



"The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest. So, they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place." ~ Mark 6:30-32

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." ~ Matthew 11:28-29.

Summer is here. Summer is the season of rest and restoration. Summer comes with full force.

The days become long, and the sun becomes bright. Summer is a season when the pace and daily routines of life become disrupted. For many of us, our daily routines are finely created. Monday through Friday are days of work whether it is a job, school or just life. Saturdays often become chore days as we struggle to keep up the house and yard while running errands. For those with children, parents are bringing children to every sport or activity imaginable making it hardly a day of rest. Then there is Sunday which to a Christian also includes going to church and hopefully followed by lunch with family and friends. Looking at all these, everything is designed in such a way that can sometimes feel chaotic. This makes people to look to Summer with expectancy because after a year of working tirelessly, there comes a moment when we need some rest and reboot. When summer comes, we take vacations, adjust schedules, and press pause. It is very important in our lives to take a break and get a little rest. God created the Sabbath as a designated day of rest for God's people. This indicates that God thought it important enough to rest. That is why the scriptures tell us God also rested. Jesus also identified this need for His followers. After working a whole day, Jesus commanded the twelve to go to find a place and rest. I hope you find some time this summer to recharge as I will also do the same. From July 15th to July 22nd, I will take a trip to South Dakota. This trip will be a learning journey for me of this country. It will also serve as a reading and planning moment regarding the upcoming sermons to be preached in order to fulfil the requirements for my doctoral studies.

However, as rest and vacations are helpful, refreshing and commanded, they can also disrupt our routines, especially our spiritual practices. During Summer, when life seems to slow down with school out and offices sparse with many people taking time off, churches experience their lowest

attendance. Why? Because people in pursuit of rest also to take a break from God. Friends, church attendance is not an option but a command from God. The scripture reminds to not "give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." This verse exhorts us to always attend and be together with God's people whether on vacation or not. The problem with this is because there are times God's people have equated attending church in Summer with work to rest from. If attending church in Summer has become work, then maybe you are doing it all wrong. Attending church is all tied to the relationship we have with Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus is the reason we live. Everything, including rest, is found in Jesus. Going on vacation should create a longing to return to join in the fellowship with other believers to worship and welcome the presence of God in your life. God loves giving us rest, but it is also impossible to be completely rested apart from Jesus. This summer, in order to achieve the rest, you long for, Jesus must be in the midst of it. The beach is a relaxing destination and the mountains a place of peace but outside the presence of God these places are just stops along the way. It is in God's presence we find peace and rest even in the midst of challenging times. Wherever you choose to vacation this year, do not leave the presence of God to do so. Take Jesus on vacation with you this year. Better yet take Him everywhere you go every day of your life. Incorporate Jesus in every activity. You will never be the same again. Your life may never slow down but your Spirit will be on an eternal vacation.

Finally, what about your weekly giving? Please do not put your Sunday offerings on vacation. We appreciate your continued support of your church throughout the year. Have a wonderful, rest-full, peace-full, and joy-full summer my friends. Know that Jesus loves you, and so do I.

In His Service,

Pastor Kyabuntu

Fundraising Committee Report

The fundraising committee sponsored our biggest fundraiser, Strawberry Fest parking last weekend. We usually make about \$4000 from this. This year we made **\$5667.40!! And all time record!** Cars were still arriving to park as we were shutting it down around 3:30 on Sunday! Please think about volunteering to help with the Festival Parking Fundraisers. Only a few people helped this time. **We need more.** Huge thanks to Craig H. and Craig P. for directing cars to spots. Craig H. had a vision for additional parking on the front lawn, which allowed us many more cars! Other hard working helpers were Lyle, S. Linda H. Shirley K, Susie and Stan H. Linda D. Ellyn W. Colleen H. Randy P. and Stevie S. This seems like a lot of people **but for EACH of 24 shifts we need two parking directors, three money takers minimum, and one cash box guardian who also makes change when people give us ridiculously large bills. These few folks covered a total 24 shifts over both days. Most of these folks also covered all the shifts that no one signed up to do. Lyle was there ALL DAY Sunday! And special thanks to the Krenzkes for the shade provided by their tent.**

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.

