

ANNOUNCEMENTS Posted Sunday, April 13, 2025

Hi everyone!

The refrigerator in the choir room, which Alcoholics Anonymous uses, is unfortunately broken. They're on the lookout for a new or gently used one. If you or anyone you know might have one available, please reach out to Mary in the office. Thank you for being so helpful! 315-699-2731 or Admin_Asst@ciceroumchurch.org

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 want to 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. We will also have a collection box in the welcome center if anyone would like to bring in silly kids socks, card games, travel size toothpaste and other items. Please see the list in the Welcome Center

Lenten Bible Study

You are warmly invited to join us for a six week Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Niles. We meet Tuesday April 15th at 11 AM and 6:30 PM. This will be our final Bible study for Lent.

Earth Day Clean-Up

Cicero UMC is officially registered to participate in the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency's (OCRRA) Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 26th. We invite everyone who wishes to take part to join us at 9 AM at the church. We will be cleaning up the section of Route 11 between the church and Meltzer Court, as well as the area surrounding the church parking lot. Trash bags, gloves, hard hats, orange vests, and grabbing tools will be provided

Holy Week Prayer Vigil

We invite you to participate in this year's prayer vigil, a wonderful opportunity to engage in a 23-hour prayer event.

- When: 8 PM on Thursday, April 17th, until 7 PM on Friday, April 18th
- Where: The chapel in the Church's Education Wing, or you may choose to pray from home. Please sign up on the board in the Narthex. We have one-hour slots available, and we need to fill every slot! If you have any questions, please ask the Worship Team.

Vacation Bible School Meetings *NO VBS MEETING Tuesday 4/15/2025

planning meetings will be on Tuesdays going forward at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please see or call Sue Bonspille at 315- 420-2101. Look for more information about our fun and exciting VBS program coming soon.

Long Range Planning Committee

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

Holy Week Events

4/6 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship

4/17 Holy Thursday 7 PM Love Feast

4/18-4/19 Prayer Vigil

4/18 Good Friday 7:00 PM Worship

4/20 Easter Sunday!

6:00 "Son"rise Worship "Fellowship Hall"

9:00 AM Contemporary Easter Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 AM Traditional Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Events & Meetings

April 21, 2025, SPRC 6:30 PM

April 22, 2025, Education Team 6:30 PM

April 23, 2025, Finance Team 6:00 PM

April 24, 2025, Trustees 6:30 PM

April 27, 2025, Long Range Planning Meeting 11 AM

April 28, 2025, Administrative Council Meeting 6:30 PM

God's Country April 13, 2025 - 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

On February 23rd, 42 people attended God's Country Jamboree. We celebrated Valentine's Day by singing a few of our favorite country love songs. The service wouldn't be complete with some humor. The band sang a Valentine's themed "Where Oh Where" heehaw song and entertained the congregation with a few "dad" jokes. During our time of joys and concern, we remembered Ken Rock, former member of the band, who recently passed away. Ken played guitar and sang with the band for many years. He always brought a smile and a laugh and his contribution will be missed. We watched the music video "Sunday Sermons" by Anne Wilson. It demonstrated love for our neighbors. Pastor Niles also spoke about love and how it's easy to love our friends and family but Jesus also calls us to love our enemies. This takes love to another level and shows the power of love to change situations. Pastor shared a quote from Abraham Lincoln, after a woman expressed surprise when he spoke kindly of his enemies. "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" As God's people we are held to a higher standard when it comes to love. With God's love as our example we should love not only those who love us but also those who don't. Our next service will be April 13, 2025.

This Sunday, remember to wear your cowboy hat and bring a friend.

Y'all come back now ya hear!