

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS WEEK AT CICERO UMC

The Buzz | October 2, 2026

A lot is happening around Cicero UMC! 🍂 From our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3 to music, fellowship, outreach, Sunday School, and opportunities to serve, there are plenty of ways to connect, lend a hand, and enjoy being together. ❤️ So grab your calendar, bring a friend, and let's get buzzing! 🐝

FALL FESTIVAL – TOMORROW!

Saturday, October 3

Saturday IS THE BIG DAY! 🍁

The ladies have been working their tails off getting everything ready, and we are SO excited to welcome everyone to our Fall Festival! We've got basket raffles, popcorn, kid activities, food trucks, crafts, fall goodies, apple muffins, pumpkins, and plenty of fun fall festival things to enjoy! 🍁🍎

Wander through the crafts, grab something delicious, let the kids have fun, try your luck at the basket raffles, and enjoy a great day together! Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your appetite. 😊

And most importantly, come support all the hard work that has gone into making this event happen!

🍂 We can't wait to see you TOMORROW! 🍂

CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 4 | 1:00 PM

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. Join us at 1 p.m. at Long Branch Park at Onondaga Lake Park.

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others. Want to be part of a group? Check out the list of teams already started - or create your own!

DON'T FORGET THE SOUL TOLL!

Sunday, October 4 | UNICEF Collection

This Sunday, we're asking you to pay the Soul Toll! ❤️

No toll booth. No EZ-Pass. No exact change required! 😊 Just bring your loose change, spare dollars, or whatever you'd like to give and help make a difference for children around the world.

You'll see our UNICEF collection as you leave the church, so before you head out the door, dig into your pockets, check the cup holder, raid that change jar, and pay your Soul Toll! 🌐 Because sometimes the little bit of change jingling around in your pocket can become food, clean water, medicine, education, and hope for a child who needs it. 🌐❤️

Come to church with change. Leave with a little more love. ❤️

Your change can change a child's world.

So this Sunday, bring your change, bring your heart, and don't forget to pay the Soul Toll! 🌐❤️

WHAT IF SUNDAY SCHOOL WASN'T JUST FOR KIDS?

Adult Sunday School is underway!

Join us Sundays, 6:30–8:00 PM for conversation, fellowship, Scripture, questions, and exploring how faith connects with everyday life.

You don't need all the answers—just come ready to join the conversation! All are welcome. Come as you are and bring a friend.

Adult Sunday School | Sundays | 6:30–8:00 PM

 GOD'S COUNTRY JAMBOREE

Sunday, October 11 | 6:00 PM

Get ready for an evening of great music, fellowship, and fun at our upcoming God's Country Jamboree! Join us on Sunday, October 11 at 6:00 PM for an evening filled with wonderful music and good company. Bring a friend and enjoy this special evening together! Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there! 

 COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – CANTEEN

Help serve at The Canteen on the second Tuesday of each month.

Volunteers set up the buffet, serve food prepared by others, and help clean up. The commitment is approximately 1½–2 hours, 3:00–4:30/5:00 PM.

Next Canteen: Tuesday, October 13

Sign-up sheets for food donations and servers will be available in the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, September 27. To volunteer, contact Diane Ilacqua at 315-458-5501. Every helping hand makes a difference! 

 STEWARDSHIP MONTH

LOVE GROWS HERE: WEEK 1

When we love something, we invest in it and help it grow.

This week, as we begin our stewardship journey, take a moment to think about what Cicero UMC means to you and the lives our church touches. Your prayers, time, talents, and financial gifts help make our ministries possible and allow God's love to continue growing in our church and community. As you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, remember: every gift matters, every person matters, and every seed helps our church grow. Together, let's continue to nurture the love that grows here.  

 PASTOR APPRECIATION

Sunday, October 18 | After Worship

Join us Sunday, October 18, after worship as we celebrate and show our appreciation for our Pastor! Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.

To coordinate food, contact Mary at Office@ciceroumchurch.org or Sue Werner at susiewener@yahoo.com. We also need help with set-up. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you can lend a hand. We look forward to celebrating our Pastor with you! 

 FOREVER YOUNG – FALL PREVENTION SERIES

The seven-week Fall Prevention Series has been rescheduled and will begin Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 PM. The series was postponed due to an unexpected emergency involving our trainer. This program provides seniors and caregivers with skills to improve safety, build confidence, and help prevent falls. We strongly recommend attending all seven sessions. Please check the Forever Young bulletin board in the Welcome Center for information. Sign-up is encouraged.

 TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING!

Get ready for an afternoon of family fun, decorated cars, costumes, candy, and Halloween fun!    

Join us at Cicero United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 24, from 2:00–4:00 PM for our annual Trunk or Treat!

