why they want to do it, and how they are going to accomplish it. If you missed it, take a moment to watch our streamed service – we have some pretty amazing kids at our church!

Over the next couple of months, you will notice their plans coming together. Watch for a kids' bake sale, with items baked and sold by the kids. This presents a means in which they can raise some money for another one of their goals, the Big Church Sleepover! And last but certainly not least, they would like to acknowledge birthdays (along with Pastor Lourdes) with singing "Happy Birthday" to everyone celebrating their birthday each month because "it really makes everybody happy" (Lincoln Schiel).

Great job, kids, we are very proud of you!

Pastor Lourdes and Stevie

Children's church was re-introduced in September and has been well-received thus far. This ministry offers kids an age-appropriate message based on the same scripture presented in the sanctuary for our youth and adult congregation. Using the same scripture helps to keep families connected with the spiritual message regardless of where it is received - in the sanctuary, in the elementary Sunday school room, or even at home via our live stream. This connectivity fosters conversations outside of church as families can discuss and learn from the message they hear each Sunday.

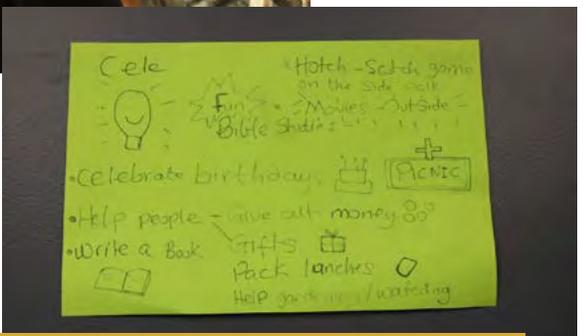
While children's church is held outside of the sanctuary, we do recognize the importance of kids experiencing church in a traditional format. With that said, children's church will not be held on communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). This will give our kids a chance to participate in communion while also providing an opportunity for them to learn from the example set by their families and our congregation as they engage in our service.

Thank you, parents, and grandparents, for sharing your kids with us! And a huge thank you to our awesome kids for their involvement and sharing of their thoughts and questions

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries*



kids' workshop



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