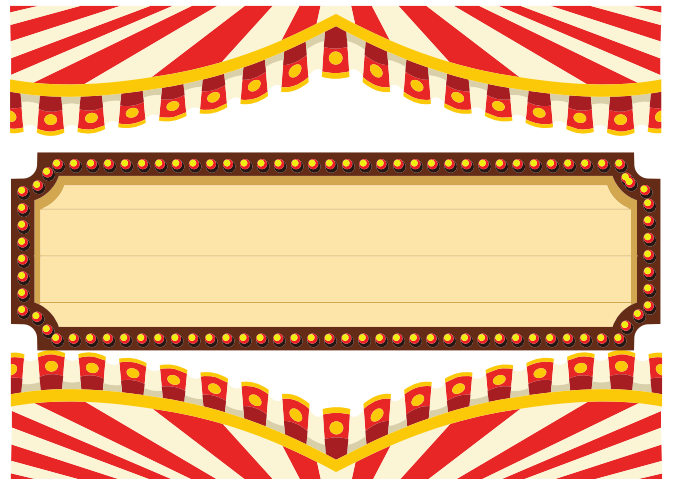


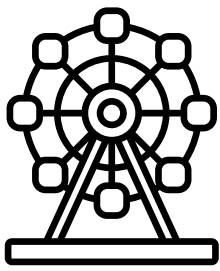


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**September 2024**

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# A note from Pastor Drew



Last year, when the Charge Conference approved the process for a new strategic plan, I was excited, but I was not ready for how much fun the process has been. The group that the Nominations/Lay Leadership Team put together have put their whole selves into this process. They have showed up, done their homework, and covered the whole process with prayer, laughter, and missional intentionality—all things that lie at the heart of our church.

In this process, we have worked with Rev. Rod Kalajainen who is a ministry coach from the Conference who has worked with dozens of other congregations and his advice and counsel have been valuable in pushing our team to do its best work and to incorporate many ideas and best practices from other vital and growing churches.

We began our work looking at our community and imagining God's calling for our church. Next we prayerfully looked at our congregation and its particular gifts and abilities to see how our particular congregation may be called into God's activity around us. Finally we moved into the hard work of putting that discernment and clarity work into defining our church's mission, vision, and core values. These three statements are intended to be the guiding principles for the rest of our plan and for the ministries of our church going forward. It is our hope that these statements will feel both familiar to the congregation, as if they are describing who we are as a church on our best days, as well as inspirational so that you can see the direction where God is calling us into greater faithfulness.

I am grateful that these statements were affirmed this week by Church Council, and we look forward to answering your questions on Sunday at the Congregational meeting during Fellowship Time after worship.

Our next step in this process is to identify what our main goal is as a congregation and then develop a plan to present to church council that will help us to achieve that. Thank you so much for your prayers in this process!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Drew".

Rev. Drew Weseman



## Mission

CUMC is living and sharing God's love and hope.

## Vision

CUMC is a compassionate community, centering on Christ, working to meet the physical and spiritual needs of all people so that everyone may have a relationship with Jesus.

## Core Values

- **Jesus-centered:** Jesus is our model, companion, and goal.
- **Love:** We love because God first loved us.
- **Service:** Our faith is lived through our lives and actions.
- **Hospitality:** We are called to welcome everyone as God's beloved children.
- **Compassion:** We seek to walk alongside others with love and hope.

## Strategic Planning Committee

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| • Connie Heidbrink | • Michelle Brokaw | • Steve Clark   |
| • Dianne Rangler   | • Shone Rhyner    | • Wendell Moyer |
| • John Friedel     | • Stan Eldridge   | • Pastor Drew   |



# September Nurse's Notes

September is **Healthy Aging Month**. As none of us are getting younger, we're all getting older, so even if you don't think this applies to you, it does! According to the National Institute of Aging, (NIA) many factors influence healthy aging. Some of these, such as genetics, are not in our control. Others – like exercise, a healthy diet, going to the doctor regularly, and taking care of our mental health – are within our reach. Research supported by NIA and others has identified actions you can take to help manage your health, live as independently as possible, and maintain your quality of life as you age.

