

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen and ascended Lord. Welcome to the June edition of our church newsletter. As we step into this vibrant summer month, I invite you to read through these pages and discover all that God is doing in and through our congregation.

June brings with it several meaningful moments in the life of our church family. We will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st, summer solstice, honoring the fathers and father-figures who lead with faith and love. We will observe Graduation Sunday that day recognizing our students as they mark this important milestone and commission them for the next season God has prepared. That Sunday our young people will also lead in worship, reminding us of the energy and vision God pours into the next generation.

Summer can sometimes pull us in many directions. Vacations, travel, and changing routines are all part of the season. I encourage you to remain consistent in worship and fellowship. The body of Christ is strengthened when we gather, pray, and break bread together. Worship will continue each Sunday, along with the events and ministries detailed in this newsletter and in our weekly communications. Your presence matters, and your support sustains the work God has called us to do.

For some among us, this is also a season of transition and change. Graduations, relocations, new jobs, or shifts in family life can bring both excitement and uncertainty. Know that you are not walking through these changes alone. We are a church family, and we are here to carry one another's joys and burdens before the Lord.

One immediate way we can serve together is through Vacation Bible School, coming up in July. VBS is a powerful opportunity to pour into the lives of children and share the love of Christ in tangible ways. We need volunteers for teaching, supervision, crafts, music, and snacks. If the Spirit is stirring you to help, please contact the church office or sign up in the Welcome Center.

As we move forward in this Pentecostal season, let us lean on the aid and power of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that descended at Pentecost is with us now — guiding, comforting, and empowering us for every good work. I pray that we will be bold in witness, faithful in service, and joyful in hope.

Thank you for your love for this congregation. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your partnership in the Gospel. Together, let us press on in faith, trusting that God will do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine.

Yours in Christ,

Jefferson C Niles, EdD, MAE, BA

Pastor

Email: [pastor@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:pastor@ciceroumchurch.org)

# God's Country Jamboree

&

## Ice Cream Social!



**Sunday June 14, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**



***Featuring***  
***God's Country Ramblers***

Cicero United Methodist Church  
8416 Brewerton Rd, Cicero, NY



## FINANCE CORNER

*"For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay."*

— **Habakkuk 2:3**

As I write this, we are just 36 days away from summer! While spring has kept us on our toes with some chilly days, we're grateful that the furnace isn't running quite as often.

Thank you for your generous support of **Fuel Sunday**—a total of **\$2,790** was donated to help with our utility costs. What a blessing!

Summer brings two important events in the life of our church:

•**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** The Finance Team encourages you to consider supporting VBS. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in their faith and explore what it means to follow Christ.

•**Rummage Sale – August** Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming soon! We truly appreciate your support—whether that's donating items, volunteering, or simply helping spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors.

We also want to thank you for your **Lenten giving to Erin's Angels**, which totaled **\$4,215**. Your generosity is making a real difference.

For those who give online, please note that we will be transitioning from **EasyTithe to Breeze** in the coming months. More details will be shared soon.

A special thank you to our Trustees for the new carpeting in the welcome center and hallways. This project will be paid in full during May—what a blessing!

As part of our commitment to transparency, our finances are audited annually. We are happy to report that our recent audit was successful, with only a few minor comments. When you see **Deb Popp**, our Treasurer, please thank her for her faithful and excellent work.

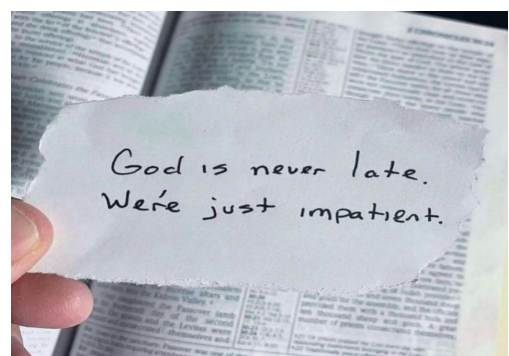
Every church is required by our Conference and the Book of Discipline to complete an annual audit. Conducting an audit is not a symbol of distrust but is a mark of responsibility. It is good stewardship demonstrated for all to see.

This type of audit checks for accuracy of our financial records and compliance with policies and procedures. Our 2025 audit has been completed with a positive response and nothing negative found!

