

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Posted Sunday, July 5, 2026**



us 🌸 **Happy Fourth of July!** ❤️ 🤍 💙

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, we pray that your Independence Day is filled with **faith** 🏛️, **family** 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦, **friendship** 🤝, **gratitude** 🙏, and **plenty of joyful memories**. May God bless you with **safe travels** 🚗, **delicious food** 🍔 🍌, **joyful gatherings** 🎉, **laughter** 😄 **around the table**, and **peaceful moments** 🕊️ as we remember the freedoms we are so blessed to enjoy.

❤️ 🤍 💙 **Thank you** to all who have served and continue to serve our country. Your sacrifice and dedication are deeply appreciated. us

May God continue to bless our church family 🏛️, our community 🏡, and the United States of America. us

🌸 **Have a Safe, Happy & Blessed Fourth of July!** 🌸

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## ❤️ **Bereavement Group Update**

🌸 **Attention!** Due to the high heat, the **Bereavement Group** has been **rescheduled**.

📅 **New Date: Thursday, July 9, 2026**

🕒 **Time: 2:00 PM**

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to gathering together next week. ❤️

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## 🚂💡 **Vacation Bible School Is Coming!**

🎉 Get ready for a **fun-filled, faith-building** adventure at this year's **Vacation Bible School!**

Children will discover God's amazing love through...

📖 Inspiring Bible Stories

🎵 Music & Singing

🎨 Creative Crafts

🎲 Fun Activities

😄 Lots of Laughter  
❤️ New Friendships

🌟 **Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center this Sunday!**

We'll have a table with:

📄 Registration Forms  
👩 Volunteer Information  
📧 Invitations for Friends  
❓ Answers to Your Questions

Whether you're registering a child, inviting a friend, or volunteering, we'd love for you to be part of the excitement!

🌟 **Come take a peek and get ready for an unforgettable week at Illumination Station!** 🚂💡

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## 🚧🏗️ **VBS Building Notice**

📅 **July 20 through July 30**

Our church building will be transformed into 🚂💡 **Illumination Station** 💡🚂 as we prepare for Vacation Bible School!

🔧 **July 20-25: VBS Set-Up Week**

🎉 **July 27-31: Vacation Bible School**

If your group normally meets on these dates, please arrange an alternative meeting location or contact the church office.

😊 Mary will gladly help find an alternate meeting space if one is available.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we prepare our church to welcome the children of our community for an amazing week filled with God's love! ❤️

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## 📖 **Pastor Niles Summer Bible Study Series**

☀️ You're cordially invited to join **Pastor Niles** for a six-week Summer Bible Study on the **Letter to the Galatians**.

📅 **Dates:** Tuesday, June 9 through July 14, 2026

🕒 **Times:**

- 11:00 AM
- 6:30 PM

📍 **Location:** Spear Room

Everyone is welcome! Bring your Bible, invite a friend, and join us as we grow together in God's Word. ✝️

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## Summer Building Schedule Reminder

☀️ Summer is a busy and exciting season at CUMC!

We ask that **all groups, committees, musical groups** 🎵, **Bible studies** 📖, and **ministries** meeting during **July and August** confirm their meeting dates and times with **Mary** in the church office.

Keeping our calendar updated helps:

- ✅ Prevent scheduling conflicts
- 🏠 Ensure meeting space is available
- 👥 Know who is in the building at all times
- ❤️ Keep everyone safe

Thank you for helping us keep our church organized, welcoming, and running smoothly this summer!


📧 **Please email your meeting confirmations to:**  
[Office@ciceroumchurch.org](mailto:Office@ciceroumchurch.org)


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## Newsletter Submission Deadline

Our church newsletter continues to grow with wonderful ministries, events, and exciting news! ❤️

To allow enough time for organizing, designing 🧩, proofreading 🔍, and preparing the newsletter for printing...

 **Beginning immediately**, all newsletter submissions must be received by the **Friday of the third week of each month.**

 This deadline helps ensure every newsletter is informative, organized, and enjoyable for our church family.

Unfortunately, submissions received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed a place in that month's newsletter and may be held until the following edition.


♥ Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and for helping make our newsletter one of the many ways we stay connected as a church family!


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## **Annual Rummage Sale**

Our **Annual Rummage Sale** is almost here...and **we need YOU!** ♥


### **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 Items
-  Volunteer
-  Provide Lunch
-  Help Clean Up




...we'd love to have your help!




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




Thank you for helping make this year's Rummage Sale another wonderful success! 



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## **Meetings & Events**



 **July 5, 2026**  
 Private Gathering (Fellowship Hall)  
 **2:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



 **July 7, 2026**  
 Cicero Christian Sisters  
 **10:30 AM**



 **July 7, 2026**  
Bible Study  
 **11:00 AM**  
 **6:30 PM**



 **July 13, 2026**  
SPRC  
 **6:30 PM**

 **July 14, 2026**  
Bible Study  
 **11:00 AM**  
 **6:30 PM**

 **July 15, 2026**  
Carol's Memory Care Café  
 **10:30 AM - Noon**


 **July 16, 2026**  
Rummage Sale Meeting  
 **Noon**

 **July 22, 2026**  
Finance Team  
 **6:00 PM**

 **July 22, 2026**  
Trustees  
 **6:30 PM**

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## **Thank You for Being Part of Our Church Family!**

"Let all that you do be done in love."  
1 Corinthians 16:14 

We look forward to worshipping, serving, and growing together this summer. 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.