# **ANNOUNCEMENTS Posted Sunday, March 23, 2025**

This Sunday marks the beginning of our **Easter Flower Sale**, Available for order are:

- Fancy three-color Easter Mums: \$10

- Easter Lilies: \$10

Tulips: \$9Hyacinths: \$9

Order forms will be included in the bulletin, and a devoted member of the Worship Team will be on hand to collect them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 315-699-2731 or email <a href="Mailto:Admin\_Asst@ciceroumchurch.org">Admin\_Asst@ciceroumchurch.org</a>. You can also contact Deb Irwin at 315-727-0190 or via email at <a href="irwind0119@gmail.com">irwind0119@gmail.com</a>.

**For Lent this year**: The Purple Prayer Box at the front of the Sanctuary is a place where you can offer your personal prayers for this Lenten Season. Use the purple prayer cards provided in the pew racks; you can offer as many prayers as you choose. All are considered part of your private conversation with God during this Holy time. The box will remain closed until the Sunrise Service on Easter morning. At that time, the box will be burned, and the prayers lifted by the smoke.

# **Lenten Offering**

We invite you to participate in our Lenten Sacrificial Offering. The idea is to set aside one dollar for each of the forty days of Lent. The total amount raised will be donated to a charitable organization, agency, or program that serves the needs of youth and less fortunate people in our community. This year, Will's Angels has been selected.

#### **Lenten Bible Study**

You are warmly invited to join us for a six-week Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Niles. We meet every Tuesday at 11 AM and 6:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth during the Lenten season.

# **Vacation Bible School Meetings**

planning meetings will be on Tuesdays in the future at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please get in touch with Sue Bonspille at 315-420-2101. You can look forward to more information about our fun and exciting VBS program coming soon.

#### Friday Bulletin Folding

Are you interested in folding the bulletin on Friday Mornings? If you are, please email Mary at <a href="mailto:Admin\_Asst@ciceroumchurch.org">Admin\_Asst@ciceroumchurch.org</a> or call 315-699-2731

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

The Long Range Planning Team has continued to work on recommendations to grow CUMC in the years to come. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 27, after church to continue the process of revising our Core Values, Mission, and Vision, which will launch us into a future of increased service to God and our community. All are welcome!

## **Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group**

Our Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets once a month on the first Wednesday at 7 PM. The next meeting will be on April 2nd. Thank you for your support. We hope you can join us!

#### Coffee Hour

We would love your help for Coffee Hour! If you'd like to join in, please bring a package of your favorite cookies to share. Just drop them off in the kitchen near the Welcome Center. Thank you so much for your generosity. Your contributions make our gathering special!

#### **Brown Memorial Food Needs**

We are always looking for non-perishable food items to support Brown Memorial throughout the year. You can go ahead and place the food items in the cart near the building's entrance. This area is very food insecure, and any assistance is greatly appreciated.

**LANCASTER, PA BUS TRIP SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER** June 3-6, 2025 This is the 30th Anniversary of Sight and Sound

The trip includes transportation and lodging, as well as three breakfasts, dinners, shows, driver gratuity, and more. Cicero United Methodist Church Caring Support Group sponsors the trip. For more information, please contact Mary Alice Scheel at 315-699-7181. The cost is \$875.00 per person, double per person. \$950.00; a \$250.00 deposit is needed as soon as possible.

#### **Events & Meetings**

March 25, 2025, Lenten Bible Study, 11 AM and 6:30 PM

March 26, 2025, Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM

March 29, 2025, Faith Breakfast 9:00 AM

March 30, 2025, UMCOR Sunday

April 2, 2025, Forever Young 10 AM

April 3, 2025, Outreach 6 PM