

The Steeple



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Speaks the Word of God...

Shares the Love of Christ...

Makes the Kingdom of God Visible...

Special Appeal Response in 2022 was Very Generous!

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In the fall of last year, we asked the congregation to help eliminate our deficit in our church's operating fund. We challenged everyone to pitch in and raise \$30,000. This was a big goal but a very necessary one. By the end of the year our congregation gave \$29,569 to this special appeal. Thank you so much for your faithfulness to our church and our mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity. This erased our

deficit and enabled us to pay all of our bills by the end of the year. All of the Special Appeal money received stayed here at our church.

We, however, did not pay our full apportionment to the Conference for the second straight year. That remains a goal as we work through our vision of selling three rental properties and paying down our CLC mortgage. The balance of this mortgage stands at \$1,012,558 at the end of 2022.

Speaking of our vision, the first of three rental properties we plan to sell went on the market right before Christmas. The leases on the other two properties end in August of this year, and at that time the Trustees will move to place those properties on the market. We pray by the end of 2023 to have our CLC mortgage paid down significantly. We will keep you updated as we move through this very important year in the life of our church.

Pastor Allan



Schedule of Events

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| Feb 1 | UWF Board Meeting | Feb 22 | Ash Wednesday Worship Services 11 am & 7pm with communion |
| Feb 9 | Trustees Meeting | Feb 22 | Lenten Lunches Begin |
| Feb 11 | UWF Valentine Day Tea | Feb 28 | Book Review Group |
| Feb 14 | Finance Committee Meeting | Mar 1 | Lenten Lunch |
| Feb 16 | Spaghetti Dinner | Mar 3 | Friday Night Live for Kids - Jengapalooza |
| Feb 17 | The Chosen | | |
| Feb 21 | Church Council Meeting | | |

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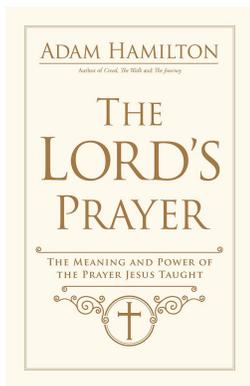
ASH WEDNESDAY February 22 11:00am & 7:00pm



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, 40 days and six Sundays before Easter. We will gather for worship with communion and the imposition of ashes at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

You can come in the morning where we will have special music by Kevin Jenkins or the evening with our choir singing. Let's begin our Lenten journey together.

Churchwide Lent Study



Can you believe it was just last year that we came together for The Walk? What a wonderful season of Lent we experienced together as we focused on the 5 Essential Practices of the Christian Life.

We are planning for this year's Lenten study, The Lord's Prayer. Books will be available the beginning of February. There will also be small groups walking through this study together. Make sure you are watching the bulletin, email, and

online for more details. Might God be inviting you to lead a small group this Lent? Please reach out to Pastor Tai if you have any questions.

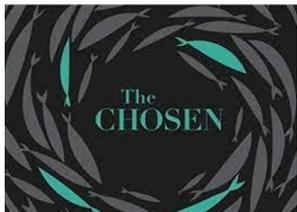
The power and significance of the prayer Jesus taught.

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and

power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to His followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through His disciples, how to pray.

The Chosen



Friday, February 17th
The Chosen Watch Party
in the Sanctuary
6:30-8pm
Season 2
Episodes 7 & 8.

The Chosen is a fully crowd-funded show that follows the ministry of Jesus. This moving series is great for the entire family.

Come experience the Gospels in a new way that is reaching millions.

Mandy's Garden- Sowing the Seeds of Faith



News from Mandy's Garden - It might be winter in the garden, but the garden is still alive! Children's Ministry is off to a running start in 2023 and the pace is starting to heat up!

Sunday February 12th - The **children's choir** will sing at the 11am service.

Friday March 3rd -**Friday Night Live Jengapalooza!** At the CLC 6-8pm. Watch for tickets to go on sale February 13th.

Saturday March 25th-**Community Easter Egg Hunt** 9am-noon. The

Easter Bunny will be there with photographer, Tracie Baker. Snacks will be provided in the Fellowship Hall with bins to return your plastic eggs!

Easter candy is needed to fill eggs for the egg hunt. Please donate egg-sized, individually wrapped Easter candy by March 12th in the tote at top of the Welcome Center stairs.

Sunday April 2nd -**Palm Sunday** - The Sunday School children will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am to walk over to the CLC with the Sun-

day School teachers where they will process with palms. The children will return to the Fellowship Hall to eat Palm Sunday Breakfast. Then the children will process at the 11am service and sing for the last time of the 2022-23 Sunday School Year!

