ANNOUNCEMENTS
Posted Sunday, November 15, 2026

November is moving right along, and there is plenty happening at Cicero UMC! From supporting our youth and caring for our neighbors to preparing Thanksgiving baskets and spreading Christmas cheer, there are so many ways to put our faith into action.

Grab a cup of coffee, take a few minutes to catch up, and see what's happening around our church family. There's always room for one more helping hand! ❤️

🌶️ CHILI FUNDRAISER PICKUP IS THIS SUNDAY!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR MYF CHILI FUNDRAISER!
We would also like to extend a special thank-you to **Wegmans** for their generosity and support in helping make this fundraiser possible!
Our youth are one step closer to their mission trip to Puerto Rico, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our church family and community! 🇵🇷

❤️ **A QUICK REMINDER FOR EVERYONE WHO ORDERED:**
📅 **THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**
🕙 **Pickup is between 10:00–11:30 AM**
Each meal includes a 24-ounce container of chili, cornbread, and a cookie.
Please remember to stop by and pick up your order during the designated time. We appreciate your support!

🍂 CAROL'S MEMORY CAFÉ 💜

Join us for a special morning filled with friendship, music, refreshments, and fellowship!
📅 **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**
🕥 **10:30 AM–12:00 Noon**
📍 Cicero United Methodist Church
Carol's Memory Café offers a welcoming gathering for individuals living with Alzheimer's or dementia, their caregivers, family members, and support partners.
Enjoy conversation, music, light refreshments, and meaningful connections in a warm, supportive environment. Everyone is welcome!
Questions? Mike White | 607-423-0672
Carolsmemorycarecafe@gmail.com

🦃 THANKSGIVING BASKET PACKING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ❤️

Let's spread a little extra love and Thanksgiving cheer!
We will be assembling our Thanksgiving baskets on:
📅 **Sunday, November 22**
⛪ Immediately following worship
📍 Fellowship Hall
We would love a few extra helping hands to get everything packed and ready for families in our community!

Whether you can stay for a little while or lend a hand until the job is done, every bit of help makes a difference. Please see **Sue Bonspille or Mary in the church office** for details. Let's come together, share some fellowship, and make sure our neighbors have a little extra to be thankful for this Thanksgiving!
Many hands make light work, and LOVE GROWS HERE! 🌻

🧥 OUTREACH COAT, HAT & GLOVE DRIVE

There's still time to help keep local children warm this winter!
We are collecting **NEW coats in sizes 6/7, 8, and 10/12**, along with hats and gloves, through **Sunday, November 15**.
📍 Collection box under the coat rack.
Help us get these items to the children before Thanksgiving break. A warm coat, hat, or pair of gloves can make a BIG difference! Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share God's love! ❤️

💗 HELP FILL THE PERIOD PANTRY!

Our friend Liz Auburn is collecting donations for the Period Pantry for the third year, with a goal of creating **300 kits for those in need!** Let's help her reach that goal by donating boxes of pads and tampons. Every donation helps make essential period products more accessible in our community.
📍 Drop off donations in the basket in our Welcome Center, underneath the flyer.
Let's fill that basket and make a meaningful difference together! Every box counts! ❤️

🥫🦃 THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE | WEEK 3

Let's Share the Blessings of Thanksgiving!
Our four-week Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive is continuing, and we're grateful for everyone who has contributed so far!
🍎 **WEEK 3 COLLECTION: DRY GOODS**
This week's requested items include:

- Stuffing
- Pasta
- Rice
- Instant potatoes

📍 Please place food donations next to the Sunday School door.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – WEEKS 3 & 4
Monetary donations will help us purchase the remaining items needed to complete our Thanksgiving baskets, including fresh produce, fruit, milk, eggs, and rolls.
Every donation, big or small, helps us bless another family this Thanksgiving. Thank you for sharing what you can! ❤️

🛍️ CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THAT GIVES BACK! ❤️

Have you visited the **Cicero UMC Online Store** yet?
Our MYF is offering church-branded merchandise featuring our beloved **Love Grows Here** logo! Choose from sweatshirts, jackets, T-shirts, tumblers, blankets, and more.
🎁 Shop for Christmas gifts, treat yourself, and show your church pride!