Our next fundraiser will be the Rummage Sale, **Friday and Saturday, August 21 & 22 from 8 AM to 1:00PM.** This will also include a **bake sale.** Please **drop off your rummage items at church, Monday – Wednesday, of that week, 8AM to 1PM.** Bake sale items should be dropped off Friday from 8AM to 1PM or on the first day of the sale, Saturday, 8AM to 1PM.

Please start setting aside the items right away. Also, we are trying something new this year. If you have time, please buy some colored dots and price your own **non-clothing and non-jewelry items.** This would help us tremendously. Please see the chart below for directions. Clothing and jewelry do not need to be priced. Thank you for your consideration.

What items cannot be accepted?

Mattresses, Box Springs, Beds, Cloth Furniture, Hardwired Lighting Fixtures, Broken, Stained, or Damaged Items, Tires, Weapons, Large Entertainment Centers, Exercise Equipment, Televisions - 5 years or Older

NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING IN CUMC LIBRARY ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, AT 9:30 AM. Please mark your calendars now. New members welcome.

Prices

 **\$.50**

 **\$ 1.00**

 **\$ 3.00**

 **\$ 5.00**

 **As Marked**

BOOKS - .50 paperbacks, \$1 for one hardback, \$5 for 6 hardback books, \$2.50 for 6 paperback books, \$15 for paper bag of books.

JEWELRY - Everything \$1 unless marked.

CLOTHES - \$1 for one item unless marked, \$10 for paper bag of shoes, clothes, belts, etc.

PURSES - \$2 unless marked

VASES - .50 unless marked.

BAKED GOODS - as marked.

SEWING MATERIAL - .50 for one piece or fill a small bag for \$5 unless otherwise marked.

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Barbara Anne & David Ridgely's

60TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC & PARTY

1-5 PM SATURDAY, JULY 18

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BRISKET OR SALMON 414.852.7070

Heroes and Hope

Who are your heroes?



This summer, our Vacation Bible School will explore that question as we celebrate everyday heroes, discover the hope we have in Jesus, and learn how we can serve others with love and compassion.

Join us for **Heroes and Hope VBS** on **Friday, July 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon** for a memorable weekend filled with faith, fun, and service.

Throughout the day on Friday, children will enjoy games, crafts, food, movies, and hands-on activities while learning what it means to love like Jesus. Together, we will discover that true heroes are those who serve others with kindness, courage, and compassion.

Jesus reminds us, *"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant"* (Mark 10:43).

As followers of Christ, we are called not only to appreciate those who serve our communities but also to become people who serve others with joyful hearts.

Saturday's activities will focus on putting our faith into action through a special Hero Project. Children will create care packages and messages of encouragement for our local heroes at the Cedarburg Fire Department as a way to thank them for the care, protection, and service they provide to our community every day.

Special guests, meaningful service opportunities, and even more fun activities will help bring this year's theme to life as we celebrate the heroes among us and learn how each of us can make a difference.

Vacation Bible School is open to everyone, so invite your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, and family members to join us.

Together, we'll discover that hope grows when we serve others, heroes come in all forms, and even the smallest acts of kindness can reflect the love of Jesus.

We can't wait to celebrate our heroes with you!

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries

A New Group is Starting in September

A new group will be starting in September led by Patty Rabas. The group will meet in the afternoon in the CUMC Community Room to play cards, board games and have snacks. If you are interested in this new group, please email (office@cedarburgcumc.org) or call (262-377-3832) the office to let us know what day is best for you.