Easter Sunday, April 9th. NO Sunday School, enjoy this Holiest Day with your family!

Blessings,
Mandy Gilberti



United Women in Faith



All women are invited to the upcoming

Valentine's Day Tea on Saturday, February 11th, 12-2 pm at the CLC. Bring your favorite tea cup. Sign up in the church office or use the tear-off sheet in the church bulletin. Groups of 5 or more can reserve a table. A love offering will be taken.

Help Wanted: UWF board has positions open- Communications and Program Resources.

The **Lenten lunches** will begin on Wednesday, February 22nd from 12-1pm and continue March 1,8,15, 22, 29.

Sign up in the church office or by using the tear off portion of the bulletin.

Lunches will be catered by Pj's Deli and Catering. The cost will be \$7.00. February 22nd we will have potato soup.

Help is needed as well as cake bakers. Call Judy Rogers- 724-495-3850 if you are interested in lending a hand.



United Women in Faith

NEXT DOOR

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY NIGHTS

JR. HIGH (GRADES 6-8) MEETS FROM 5:00-7:00
SR. HIGH (GRADES 9-12) MEETS FROM 6:00-8:00

NO YOUTH GROUP ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MARCH 13



confirmation class

- 9th grade students & up
- begins March 5th, ends May 21
 - *no class April 2, April 9*
- confirmation sunday: June 4 at which ever service you and your family attends
- classes will take place during the 11:00 service

SPAGHETTI DINNERS

FEBRUARY 16 | MARCH 16



When Jesus was on earth, he wasn't exactly known for telling people what they wanted to hear. Jesus' message was unlike any message people had ever heard before. He didn't give shallow motivational speeches or feel-good sermons. He didn't recycle the same messages other religious leaders were teaching. He flipped people's ideas about God, the world, and themselves completely upside down – usually in uncomfortable ways. And that's always how God's words have worked! In this four-week series, we'll compare Jesus' words in the Gospels with the words of the Old Testament prophets to see how God's words have always challenged our understanding of what's wrong or right, good or bad, and just or unjust. We'll talk about how, both then and now, God flips our **assumptions about who God values**, our **definition of righteousness**, our **understanding of what's good enough**, and our **definition of justice**.

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Mission and Outreach 2023



The Mission and Outreach Team is excited to share with you the Monthly Mission Giving we have planned for 2023. Each month we will highlight for you what that month's mission giving accomplishes. For the Month of January your mission giving has gone into the General Mission Fund. This is how we've started every year in recent history. This general fund allows for support of groups or individuals as a need or opportunity might arise in our community.

Our Monthly Mission for February is Rise Against Hunger. This program, originally called Stop Hunger Now, started over 25 years ago by a pastor, one person. In

2021 Rise Against Hunger packaged 17+million meals, impacting 2.7+million lives, with 27.3+million meals distributed worldwide! From the implementation of sustainable community development projects to their meal packaging program that harnesses the passion of local volunteers, they strive to make an impact on hunger. Targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets worldwide, they work through local leaders to build resilience, self-sufficiency, and empowerment. For many years now we have given about \$5,000 each year which allows us to pack close to 14,000 meals to be distributed around the world.

Current Countries Engaged: Belize | Burundi | Cambodia | eSwatini | Dominican Republic | Democratic Republic of Congo | Ghana | Haiti | Honduras | India | Kenya | Madagascar | Nicaragua | Philippines | Uganda | Somalia | South Africa | Vietnam | Zimbabwe

MONTHLY MISSIONS 2023

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| January | General Mission Fund |
| February | Rise Against Hunger |
| March | Holiday Food Bags |
| April | Ashes to Life |
| May | Emma Boyer/CYN |
| June | Natural Disaster Fund |
| July | Help Build Hope |
| August | Community Meals (Central UMC) |
| September | Tiger Pause |
| October | Meals on Wheels |
| November | Beaver County Prison Chaplain |
| December | Women's Shelter of Beaver County |

Upcoming Mission Opportunities and Updates

Help Build Hope – House Build

SAVE THE DATES September 22-23, 2023

If you hadn't heard yet, we're scheduled to work with Help Build Hope in September. We'll be talking a lot more about this in a few months. We'll need lots of volunteers to make this happen. Were you at the breakfast on Sunday, January 15? It was a

great first step in our plan to build another house in our parking lot this year. There were about 13 people that volunteered to help make the breakfast possible with many of them from the Quest Sunday School class. Over \$1,200 was donated through the breakfast to help us build hope!

