



**United Methodist Church - Columbus**  
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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**9am - 3pm**

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### Note from Pastor Liz

As we look at our lives over the last few decades, they seem to be getting messier. What once was easy, now seems to have abundant complexities that only get in our way. How do our children or grandchildren thrive in life when there is wide-spread pressure to be the next social media influencer or a game that needs to be beaten? How do we as adults thrive in life when inflation continues to rise, where people are less willing to talk through their differences, where we are expected to do things more efficiently and effectively?

Unlike Advent, Lent allows us to pause and see our humanity. Lent, particularly this year, provides us with two ways in which we can separate ourselves from the messiness of the world's demands:

Our ecumenical group has chosen the book, "Give Up Something Bad for Lent" by James W. Moore as its focus for our Wednesday Night Worship time together. In this focus, we are invited to rid the things that do not give us life. Rather than giving up chocolate or meat during Lent, let us get rid of things like judgment, bad habits, pettiness, and more.

Our Sunday focus will be based on the book, "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess" by Tom Berlin. We will look at how the way we live life has made our lives way messier than they need to be. The focus will take us through John Wesley's Graces and will allow us to see how there is a whole new life waiting for us in God!

If you'd like to read these books for yourself, please contact the office (920-623-3625) and we will order one for you.

I hope that you are as excited as I am about focusing on making our lives less messy. These two foci really excite me as I think about what God calls me and us to do.

I invite you during this Lent season to allow yourself to truly be contemplative (prolonged in thinking). How can we free our lives to all that God has in store?

With God's love,

*Pastor Liz*

# Come WORSHIP WITH US!

## In-Person Worship

*Please join us in person on Sundays  
in the Sanctuary for our 10:00 am service.*

**Child Care for infants through Kindergarten age children is  
available during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service from 9:30am–11:15am.**

## Communion

We serve communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Due to the continuation of rising numbers in COVID cases in our area, we have a new communion protocol. We ask that you stay masked until receiving communion and maintain a distance of 6 feet from the person in front of you.



## COVID Update: Masks Are Welcome & Strongly Encouraged

At the February 21<sup>st</sup> Ad. Council Meeting, we decided to continue to keep the Sanctuary a safe place for all. We will continue to ask that attendees please wear masks and distance when possible.

Thank you for your grace and understanding.

## Children's Praise Bags

God put the wiggle in children,  
so please don't feel the need to suppress it in God's house.

We want children to be engaged!

Praise Bags are filled with good 'kid' stuff and located at the back of the worship space in the basket. Please make sure items are put back in the bags at the end of the service, should something be broken or needs a refilling just let the office know.

Let us all be about loving our children into faith.



## **Ways To Join Us In Worship**

The United Methodist Church of Columbus, Wisconsin invites you to join us  
Sundays in person in the Sanctuary for our 10:00 am service,  
or online worship through Facebook or YouTube  
or on the Local Cable channels.



[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

ColumbusUnitedMethodistChurch

(Each week's service will be posted on Sunday after in-person worship)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYqd4tZ4uPz1AY5OjeaUnqA>

Or go to YouTube and search for Columbus WI United Methodist Church

Hit the SUBSCRIBE BUTTON to be added to the YouTube channel and  
you will get instant notifications when we add new services each week.  
(Each week's service will be posted on Sunday after in-person worship.)



Weekly Sunday services are broadcast daily on local cable channel 98 or 980 (digital)  
Monday through Friday at 5:00 pm.