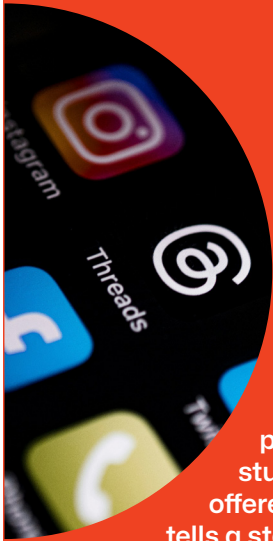
PC Operators Needed!

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.

Community Outreach & Evangelism

Sharing Our Story: Introducing Our Online Mission Ministry



When we hear the word “evangelism,” we sometimes imagine standing behind a microphone or having all the right words to say. But at its heart, evangelism is simply sharing the good news of what God is doing in our lives and in our community.

Every meal shared, every service project completed, every Bible study conversation, every prayer offered, and every moment of fellowship tells a story about God’s love in action.

Jesus calls each of us to be part of sharing that story: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”* (Matthew 28:19). Today, one of the places where people gather, connect, and seek community is online. That’s why we are excited to introduce our new **Online Mission Ministry**.

This ministry is dedicated to sharing the life of our church through photos, videos, stories, and updates on our social media platforms. Our goal is simple: to celebrate and share all the ways God is working through our congregation and throughout our community.

We need your help.

Do you have photos from a committee meeting, small group gathering, service project, fellowship event, youth activity, or ministry outreach? Have

you captured a meaningful moment that reflects the spirit of our church family?

We would love for you to share those photos and videos with us so that we can tell the story of God’s work through our congregation.

As we build this online presence together, we invite you to engage with our posts by liking, commenting, and sharing them on your personal social media pages. Every share helps extend our reach beyond our church walls and into the wider community.

Scripture reminds us, *“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing”* (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

When we share stories of faith, service, and connection, we encourage one another and create opportunities for others to discover a welcoming community where they can belong.

You never know who may need a word of hope, an invitation to worship, or a glimpse of God’s love at work.

Together, let’s celebrate what God is doing, strengthen our connections with one another, and share the good news – both in person and online.

Stevie Stibor

*Director of Children and Youth Ministries/
Chair of Community Outreach and Evangelism*

Family Promise Update

Our next meal week for Family Promise is August 10 through August 14. We are responsible for meals on Tuesday and Friday. Would you like to help out with a meat, vegetable, salad, casserole, or dessert? If so contact Karen Eggert or Carla Schmidt. Thank you!





Happy Birthday to You!

July 1	Mike Blodgett Kyra Westphal	July 23	Linda Hansen
July 9	Brynn Janssen	July 25	Marylin Frankson
July 10	Carter Lator	July 29	Ken Michaelchuck
July 14	Elizabeth Blodgett	July 30	Jerry Johnson Pastor Kyabuntu
July 17	Emily Hansen Susie Baldwin		

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

Finance/Stewardship Committee Financial Report

The finance and stewardship committees are pleased to report that our financial condition at mid-year is strong.

I will share several highlights below:

- Our pledged and unpledged givers are ahead of the budget for the year
- After a very successful Strawberry Festival Parking Fundraiser and our Salad Luncheon, our revenue from fundraisers is also ahead of the budget.
- Total revenue from all sources is \$149,164, which is \$3,410 ahead of our plan
- Controllable expenses are within budget. Our teams and committees are doing an excellent job of managing to the budget.
- However, try as we might, we cannot control the weather. Our snow plowing and church building utilities are \$8,955 worse than our plan.
- In total, expenses are \$151,314 which is \$5,560 worse than our plan.
- Our net position at mid year is a negative \$2,150.

Thank you all for your diligence and support. It is really helpful when our members stay current with their giving over the quieter summer months.

Many have signed up for automatic giving which helps us keep up with the budget. If that is something you would like to consider, please contact Shirley Krenzke, our Financial Secretary, or me.

If, at any time, you have questions about our church finances, please contact Shirley, me, or Mike Harrington, our Finance Committee Chair.