Thank you to all!

Rise Against Hunger

Again this year we'll be taking an afternoon to pack several thousand meals that will be sent around the globe. Close to 14,000 was the number of meals packed in just a few hours last year. So mark your calendars for Sunday, May 21 at 1pm in the CLC! We want you all to be able to join us in a fun filled afternoon for all ages.

Easter Food Bags

We will be handing out the grocery bags the first weekend of March. You have been incredibly generous at helping to feed families around our area. We received close to 300 bags of groceries in the Fall. We can't wait to see what you will do at Easter for help Make the Kingdom Visible to the neighbors around us.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Tai

Thank you Thank you Thank you

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Our Church Family and Thank You



Sympathy Prayers

Family and Friends of
Esther Stanyard
Family and friends of
Sally Wagoner
Suzy Plassmeyer on the
loss of her mother and
father
Cathy Sicard on the loss
of her mother

The family of Esther Stanyard acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of

Hello All,

Wanted to drop a quick note and tell you thanks for sending the Christmas stockings, was at work with our folks here at Al Asad Airbase, Iraq and got a visit from Santa and his elf security detachment....

Dear Allan,

I am writing to thank Chippewa United Methodist Church for the sheaf of wheat sent for my father's funeral. My father served in many ways at the church, and I am grateful for my earthly father who was instrumental in my knowing my Heavenly Father.

I was able to meet Bill Wiggins at the funeral

Memorials Given to the Memorial Development Fund

In memory of Esther Stanyard by Ed and Sharon Frankovich, Nadine and Mike Woodall, Scott and Tina Reed, Judy Rogers, Tim and Lisa Lipp, Joseph Lampus, Kent and Marcia Parkhill

sympathy.
Thank you so much for the sheaf of wheat sent

Definitely not expected, but very appreciated – put a smile on everyone's face.

Have a Merry Christmas, and thanks for your support!

V/R

LTC Rick Childers, P.E.,
PMP

and to thank him for his weekly outreach to my father these last couple of years in always sending my father the Sunday morning bulletin. My brothers and I saw many friends from the church and heard wonderful stories of my father.

I will miss my father but I can say my sadness is overshadowed by the joy I have in knowing my fa-

In memory of Merle & Glenda Wagoner by G. Elise Farthing

In memory of Merle Wagoner by Eileen Grade, Kent & Marcia Parkhill

In memory of Bob Beck by Kent & Marcia Parkhill

to her funeral. It was much appreciated.
The Stanyard Family

Commander and District Engineer
Transatlantic Expeditionary District (TAE) | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

ther is experiencing the promises of the resurrection secured by His Lord and Savior Jesus.

If possible, please convey my appreciation to CUMC for their impact on my family. May God continue to bless the church to the Glory of God!

In Christ's Love,
Ken Wagoner



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Book Review Group

The Book Review Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month and will be reading the following selections in the coming months.

We invite you to join us at anytime.

February - *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri

March - *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

April - *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry attended the Christmas Bazaar. I was pleased to pray with 3 people and had 11 people sign pink prayer cards.

Twelve small shawls were given out; nine lap blankets were distributed. Some people passed by and returned to ask what prayer shawls were. We had people not from our

church attend and were so pleased to learn new ideas.

In the year 2022, 27 shawls were given out in the CUMC lobby. Combined with the Christmas Bazaar, that is 39 shawls. In addition to the 9 lap blankets given at the bazaar, 3 blankets were given to Celebration Villa during the cold spell. We are now out

of blankets, but prayer shawls are still available in the church lobby.

A special thanks goes to all who gave and supported this ministry. Thank you to all you wonderful angels.

Eileen Cole
Prayer Team,
Shaw Ministry



Prom Night

April 29th- **YOUR Senior Prom** at the CLC 5-8pm. Watch for tickets to go on sale soon! Go to the prom with your favorite date or go with your favorite group of friends. Enjoy a catered meal served by the Sunday

School children, get your prom picture taken by Tracie Baker, and dance to YOUR favorite songs with DJ Tank.

Bring an old prom picture so that we can guess who you are...for door prizes! Dress any way

you want, casual to formal, it's up to you! Shine up that car and go to the prom!





SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

5:30pm Informal Traditional Worship
Church Sanctuary

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:30am & 11am Morning Traditional Worship
Church Sanctuary

9:45am Contemporary Worship
Community Life Center

Live Streaming on Vimeo.com, Chippewaumc.org, and church app
9:45AM & 11:00AM

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