

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Posted Sunday, March 1, 2026**



## **Canteen**

The next Canteen dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 3 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team as servers and to generously donate food. Your support will help make this event a success!

**Cicero Christian Sisters** are meeting in the spear room on March 10, 2026, at 10:30 AM

## **Fuel Sunday**

It's back for winter! On the 2nd Sunday of February and March, we will observe Fuel Sunday. You will find envelopes labeled "Fuel Sunday" in the pews. We would greatly appreciate any contributions you can make to help offset our utility costs this winter. You can mark your check as "Fuel Sunday" and place it on the collection plate. If you use online banking, you can select "Fuel Sunday" to contribute. Thank you for being so supportive!

## **Lenten Bible Study**

**Join Pastor Niles for His Lenten Bible Study.** He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart, February 24 – March 24, 2026. You are warmly invited to join Pastor Niles for this special Lenten Bible study series. Each week, we will gather on **Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM** to walk through *He Chose the Nails*, reflecting on the depth of God's love and the meaning of Christ's sacrifice. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time of learning, reflection, and fellowship as we journey through the season of Lent together.

## **Lenten Prayer Box**

Once again, a Prayer Box will be available in the Sanctuary throughout Lent. It's purple! Purple prayer cards will be in the pews for your use. You're welcome to write out a personal prayer and place it in the box as often as you feel moved to do so. The box will be burned at the Sunrise Service on Easter Morning, lifted into the smoke towards heaven. The Worship Team hopes this will be a meaningful addition to your Lenten experience.

## **Lenten Sacrificial Offering**

We invite you to participate in our Lenten Sacrificial Offering by setting aside one dollar for each of the forty days of Lent. This year, all funds collected will support Erin's Angels, a local non-profit organization dedicated to ending child hunger in our community. Sheila Dion will join us Sunday, March 8th, in the Worship Service at 9:30 AM to share more information on Erin's Angels.

## **Cicero Christian Sisters want to THANK YOU!**

Community Supports Homeless Veterans. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation members and the Christian Sisters, we donated **six bags** of winter essentials: scarves, hats, gloves, socks, and granola bars to homeless veterans, along with **three additional bags** of hats, scarves, gloves, and socks. Donations were also delivered to the **Samaritan Center**, where homeless men and women receive warm meals and care. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful outreach. **God bless you!**

## **Sunday School Needs YOU!**

There is a need for Sunday School teachers, assistants, and substitutes. Please contact Sue Bonspille for more information about this essential service!

## **Vacation Bible School Meetings**

Planning meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM going forward. 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

## **Memory Café Luncheon – March 18, 2026 - Fellowship Hall CUMC**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Join us for a warm and welcoming **Memory Café Luncheon**, created especially for **individuals living with Alzheimer's or dementia and their caregivers**. Enjoy a relaxed social hour, live entertainment, and a delicious late-morning lunch. Connect with others, share time together, and enjoy a refreshing mid-day break. All are welcome in this supportive and uplifting space!

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

Our Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group will continue to meet. These meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

## **Meetings and Events**

March 3, 2026, Lenten Bible Study 11 AM and 6:30 PM

March 4, 2026, Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM

March 5, 2026, Outreach Meeting 6 PM

March 5, 2025, Bereavement Group 2 PM

March 8, 2026, Turn your clocks ahead and PJ day!

March 9, 2026, SPRC 6:30 PM

March 10, 2026, Lente Bible Study 11 AM and 6:30 PM

March 11, 2026, Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM



**OUR VISION:**  
*Love Grows Here*



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## **OUR MISSION:**

Cicero United Methodist Church strives to provide a community of faith that is actively loving, including and serving ALL people while growing a relationship with God.

## **CUMC CORE VALUES:**

**We Believe** that CUMC is an inclusive, dynamic, caring and nurturing community of believers in Jesus Christ.

**We Believe** that all people are loved by God, and we offer our love and acceptance to all.

**We Believe** in a Christ-Centered worship experience that helps us grow in our faith and demonstrate God's love to the community.

**We Believe** that faith is a personal journey and that we grow toward Christ through service to others, nurturing and teaching all God's children, loving each other and spreading the gospel throughout the world.