



**Cedarburg
Community**
United Methodist Church

Pastor's Corner

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving 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." ~ Hebrews 10:24-25

The beginning of the school year is both an emotional and wonderful time for so many people. This time of year also makes me realize the importance of lifelong learning for God's people. We do not stop learning because we are older. A few weeks ago, I went to the hospital for my yearly physical, and after everything was said and done, the doctor advised me to exercise more, and eat right. In the same way we make efforts to eat right, exercise more, and sleep longer, we need to continue learning. Like a muscle in the body, the mind needs to be stretched and challenged. Learning keeps our brain healthy and it leads to a longer, and more fulfilling life. That is why we are called disciples of Jesus Christ. A disciple is simply a learner. Following Jesus Christ is a lifelong journey of learning. A lifelong learner is a person who continues to learn new skills and competencies long after they have completed their formal education. This involves nurturing a curious mind about the world and a willingness to pursue knowledge about any area of great interest.

Look at Jesus' disciples, they spent nearly three years in intense training with Jesus Christ. His teaching centered on the Kingdom of God here and now, with radical love for all. At times, the disciples struggled to grasp His message, yet Jesus encouraged them that all would become clear in due time. Just as it was for the first disciples, our learning is never complete. It is a lifelong journey. Whether you are a long-standing member of our congregation or new to the community, we are all invited to come together

and continue learning. Jesus Himself modeled this rhythm of grounding and growing. Before beginning His public ministry, He spent years studying, and praying. From that foundation, He built relationships and disciplined others. Likewise, our focus at CUMC is learning the way of our faith to shape us as followers of Jesus.

As we move into the fall season at church, I invite you to consider our pathway to discipleship: worship plus small groups. The aim is to be in worship regularly, and to participate in a small group. This is very important for our spiritual growth. Our worship services help us to remain grounded in the word and the small groups offer us a safe space for honest conversation, encouragement, accountability, support, and spiritual growth. They create space for followers of Jesus to study Scripture, pray together, and live out their faith in everyday life. They also help us to build deeper relationships and authentic Christian community. Small groups mirror the model Jesus used with His disciples, emphasizing relational discipleship and shared life. May this fall season at CUMC become a meaningful time for growth, relationship building and development in our Christian life.

In His Service,

Pastor Kyabuntu





Brat Fry at Sendik's Food Market in Grafton

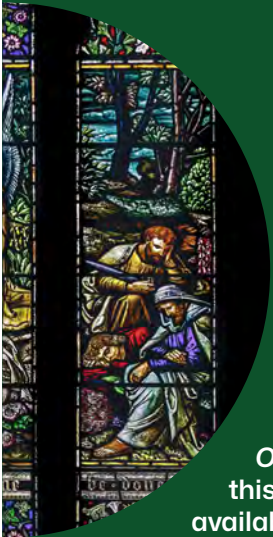
On Saturday, September 12, CUMC will be holding our last Brat Fry of 2026 at the Sendik's Store in Grafton. We do this twice each summer to benefit various non-profit organizations, and the proceeds from the September 12th event will go to Ozaukee County Habitat for Humanity.

While Ozaukee County is one of the wealthier counties in Wisconsin, there are still many families living in substandard housing whose conditions are in severe need of improvement. Habitat partners with people in our community to help them build or improve a place they call home.

With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Plan to come to Sendik's on September 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and join the Mission Outreach Committee for a brat, hot dog, or burger, and support a worthwhile cause.

Craig Pierce
Mission Outreach Committee Chair



Adult Sunday School Update

For those adults intending on participating in the Adult Sunday School Class, please complete Chapters 1 and 2 in the workbook *Twelve Ordinary Men* prior to our first meeting on Sunday, September 13.

Also, both the workbook and the original source book *Twelve Ordinary Men* (Pastor K has read this book and endorses it) are available as EBooks on Hoopla.

