

*"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
Mark 6:31 NIV.*

Welcome to August!

It has already been one month since my pastoral appointment began here at Christ UMC. I praise God for giving me this opportunity to serve and celebrate the mission and ministry with this beautiful community.

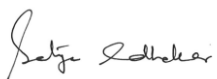
It is a joy to witness the church premises being so active throughout the week. The sanctuary is always welcoming, and our mission projects are visible; the pleasant ambiance in the office, and visits from the three "Church Cranes"; the ongoing Wednesday Spirituality group meetings and bi-monthly committee meetings; Culver's serving nights, the recent VBS; getting in touch with our homebound friends, settling in the parsonage and getting to know Crystal Lake and Algonquin neighborhoods and many more of these activities are cheerful moments and visible signs of our fruitful ministries.

While balancing church work and our personal lives, things can become even busier with final summer activities. Whether it is one last vacation, outdoor concerts, gardening, or family gatherings, our downtime can often be used up by chores and events. This is why I believe we need to pause and unplug a bit. This is why Jesus invites us to find rest in between those busy activities. Summer is a time to seek rest, play, and renewal that the human heart longs for. Therefore, I invite you to join our new summer sermon series, "Season of Rest: Rest. Work. Play." adapted from the Breakthrough, worship resource.

"Embracing the gift of rest allows us to become people of restoration, renewal, and wholeness. In this four-week series, we explore the profound importance of rest in our lives. We start with Elijah's experience of divine rest, learn how to find a healthy balance of rest, work, and play, understand the rhythm of rest for all creation modeled by God, and affirm that God has given everyone the gift of rest to be embraced."

Jesus values rest, and so do we! Join us as we learn about God's invitation to rest.

Peace and Blessings,



Pastor Satya Sudhakar.

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Aug 2

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

"Rest before the long journey"

1 Kings 19:1-9 NIV

Aug 9

11th Sunday after Pentecost
"Gift of Rest for all God's Creation"

Leviticus 25:1-7 NIV

*Guest Speaker, Gary Gruebnaue

Aug 16

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Back to School Blessing
"Rest modeled by God (Sabbath)."

Genesis 2:1-3

Matthew 11:28-30

Mark 6:30-31

***Meet the Pastor Potluck**

Aug 23

13th Sunday after Pentecost
"Let your Soul Find Rest in God"

Psalms 62:1-8 NIV

Aug 30

14th Sunday after Pentecost
"When Seasons Change, God's Love Remains."

Lamentations 3:22-26 ESV



August Birthdays

Stryder Gustafson 8/1
Phyllis Wischoffer 8/2
Doug Litterski 8/3
Eric Linner 8/4
Terence Agabin 8/5
Hanh Le 8/17
Casey Deak 8/20
Logan Moring 8/21
Linda Mullen 8/23
Mike Mullen 8/25
Debbie Thomas 8/31

August Anniversaries

Ronald & Brenda
Gray 8/1

Don & Robin
Deak 8/15

Eric & Michelle
Linner 8/18

Joe & Lisa
Greenwood 8/20

If you are celebrating your birthday and/or anniversary this month, but do not see your name, please call the office and let us know.

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. *** Summer Break***

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, August 10 * 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.

Back to School Blessing * Sunday, Aug 16

We invite all students and teachers to join us for the Back to School Blessing on Sunday, Aug 16 during service. Together, we will bless them for a happy and healthy new school year. Students, don't forget to bring your book bags to be blessed.

Welcome Potluck * Sunday, Aug 16 * Following Service

Join us for a welcome potluck for Pastor Satya on Sunday, 8/16, immediately after service. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share a meal and get to know our new pastor and family in a relaxed and welcoming setting. See the sign up in the church foyer. When signing up, indicate the dish you plan to bring (main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert) and how many will be attending. Even if you are unable to bring a dish, please join us—your presence is the most important part of the celebration! We hope to see you there

Children's Message Ministry

Are you looking for a place to serve at CUMC? We're forming a Children's Message Ministry for those who are interested in leading the children's message on a given Sunday. We're estimating a rotating schedule every 3-4 months. This is an awesome opportunity to get to know our CUMC kids better, and serves an invaluable need within our Sunday worship. Please see Robin Deak or email her at themightydeaks@gmail.com with questions or if you want to be a part of this new ministry.

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 Summer Break

We will resume Youth Group in August with our annual 6 Flags trip.



August Collection



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



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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

Update: Four of us went on a short mission trip to Midwest Missions, located in Pawnee, IL (near Springfield) from July 12-14. It was a great trip, and we met a lot of great people. We also learned a great deal about how Midwest Missions responds and serves people around the world and around the corner. We worked on projects including student desks, personal dignity kits, packing food bags, and loading trucks. Watch for a short presentation from those who went on the trip on August 23rd during worship. Any questions, ask Eric Linner, Michele Linner, Amy Doyle, or Tom Letterle about their experiences and think about joining us next year – the more the merrier and the more people we can serve!!



Thank you to all who joined us at Culver's in Crystal Lake on July 22nd and took the trays to the tables. Also, thanks to those who came out and had dinner. We will let you know soon how much was collected.

We are up and running for our school supplies and backpack collection. We have the lists, which are on the lobby bulletin board and a bin for purchased supplies and backpacks. If you want someone else to shop for you, please consider a donation. A backpack and supplies are approximately \$50. Deadline is Sunday, August 2nd. Any questions, ask Michele Linner. We will have a short backpack blessing on Sunday August 2nd before we deliver the school supplies to the Huntley Admin office to be distributed to needy families so please have your supplies brought to the church by that date.

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.

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