NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us

Pastor Connie's Corner

We are just a few short weeks away from Christmas. I always have good intentions about shopping, decorating, and menu planning and then October ends and every moment seems to be full to the brim. This year is no different. It is easy to move past Advent waiting and into Christmas mode. Advent, the anticipation is important. This year in preparation for Advent, I am reading Almost Christmas: a Wesleyan Advent Experience, by Magrey R Devega, Ingrid McIntyre, April Casperson, and Matt Rawle. The book harkens back to a Wesley sermon "The Almost Christian" calling listeners into a deeper, more authentic faith. He was inviting people to allow the Holy Spirit to work in them to make "an extraordinary impact for the Kingdom" (p.7). The writers of this book are inviting readers into preparation that will enable us to, "receive Christ more fully into our hearts and lives."

You might remember the list of 25 questions for a Christian that I have referred to before. Some of these lists are still on the table in the gathering area and I am happy to make more if we need them. Perhaps, say the writers these may become our daily meditations as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Let us lean into Advent this year as preparation to truly receive Christ as Lord of our lives. How might we become a gift to God even as we are gifted by God. Wesley's sermon is quoted as follows,

"May we all thus experience what it is to be, not almost only; but altogether Christians; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Jesus; knowing we have peace with God through Jesus Christ; rejoicing in hope of the Glory of God' and having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost Given unto us!" (p11).

Notice here the reference to peace, joy, hope, and love. Sounds like Advent. Let's go deeper.

-Connie



Sunday Service

10:15am

Online and in person

Sunday School

9:30am

September through April

Upcoming Events

November 3 -
Election Day

November 4 -
Soup Supper Fundraiser

November 5 -
Women's Bible Study

November 11 -
Veteran's Day

November 15 -
OCC Gift Packing

November 22 -
Decorate Church for Advent

November 26 -
Happy Thanksgiving

November 29 -
5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

Annual Charge Conference



- Everyone who helped make the 2026 Community outreach a valuable asset to our community.
- Chapman Justice team leaders (shepherds).
- Everyone bringing treasures for the OCC boxes. We pack on the 15th so hurry in with anything else you plan to bring.
- All who helped and will be helping with funeral dinners in support of the Lister and Chamberlin/Allaman families.
- Sarah for all your work to get our kitchen up to code.
- Chip and Janet for hosting a lovely party for our hotdog roast.
- Ray for bringing a trailer and hay for our ride at the hot dog roast
- Everyone who shared food and fun at the hot dog roast.



Pop Tab Collection

Sue Frieze is once again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring any collected pop tabs to the Church Narthax or get them to Sue directly.

Bell Choir Practice & Peformance

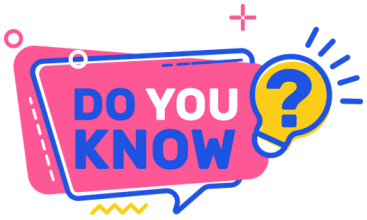


The CUMC bell choir will begin practices on Sundays at 5:30pm beginning Sunday, October 25th. Practices will be each Sunday at 5:30pm until their performance on Sunday, December 13th.

Thank You!

Thank you, church for all your lovely prayers, good wishes, cards, and gifts in honor of pastor appreciation. I treasure my time in ministry with you folks. Thank you for loving and serving God so well. You are a blessing and I love you so much.

Pastor Connie



United Methodist Discipleship Ministries has an electronic presence designed to help followers of Jesus grow in their faith and understanding. There are lots of resources to be found, including several online classes that may be of interest to you. Check it out at umdiscipleship.org.

Outreach Report

Here at CUMC, we are reaching out as we love, grow and serve through faith

November Mission of the Month - Angel Tree



The mission of the month for November is the adoption of families in need. There will be red angels hanging from the tree in the Narthex that you can choose from to purchase a gift for members of a family. More information will be shared as it gets closer to that time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Monthly Community Dinners Complete for 2026

The last community meal for 2026 was held October 24rd. A meal of chicken and dressing casserole, green beans, and cranberry sauce with ice cream for dessert was served to 72 guests. Community meals takes a hiatus over November and December and returns January 27, 2027. Please come join us again in January.

Upcoming OCC Packing Party

The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is coming. On November 15th, after the church service there will be sandwiches for everyone who stays to help pack OCC shoe boxes. After lunch has been eaten, we will begin to pack shoe boxes. The items that have been brought in by members of the congregation to pack into the boxes will be laid out according to age and gender in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping to have many children and adults participating in this fun activity.There will be Mission members to help with the process. As a congregation, we have given generously for this cause in the past. The goal is to make sure each box is “filled to the gills” with meaningful gifts to brighten a child’s Christmas. A list of possible items to include in a shoebox is available at the Missions Table. Also found at the Missions Table is a donation box for anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to go towards the $10 cost for the shipment of each shoebox.When writing a check please make it out to either Samaritan’s Purse or Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is designated by the Missions committee to be the Mission of the Month for the month of October and part of November.