There are a few books still available for purchase. A table displaying these materials is set up every Sunday in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Adult Sunday School Class reading schedule

Book: *Twelve Ordinary Men Workbook*

Week 1, September 13	Preread 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



Rummage Sale Recap Fundraising Meeting

**Thursday,
September 10 - 9:30 a.m.**



Cookie Walk & Holiday Fair Planning Meeting

**Thursday, October 8
9:30 a.m.**

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Come celebrate Dave and enjoy the fall harvest — food, drinks, hayrides, and plenty of space to share your favorite memories.

Bring a memory written on a notecard (Dave's favorite format) or piece of paper and we'll gather them into a keepsake scrapbook for the family to treasure.

Saturday, October 3rd. Open House — 2:00 PM
10197 Highway 60, Cedarburg WI

Farm casual attire — come dressed for a hayride!

Sunday School is Back!



After a summer break, Sunday School is returning! Classes kick off Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m., and there is a place for everyone — from babies and children to youth and adults.

Sunday School is about more than simply learning Bible

stories. It is an opportunity to grow closer to God, deepen our faith, ask questions, and discover how God is working in our lives. It is also a wonderful way to build relationships and grow in fellowship with others in our church family.

Life can get busy, and it is easy to make Sunday morning about simply getting to worship. But setting aside time each week to learn, share, pray, and grow

together can make a meaningful difference in our faith journey. We were never meant to follow Jesus alone; we grow stronger when we learn and walk together.

Whether you are brand new to Sunday School or have been attending for years, I invite you to join us! Come as you are, meet new people, reconnect with friends, and find a class where you can grow in faith and fellowship.

Sunday School begins September 13 at 9:00 a.m. From babies to adults, we have a class for you!

I can't wait to see you there!

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Student Ministries /
Chair of Christian Education



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	Phil Schaefer Aleta Cooley	September 23	Dan Den Boer
September 12	Mary Grams	September 26	Sara Brekke
September 15	Rhea Slawter	September 28	John Hardee
		September 29	Scott Flesner
		September 30	Guy Hansen

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

Community Outreach & Evangelism: Pay Attention



What if evangelism begins with two simple words: pay attention?

We often think of evangelism as inviting someone to church, talking about our faith, or finding the right words to tell someone about Jesus. Those things can certainly be part of it. But before we can share the Good News, we have to notice the people around us. Jesus paid attention.

He noticed the people others walked past. He noticed the person sitting alone.

He noticed the hurting, the hungry, the forgotten, and the people who simply needed someone to stop and listen. Jesus was never too busy to see the person in front of Him.

What might happen if we did the same?

Pay attention to the neighbor who hasn't been outside lately. Pay attention to the coworker who doesn't seem like themselves. Pay attention to the person who walks into church alone. Pay attention to the new family in the community. Pay attention to the friend who keeps saying, "I'm fine," even when they don't seem fine.

We don't always have to know what to do. Sometimes paying attention simply means asking a question, listening to the answer, offering encouragement, or letting someone know they matter.

And sometimes, it means taking the next step: "Would

you like to come to church with me?"

We never know what someone is carrying or what they may be searching for. A small act of kindness, a genuine conversation, or a simple invitation could become an important moment in someone's journey toward God.

Evangelism doesn't have to be complicated. It doesn't require a perfect testimony or knowing exactly what to say. It begins with being present enough to notice the people God has placed in our lives.

So, as we enter this new season of ministry, let's make a simple commitment:

Pay attention.

Pay attention to the people around us. Pay attention to the opportunities God puts in our path. Pay attention to the moments when someone needs a little hope. Pay attention to the ways we can show the love of Jesus.

Because when we slow down enough to truly see people, we may discover that God has already placed opportunities for ministry all around us.

Who is God asking you to notice?

Sharing it with you,

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children & Student Ministries
Chair of Community Outreach and Evangelism*



September Outreach Challenge

The Mission Outreach Committee has designated \$500 to go to Midwest Mission to fund Home Care Kits (Flood Buckets). Each Kit contains 56-80 oz liquid Household Cleaner, 42-64 oz Dish Soap, 100-150 oz liquid laundry detergent, Scrub Brush and a Five-Gallon Bucket. Each kit is approximately \$50. Can you help us reach 20 buckets?