While scientists continue to actively research how to slow or prevent age-related declines in physical health, they've already discovered multiple ways to improve the chances of maintaining optimal health later in life. Taking care of your physical health involves staying active, making healthy food choices, getting enough sleep, limiting your alcohol intake, and proactively managing your health care. Small changes in each of these areas can go a long way to support healthy aging.

Mental health, or mental wellness, is essential to your overall health and quality of life. It affects how we think, feel, act, make choices, and relate to others. Managing social isolation, loneliness, stress, depression, and mood through medical and self-care is key to healthy aging. A study by the CDC in November of 2023 reported an increase in age-related suicides. People ages 75 and older had the highest rates of suicide among all age groups.

Older adults who are isolated or report feeling lonely are at a high risk for suicide, heart disease, lung conditions and depression. Research has also shown that recurrent depression is a risk factor for dementia. Likewise, A 2020 longitudinal study demonstrated a link between positive mood and better cognitive control.

Many cultures revere their elders and appreciate the wisdom and experience they (OK, we) have to offer. Other cultures worship youth. Many of our elders feel put aside. You who are younger, ask for their stories, seek to understand. One of the best books I've read on aging is *Aging to Saging* by Zalman Schachter Shalomi and Ronald Miller.

Deuteronomy 32:7 says, "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you."

*Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director 269-535-1032  
Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store*



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Ava Batten  
 1 - Grace Bowman  
 3 - Susan Leist  
 6 - Hollis Mallory  
 11 - Max Morris  
 12 - Deb Davis  
 14 - Alice Keith  
 15 - Kathy Knautz  
 16 - Sharon Rumsey  
 17 - Carmita Hunter  
 23 - Phillip Cripe  
 23 - Bonnie Moyer

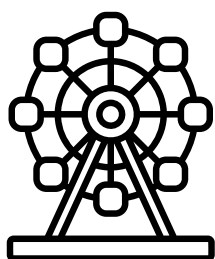
## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9 - Scott & Emily Hansson  
 10 - Tadd & Deb Davis  
 10 - Doug & Debbie Wright  
 14 - Kole & Hayla Mostrom  
 18 - John & Christy Friedel  
 19 - Jason & Nicole Morris  
 26 - Rob & Susan Leist



## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

**Finance: 9/3 at 6 pm**  
**Church Council: 9/3 at 7 pm**  
**SPRC: 9/10 at 7 pm**  
**Building Hope Free Store: 9/12 at 6 pm**  
**Worship Committee: 9/17 at 7 pm**



## Financial Update

August 2024

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	August	Year To Date
Pledged Income	8,965.00	79,867.54
Non-Pledged Income	1,554.63	12,203.05
Endowment - Gen.	-	2,681.53
Building Use	200.00	1,630.00
Other	2,170.00	6,238.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>* \$12,889.63</b>	<b>\$ 102,620.16</b>
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	* 10,838.05	47,199.48
Ministry Shares	1,255.50	9,864.50
Property and Utilities	2,853.37	17,825.74
Administrative	527.87	6,385.98
Worship	290.00	1,986.86
Program and Education	-	579.25
Other	355.62	355.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,120.41</b>	<b>\$ 84,197.43</b>
<b>Net:</b>	<b>* -\$3,230.78</b>	<b>\$ 18,422.73</b>

<b>Missions Income</b>	<b>\$ 668.85</b>	<b>\$ 10,887.11</b>
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<b>Boiler Income</b>	<b>670.00</b>	<b>17,925.00</b>
<b>Total Cost of Boiler</b>		<b>25,049.47</b>

### Items of note:

- There were 3 payroll periods in August, causing expenses to be up.
- Income was a bit lower in August
- Our YTD is still maintaining a positive Net Balance

**For full financial information, please contact the church office.**

**For all financial questions, please contact John Friedel or Pastor Drew.**

# Writer's Group



Writer's Group is currently meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am, if you would like to join us. Contact Shone Rhyner for more information.