❤️ **EVERY PURCHASE SUPPORTS OUR MYF** and helps fund their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico!
The store is operated by a locally owned Cicero business, so you're supporting local while supporting our youth!
📅 **ORDER BY: Monday, November 23**
📦 **PICKUP: Second week of December at church**
🛒 **SHOP ONLINE:** www.ciceroumchurchstore.com
📱 Scan the QR code on the attached flyer to visit the store.
Need help ordering? Contact the MYF or church office. We'd be happy to walk you through the process!
Shop for Christmas. Support our MYF. Represent CUMC!
❤️ *LOVE GROWS HERE... WHEREVER YOU GO!* 🌷

🎄 BROWNE MEMORIAL GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will soon be up in the sanctuary!
Please consider choosing a star and helping make Christmas a little brighter for families in one of our country's poorest neighborhoods.
🎁 **Gifts must be returned UNWRAPPED by Sunday, December 6.**
Browne Memorial's "Life School" participants will use the unwrapped gifts, earning points through their classes to purchase gifts for members of their families.
Thank you for helping share God's love and making Christmas a little merrier for those in need!
Questions? Please contact Diane Ilaqua.

⚠️ IMPORTANT CHURCH FAMILY REMINDER: EMAIL SAFETY!

PLEASE READ BEFORE OPENING UNEXPECTED EMAILS!
We want to remind everyone to be extremely careful with unexpected emails, especially messages containing invitations, dinner invitations, shared documents, or attachments that instruct you to go to a computer and open something.
🚫 **DO NOT OPEN UNEXPECTED ATTACHMENTS.**
🚫 **DO NOT CLICK LINKS INSIDE SUSPICIOUS MESSAGES.**
🚫 **DO NOT FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO OPEN AN INVITATION OR DOCUMENT ON YOUR COMPUTER UNLESS YOU HAVE VERIFIED THAT IT IS LEGITIMATE.**
These messages can contain malicious links or attachments that install harmful software or gain access to your email account.
Once an account is compromised, those messages can begin sending themselves to everyone in your contact list. The emails may continue duplicating and spreading, potentially creating a very large problem for you and everyone who receives them.
Cleaning up a compromised email account can be a lengthy, frustrating, and expensive process, sometimes requiring professional computer assistance.
❤️ **WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T CLICK!**
If you receive something questionable, aren't sure whether an email is legitimate, or have already clicked on something suspicious, PLEASE contact the church office for help.
DO NOT GUESS. DO NOT TAKE A CHANCE. ASK FIRST!
We would much rather help you check an email than have you deal with the headache of a compromised account.

Thank you for helping keep our church family and our email contacts safe!

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendars! Here's what's coming up at CUMC:

- **November 15** | 10:00–11:30 AM – MYF Chili Fundraiser Pickup 🌶️
- **November 17** | **Pastor's Bible Studies CANCELLED** 📖
- **November 18** | 10:30 AM–12:00 PM – Carol's Memory Care Café ☕💜
- **November 18** | 1:00 PM – Final Fall Prevention Class 🍂
- **November 19** | 6:00 PM – Education Team Meeting 📚
- **November 21** | 1:00 PM – Charge Conference at Liverpool UMC ⛪
- **November 22** – Thanksgiving Basket Assembly, immediately following worship 🦃
- **November 23–24** – Thanksgiving Basket Pick-Up 🧡
- **November 24** | 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM – Pastor's Bible Studies 📖
- **November 25** – Newsletter Folding (Mailed Newsletters & Email Distribution) 📰
- **November 26–27** – **CUMC Church Office CLOSED** for the Thanksgiving Holiday 🧡

📖 A NOTE ABOUT PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor's Bible Study scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, is CANCELLED.
Bible Study will resume the following Tuesday, November 24, with sessions at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM in the Spear Room.
Thank you for making note of this schedule change!

❤️ A LITTLE THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a wonderful time to remember that gratitude isn't just something we express around the dinner table. It's something we show through the kindness we offer, the hands we lend, the prayers we share, and the love we extend to those around us.
Thank you to everyone who continues to give their time, talents, generosity, and hearts to our church and community. Every volunteer, every donation, every helping hand, and every act of kindness makes a difference.
We are blessed to be part of a church family that continues to find ways to serve others and share God's love.
May your Thanksgiving season be filled with gratitude, joy, and blessings!
With love and gratitude,
Cicero United Methodist Church
🌻 *LOVE GROWS HERE!* ❤️

We look forward to seeing you Sunday at 9:30 AM!

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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.

Cicero MYF Group

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

CHILI Fundraiser



★ **$12 PER MEAL** ★

Meal includes Chili with Cornbread and a Cookie.

★ PRE-ORDER FORM ★

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity: ☐ x $12 = $ _____

MEAL DATE / PICKUP

Sunday, November 15TH

at Cicero United Methodist Church
8416 Brewerton Road
Between 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Orders that are unable to be picked up on this date will be stored for pickup the following week.