Midwest Mission works in partnership with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) by distributing supplies needed in a disaster in the United States. Please help support this important mission.

<https://www.midwestmission.org/umcor>

Colleen Healy and Mission Outreach Committee



Home Again Fall Picnic

There's no better way to celebrate being together again than with good food, good fellowship, and our church family!

Join us for our Home Again Fall Potluck on Sunday, September 13, immediately following worship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer, welcome new faces, catch up with friends, and simply enjoy being together around the table.

Please take a moment to sign up on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, there is a place to let us know what you'll be bringing. But even more importantly, please sign up to let us know that you plan to attend and how many people will be joining you. This will help

us make sure we have plenty of food, tables, and seating for everyone.

And a big THANK YOU to our newly formed Welcoming Committee for planning and organizing this special event! Their goal is to help create opportunities for us to gather, build relationships, and make everyone feel at home in our church community. We are grateful for the time and energy they are giving to help bring our church family together.

So, bring your appetite, bring your family and friends, and most importantly, come ready to enjoy some time together!

Please sign up at the kiosk—and let us know you're coming! We can't wait to share a meal with you!

Stevie Stibor



Women of Faith

Monday, September 14 - 1:15 p.m. Bible study in CUMC library - the Book of Revelation; background study books have arrived! *Breaking the Code* met with Pastor K.'s approval, and these paperbacks are available for \$14.66 each, including sales tax. Please bring the study book, Bible, and your calendar.

Monday, September 28 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the CUMCLibrary; A pot of caffeinated coffee will be ready, or you can BYO beverage and/or accompaniments. Please contact Barbara Anne Ridgely if you have any questions.

Making Room for What Matters

As we get ready to begin another year of Sunday School on September 13 at 9:00 a.m., I want to offer a simple encouragement to the families in our church: make room for your kids to grow in their faith.

I know how busy family life can be. Sunday mornings can be one of the few chances to sleep a little longer, catch up on things around the house, or get everyone ready for another activity. Between sports, music, clubs, school events, and everything else that fills a family calendar, finding time for church can sometimes feel like one more thing to squeeze in.

But sometimes, the things that matter most are the things we have to intentionally make room for.

Our students are growing up in a world that gives them countless messages about who they should be, what they should value, and where they should find their identity. They need a place where they can hear something different – a place where they are reminded that they are loved, they are valued, they are never alone, and they belong to God.

They need Jesus.

Sunday School gives kids the opportunity to learn about Jesus, ask questions, build friendships, and develop a faith that can grow with them throughout their lives. It also gives them the opportunity to become part of a church family that will walk alongside them.

Of course, there will be mornings when everyone is tired. There will be weekends when the schedule is packed. There will be activities and commitments that are important. This isn't about guilt or choosing church over every other good thing in your child's life.

It's simply about remembering that faith is one of the most important things we can give our kids and it requires time and attention to grow.

Years from now, our kids may not remember every game they played, every practice they attended, or every activity they participated in. But we can help give them something that lasts far beyond childhood: a foundation of faith, a relationship with Jesus, and the knowledge that they are part of a community that loves them.

So, as you look at your family's calendar this fall, I encourage you to make room.

Make room for Jesus. Make room for faith. Make room for community. Make room for Sunday School.

Classes begin Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m., with classes for everyone, from babies to adults.

We hope you'll make Sunday mornings part of your family's rhythm this year. There's a place for you and your kids, and we'd love to have them with us.

Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries



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. 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.



The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of several hands gently cupping and holding a variety of autumn leaves. The leaves are in various stages of color change, showing shades of yellow, orange, and brown. The hands are positioned in a way that they seem to be presenting the leaves. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the skin and the veins on the leaves.

Connect with Us **this Fall!**

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Service - 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Mission Outreach Brat Fry at Sendik's
September 12 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday School for All Ages Begins
September 13 9:00 a.m.

Home Again Potluck Picnic
September 13 11:00 a.m.

Women of Faith
September 14 1:15 p.m.

Wine & Harvest Parking Fundraiser
September 19 & 20 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 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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