## **Stay Connected With The Voice**

- ⇒ Monthly newsletters are located in the realtor boxes  
located at the front of the church and at the side door.
- ⇒ Located on our Website (<https://columbusumc.org/>)
- ⇒ Emailed to you directly by request

## Looking Ahead At Lent

### *Ash Wednesday*

March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

at Faith Lutheran Church

120 Faith Dr. Columbus, WI

Pastor Liz Preaching

“Give Up Something Bad for Lent”

### *Ecumenical Worship Services*

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date	Preacher	Church	Topic
3/9	Pastor Teresa Baker	Olivet UCC 313 W Prairie St.	“Give Up Pettiness for Lent”
3/16	Pastor Jane Crawford	Nazarene 753 Waterloo St.	“Give Up the Enemies Within for Lent”
3/23	Pastor Ruth Bradshaw	Presbyterian 157 N Spring St.	“Give up a Bad Habit for Lent”
3/30	Pastor Chris Baker	UMC- Columbus	“Give up Running Away for Lent”
4/6	Ellie Kluetzman	UMC-Fall River 150 South St.	“Give Up Harsh, Condemning Judgements for Lent”

## Fellowship Host Needed—March 30

We are in need of a Fellowship Host after the Wednesday, March 30 Ecumenical Worship Service. If you are interested in hosting, please contact the church office to sign up. Thank you!



## SERVICE TO THE LORD

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We are grateful for your help to serve our congregation for the Sunday morning 10 am service as well as the other special services. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the sheets located on the table in Fellowship Hall.

## Ushers



Sunday, March 6	<i><b>Needed</b></i>
Sunday, March 13	<i><b>Needed</b></i>
Sunday, March 20	<i><b>Needed</b></i>
Sunday, March 27	<i><b>Needed</b></i>

## Scripture Reading

Sunday, March 6	Mary Baker
Sunday, March 13	Mary Baker
Sunday, March 20	Eileen Bennett
Sunday, March 27	Louise Sampson



## Fellowship Time



Sunday, March 6	Kathy Thornton
Sunday, March 13	Ron & Wanda Guenther
Sunday, March 20	George & Rita Jordan
Sunday, March 27	Lyle & Louise Elske

## Counters

Wednesday, March 2	Eileen Bennett	Tammy Wylesky
Sunday, March 6	Wanda Kilian	Shirley Felland
Sunday, March 13	Carroll Swain	Lon Elske
Sunday, March 20	Eileen Bennett	Tammy Wylesky
Sunday, March 27	Wanda Kilian	Shirley Felland
Wednesday, March 30	Carroll Swain	Lon Elske





## ***UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:***

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

Poured Out: Elements of the Resurrection

April 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Columbus UMC

Fellowship Hall



### **Way of the Cross Prayer Walk**

April 15th at 1:00 p.m.

Meet at Santa Maria Apartments

### **Good Friday Service**

April 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Olivet UCC

(313 W Prairie St.)



## **Lenten Bible Study:**

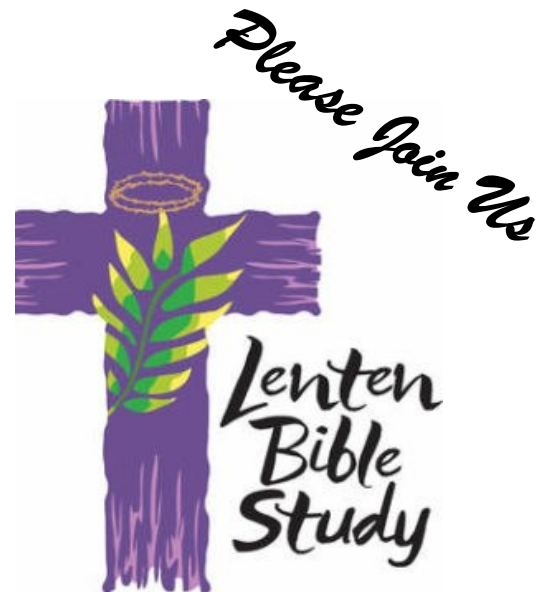
### **Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess**

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Church Library

March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>

In this six week study, we will not only read this book by one of our UMC pastors in Florida, but we will also be diving into the Bible to see what God has to say about restoration. Books are \$10, and can be picked up at the Church Office at your convenience.





## Fellowship Time

We are also excited to announce that Fellowship is back!  
Please join us if you feel comfortable doing so.

