



Cedarburg
Community
United Methodist Church

Pastor's Corner

Back to Church

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.
Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.'" ~ Psalm 122:1-2

For most of us growing up, summer was for slowing down. Summer was a time to rest. Culturally, we have kept summer as a symbol of rest, a slower pace, and time away. I think that is something necessary and needed in our lives. In fact, we were never meant to run full speed forever. God did not just suggest Sabbath, God commanded it. But if we are honest, we do not always rest. The moment school shopping starts and sports schedules hit our email boxes; we are again off to the races. So, before we begin these races, I want to invite you to something higher. First, think about a special place in your life. A place that always brings a smile to your face. A place like a particular city, a restaurant, a specific area in your home, like the deck, a cabin in the woods, a garden in your yard and many more places. I recall when my younger siblings and I were growing up, we went to church with our parents every Sunday. We grew up with that experience and what is interesting is there was a kind of joy whenever we were at church. The church became a very special place to us. Special places bring us joy because of the beauty of the setting, the experiences we have there, and sharing the space with friends and loved ones. Does church have a special place in your life? As children of God, if our response is "yes", then let us challenge ourselves to show our presence at the church this month of August. The church is a happy place where we are invited to be because at church, we experience deeply moving, life-changing moments with God through serving our brothers and sisters. The church is a happy place because we also experience God in community together in ways we cannot by ourselves, and God blesses us beyond measure through one another.

The church is not just one more thing on the calendar. It is where we come up for air. In a world that runs too fast, this is where we slow down enough to breathe, to listen, to be, to grow, to remember we are more than what we produce. The church is a place to catch a new breath: a

place to put down our burdens, even if only for a while. Every time we gather, whether in worship, in study, in service, or even just in conversation, we carve out space for what matters. As we prepare for the next season, and all that comes with it like school, meetings and ministries starting up again, I also invite you to be thrilled about what is coming at CUMC. Beginning in August, we will have opportunities to deepen our faith, to connect with others, and to become more fully the people God created us to be. For example, we will have thought provoking sermons series such as "Let's Talk" and "Made to Matter". We will also have Bible studies on the book of "Revelation" and "12 Ordinary People". Because our lives always long for meaning, for grounding, and for community, the church at its best, helps provide that through all these studies. So, take a breath, soak in the last days of summer and then, come be part of something that steadies you for the season ahead. Most importantly, when we gather as the people of God, whether in our shared sacred space or elsewhere, it is God who makes our time uniquely blessed. The Holy Spirit moving in, creates moments and connections that the world can never match. In Psalm 122, David expresses joy at being in the Temple as his special place. I hope as people of faith, we rejoice for the places that hold special significance for us. I hope our church is near the top of the list when you think of the special places in your life. We are blessed with an incredible church family here at CUMC. At our church people discover they are loved and welcomed as they are: whether they are flourishing, laughing, and thriving, or seeking, hurting, or struggling. At our church, people encourage one another and celebrate with one another in their moment of victories.

In His Service,

Pastor Kyabuntu

Fundraising Committee

Our Rummage Sale is coming soon. It will be held on **Friday, August 21 and Saturday August 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** both days.

During that time there will also be a bake sale and brat fry. Please

drop off any items you wish to donate at CUMC on **Monday August 17 through Wednesday August 19, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please **drop off baked goods on Thursday, August 20 or by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21.** If possible, please pick up pricing dot stickers either from the office, any Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon or before or after a Sunday service from Randy Pierce.



Clothing and jewelry **DO NOT** need to be priced by you. However, if you have a really nice heavy coat or clothing of great value, please point it out to us when you drop it off.

After the church service on August 16, we would appreciate your help with setting up for the sale.

Please remember we are NOT taking computers, TVs older than 5 years, mattresses, box springs, cloth furniture, hardwired lighting

fixtures, broken, stained or damaged items, tires, weapons, large entertainment centers, or exercise equipment. Please let Pam in the office know if you will need help transporting larger items to the drop off.

