



Clifton Springs United Methodist Church

A Loving Church for a Living Lord!

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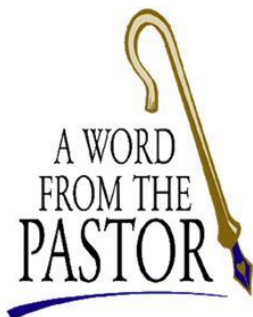
Join us to learn how...

May Newsletter



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church

May 2020 Edition



As we start to think about our Faith Community coming out of Social Isolation, I am beginning to think about and plan how we come back together. I don't believe that a switch is going to be turned

and everything is going to go back to what normal was before the Pandemic. Even before Social Isolation was recommended, we had members who were distancing because of the potential of other illnesses such as the flu. Aspects of our worship and fellowship will still be a challenge such as Communion, hospitality and fellowship time. It's hard to eat and drink if we are all wearing masks.

I am resistant to using the phrase new normal when I don't have a clear sense of what the new is going to be or a sense of what normal is going to be.

In my home we have a sign that says "normal is just a setting on the dryer". It reminds me that normal is a construct of our thinking so that we can evaluate what is happening in our world. It reminds me that what my normal is could be very different from your normal. Our church should be a place where we embrace each other's normal with love, and respect. Most importantly we should embrace each other's normal without judgement.

Social Isolation has been a ministry challenge in that we all have different levels of tolerance and ability to engage with technology. I have concentrated on the virtual aspect of ministry with live stream and recorded video messages. I am aware that I have not reached all of you because we all have different systems of communication available and comfortable to us; it is a consistent reminder that we are community and that we need each other. We are all involved with being community and sharing ministry with each other. If you feel left out from the ministries of our community, I am sorry that you feel that way. Please reach out to me so that we can connect. One of my biggest frustrations has been the lack of accurate contact information. Please take a moment and send me your contact information so that John and I can update your contact information in our Church Management System.

Here are some people and places you can engage in ministry:

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Watch CSUMC: csumc.vidflex.tv

Clifton Springs United Methodist Church Facebook Page

UMCgo App: <https://a3a.me/cliftonsprings>

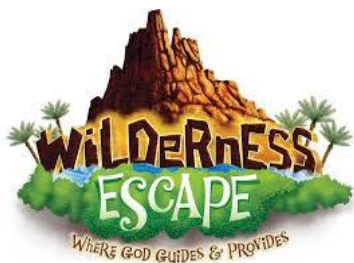
We are all going to have to work together to minister in our community and after being out of the habit of worship and meeting face to face it's going to take time to find rhythm and routine in our constantly changing reality. Be kind, patient and gentle with yourselves and others as we all seek to know a deep relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Brian



News from your Christian Ed Leaders

Greetings from Christian Education! May 31st would have been our last day of Sunday school for the year. Because there are still so many unknowns, we are going to plan a virtual campfire to celebrate the time we had together this year in Sunday school. Join us online Sunday, May 31st as we sing songs, read stories, and look back on all we learned this year! As we get closer it will be decided if this will be live or prerecorded depending on the weather.



We also invite you to join us for this summer's Vacation Bible School Adventure, Wilderness Escape! With groups for ages 2-12 and many roles for volunteers there is something for everyone. Save the date for VBS 2020 August 2nd-6th from 6-8pm! There will also be a special event for teens on

Saturday August 8th. There will be food, games, a campfire, and more! More details will be coming soon. If you are interested in getting involved with these programs or have questions feel free to contact us by email at csumceducation@gmail.com.



May Food News

The Food Pantry continues to be open and handing out food. Donations are always welcome. If you can help or have any questions, please call Dan or Sandy.

Numbers : 315-521-3373 or 315-521-2201



JOIN CINDY FELLOWS FOR COFFEE!

Cindy has been posting a daily devotion on Facebook every day. Please check it out and “share” a cup of coffee and an inspirational message with Cindy. Blessings to Cindy for providing this form of fellowship.

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**PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY
AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH.**

OR COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY ONLINE AT:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G653BLT>

During our time of isolation, we have been offering worship online. Would you please take a few minutes to answer our survey to help us grow?

You can fill this paper out and send it back to:

Clifton Springs UMC

1 E. Main Street

Clifton Springs NY 14432

Or, you may do the survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G653BLT>

1 How likely are you to recommend our online worship to a friend or colleague?

| Not Likely | | | | | Very Likely | | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

2 Overall, how would you rate online worship?

- ☐ **Excellent**
- ☐ **Very Good**
- ☐ **Good**
- ☐ **Fair**
- ☐ **Poor**

3 What do you like about the event?

4 What do you find frustrating about the event?

5 How organized is Online Worship?

- ☐ **Extremely Organized**
- ☐ **Very Organized**
- ☐ **Somewhat Organized**
- ☐ **Not so Organized**
- ☐ **Not Organized at all**

6 How easy is it to access?

- ☐ **Extremely Friendly**
- ☐ **Very Friendly**
- ☐ **Somewhat Friendly**
- ☐ **Not so Friendly**
- ☐ **Not at all Friendly**

7 How helpful was communication before the event?

- ☐ **Extremely Helpful**
- ☐ **Very Helpful**
- ☐ **Somewhat Helpful**
- ☐ **Confusing**
- ☐ **What Communication?**

8 Was the event length too long too short or about right?

- ☐ **Much too long**
- ☐ **Too Long**
- ☐ **About Right**
- ☐ **Too Short**
- ☐ **Much too Short**

9 Is there anything else you would like to share about the event?

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| May 1 | Mackenzie Garver |
| May 3 | Matthew Ranger |
| May 6 | Brad Welker, Rod Brown, Caleb Congilosi |
| May 7 | Jan Wright, Roy Wilkes |
| May 10 | Polly Christiansen |
| May 11 | Danny Bish, Ryan Welker, Sara Upchurch |
| May 12 | Kaitlyn Waite |
| May 14 | Kristina Cicero, Jessica Spence, Gavin Kesel |
| May 15 | Bill Walp |
| May 16 | Melissa Spence, Abraham Thurston, Emily Thurston |
| May 17 | Yvonne Galbraith, Kim Giles |
| May 18 | Ellen Haner |
| May 19 | George Mueller, Adam Warrington |
| May 20 | Stephanie Potter, Conner Hicks, Jamie Wright |
| May 21 | Jackie Doyle |
| May 22 | Bill Smith, Nyoka Smith |
| May 25 | Kierra Ranger, Brandon Fellows, Michael DeHond |
| May 26 | TJ Delpriore |
| May 27 | Meghan Bowman, Ellen Jacksteit, Lynn Spence |
| May 28 | Pam Severson, Elaine Smith |
| May 30 | Carlos Smith, James Goodall |
| May 31 | Allison Wellman, Dana Hall |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| May 1 | Diane & Wayne Williams |
| May 9 | Jim & Gail Conners, George & Mary Lue Mueller |
| May 15 | John & Lynne Sweeney |
| May 18 | Nancy & Bill Walp |
| May 20 | Michelle & Stephen DeCook |
| May 21 | Steve & Sue DeHond, Doug & Joann Mowery |
| May 22 | Larry & Peggy Smith |
| May 26 | Jim & Sharon Mullard |
| May 31 | Jennifer & Scott Mattoon |

Are we missing your special day?

Let John know by email to:
csumcsecretary@gmail.com
or call the church office

Have a Question? Here's who to contact!

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