

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Posted Sunday, March 8, 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 contribute food donations. Your support will help make this event a success!

**Cicero Christian Sisters** are meeting in the **Welcome Center** on March 10, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

### **Fuel Sunday**

It's back for winter! On the 2nd Sunday in 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. Shiela Dion will join us Sunday, March 8th, in the Worship Service at 9:30 AM to share more information on Erin's Angels.

### **From the Outreach Committee Spread Easter Joy!**

Parents, grandparents, and all our creative crafters—here's a wonderful way to share God's love this season! We are collecting **homemade Easter cards** to brighten the days of residents in our local nursing homes. This is a perfect at-home project for **both kids and adults**, and a beautiful opportunity to serve together as a family. Please bring your cards in **by Palm Sunday**. A collection box will be available in the **Welcome Center**. We will deliver all the cards the following week with our Outreach Easter blessings. Thank you for helping us share joy, hope, and Christ's love with our neighbors!

### **Sunday School Needs YOU!**

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

### **Vacation Bible School Meetings**

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

### **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 on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

### **Meetings and Events**

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

March 9, 2026, SPRC 6:30 PM

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

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

March 14, 2026, Cropper Circle 9 AM-3 PM

March 14, 2026, Private Party, Welcome Center, 4 PM

March 15, 2026, MYF 11 AM Youth Room



**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.