Lastly, we will be giving out coupons at the Rummage Sale for \$1.00 off on a \$25 purchase for the Wander and Whisk Cookie Walk and Holiday Craft Fair when people check out at the Rummage Sale. This event will be held on December 12, and more information will be coming in a later newsletter.

We will be parking for Wine and Harvest Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20. Please sign up to help if asked. Craig Howe and Craig Pierce will direct the parking. We need people to take money at the bottom of the church drive on Evergreen.

In place of the Spring Luncheon we will be holding a Chili Cook-Off, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 10. Details are in the works.

Our next Fundraising meeting will be in the CUMC Conference Room on Thursday, August 6, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

*Randy Pierce
Fundraising Committee Chair*

Brat Fry at Sendik's Food Market in Grafton

On Saturday, August 29, CUMC will be holding our first Brat Fry of 2026 at the Sendik's Store in Grafton. We do this twice each summer to benefit various non-profit organizations, and the proceeds from the August 29th event will go to the Ozaukee Jail Literacy Program.



We also support this program through donations of magazines that you give to CUMC for transfer to the Literacy Program. This is an important part of the rehabilitation of those who have spent time in the Ozaukee County Jail and are working towards making a new start.

The Jail Literacy Program helps to provide reading materials and educational classes for those who have been incarcerated. This has a positive impact on the individuals as well as our local community.

Plan to come to Sendik's on August 29 and join the Mission Outreach Committee for a brat, hot dog, or burger, and support a worthwhile cause.

*Craig Pierce
Mission Outreach Committee Chair*

Don't Miss Our Final Mini Golf Monday of the Summer!



Can you believe it's already our last Mini Golf Monday of the season? Before backpacks are packed and school bells begin to ring, join us for one more round of laughter, friendly competition, and summer fun!

Students, friends, and families are invited to meet us at Missing Links Golf Course in Mequon on **Monday, August 17 at 11:30 a.m.** for our final Mini Golf Monday of the summer. Whether you've joined us every month or haven't been able to make it yet, this is your last chance to be part of one of our favorite summer traditions.

Expect plenty of hole-in-one celebrations (and maybe a few spectacular misses!), lots of laughs, and time to connect before the busyness of fall begins. Bring your best putting skills – or just bring yourself! No experience is required, only a willingness to have fun.

Summer always seems to fly by, and we'd hate for you to miss out on making one more memory together. So, invite a friend, bring the whole family, and come help us send off Mini Golf Monday in style!

**Monday, August 17
11:30 a.m.
Missing Links Golf Course**

The only thing missing is YOU!

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Bear Paw Adventure Park – Middle & High School Outing!



Get ready to climb, splash, swing, and laugh your way through one of our favorite summer traditions! Middle and high school students, friends, and families are invited to join us for our annual trip to Bear Paw Adventure Park on **Friday, August 10.**

We'll meet at the church and leave promptly at **9:00 a.m.** before heading to the park together for an unforgettable day on Bear Paw's Water Obstacle Course. Featuring floating obstacles, climbing walls, balance challenges, slides, and plenty of opportunities to get soaked, it's the perfect way to enjoy the summer with friends!

The cost for the outing is **\$30 per person.** Pay online

For everyone's safety, Bear Paw Adventure Park requires that participants:

- Be at least **42 inches tall**
- Weigh no more than **250 pounds**
- Participants between **42 inches and 54 inches tall** must be accompanied on the course by someone who is at least **54 inches tall and 14 years of age or older**