Finally, if you feel called to serve, we would love to have you join our **Finance Team**. It's a meaningful way to see how God is working through our church—and yes, there are even a few laughs along the way! If you're interested, please speak with **Pastor Niles** or **Barb Forleo**.

Wishing you a beautiful and blessed summer!

*Submitted by Tari Otabara*



**UPSTATE**  
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL CARE

*Join us for the*

**REV. JERRY SHAVE**  
**ANNUAL CLERGY DAY**

**Understanding Pediatric Trauma:  
A Seminar for Clergy**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL  
KINNEY PERFORMANCE CENTER (11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR)

PLEASE RSVP BY  
MONDAY, JUNE 8TH

THIS IS A FREE  
EVENT, AND LUNCH  
WILL BE PROVIDED

**PLEASE RSVP TO  
CHAPLAIN@UPSTATE.EDU**

There is no parking in the Golisano Children's Hospital parking lot unless you have prior authorization. The lot is reserved for pediatric families. Parking is available across the street at Crouse or Upstate Parking Garages for a fee. Drop-offs are welcome in the GCH Parking Lot.

## Brown Memorial Dinner and our Outreach Ministry

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you whose generosity made such a meaningful impact. Because of your kindness, over 100 meals were lovingly prepared and shared with our brothers and sisters at Brown Memorial.

Your support reached far beyond our church doors. With the abundance of what was provided, Esther was able to take additional meals out into the community, offering nourishment and compassion to those experiencing homelessness. This is a beautiful reflection of what it means to care for one another.

As we look ahead to the summer months, we are especially mindful that many children will be without the breakfasts and lunches they rely on during the school year. Your continued generosity can help bridge that gap and bring comfort to families in need during this time.

Please know that the items you so thoughtfully bring and donate greatly benefit Brown Memorial and the many lives touched through this outreach. Your contributions truly make a difference—not just for a moment, but in lasting and meaningful ways.

Thank you again for your kindness, your compassion, and your willingness to give throughout the year. May God bless each of you abundantly.

With sincere gratitude,

Pat Michael



### A THANK YOU BLESSING

May every kindness given return as a blessing multiplied.

May weary hearts find rest,  
hands that help never come up empty,  
and prayers whispered in love rise like golden light.

Thank You, Lord, for the people who stand beside us through storm clouds and sunshine alike.

For every encouraging word, every hug, every prayer, every act of grace.

May blessings bloom where compassion has been planted.  
May peace settle gently into every home,  
and may hope keep shining, even on the hard days.

With grateful hearts, we say:  
Thank You for the gift of one another.





# CLASS OF 2026



The **Cicero United Methodist Church**

family would like to recognize our

*2026 High School Graduates*

by hosting a breakfast in their honor.



**Who:** All 2026 graduating seniors and their families



**When:** **June 21st at 8 AM**



**Where:** Fellowship Hall

Please bring your Cap and Gown, as you will be recognized for this Accomplishment during the 9:30 AM service, followed by a cake and punch reception.



Please RSVP with the number of attendees to the church office at

☎ 315-699-2731 or to Sue Bonspille at 315-420-2101 by June 11th,

*Can't Wait To Celebrate You!*



**SENIOR PHOTO**



Please send your Seniors Photo into the Church office for use for that Sunday

[office@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:office@ciceroumchurch.org)

ASAP as we use the photos for many things moving into the Graduation.

*Congratulations  
Graduates!*



# Dad, GRAD & YOUTH Sunday

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Join us at **Cicero United Methodist Church** as we celebrate an extra-special Sunday honoring dads, graduates, and our amazing youth!



★ **COME SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE** our young people as they take part in the service



★ **HELP US CELEBRATE** the men who guide and love their families



★ **CHEER ON OUR GRADUATES** as they step into their next chapter



**YOUTH PARTICIPATION:**  
*All youth are invited to be involved—  
there's a place for everyone!*

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:



**Church Office**  
office@ciceroumchurch.org



**Sue B.**  
315-420-2101

*Let's come together as a church family  
for a joyful, meaningful celebration!*





# ★ AMERICA ★ HONOR FLIGHT THANK YOU!

Just want to thank you, and all y'all, for your kind wishes and gracious treatment during our **Honor Flight Syracuse #24**. It was a genuine "thank you for your service", not just in words, but in presence and in actions! And for we Vietnam veterans, it was a long-awaited and, for me, a profoundly needed and longed-for, community-based "welcome home!" Finally, **thank God!** A *kairos* healing moment of grace.



