

The grace of God is like a road
that draws the heart from its first home;
we long to go, but we hate to leave,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."

The love of God is like a stream;
it fills and feeds our deepest dreams;
it finds a thirst and leaves a spring,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."

The peace of God is like a friend
that sees us through the journey's end.
The road is long and the talk is sweet,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."


-Words by Michael Hudson,
Sing to the tune of Gift of Love

I made my vow as a United Methodist clergy that I will follow the itinerary system. Yet, there's never been an easy move from each congregation I have served. There have been mistakes, challenges, and struggles along with beautiful memories and stories of joy, celebration, new understanding, and learning at each place. Leaving behind all of them, what always remains is the feeling of regret that I could have loved more and feared less, as a dear retired colleague once said. In these bittersweet moments of leaving my church family, which became my nurturing place for growth and equipping me as a solo pastor, I thank you, CUMC. Thank you to all who partnered with me through your prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Thank you for bearing with me and for keeping trying through difficult times, because we trust in God and God's provision.

According to the Book of Discipline (§ 351.3, 2020-2024), clergy members in full-time appointments are eligible for a renewal leave from twelve weeks up to six months after serving six consecutive years. After consultation with the District Superintendent and the Cabinet, I was granted a longer vacation before my new appointment. My ministry at CUMC will conclude on May 17, and our wonderful lay speakers will lead worship until July 1. For the emergency pastoral care, Karen Sersen and Linda Mullen will be your help.

Although we will serve in different places, we are on this pilgrimage together, friends. Whenever we are, whatever we do, may we be open to the Spirit and listen to the invitation calling us to come follow. On our separate yet continued journey, may God's abundant grace be our guide and blessing!

Love & Peace,


Pastor Mi-Sook

May/June 2026 Newsletter

 **Reach
Everyone
with Acts of kindness &
build Communities
of Hope**

May 3
5th Sunday of Easter
Communion

May 10
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

May 17
7th Sunday of Easter

May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Gary Gruebnau, Speaker

May 31
Trinity Sunday
Karen Sersen, Speaker

June 7
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
No Communion
Robin Deak, Speaker

June 14
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
Alexis Alm, Speaker

June 21
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Karen Sersen,
Annual Conference Report

June 28
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Karen Sersen, Speaker



CELEBRATE!

May/June Birthdays

Richard Brooke 5/2
 Wanda Holtz 5/7
 Amelie Kukreja 5/10
 Brighten Sunderraj 5/11
 Tom Adamson 5/12
 Hyujae Lee 5/12
 Chuck Perry 5/12
 Cheryl Fournier 5/18
 Nicholas Masek 5/18
 Ruby Zeppo 5/18
 Bryce Aupperle 6/1
 Lisa Greenwood 6/5
 Becky Kock 6/11
 Joshua Brighten 6/16
 Aaron Heider 6/16
 Janice Sierra 6/18
 Eleanor Kilberger 6/20
 Chad Aupperle 6/23
 Elena Agabin 6/27
 Braxton Larocco 6/27
 Dan Kock 6/29
 Charlotte Letterle 6/30

May/June Anniversaries

Maurice & Jennifer Pang 5/6
 Earl & Sherry Mark 5/17
 Mike & Linda Mullen 5/20
 Dan & Wanda Holtz 6/10
 Dan & Becky Kock 6/13
 Hyujae & Mi-Sook Lee 6/13
 Joe & Eleanor Kilberger 6/17
 Chuck & Laurie Perry 6/23
 Walter & Alexis Alm 6/25
 Michael & Leanne Busko 6/25
 Dave & Bonnie Dodge 6/27

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Contact each group leader or call/email the church office to join the conversation. Check the weekly e-news or your leader's email for their in-person and zoom meetings.

Spirituality Group, Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Linda Mullen mullen520@comcast.net

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lisa Greenwood lisajoeegreenwood@yahoo.com

Amy Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Men's Group, Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Praying Stitchers Ministry 🌸 Monday, May 11 & June 8 🌸 1 p.m.

Praying Stitchers invites all who know how to or are willing to learn to sew, knit or crochet! Can't make a daytime meeting? You can still participate! Sew a pillow case (we have an easy pattern). Knit or crochet a 12x12 square (or several) and one of our ladies will put them together making lovely prayer shawls. For more details, see Cheryl Fournier.

Graduate Recognition 🌸 Sunday, May 17

Join us as we celebrate and recognize our graduating students and children that are moving up. If your child or grandchild is graduating and you would like for them to be recognized, please submit their names to the church office or let Pastor Mi-Sook know.

Pastor Mi-Sook's Send Off Party 🌸 Sunday, May 17

Let us come together to celebrate Pastor Mi-Sook and send her off with all our amazing memories and love as she embarks on her next adventure. To help us plan enough food for everyone, we kindly ask that you RSVP by Sunday, May 10, 2026. You can sign up in the church lobby or weekly e-news. As a lasting tribute to recognize Pastor Misook's seven years of faithful service and leadership, we will plant a tree in her honor on Sunday, May 10, immediately after service.

Midwest Mission Trip 🌸 July 12 - 14

This year along with First UMC Woodstock, we will be visiting Midwest Missions on Sunday, July 12 to Tuesday, July 14. We will leave on Sunday afternoon and work on Monday morning, afternoon and Tuesday morning shifts. There are 16 spots available. If you would like to join our volunteer group, please sign up in the church lobby or talk to Eric Linner, the team leader.