**2024 Advent Booklet theme will be:**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**Scripture verse: Joel 1:3**

*3 Tell it to your children,  
and let your children tell it to their children,  
and their children to the next generation.*

**Submissions will be accepted starting immediately and will be due November 17th.**

## Welcoming

I miss my grandmother everyday. I wish so often to see her, to talk to her, to be hugged by her. I know in my heart that one day I will see her again. She is in heaven. I know God is caring for her. I just want to hear from her.

I have no doubt that grandma's welcoming attitude is being put to good use there in heaven. God is allowing her to use her gifts to help others as they settle in. She is helping care for any newcomers to Heaven. That's just who she is, making everyone feel at home. I know God is letting her welcome others. She's part of the Welcoming committee.

I want to see her, but I'll be much older when I do. She'll run to me with all my family and friends who've gone before. But she's the first to reach me, the one I'm named after. She'll hold me and tell me I did well. I've lived well. She will comfort me as I look back to earth and see Katy, maybe even Chris as they mourn. I'll miss them, but know that eventually they will be here too. Grandma will keep me comforted. She's the most caring of us all. This is the person mom and I learned to care for. Not just mom and I but all who knew her.

*Sarah McCall*



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# Missions & Events

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## Celebrating a New School Year

Pastor put together some care packages to celebrate our members who are teachers as they embark on another school year. We know how hard those teachers work to teach our children, and how often they go overlooked. We are blessed to have you all as part of our church family & we hope everyone has a great school year!



**TEACHING IS A  
WORK OF HEART**

## Bible Study and worship Series

We have started a new Bible study, on the book of Mark. This study will follow along and build on the September worship series. This study will be Wednesday at 12:00 pm, available both in-person and virtual. Each week will cover 2 chapters of Mark.

This bible study will follow alongside our new Sunday Worship Series:

*Moments From Mark*

Join us on Sunday's at 10 am in-person or live on FaceBook



## Wesleyan Rooted Series

In August, our church focused on rediscovering Wesleyan Theology. This five part worship series started with Grow Deeply, when we focused how growing in God's grace is a lifelong journey.

Next we turned our focus to Read Faithfully. Our Wesleyan roots give us the best way to read and apply the bible faithfully, allowing the Spirit to speak to us rather than imposing our own agendas.

Then we moved into Love Actively, where in Wesleyan tradition we believe it is important to translate faith into loving actions.

This was followed by Embrace Widely, as we are called to be people of wide embrace. Our love of the "other" is rooted in God's love for us, and we seek to love others as we have been loved in Christ.

We wrapped up this fun series with Serve Impactfully. God invites us to partner in His mission of love, and therefore we assume the Christlike posture of a servant.



# Missions & Events

## Operation: Christmas Child

Operation: Christmas Child mission has started for 2024. If you would like to get started, please contact Sharon Clark for more information. It is always fun to see how many shoeboxes we can fill to bless as many children as possible, as well as to get the reports to where our boxes ended up arriving at in the world.



## Community Dinner

We continue to host our Community Dinners on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please feel free to drop in for a meal & fellowship and invite a friend! If you would like to help with a meal, please see Christy or Connie.