The actual trip was truly spectacular! Our every need anticipated and cheerfully met and exceeded! And an incredibly well-coordinated and seamlessly networked array of hundreds of teams of staff and volunteers and family, friends and neighbors in a dozen different venues and en route. The various monuments so clearly highlighted by our bus guides: Arlington, the Lincoln Memorial the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Turkey and All), the U.S. Marine Iwo Jima Flag Raising, the World War Two, Korea, and Vietnam Veterans Wall, the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial. All the way through to the thousand-plus people of all ages, (and pipers!) taking the time on a beautiful Saturday evening awaiting our return to greet us at the Syracuse Airport. **WELCOME HOME!!!**



Gone were the decades of felt animosity, no more shaming, blaming or scape-goating. Just a heartfelt re-union. A oneness. A deep, resonant and healing **welcome home!** At many points many of us, veterans and guardians alike, were brought to tears of gratitude, deeply touched by the sheer loving and diverse presence of so many of our fellow Americans and Central New Yorkers. And we wept! It felt to me like the verdict in our case had been reversed on appeal, and we had now been declared: "No, not exactly 'innocent', but certainly 'not guilty!'"



The totally unexpected touch was the in-flight bundle: **MAIL CALL!** The point at which the sphere of love and caring went nationwide, even global! Having read each one several times, now, and the realization that this friend, relative, young person or fellow American citizen had taken the time and effort to be a well-wisher! Awash in individualized thanks and greetings! Suffice it to say that a lot of tissues and rehydration has been necessary.



WE THE PEOPLE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC DECLARE:  
**"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL (AND HONORABLE) SERVANT"**  
OF MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE..

Peace!

Tom

TOM SCHMITZ  
VIETNAM VETERAN





# Carol's Memory Care CAFÉ



**For Individuals Living with Alzheimer's or Dementia & Their Caregivers**

 **June 17, 2026**


 **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

 **8416 Brewerton Road Cicero, NY 13039**

## **A Special Gathering Just for You**

Please join us for a joyful and relaxing Memory Café Gathering—a comfortable space created for people living with Alzheimer's or dementia and their caregivers. Enjoy companionship, music, laughter, and a lite bite and snacks.

## **Event Highlights**

 Social hour with friendly conversations in a welcoming, judgment-free space.

## **Live Entertainment**

Light, uplifting performances everyone can enjoy.

## **Lite Bites and Snacks**

Enjoy food —no work, no cleanup, just togetherness.


## **Supportive Community**

Connect with others who understand the journey.

## **Who's Welcome?**

Individuals living with Alzheimer's or dementia  
Caregivers, support partners, family members.

This gathering is for those walking the journey of memory loss together.

 Come for the community. Stay for the smiles. Leave refreshed.

Contact: Mike White at 607-423-0672 or email [Office@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:Office@ciceroumchurch.org).



# CARING SUPPORT GROUP PRESENTS

## Mackinac Island



### INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Motorcoach transportation
- ◆ 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in Northern Michigan
- ◆ 8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- ◆ Guided Tour of Mackinaw City
- ◆ Visit to Mackinac Island, including a Guided Carriage Tour
- ◆ Boat ride through the Soo Locks and free time and sight-seeing in Sault Sainte Marie
- ◆ Visit to Mackinaw Crossings
- ◆ Admission to Colonial Michilimackinac
- ◆ Gaming excitement at a Northern Michigan Casino

For more pictures, video, and information visit:  
[www.GroupTrips.com/caringsupportgroup](http://www.GroupTrips.com/caringsupportgroup)

# \$799\*

## 6 Days 5 Nights

\*PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Mon - Sat)  
Sep 28 - Oct 3  
2026

**Departure: Cicero Methodist Church, 8416 Brewerton Rd, Cicero, NY @ 8 am  
(North side Parking Lot)**

**Day 1:** Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for Northern Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way before checking into your en route hotel tonight.

**Day 2:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll continue towards Northern Michigan. Upon arrival, see the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, dating back to 1892. After some free time at Mackinaw Crossings, visit Colonial Michilimackinac - A 1700's era Village. This evening, you will enjoy Dinner and check into your hotel for a three night stay.