Humbly and gratefully,

*Dan Den Boer
Treasurer of Finance /Stewardship Committee*



OZAUKEE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Helping Students in Need in Ozaukee County

Sponsored by:

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STORAGE



We are collecting school supplies
June 23rd - August 3rd

ITEMS NEEDED:

- 1 inch Binders
- Folders (Assorted Colors)
- Wide ruled notebooks
- Dry erase markers
- Permanent markers
- Calculators (Scientific)
- Composition Books (wide & college ruled)
- Headphones
- Index Cards
- Loose Leaf Paper (college & wide ruled)
- Pencils (mechanical & unsharpen)

Drop Off Locations

School supplies can be dropped off at the following locations between:

Ozaukee Food Alliance
100 E Green Bay Ave. Saukville

Port Washington State Bank
Belgium, Cedarburg, Port Washington, Saukville, Grafton, Fredonia, Mequon, and Thiensville

Kohler Credit Union
Grafton, Mequon, and Saukville

Horicon Bank
2090 Wisconsin Ave. Grafton

GenMet
10245 N Enterprise Dr, Mequon

Monetary donations can be made through
the Ozaukee Food Alliance's Website:
at ozaukeefoodalliance.org.

Need More Information? Call Joana (262) 268-2723



Mission Outreach Committee Updates

School Supply Drive



You may have noticed when you came into church recently that there is a collection bin in our lobby. This is to collect school supplies for needy students in Ozaukee County. This drive is being coordinated between Family Promise, Family Sharing, the Ozaukee Food Alliance, and The Salvation Army.

We have the entire month of July to collect donated items, and a list of needed items is on the bucket and will be sent in an email blast to all congregants.

On behalf of your Mission Outreach team, **THANK YOU...**as always...for your generosity and compassion for others.

Craig Pierce
Mission Outreach Committee Chair

Brat Fry at Sendik's Food Market in Grafton



You may be wondering when our brat fry dates at Sendik's Food Market will be. As in years past, we will again be holding two events, one on Saturday, August 29 (the week after the Rummage Sale), and Saturday, September 12.

This year the proceeds will go to the Ozaukee Jail Literacy Program and Habitat for Humanity, Ozaukee Chapter.

So please mark your calendars, and plan to come out and support our fundraising efforts for these two worthy organizations.

Craig Pierce
Mission Outreach Committee Chair

Save the Date for Meta House Lunches

This is just a quick note to let you know when we will be making lunches for the women of Meta House. We now have dates through the end of 2026, and they are:

Sunday, July 19 | Sunday, August 16
Sunday, September 20 | Sunday, October 18
Sunday, November 15 | Sunday, December 20

Those of you who participate in this activity know that it is easy, quick, and fun. Not only are we providing a much-needed service for Meta House, we also get to enjoy the companionship of each other.

Craig Pierce
Mission Outreach Committee Chair

For Your Information

The Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church has been hosting work groups to help people in southeastern Wisconsin who have experienced damage to homes and property as a result of storms over the last year or so. These groups are being housed at the UMC in Brown Deer.

Our part in this mission is providing food for the workers. About six weeks ago we provided lunches and dinners for a small group, and in July we will be making desserts for about 80 workers for five days. Susie Heiniger is heading up the group of volunteer bakers and cooks, so **THANK YOU**, to Susie and to all of you who have helped to make this possible.

Stay Connected This Summer!



Summer offers us the opportunity to slow down, spend time together, and create meaningful memories with family and friends. It is also a wonderful season to nurture our faith and stay connected with our church family.

At CUMC, we believe that faith grows best in community. As Scripture reminds us, *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another"* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

This summer, we invite kids, students, and families of all ages to join us for a variety of fun, faith-filled activities designed to build friendships, deepen connections, and experience God's love together.

From Mini Golf Mondays and family outings to Vacation Bible School, service projects, and special fellowship events, there are plenty of opportunities to connect throughout the season.

Be sure to watch for emails, social media pages, and Sunday announcements for upcoming dates and registration details.