## Choir Practice

Please join us for Choir Rehearsal  
Mondays, beginning February 28<sup>th</sup>,  
at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



## Church Roof: Tiles for Miles Announcement



As we continue to do ministry in our community and in the world, we have recognized that we are in need of a new church roof in 2022. Our rough estimate calls for about \$125,000, and we are looking to raise \$80,000 before the summer! We will be hosting fundraisers as well as asking congregation members to pledge towards the new roof throughout these first few months. Join us in making sure that sustaining our building through roof tiles will allow us to continue our ministry for miles!

## New Church Website



## COLUMBUS UMC OPPORTUNITIES, EASTER LILY SIGN UP

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Columbus UMC is offering some wonderful opportunities.

What might you be interested in?

I am interested in:

- ☐ Joining Choir (specific day & time determined together)
- ☐ Attending a 6-week Bible Study
- ☐ Attending a 6-week Book Study
- ☐ Participate in a Lenten Group
- ☐ Making better connections with the school
- ☐ Participating in a financial health class
- ☐ Being an usher
- ☐ Being a scripture reader

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete  
and turn into the office.  
Thanks!*

Sharing Life, Living Christ's Love

### Easter Lily Sign Up Sheet

We are starting to prepare for Easter and the celebration of the season. The Easter Lily is the traditional flower of Easter. It is highly regarded as a joyful symbol of elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope, and life.

The flower retells the resurrection story with its life cycle.

These snow-white flowers symbolize new life and hope.

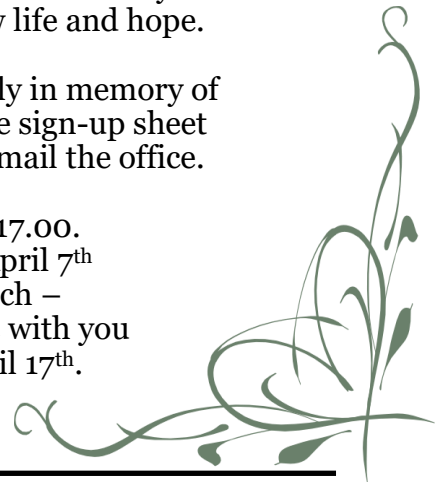
If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the table outside Fellowship Hall or email the office.

The cost of each Easter Lily is \$17.00.

Payment is due to the office by April 7<sup>th</sup>

– checks made out to the Church –

You can take your Easter Lily home with you after the worship service on April 17<sup>th</sup>.





## March Mission Offering – UMCOR Sunday



**On UMCOR Sunday, our special offering directly affects the ability of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond immediately to disasters and other calamities.** This Special Sunday covers the operating costs of UMCOR, which allows the relief agency to be where it needs to be, when it needs to be there, for as long as it needs to be there. **UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify.**

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Thank you for your generous giving to UMCOR last year. Our congregation donated over \$5,000! Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- ⇒ UMCOR's COVID-19 *Sheltering in Love* campaign was created to assist vulnerable populations around the world impacted by COVID-19, including racial/ethnic and indigenous communities in the United States. Grants from this fund are disbursed quickly and efficiently to address health concerns, food insecurity, water and hygiene limitations and other pressing needs.
- ⇒ UMCOR provided grants to assist Afghan refugees who came to the US.
- ⇒ When tornadoes ripped through Kentucky and other states, we responded.
- ⇒ When natural disasters struck in Haiti and the Philippines, we responded.
- ⇒ When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.
- ⇒ When a massive tsunami devastated lives in the South Pacific, we responded.
- ⇒ And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

## Thank You From:



We received a thank you letter from PAVE thanking the members for their support and donations of their programs and mission to empower those affected by violence.

PROTECT ADVOCATE VALIDATE EDUCATE

*Thank You for your Support!!*

## Thank You From:



We received a thank you letter from UMCOR thanking the members for their support and donations of their International Disaster Response and Recovery outreach.