**Day 3:** After today's Continental Breakfast, head for Sault Sainte Marie, MI and take an exciting CRUISE through the SOO LOCKS. Next, enjoy lunch on your own and spend some free time in SAULT SAINTE MARIE. Watch ships enter and depart the Locks from the observation area or browse the unique local shops and boutiques. Later, enjoy gaming at a NORTHERN MICHIGAN CASINO. Tonight, have Dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

**Day 4:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, your adventure begins with a ferryboat ride to peaceful Mackinac Island where the only mode of transportation is by Horse and Carriage. Take a leisurely CARRIAGE RIDE TOUR of the island and see splendid sites like the Arch Rock and Lilac Lane. Enjoy some free time to explore this quaint island. Later, cross the Straits of Mackinac again and enjoy a lovely Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 5:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll take a GUIDED TOUR OF QUIANT MACKINAW CITY. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

**Day 6:** Today you'll enjoy a Continental Breakfast and depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

\$75 Due Upon Signing. \*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$205 for single occupancy.  
Final Payment Due: 7/21/2026

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

**Mary Alice Scheel @ (315) 699-7181**

**Diamond Tours**<sup>inc.</sup>  
Bringing Group Travel to a Higher Standard<sup>®</sup>

Gratuities are included in the flyer price

Form ID: 5200-7C0406

RI

Tour#: 2304383



Tour Mackinac Island by  
Horse and Carriage



Soo Locks Cruise in Sault  
Sainte Marie



Mackinac Point  
Lighthouse



Mackinac Island Ferry

Fla. Seller of Travel Ref No. ST132973



**LANCASTER, PA BUS TRIP**  
**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER**  
**November 10 –11, 2026**

Trip includes transportation and lodging, with one breakfast, one dinners, 2 shows: Joshua, American Theater Christmas Shows, driver gratuity, tips, luggage, and more time allows on over night trips.



**\*limited seating sign up now**

The trip is sponsored by Cicero United Methodist Church Caring Support Group. For more information contact Mary Alice Scheel at 315-699-7181.

Cost is \$425.00 per double per person. \$525.00 Single  
\$100 deposit  
needed ASAP.

Don't miss out on this fantastic trip!

# Rummage Sale Rumble

The Rummage Sale beast is beginning to grow! Our famous Rummage Sale on **August 21st & 22nd** is slowly waking from its long winter nap, and the list of things to tackle keeps getting longer by the day. Boxes, tables, signs, sorting, treasures, teamwork... the rumble has officially begun.  

So it's time to gather the crew!

## Put This On Your Calendar


 **Thursday, June 11th**

 **Noon**


 **Welcome Center**

Come for lunch and join the conversation as we begin gearing up for another amazing sale season at Cicero United Methodist Church.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're a seasoned rummage warrior or simply curious about what goes on behind the scenes, this is a perfect place to jump in, ask questions, and see where your gifts and talents might fit.

It takes many hands, plenty of laughter, and a whole lot of teamwork to pull off the biggest and best-organized sale around. Come be part of the fun! 

## A Word About Rummage


Cicero United Methodist Church has built a solid reputation for hosting one of the biggest and best-organized Rummage Sales in the region! From the moment we begin accepting donations on **August 3rd** until the doors open at **8:00 AM on Friday, August 21st**, organization becomes our full-time adventure. Shelves rise, treasures appear, and somehow the church transforms into a bargain-hunter's paradise almost overnight. 

The sale only works because of the incredible donations that fill our building from corner to corner. So when you're downsizing, decluttering, cleaning closets, or finally parting ways with that "I might use this someday" box in the basement... please remember us! We gladly accept *almost everything* you no longer need.

## Items We Cannot Accept

- Mattresses
- Pillows
- Old televisions
- Large furniture pieces such as entertainment centers and china cabinets
- Children's car seats

A helpful rule of thumb: if an item is in such rough shape that you wouldn't consider buying it yourself, we probably can't sell it either. This is especially important with clothing donations.

Every donation helps support the mission and ministry of the church while giving someone else the joy of discovering a hidden treasure. 