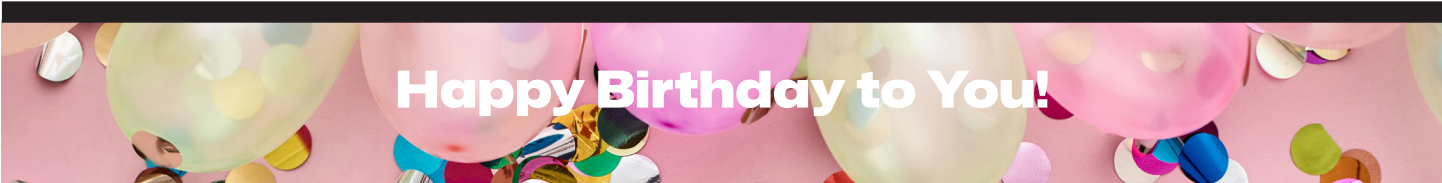
Registration is required! Because I must register our group in advance, please let me know if you plan to attend by **Friday, July 31.**

All participants are also required to complete Bear Paw Adventure Park's waiver form (one person not one per family). Simply use the QR code below to complete and submit your waiver directly to Bear Paw before the outing.



Don't wait – the obstacle course is always a highlight of our summer! We hope you'll join us for a day filled with adventure, laughter, and great memories with your church family.

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries*



Happy Birthday to You!

August 2	Pam Kolis	August 13	Linda Dillman
August 3	Alexandra Wade Sharon Parker	August 14	Jeffrey Wade
August 4	Dave Armstrong	August 17	Jennifer Hansen
August 6	Saaba Annor Nancy Severson	August 23	Susan Hale
August 9	Shirley Krenzke	August 24	Kathleen Michaelchuck
August 11	Patty Rabas	August 25	Gerald West
August 12	Susie Heiniger	August 28	Jacob Grams

Not on the Birthday List? Please contact the CUMC office.

Women of Faith

A “4th Monday” Summer Coffee, sponsored by Women of Faith, is planned for August 24 at 9:00 a.m. at Barbara Ridgely’s Saukville home. A pot of coffee will be ready, or BYO coffee, tea, smoothie, bakery, sandwich, or salad to enjoy. All women of the church are welcome to enjoy the fellowship and conversation. Please contact Barbara for directions to her home.

Women who would like to meet for coffee and shopping adventures at the Tuesday Farmer’s Market in Thiensville (look for the large sign on

Green Bay Rd.) are invited to meet up in the village park pavilion on August 25 at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Barbara Ridgely if you would like to go on this outing.

On Monday, September 14, Women of Faith will resume meeting monthly for Bible study in the CUMC library at 1:15 p.m. For the upcoming program year, the group will delve into the book of Revelation on the second Monday of the month and meet for coffee fellowship at Big Apple Bagels, Grafton, on the 4th Monday at 9 a.m.

A Tree of Hope

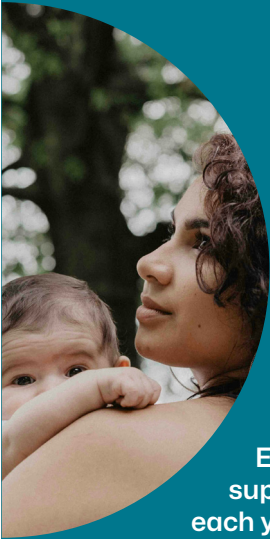
“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither whatever they do prospers.”
Psalm 1:3

Plant a tree where your grandchildren and the next generations will climb. Remember Cedarburg Community United Methodist Church in your will.

Blessing of the Backpacks

As our summer winds down, we are mindful that the start of the school year is approaching soon. To help our kids and our teachers in the community begin with the Lord, we will have a special service on August 30 at 10:00 am. Please bring your child or grandchild’s backpack for a special blessing.

Third Quarter Coin Offering



The third quarter coin offering will go to the Sojourner Family Peace Center in Milwaukee. This organization supports those who have been impacted by domestic violence and who are working towards attaining secure safety, justice, and rebuilding their lives.

Established in 1975, Sojourner supports approximately 10,000 clients each year. The primary goals is to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children.