**SUPER SUNDAYS!!, CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE**

**March 2022 News & Notes**

**Coordinator of Children & Youth Programming**

**SUPER SUNDAYS!!**

*Games!*  
*Bring A Friend!*  
*Bible Stories!*

**MARCH**

*Music!*  
*Arts & Crafts!*  
*Community Circle Time*

**Our Journey Through The Season of Lent**

Following Worship, students will meet in the upstairs Gathering Room. Masks are strongly recommended and we will continue to practice Social Distancing guidelines. We will dismiss at 12:15pm.

Please note: \*\*\*We will participate in Fellowship Time now that it has resumed.

- Our Scriptures for the month will be Luke 4:1-13, Luke 13:31-35, Luke 13:1-9, and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.
- The month will be filled with a variety of activities and projects. We will be using a Lenten Calendar for children each week. They will take one home to share with family and do the daily activities/focuses for each day. There will be cooking experiences, games and video times, music, and a wonderful variety of arts and crafts that will reflect on the lessons for each week. We will have a St. Patrick's Day project for interested children and youth. The items created will be shared with shut-ins and At Home Again residents.
- We will create a Lenten Symbols booklet and select a favorite symbol for each child to use as a base for a specific project to take home.
- We will create a class prayer for this Journey Through Lent and share it each week as we gather.

**Please note: Child Care for infants through Kindergarten children WILL be available during the 10 a.m. Worship Service. (available 9:30am–11:15am)**

May we each be tuned in to the meaning of this holy season.

Blessings and love to you all.

Mary B.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS & NOTES



### United Methodist Women News and Notes March 2022

#### *March UMW Gathering....*

#### *Welcome to ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH*

*March 10th at 10 a.m. (evening program offered at 6:30 p.m.) Fellowship Hall*

#### **PROGRAM...Nehemiah Throws a Party from Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God** **(UMW Program Book)**

- Centering our spirits
- Share the Story of God
- Reflections on the story
- Living the story in this moment
- Taking the most faithful steps

This program is designed to give women of our church and community (INVITE SOMEONE ☺) an opportunity to breathe, celebrate one another, and practice being joyful again after what has been an most extraordinarily difficult year (s).

The primary activity of the gathering will be to have a PARTY celebrating our resilience and the beginning of this new year...hope of spring...and the season of Lent.

\*\* PARTY will be special decorations, refreshments, and treats at individual tables.  
Safe distance and grouping will be built in.

#### ***NOTES***

Packets will be available March 9th for those unable to attend. They will be in the realtor box outside the front entry doors of the church. Links to my video version of the program will be listed in the information. I can text or e-mail the link for anyone requesting that.

Please continue to hold the Club House program in your heart and prayers. Ms. Jen and Susan need our support and care and prayers as they seek new staff and figure ways to enable a Summer Program. They are facing many challenges as they look ahead.

I look forward to your calls, texts or emails. I think it is imperative that we work diligently to see (in safe ways) and care for all the people we can. The church is not a building as the song goes. It is the people . Lets take the time and make the effort to be Faith, Love and Hope in action as we are called to do in the UMW PURPOSE.

PLEASE TEXT OR CALL 920-210-4048 OR E-MAIL me at bakermar1803@gmail.com.

I pray that you find inner peace and take time to listen for Gods voice in the midst of all the clang and clatter of these times. I pray that we continue to be connected in any way possible as we seek to do the Mission work of UMW.

With love, Mary Baker, UMW Unit President

## **March Food Pantry - Faith Lutheran Church**



If you are in need, please call Christine at 920-623-3610 to set up an appointment.

Monetary Donations may be sent to:  
Farmers & Merchants Union Bank.

Non-perishable food donations may be placed  
in the bin at Columbus Pick n Save.

## **Daily Prayer - Pray at 9:20 AM & 9:20 PM**

God, I pray for the Holy Spirit to breakthrough to renew and revive our churches, releasing new hopes, dreams and opportunities to do your will. Reveal to me your vision of the kingdom. Inspire me to use my gifts in ways that go beyond my imagination: with the courage to trust and act.