Questions you can call 315-727-9483 or 315-727-0190

• CICERO UMC •

# RUMMAGE SALE

## 2026

*Save the Date & Spread the Word!*

**AUGUST 21 & 22**

*Donation Collection Begins*

**AUGUST 3rd**

*Decluttering? Think of Us!*



**• WE ACCEPT:**

-  **Clothing & Shoes**
-  **Jewelry & Home Decor**
-  **Electronics & Housewares**
-  **Books, Toys & Tools**

**• WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**

-  **No China Cabinets**
-  **No Mattresses**
-  **No Console TVs**
-  **No Car Seats**

**• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! •**  
90+ VOLUNTEERS LAST YEAR!

**• SETUP DAY •**

**Sunday, August 2**  
*After Church*  
VBS to Rummage



**• SORTING BEGINS •**

**August 3 – Sale Week**  
*Help Needed Daily!*



**• CRUNCH WEEK •**

**August 17 – 20**  
*All Hands on Deck!*



**• CLEAN-UP DAY •**

**After the Sale**  
**August 22**  
*Restoring for*  
*Sunday Services*



**• Questions? •**

Call Mike: 315-727-9483 or Deb: 315-727-0190

◆ *Together, We Make This A Success! Thank You!* ◆



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12



**JULY 27 – JULY 31, 2026**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**PRE-K (3 YRS OLD) – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – ADULT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

**\$15.00**

**PER CHILD  
(ONE PER CHILD)**

**INCLUDES  
MYSTERY SHIRT!**



## WHAT TO EXPECT!

- ★ FUN-FILLED BIBLE LESSONS
- ★ AWESOME MUSIC & GAMES
- ★ CREATIVE CRAFTS
- ★ NEW FRIENDS & LASTING MEMORIES
- ★ SNACKS PROVIDED DAILY  
(Check sign-in desk each morning for the menu)

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please wear closed-toe shoes or sneakers
- We may have a water day!  
Bring a towel if needed.
- Help is needed each day of VBS.  
Please reach out if you can help!



## HOW TO REGISTER

SCAN & EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:  
[Office@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:Office@ciceroumchurch.org)



OR REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://ciceroumchurch.org/teaching-and-supporting-children-and-youth-in-christian-education-and-values/vacation-bible-school-2022>

## PAYMENT

PAY ONLINE HERE:

[https://app.easytithe.com/  
App/Giving/ciceroumc](https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/ciceroumc)

SELECT "VBS" IN THE  
PULL-DOWN TAB



AFTER PAYING,  
PLEASE EMAIL:



[Office@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:Office@ciceroumchurch.org)

TO CONFIRM THAT YOU  
REGISTERED ONLINE, AS WE  
DO NOT RECEIVE PAYMENT  
NOTIFICATIONS.

**CICERO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

8416 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039 • (315) 699-2731

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT SUE BONSPILE • 315-420-2101**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 REGISTRATION



**JULY 27 – JULY 31, 2026**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**PRE-K (3 YRS OLD) – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – ADULT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

## CHILD INFORMATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed (Fall 2026): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF PARENT/GUARDIAN CANNOT BE REACHED)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS

(Snack is served daily, please check the sign-in desk each morning or ask for the menu.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MYSTERY SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)

CHILD: 4T SM (5-6) MED (7-8) LG (10-12) XL (14-16) ADULT: S M L XL XXL

For recreation time, we ask that children wear closed-toe sandals or sneakers; this helps prevent injuries. There will also be a water day at the end of the week. They will not get soaked, but a towel may be brought in. Please indicate below if it is all right for your child to participate in the water fun day.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child CAN participate \_\_\_\_\_ No, rather they did NOT

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**PHOTO RELEASE:**  Yes, I give permission for my child to be photographed for church use.  No, I do not give permission.