Please help us help others...and serve as God's hands on this earth...by putting your loose change in the collection plates. It is a small thing for us to do, and many of us just don't think about grabbing our change as we leave our homes on Sunday mornings. But please make it a priority.

Finally, you should know that because our coin offerings often do not amount to much, your Mission Outreach Committee has committed to donating \$100 to each quarterly coin offering collection. It is not a lot, but we trust that God will use it to benefit his children.

*Craig Pierce
Mission Outreach Committee Chair*

If Jesus Used These Men...He Can Also Use You



How many church members do you think can name six of the twelve apostles? How many apostles can you name? When Jesus selected these men, he deliberately chose them for their ordinariness.

This September we will study these common men and their uncommon calling. The revised and updated *Twelve Ordinary Men Workbook, 2025* by John MacArthur will be the textbook for the adult Sunday School class.

The class will run 8 weeks and begin Sunday, September 13. A reading schedule follows this article. You may pick up materials in Fellowship Hall in August. Please purchase the workbook prior to the first class and complete the assigned readings (Lessons 1 and 2).

The book *Twelve Ordinary Men* (yellow cover with graphic of sunset and boat) is enrichment reading and not required for class.

Currently, I am reading both books and find them filled with intriguing stories and fascinating trivia.

The workbook takes us on a journey through the bible meeting each apostle and discovering his unique relationship with Jesus.

The workbook contains thought-provoking questions and life application assignments. Please join me and your fellow members as we meet Jesus' apostles and learn their fascinating narratives.

Adult Sunday School Class reading schedule

Book: *Twelve Ordinary Men Workbook*

Week 1, September 13	Read Lessons 1-2
Week 2, September 20	Read Lesson 3
Week 3, September 27	Read Lesson 4
Week 4, October 4	Read Lesson 5
Week 5, October 11	Read Lesson 6
Week 6, October 18	Read Lesson 7
Week 7, October 25	Read Lesson 8
Week 8, November 1	Read Lessons 9-10

*Bob Chesney
Adult Sunday School Leader*

Summer May Be Ending, But the Fun Is Just Beginning!

We know – no one likes hearing that summer is almost over! The good news? That means something exciting is right around the corner – the return of Sunday School!

We can't wait to welcome all our children and students back for another incredible year of faith, friendship, fun, and discovering more about Jesus. Whether you're joining us for the very first time or returning to see familiar faces, there's a place just for you.

This year will be filled with engaging Bible stories, hands-on activities, games, laughter, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to grow in God's love together. Sunday School isn't just about learning about Jesus, it's about learning what it means to follow Him, serve others, and discover that we are deeply loved by God.

Summer may be coming to an end, but the memories don't have to stop. Some of our favorite moments happen when we're laughing together, asking big questions, making new friends, and discovering the amazing plans God has for each of us.

So start getting excited! Invite a friend, bring your curiosity, and come ready for another year of fun, faith, and fellowship. We have been praying for each one of you and can't wait to see what God has in store this year.

Because while summer may be ending, the adventure of growing with Jesus is just beginning!

We can't wait to welcome you back to Sunday School!

Stevie Stibor

Director of Children and Youth Ministries



Dale Lietzke Memorial

Saturday, August 15

Visitation - 10:30 a.m.

Service - 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon - 1:00 p.m.

PC Operators Needed!

CUMC is in desperate need of adding a few additional people to the group of those who operate the PC during our worship services. For the past five weeks, the same person has had to run the PC because no one else was available. This is a very easy service to provide for the church, and I think you will agree that having words on the screen during the services adds a great deal to worship services. If you would be willing to help with this need, please contact Craig Pierce. Training will take all of about 5 minutes!

Thank you for considering this need.



Indoor Church

Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday,
August 21 & August 22
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brat Fry 🧁 **Bake Sale**

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Please worship with us on Sunday mornings, either in-person
or online at cedarburgcumc.org | 10:00 a.m.

Labor Day Through Memorial Day - Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

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