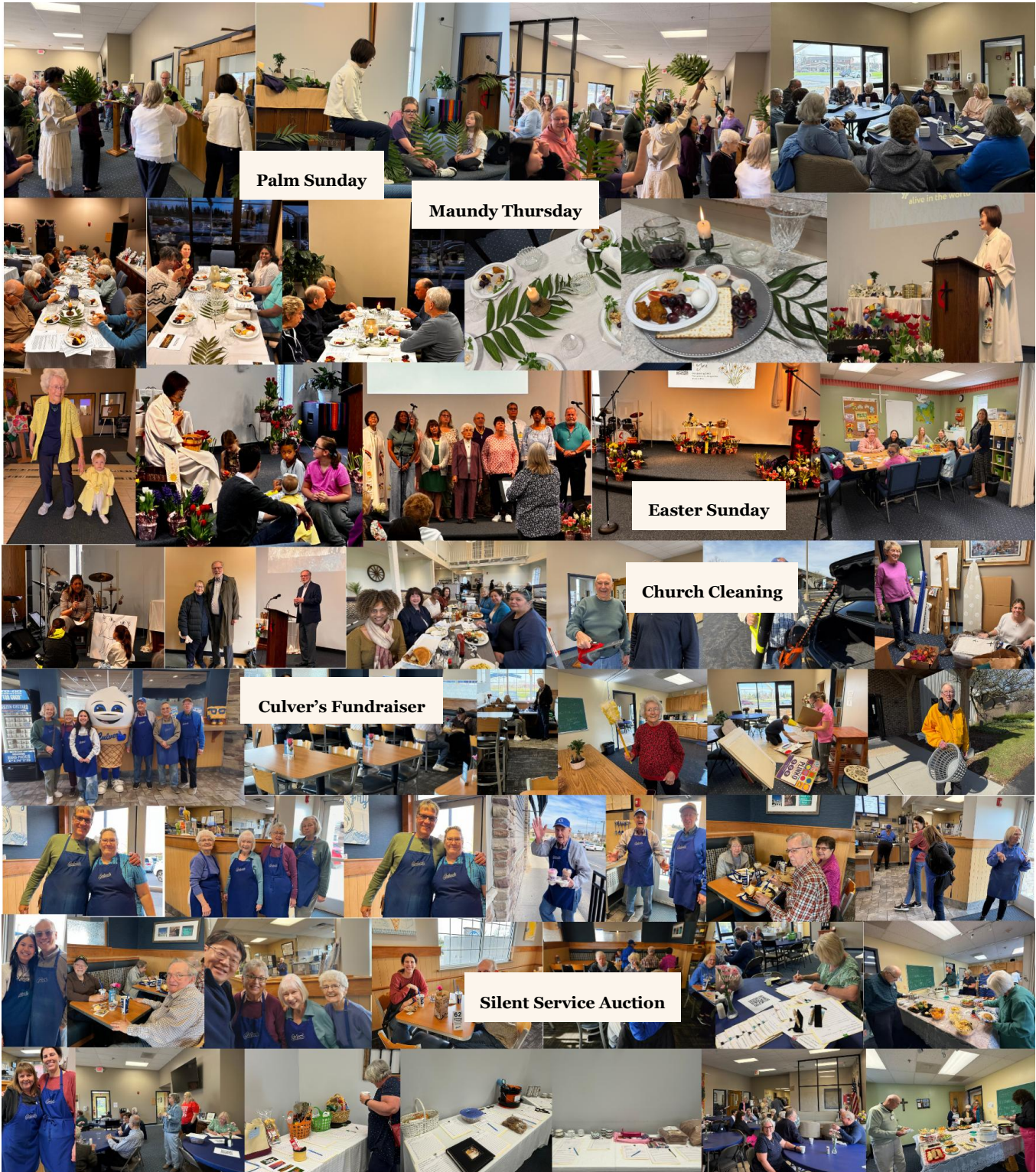
CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 🌸 10:15 a.m.

After Children's Time during worship, the children will be dismissed to the Sunday School room. All children are invited to join the Sunday School class. If you have any questions or would like to teach the class, please contact Mindy Zeppo at mamcall27@yahoo.com.

Youth Group 🌸 Sunday, May 3 & 24 🌸 4 p.m.

We invite all the youth to come meet your friends and have an evening of fun.



**May
Collection**



**You can drop off
gently used clothes &
shoes in the bin.**



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Let Us Give

Greetings from the Mission Team!

THANK YOU to all who purchased food, set up, volunteered and closed out the evening at the Culver's Fundraiser. We made the top 20% (\$1400) and over \$100 in tips. So our grand total as of tonight is...\$1534.28. I think it's our best total in sales and donations to date!! Thank you again!

This year's Silent Service Auction brought in over \$1300! A big thank you to all who donated items and service as well as everyone those who made purchases.

In May, the food collected will be delivered to Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Our monthly "Mission Focus" will be on the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Watch for a brief presentation sometime in May.

In June, the food collected will be delivered to Grafton Food Pantry. Our monthly "Mission Focus" for June will be on the District 158 school supply list and collection. More details to follow.

If you have questions or want to contribute to the food pantries in any way (donating food, delivering food, monetary donation), please contact Michele Linner. Her contact info is: 815-861-6890 (cell) or email her at mlinner@sbcglobal.net.

We need your help to help others!!

**Thank you for being a partner of Christ's ministry
through your generous gifts!**



You can now make all your donations online. Simply visit our website and click the "Online Giving" box on the main page or scan the QR Code on the top. You can also mail the donation to church, use EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) or QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution). For any assistance, contact Joe Greenwood, Financial Secretary at josephgreenwood@yahoo.com or 847-458-4698.

****Save the Date** VBS 🌸 Saturday, July 25 🌸 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Sign up in the lobby and join us for a Minecraft VBS day of fun. "Putting on the Full Armor of God." We will have a special "Minecraft themed" catered lunch from 12:30 - 1 p.m.

