

March 31, 2024 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Service Assistance:

*Ask an usher if you have a need for hearing-enhancement headsets, footrests, large-print bulletins, hymnals, or Bibles.

*Braille bulletins are available upon request. Please order by Thursday before worship.

Welcome Visitors!

Everyone is welcome at Christ UMC, and we are thankful you are here. Please accept a small gift from our outreach team! If you would like more information about Christ UMC or are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office (970-226-2341).

Adult Sunday School: New Study - The Cross by John Stott. Both Christian Faith and Christian life are rooted in the cross. We will learn the "heart" of the cross, what was accomplished there for us, our worship, our call to mission, our ability to love our enemies, and how the cross transforms everything! Sunday mornings, 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. in Room 208 --- Everyone is welcome! Any questions, call Sue (970-218-8701). Thanks!!

Fellowship Time will be after the service in the Fellowship Hall, across the narthex and up the stairs.

Monday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study: We are finishing our Lenten Study, "Signs of Lent", and beginning our study of Apostle John. A life-changing encounter with God's word from the book of John. We meet at the church in room 107. We'd love for you to join us. For more information, contact Joyce Clayton (970-493-4124).

Tuesday Evening Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.) We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. This month we are studying James W. Moore's "Attitude is your Paintbrush". Based on Romans 12:1, this study inspires readers to transform negative, pessimistic attitudes into positive, optimistic attitudes centered on the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Join us on the 26th at 7:00 pm in the lounge, where we learn about the attitudes of Confidence and Determination. Contact Carma at Mynacee@aol.com for information and materials.

"On the Road Again," but not with Willie Nelson! Seekers Bible study will begin James W. Moore's *On The Road Again: A Faith Journey* on April 2 at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to join the group for study, fellowship, and the occasional chuckle each Tuesday morning for this 7-week discovery of some of the people Jesus met: would-be disciples, the rich young ruler, Zacchaeus, little children, the woman bent double, Pontius Pilate, and Cleopas. Contact Carol Hopson (817-228-3452) for more information or just show up!

Mason Place Donations: Thank you all for your donations of personal hygiene products (men and women), condiments, USED radios, DVD players, or small TVs, and NEW towels and queen bedding for Mason Place. These small gifts can have a huge impact! Thank you, again!

Vacation Bible School is back for 2024! Join us for Camp Firelight at Christ United Methodist Church, June 10th through 13th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3. Camp Firelight caters to children ages 3 to 12, and registration has begun! If you have any questions, want to VOLUNTEER, or are interested in helping in any capacity, contact Cori Rice, childrensministriescumc@gmail.com, or 970-690-6197.

Infant and Toddler care, birth to 2 is in room 13 with Ms. Valerie during the service. Ms. Cori will be in the narthex to greet you!

Children's Sunday School ages birth through 14 is available. Children 3 and up may start the service with their families. A volunteer will give the Children's Message shortly after the beginning of the service, after which we will go down to room 14 for Sunday School. Invite your family members and friends with children to join us for Sunday service!

Interested in volunteering for the Children's Message? Contact Cori Rice at childrensministriescumc@gmail.com for more information!

Join the CUMC Children's Department: on March 31st for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** Ms. Cori will be waiting at the west doors at 11 A.M., following the service. Hope to see you there!

United Women in Faith is collecting jewelry to sell at Bunco on April 13th. Do you have something that you no longer wear, but think someone else would? Please bring your treasures to church, and leave them in the "bling basket" in the Narthex. Or, call Linda Glover, 970-481-1415, if you are unable to bring them to church. We will be collecting jewelry now through April 7th. Bunco and jewelry sales will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Faith Builders Luncheon: Interested in learning more about Habitat's Faith Build program or just excited about Habitat?? A FREE LUNCHEON will be held Thursday, April 25th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 11:30 a.m.) at First United Methodist Church and YOU ARE INVITED. Sue Ptacek (our CUMC rep to Habitat) is putting together a table of 6 interested people and invites you to join us ---- please let her know of your interest so our CUMC table will be filled for that event! It is hoped that attendees will choose to give a donation at that time, but is definitely not required.

United Methodist Special Giving Sunday for United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**). We have received additional donations, for our current total of \$780.00. These funds cover the UMCOR administrative costs. This allows additional donations to UMCOR to be applied 100% in helping those affected by natural disasters. Your generous gifts DO make a difference! Thank you!

THANKS to everyone who volunteered for our 2-week FFH rotation in February. CUMC along with our support churches provided 59 volunteers and approximately 528 hours of service. This ministry would not be possible without ALL of you. Your dedication and flexibility are indispensable. Please remember the families and other volunteers in your prayers, and may God bless you. Nathalee & Kendra

Looking for something useful to do with your TABOR refund???

How about donating it to the Church's Operating Fund? 2024 has started slowly for Operating Fund donations. This important fund keeps our church operating. The church will put it to good use and it's tax-deductible in Colorado!

Pledging for Roof Capital Campaign --- Traditional IRA Requiring Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Many of us have a Traditional IRA account that currently requires minimum distribution on an annual basis. A suggestion for a pledge is to apply a portion or entire RMD for 2024 to the Roof Capital Campaign. Why? It can be classified as a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) by having the RMD sent directly by the brokerage firm to Christ United Methodist Church by check or electronically. QCD is **not** taxable income and lowers your adjusted gross income on your 1040 tax form. Lowering adjusted gross income can potentially reduce your Social Security or Medicare parts B & D on premium surcharges for the next calendar year. *Please inform CUMC treasurer and financial secretary if you plan to exercise your RMD as QCD to CUMC for the Roof Capital Campaign with your pledge card.*

Do you have a prayer request? Either joys or concerns can be shared by putting your request in the prayer box in the narthex or by emailing the church office, (info@cumc-fc.org). Be sure to use this email address when corresponding with the office.

Bulletin announcement deadline: Tuesday noon of the week you want it included.

Newsletter deadline: Articles for the newsletter are due on the third Monday of each month.

Offering: Please know that whatever gifts you can share are appreciated as we continue to grow as Christ UMC. Thank you!

Meetings/Events this week:

Church Office Hours (M-F): 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Office is closed from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Morning Glory Preschool (M-F): 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Adult Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in room 107 - childcare is available if needed

Children's and Youth Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. in room 014

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Joyful Noise Belles: Sunday 1:00 p.m. in room 106

Bible Study: Monday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in room 107

Quilt Group: Monday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 018

Roof Committee and Shingle Rep: Monday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 107

UWF Leadership Team Meeting: Monday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in room 018

Trustees: Monday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in room 107

Seekers Bible Study: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in room 107

CUMC Green Team: Wednesday 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. in room 107

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Friendship Circle: Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Homes)