 **WE NEED TRUNKS!** 

Want to be part of the fun? Sign up to decorate your car and hand out treats! Get creative and turn your trunk into something fun, spooky, silly, or completely out of this world!     Whether you go all-out or keep it simple, we need YOU to help make this a great afternoon for our kids!

 **Saturday, October 24**

 **2:00–4:00 PM**

 **Cicero United Methodist Church**

👉 Sign up to bring a trunk and be part of the fun!

Bring your creativity, your candy, and your Halloween spirit! 🍬🔍

Let's fill the parking lot with decorated trunks and the afternoon with smiles!

 BUILDING USE FORMS – 2026–2027

Groups, Clubs, Committees, Ministries & Church Organizations

If your group uses the church building, please complete and return your 2026–2027 Building Use Forms to the Church Office. We need to know who uses the building, when and where your group meets, and what time you will be here. Keeping these records current helps us maintain the calendar, prevent conflicts, know who is in the building, and follow Safe Sanctuary guidelines. If you need forms, please contact the Church Office or stop in to pick them up.

Please return completed forms as soon as possible.

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 CROSSROADS DISTRICT SUPER CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Liverpool: Host Church

604 Oswego St. Liverpool, NY 13088

Cicero United Methodist Church is Group 2 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Crossroads District Super Charge Conference. All are invited to gather for this important district event.

🔑 KEY RECALL NOTICE

For the safety and security of our church campus, the Trustees are conducting a key recall.

If you currently have a key to any building on our campus, including the church, outer buildings, or parsonage, please bring your key(s) to the Church Office between September 28 and October 20 for recording and return.

Your cooperation helps us keep our buildings and church family safe. Questions or concerns? Please contact the Church Office or any member of the Trustees.

📍 MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 5 – Worship Team | 5:30 PM

October 6 – Nominations Committee | 6:00 PM

October 7 – Fall Prevention | 1:00 PM

October 7 – Bereavement Group | 2:00 PM

October 7 – Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support | 7:00 PM

October 11 – God's Country Jamboree | 6:00 PM

October 12 – Columbus Day – CHURCH CLOSED in observance

October 13 – Cicero Sisters | 10:30 AM

October 14 – Fall Prevention | 1:00 PM

❤️ SEE YOU AROUND THE CHURCH!

Something is always happening at Cicero UMC. Whether you come to worship, volunteer, learn, listen, laugh, eat a muffin, chase a kid around the Fall Festival, or simply spend some time with your church family...

There's a place for you here. ❤️

Love Grows Here. 🌱



As we begin our **2026 Stewardship Campaign**, we are reminded of something very important: stewardship is about much more than a pledge or a dollar amount. It is about responding to the love God has already poured into our lives.

"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19

Over the next few weeks, we will be reflecting together on what it means to grow in faith, grow in generosity, and grow together as a church family.

At Cicero United Methodist Church, **love grows here** through our prayers, our worship, our service, our ministries, our generosity, and the many ways we care for one another and reach beyond our walls into our community.

🌱 Your 2026 Commitment

Attached to this email is your **2026 Stewardship Commitment Card**.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you would like to support Cicero UMC during the coming year. Your commitment may include:

- **Prayer** for our church and our community
- **Presence** through worship and participation
- **Service** through a ministry or mission opportunity
- **Financial support** of the church
- And the many gifts, talents, and resources God has entrusted to you

The commitment card includes space to indicate an estimated financial commitment **weekly, monthly, or annually**. There is also an opportunity to indicate your commitment to prayer, ministry participation, and regular worship.

Please remember that your commitment is between you, your family, and God. This is an opportunity to prayerfully consider how you would like to participate in the life and ministry of our church in 2026.

❤️ Returning Your Commitment Card

You have several options:

✉️ Email:

You may complete the commitment card electronically and **email the completed form back to me at the church office.**

In Person:

You may bring your completed card to the **church office** during regular office hours.

Sunday Worship:

Hard copies will also be available **next to the Sunday worship bulletins**, so you may pick one up, complete it, and return it to the church office or place it in the designated collection location.

If you would prefer a paper copy and cannot pick one up on Sunday, please contact the church office and we will be happy to provide one.

Growing Together

Our stewardship campaign is not about asking, *“How much can you give?”*

It is about asking, **“How is God calling me to respond to His love?”**

Every gift matters. Every prayer matters. Every person matters. Every act of service becomes part of the ministry God is growing through this congregation.

As we begin this journey together, we pray that **love will take root, generosity will grow, and the fruit of our faith will reach far beyond the walls of Cicero UMC.**

Love Grows Here because God first loved us.

Thank you for being part of this church family and for prayerfully considering your commitment for the coming year.

With gratitude and love,

“Let all that you do be done in love.” — 1 Corinthians 16:14

Commitment Card was sent out in the Buzz on October 2

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 **Thanks for staying connected with what's buzzing at Cicero UMC!** 
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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.