Most importantly, we encourage you to share the invitation. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, ask family to join you, or reach out to another family you know. You never know how a simple invitation can make someone feel seen, welcomed, and loved.

You don't need to be a member of our church to participate – everyone is welcome!

Our prayer is that every person who joins us this summer will discover that they are deeply loved by God and supported by a caring community of faith.

We look forward to sharing laughter, making memories, and growing together in faith this summer.

Come as you are, bring someone with you, and join us for all that God has in store!

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Men to Study Letters to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon

Using William Barclay's "Letters to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon" as a guide, the Men's Study Group will be reading and discussing the letters to these lesser-known men. To distinguish these letters from the other Pauline letters these were written to individuals as opposed to communities or churches. They are of a very personal nature and thus have been referred to as Pastoral Epistles. The letters offer advice on the organization of the church and developing relationships within the church. Regardless of the recipients, the Pauline letters have a similar formal presentation and were all most likely recorded and edited by a scribe.

William Barclay, renowned Presbyterian minister and author served in a working-class church in Glasgow

during the depression until the end of WW II. During those years he became aware of the need to better communicate the books of the bible to "everyman". This was accomplished through his Daily Study Bible series which consists of over 40 volumes that have been translated into numerous languages. The Men's group has frequently used these texts for their Thursday morning discussions.

To reiterate our invitation, we ask men to join us at PJ Piper's Pancake House Thursday mornings for coffee or breakfast at 7AM for discussion and camaraderie. You may have heard it before: "try it, you'll like it;" you would be surprised about what's written in the bible through Barclay's writings.

Your Voice, Your Faith: Help Us Shape Our Next Sermon Series

As we journey together in faith, we want our worship and preaching to speak directly to the joys, challenges, and questions you navigate in every day life. The pulpit belongs to all of us, and we want to know: "What is on your heart and mind?" Whether you have a pressing theological question, a desire to dig deeper into a specific biblical passage, or want to explore how our Wesleyan heritage addresses modern-day issues, we want to hear from you. We are currently gathering ideas for our upcoming sermon series, and your suggestions are helpful. The pastor and worship team will review all submissions to help guide our preaching calendar in the coming months.

How to share your topic?

1. Email: Submit your ideas or topic to Pastor Kyabuntu via email at pastorkyabuntu@cedarburgcumc.org

2. In person: Drop a note in the offering plate on Sundays and we will be collecting those for three weeks until July 12.

3. Church Office: You can also drop a note at the church office from Monday to Thursday until July 12.

Your submissions will shape our Fall preaching series. We look forward to exploring God's Word together through your suggestions.

Pastor Kyabuntu

Women of Faith

Women of Faith enjoyed a celebration luncheon at The Prime Minister restaurant in Thiensville on Monday, June 8, and warmly invited Maxine from Mequon UMC to join the Methodist ladies' group. On Monday, June 22, the group shared relaxed conversation and fellowship in the CUMC library.

A "4th Monday" Summer Coffee is planned for July 27 at 9:00 am at Cedarburg Community UMC-- before Tai Chi class begins at 9:30. Come early for best parking! A pot of coffee will be ready, or BYO

coffee, tea, smoothie, bakery, sandwich, or salad to enjoy on the patio in good weather or in the library, if weather is inclement. All are welcome!

For August, Women of Faith members will choose whether to meet for coffee and shopping adventures at the Thiensville Farmer's Market on the fourth Tuesday, August 25, instead of gathering on Monday, August 24, at CUMC. Please watch CUMC news for confirmation of the date and location! Please contact Barbara Ridgely if you have any questions.

Many Thanks

Patty Rabas and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support after Chuck's passing. Your thoughtfulness brought them comfort when they needed it most.

Joan Neuswanger Memorial

Friday, July 31

Visitation - 10:00 a.m.

Service - 11:00 a.m.

Reception - 12:00 p.m.
to 1:30 p.m.

Burial - 1:30 p.m.



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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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