

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Posted Sunday, July 19, 2026



Vacation Bible School Is Finally Here!

The wait is over! Vacation Bible School begins this week, and we can't wait to welcome children for an unforgettable week of faith, fun, friendship, and discovery at **Illumination Station!**

 Parents, Families & Friends... You're Invited!

We have **two special invitations** for you!

Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 PM

Join us for our **Vacation Bible School Program!** Come celebrate all that our children have learned throughout the week as they share songs, smiles, and the Light of Christ. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Friday, July 31 beginning at Noon

Many hands make light work! If you're able, we'd love your help taking down our VBS decorations and returning the church to normal. Whether you can stay for 30 minutes or a couple of hours, every helping hand is truly appreciated.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support as we prepared our church to welcome the children of our community. We are excited for an incredible week as we shine the Light of Christ and share His love with every child who walks through our doors!

Help Fill the School Bus!

School Supply Drive Begins August 9!

A new school year is just around the corner, and together we can help local students start the year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed! The **Outreach Team** is collecting **new school supplies** from **August 9 through August 30**. Every donation, big or small, makes a meaningful difference in the life of a child.

Most Needed Items:

- Pens
- Two-Pocket Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils

- Composition Notebooks
- Crayons
- One-Subject Notebooks

Simply place your donated supplies in the **school bus located near the church office** by **August 30**.

Whether you donate one pack of pencils or fill an entire backpack, your kindness helps equip students for a successful school year.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ by investing in the children of our community!

From the Community Outreach Team

Blessing Box Update

Due to extreme weather conditions, the **Blessing Box** has been removed from the back door area. We are in the process of finding it a new indoor home out in the community.

In the meantime, if you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please contact the **Food Bank of CNY** at foodbankcny.org/get-food or **315-437-1899**. They will help you locate the food pantry in your area.

Blessings and Well Wishes for Japheth Niles

Best wishes and God's blessings to **Japheth Niles** as he relocates to Anguilla for a new job opportunity.

May the Lord grant him safe travels, guide his path, and bless this exciting new chapter. Our prayers go with you!

Annual Rummage Sale

Our **Annual Rummage Sale** is almost here, and **we need your help!**

Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center!

Key Dates

- **August 2:** First Set-Up (after worship)
- **August 3-17:** Donation Drop-Off (Youth Room)
- **August 3-20:** Volunteer & Lunch Sign-Ups (Welcome Center)
- **August 15:** Tent Set-Up
- **August 16:** Second Set-Up (after worship)

Sale Days

Friday, August 21 | 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, August 22 | 9:00 AM to Noon
11:00 AM to Noon: Bag Sale

Whether you can donate, sort, work the sale, provide lunch, or help with clean-up, we'd love to have you!

Need a donation picked up? Contact **Mike Irwin** at **315-727-9483**.

Meetings & Events

July 27, 2026

- Administrative Council | 6:30 PM

July 27-31, 2026

- Vacation Bible School | 9:00 AM to Noon

July 30, 2026

- VBS Program | **6:00 PM**

August 2, 2026

- First Rummage Sale Set-Up (after worship)
- Rummage Sale Donation Drop-Off (Youth Room)

August 6, 2026

- Bereavement Group | 2:00 PM
- Outreach Committee | 6:00 PM

Thank you for being such a wonderful church family. We look forward to worshiping, serving, and celebrating with you in the weeks ahead. May God bless you and your family!



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OUR VISION:
Love Grows Here

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.