Please continue to look for items that would brighten the day of a child to place in the shoe boxes. Socks and underwear are special items for these children. Of course, we want nice toys and stuffed animals also. Crayons, markers, pencil, pens, paper – all of these items are something appreciated. When you have something you want to contribute just put it in the wrapped Christmas boxes by the Missions table. They will be sorted and made ready for our packing party.

Annual Soup Supper & Bake Sale November 4



Our annual soup supper will be held on November 4th , with lots of delicious soups and desserts available to all who attended. Hopefully you have been baking something for the bake sale, this is usually a favorite spot for those attending. This fundraiser has been a success for the workings of the church. Thanks to all will contribute towards this activity: the soup makers, dessert makers, dish washers, greeters, and those who come to help (and have a great bowl of soup)!

Annual Hot Dog Roast & Fall Fun

A special thank you to Chip and Janet Edwards for hosting this year's annual hot dog roast. Church members enjoyed fellowship on a beautiful fall evening while roasting hot dogs, marshmallows for smores and a hay rack ride.











Circle Ladies Complete Hygene Kits for OCC

The Bernice Huff Circle met on Tuesday, October 13th to put together hygiene kits for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes that will be packed on November 15th.Twelve women enjoyed a blueberry croissant casserole provided by Jo Osbourn before putting together 100 kits.



Plans were made for the November meeting. Purses, bags, and wallets for both men and women, as well as items to fill them, will be collected for Neighbor-2-Neighbor. Examples of items needed include: hygiene products for women and men, makeup, hair products, shaving cream, razors, and gift cards. N2N has groups who will fill the bags, so we will need to sort the items donated instead of packing the bags. We would welcome any donations the congregation might want to give. Plan to help at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 10th.

An invitation is extended to all the women of the church to join us as we serve others in our community and nurture our relationships with each other.

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to those who brought their trunks for another fun year of trunk or treat. We enjoyed seeing so many families out and about among the evening's events.









CUMC Youth

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Congratulations to Knox Bell, son of James and Erin Bell on receiving his Bible from CUMC. Each year third graders are presented with a Bible to help them continue their growing in Christ. We pray for Knox as he reads God's word.



Special Music Provided

Thank you to Laney Thorton who played and sang "Peace" during worship on October 25th. It was a wonderful addition to the worship service.



Christmas Program Practice & Performance Scheduled

The Children's Christmas program has been scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2026. Program practice will begin on Sunday, November 8th at 9:30AM and continue each Sunday morning until December 13th. There are parts available for all our youth - Kindergarten through 12th grade. We hope all are available to participate. Please contact Kate Thornton with any questions or additional details.



Upcoming CUMC Events

OCT
11
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Hot Dog Roast & Fall Fun

OCT
28
5 - 7 PM
Last Community Dinner of 2026

OCT
31
TIME TBD
Trunk-or-Treat

NOV
04
5 - 7 PM
Soup Supper & Bake Sale Fundraiser

NOV
15
11:30 AM
OCC Shoebox Packing

NOV
22
11:30 AM
Decorate Church for Advent

NOV
29
11:30AM
5th Sunday Fellowhip Dinner

DEC
6
2 PM
Prayer Partner Reveal Reception

DEC
13
10:15 AM
Children's Program & Bell Choir

DEC
21
7 PM
Blue Christmas Service

DEC
24
6:30 PM
Candle light service

DEC
25
"A Savior Is Born"



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 11/1 Jerry Osbourn, Carter Coup
- 11/4 Conner Marston
- 11/11 Brianna Coup
- 11/12 Tracy Schmidt
- 11/14 Ken Albers
- 11/15 Elyssa Frieze, Betty West
- 11/16 Maralee Bray
- 11/20 Marilyn Weishaar
- 11/24 Brian Sweet
- 11/26 Craig & Vicki Chamberlin
- 11/28 Gail Norman, Marc & Tracy Schmidt
- 11/29 Kate Thornton, Harold Oakleaf, Terry & Sylvia Schmidt, Mike & Kendra Marston

Worship Assistance

Greeters

Nov. 1 Ray & Lynn Kruse
Nov. 8 Sabrina Samuelson, Sarah & Dennis Will
Nov. 15 Lori Townsend, Chip & Janet Edwards
Nov. 22 Ray & Lynn Kruse
Nov. 29

Liturgists

Nov. 1 Lynn Kruse
Nov. 8 Danielle Klein
Nov. 15
Nov. 22
Nov. 29

Ushers

Nov. 1
Nov. 8
Nov. 15
Nov. 22 Ray Kruse
Nov. 29

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