I pray for the spirit to transform and to use me boldly,  
without limits, to reach and make new disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Amen.



## **Prayer Requests**

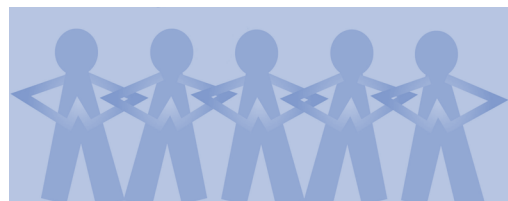
Are you in need of a prayer or know someone who does?

Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Liz.

Call the office at 920.623.3625 or email Pastor Liz at:  
[pastor@columbusumc.org](mailto:pastor@columbusumc.org)

## **Prayer Chain**

If you have any prayer concerns,  
or if you want to join the Prayer Chain,  
please call Louise Sampson at 608-235-1048.





## Equal Exchange Products Now Available!



Columbus United Methodist Women are now selling Equal Exchange products in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will benefit United Methodist Women and UMCOR.

For more details on varieties and prices, please see our display in Fellowship Hall. **New items have recently been added!**

Look for organic cocoa powder, pecans, flavored coffee, and much more!

## Vanco Electronic Giving

Did you know that you are able to make your giving automatic and worry free by signing up through Vanco?

It is easy to sign up and you can schedule your giving to be one time only or recurring and you select the date on which you'd like to give. Please call Louise Sampson at 608.235.1048 if you are interested and she will send you the link to sign on and get started, or check out our secure website link at:  
<https://columbusumc.org/>



## Scrip Orders

***Scrip Cards will be available for purchase on Sundays after services.***

For complete list, go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com/brands](http://www.shopwithscrip.com/brands)



Gift cards can be used anytime.  
Think about where you normally shop or as gifts!

# St. Jerome School Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00AM - 11:00 AM

Drive-thru event

Hosted by: St. Jerome School  
1550 Farnham Street | Columbus, WI



Menu includes:  
Pancakes  
homemade blueberry syrup,  
scrambled eggs,  
sausage links,  
milk or juice



Adults (11 & Up): \$8.00  
Children (4-10): \$4.00

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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*God, your glory is always to have mercy.  
Be gracious to all who have gone astray  
from your ways, and bring them again  
with penitent hearts and steadfast faith  
to embrace and hold fast the  
unchangeable truth of your Word,  
Jesus Christ your Son, who with you  
and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

### March Birthdays

Janice Bolan  
Wesley Karow  
Selena Dymond  
Ann Ehlenfeldt  
Ron Guenther

Happy  
Birthday

Bill Kluetzman  
Karen White  
Della Dartt  
Megan Rake

### March Anniversaries





William & Karen Hamilton  
Brian & Katrina Wodill  
Jesse & Shirley Felland

## MARCH CALENDAR



# MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>2</b> <b>12:00 pm / 6:30 pm</b> Ash Wednesday Service at Faith Lutheran Church	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am</b> Fellowship Time <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday	<b>7</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>9</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Confirmation <b>6:30 pm</b> Ecumenical Worship at Olivet	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 am / 6:30 pm</b> UMW Lunch and Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am</b> Fellowship Time <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday	<b>14</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice <b>6:30 pm</b> Finance Mtg SPRC Mtg	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>16</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Confirmation <b>6:30 pm</b> Ecumenical Worship at Nazarene	<b>17</b>  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Ecumenical Meeting at Community Church of Nazarene	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am</b> Fellowship Time <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice <b>6:30 pm</b> Ad. Council Mtg	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>23</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ecumenical Worship at Presbyterian	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Columbus Schools Spring Break						
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am</b> Fellowship Time <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>30</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Confirmation <b>6:30 pm</b> Ecumenical Worship at UMC-Columbus	<b>31</b>		