**COME SHINE BRIGHT WITH US AT ILLUMINATION STATION!**

# 2026



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

|   |  |   |  |  |                                       |                                   |
|---|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | 1  | 2   | 3<br><i>Guild Meeting</i><br><i>10 Forever Young</i><br><i>7 Alzheimer's Dementia Meeting</i>                                    | 4<br><i>2 Bereavement</i><br><i>6 Community Outreach</i> | 5                                     | 6                                 |
| 7<br><i>9:30 Worship</i>  | 8<br><i>7 Troop 117</i>                              | 9<br><i>11 Bridge</i><br><i>11 Bible Study</i><br><i>12 Mahjong</i><br><i>12:30 Blood Drive</i><br><i>6:30 Bible Study</i><br><i>6:30 117 Cub Pack</i>          | 10<br><i>5:45 Music Team</i><br><i>9 am Quilt Guild</i><br><i>11 Memorial Committee</i><br><i>2 Strawberry Short Cake Social</i> | 11<br><i>Noon Rummage Sale Planning meeting</i>          | 12                                    | 13                                |
| 14<br><i>9:30 Worship</i><br><i>11 MYF</i><br><i>11 LRP</i><br><i>6 God's Country</i> | 15<br><i>5:30 Worship Team</i><br><i>7 Troop 117</i> | 16<br><i>10:30 Cicero Christian Sisters</i><br><i>11 Bible Study</i><br><i>11 Bridge</i><br><i>12 Mahjong</i><br><i>117 Cub Pack</i><br><i>6:30 Bible Study</i> | 17<br><i>10:30 –12:00 Memory Café Gathering</i><br><i>5:45 Music Team</i><br><i>6 Finance Team</i>                               | 18<br><i>6 Education Team</i>                            | 19<br><i>Juneteenth Office Closed</i> | 20                                |
| 21<br><i>Grad , Dad, Youth</i><br><i>9:30 Worship</i>                                 | 22<br><i>7 Troop 117</i>                             | 23<br><i>11 Bible Study</i><br><i>11 Bridge</i><br><i>12 Mahjong</i><br><i>6:30 117 Cub Pack</i><br><i>6:30 Bible Study</i>                                     | 24<br><i>6:30 Trustees</i><br><br><i>5:45 Music Team</i>   | 25   | 26                                    | 27<br><br><i>Private Birthday</i> |
| 28<br><i>9:30 Worship</i><br><i>11 MYF</i>  | 29   | 30<br><i>11 Bible Study</i><br><i>11 Bridge</i><br><i>12 Mahjong</i><br><i>6:30 117 Cub Pack</i><br><i>6:30 Bible Study</i>                                     |  |  |                                       |                                   |

# COUNTING GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GIFTS

## Golden Christian Luncheon 2026

Whether you worked quietly behind the scenes planning, preparing, creating, arranging tables and chairs, donating food, providing transportation, setting tables, serving others, extending a helping hand, sharing a smile, or offering a warm hug, you are one of God's blessings and gifts!

Perhaps you enjoyed heartfelt conversations, made new friends, discovered common interests, or learned new ways others share their gifts and blessings through the life of our church family.

Many hearts were deeply touched as God's youngest children in the Chime Choir beautifully shared "*Simple Gifts*," with volunteers lovingly filling in for those who were absent. Joy filled the room once again as Emily's beautiful choir shared the uplifting song, "*Share a Little Bit of Your Love, My Friend*."

From the smiles on your faces and the kind comments shared throughout the afternoon, it was clear how much you appreciated the youth and adults who greeted you warmly, welcomed you graciously, served you lovingly, and helped everyone feel comfortable and cared for.

Many also admired the beautiful centerpieces that reflected each of you as part of God's image and celebrated the blessings you share every day as members of our caring Cicero United Methodist Church family.

We are especially grateful to our Tech Team for sharing their valuable time and talents in preparing the sound and slides that helped tell the story of the "Legacy of Love" and the strong foundation of faith our Golden Christians have established throughout the years.

If you were unable to attend our Golden Christian Luncheon because of illness or special family celebrations, please know you were greatly missed and are always counted among God's blessings and gifts within our church family.

What fun it was to share laughter together during the Photo Op before saying good-bye! Soon, we hope to present each of you with a framed photo as a small token of our love and appreciation for the many ways you bless our lives.

It is truly obvious that "**LOVE GROWS HERE**" at Cicero United Methodist Church! One only needs to look at our church calendar, filled with events, missions, ministries, fellowship opportunities, and special groups sharing God's love and blessings each week.

**"Blessings are like warm hugs from God that let you know how much He loves you.  
Counting your blessings is like hugging God back."**

We would also be remiss if we did not lovingly recognize Pastor Niles, his beloved family, and Mary as very special blessings and gifts to Cicero United Methodist Church.

With grateful hearts, we thank God for each and every one of you.





PIC·COLLAGE



PIC·COLLAGE



PIC·COLLAGE

**Cicero United Methodist Church**

8416 Brewerton Road

Cicero, NY 13039

Phone: 315-699-2731

Website:

[www.ciceroumchurch.org](http://www.ciceroumchurch.org)

E-mail:

[Office@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:Office@ciceroumchurch.org)

**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Friday

8:00 am to 2 pm



Cicero United Methodist Church

8416 Brewerton Rd

Cicero, NY 13039