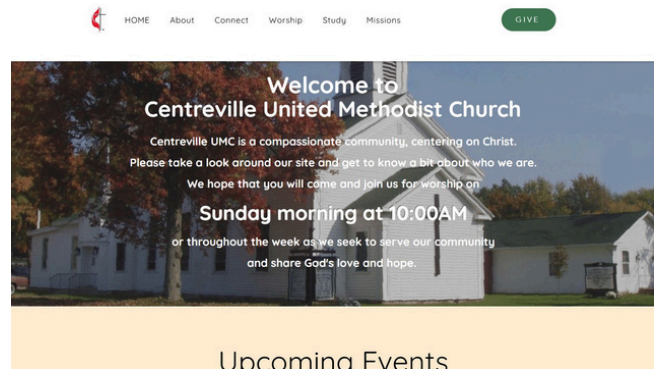


## New Church Website & weekly emails

We are excited to announce the launch of our **\*\*NEW\*\*** website!!

**centrevilleumc.org**

Please feel free to check it out. We have the weekly bulletin posted there under worship this week, our upcoming events and announcements, and more.



## Choir

It's that time of year again! Choir is ready to start back up again, and the first practice will be Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm.

The first Choir performance during worship is scheduled for Sunday, September 22.





# Adventures of Tiny Jesus

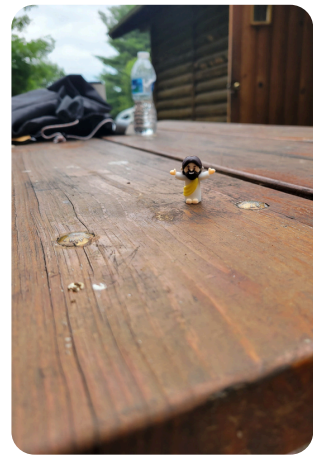
Tiny Jesus enjoyed the dog days of summer, getting in those last minute trips & fun before fall. We do love to see where Jesus' adventures continue!



Rock painting fun!



Eby Pines Summer vacation



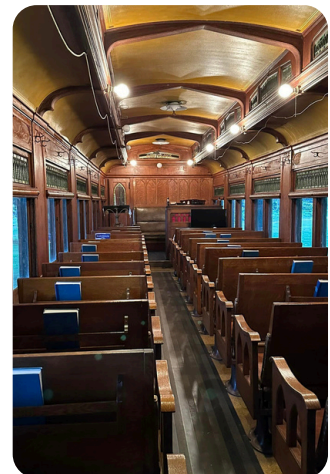
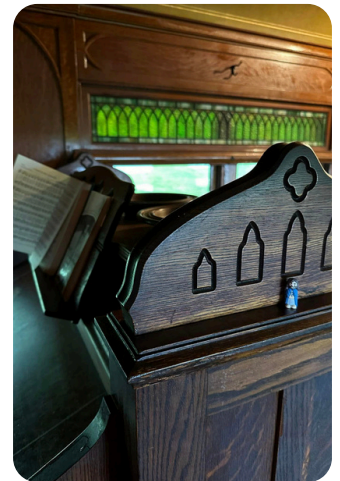
Enjoying a summer campfire



Leo & Tiny Jesus



Tiny Jesus visited the Green Lake Conference Center



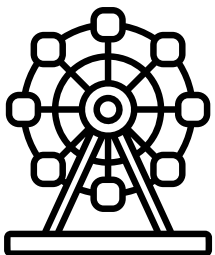
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 10 am	2	3 Finance 6 pm Council 7 pm	4 Bible Study 12 pm	5	6 Food Pantry 10 am	7
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22 Worship Service 10 am DS Installation Westwood UMC 2 pm	23	24	25 Bible Study 12 pm Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Choir Practice 7 pm	26	27 Food Pantry 10 am	28
29 Worship Service 10 am	30					

## September Song Leaders

- 9/1 - Sharon Clark
- 9/8 - Shone Rhyner
- 9/15 - Michelle Brokaw
- 9/22 - Barb Bungart
- 9/29 - Sharon Clark



## September Liturgists

- 9/1 - Shone Rhyner
- 9/8 - Brenda Pearrow
- 9/15 - Michelle Brokaw
- 9/22 - Barb Bungart
- 9/29 - Wendy Pangle

