ANNOUNCEMENTS
Posted Sunday, November 22, 2026

❤️ LOVE GROWS HERE!

Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and making a difference in our community.

🥫🦃 WEEK 4: THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE

🧡 **LET'S SHARE THE BLESSINGS OF THANKSGIVING!**

We're in our **FINAL WEEK** of collecting donations for our Thanksgiving Baskets!

WEEK 4: BASKET FILLERS

We're looking for those extra goodies that help families enjoy a little more than just Thanksgiving dinner. Suggested donations include:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Spaghetti sauce
- Breakfast bars and oatmeal
- Cereal
- White and brown sugar
- Hot cocoa and coffee

Let's go beyond Thanksgiving dinner and help provide families with extra food to enjoy throughout the weekend and beyond!

🤍 **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY:** Monetary donations are also welcome to help purchase fresh produce, fruit, milk, eggs, and dinner rolls for the baskets.

📍 **WHERE TO DONATE:** Please place food donations next to the Sunday School door.

Thank you for helping us share God's love and blessings with families in our community! ❤️

🦃 THANKSGIVING BASKET PACKING | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Many hands make light work! We will be assembling our Thanksgiving Baskets this Sunday in Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship.

We could use a few extra helping hands to pack everything and get it ready for families in our community. Whether you can stay for a little while or help until the job is done, every bit of help makes a difference!

For details, please see Sue Bonspille or Mary in the church office.

Let's come together, share some fellowship, and make sure our neighbors have a little extra to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. **Many hands, one mission, and lots of love!** ❤️

🎄 THE HANGING OF THE GREENS! 🌿

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

It's time to deck the halls and prepare our Sanctuary for the beautiful season of Advent!

The Worship Team is looking for helping hands as we transform our Sanctuary for Christmas. From fluffing the greens and hanging garland and banners to taking care of all those special finishing touches, there's plenty to do!

We'll begin our annual Hanging of the Greens immediately following worship on Sunday, November 29, and would love for you to stay and lend a hand. You don't need any special decorating skills, just a willing heart and a little time! Every helping hand makes a difference, and together we can make our Sanctuary a beautiful place to celebrate the season.
Questions? Call or text Deb Irwin at **315-727-0190**.
🌿 **Many hands make light work, and LOVE GROWS HERE!** ❤️

🎄 BROWNE MEMORIAL GIVING TREE 🎁

ONE WEEK LEFT TO PARTICIPATE!
Our Giving Tree is up, and there is still time to make Christmas a little brighter for families in one of our country's poorest neighborhoods! Please choose a star from the tree and help make a difference.
All gifts must be returned **UNWRAPPED by Sunday, December 6.** Browne Memorial's Life School participants will use the donated gifts as rewards for points earned through their classes, allowing them to purchase gifts for members of their own families. Thank you for sharing God's love and helping make Christmas a little merrier for those in need!

❤️Questions? Please contact Diane Ilaqua.

🤠 GOD'S COUNTRY RAMBLERS CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 5:30 PM
YeeHaw! 🎄 Get ready for some good old-fashioned Christmas fun!
Save the date for the God's Country Ramblers Christmas Party! Volunteers are needed to make soup, chili, or Christmas cookies to help make the evening extra special.
Interested in helping? Please call Julie Krupke at **315-720-3699**.
Come enjoy some Christmas fellowship, good food, and holiday cheer! 🎶

🛍️ CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THAT GIVES BACK! ❤️

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23!
Have you visited the Cicero UMC Online Store yet?
Shop church-branded sweatshirts, jackets, T-shirts, tumblers, blankets, and more, all featuring our beloved **Love Grows Here** logo!
Every purchase supports our MYF and helps fund their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico, while also supporting a locally owned Cicero business!
📅 **ORDER DEADLINE:** Monday, November 23
📦 **PICKUP:** Second week of December, just in time for Christmas!
🛒 **SHOP ONLINE:** www.ciceroumchurchstore.com
📱 Scan the QR code on the flyer to visit the store.
Need help ordering? Contact the MYF or church office. We'd be happy to help!
Shop for Christmas. Support our MYF. Represent CUMC!
❤️ *LOVE GROWS HERE... WHEREVER YOU GO!* 🌷

🎄 CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS! ❤️

Looking for a fun Christmas project for your children or grandchildren?
We will once again be spreading Christmas cheer by delivering handmade Christmas cards to our senior members and nursing home residents!
We invite you to make a few cards at home and bring them to church. Please place your cards in the basket on the **Welcome Center desk by Sunday, December 13.**
Our senior and homebound members love receiving these special handmade greetings. A little creativity and kindness can go a long way in making someone's Christmas brighter!
Thank you for sharing the joy of the season!
❤️ **Your Outreach Committee**

🍪 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE! 🎅

BAKING FOR A CAUSE!
Our Christmas Cookie Sale is back! All proceeds will benefit **UMCOR**, supporting natural disaster relief efforts in our communities and beyond.
🍪 **COOKIE TRAY PRICES:**

- Large Tray: $25
- Medium Tray: $15

Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center.
WE NEED YOUR HELP! ❤️
We're looking for volunteers to bake **three dozen homemade cookies** to donate to the sale.
📅 **COOKIE DONATION DEADLINES:**

- Friday, December 4, by 2:00 PM
- Saturday, December 5, by 9:00 AM

To volunteer, please contact Pat Michael at **315-436-5959**.
COOKIE TRAY PICKUP:

- Friday, December 4 | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Sunday, December 6 | Following Worship

Thank you for sharing your baking talents and helping us make a difference for those in need.
Every cookie helps spread a little sweetness and a whole lot of love! ❤️

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- **Nov. 22** | Thanksgiving Basket Packing, immediately following worship 🦃
- **Nov. 23** | LAST DAY to order from the CUMC Online Store 🛍️
- **Nov. 23–24** | Thanksgiving Basket Pick-Up 🧡
- **Nov. 24** | 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM | Pastor's Bible Studies 📖
- **Nov. 25** | Newsletter Folding & Email Distribution 📰
- **Nov. 26–27** | CUMC Church Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving 🦃
- **Nov. 29** | First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the Greens 🕯️🌿

DECEMBER

- **Dec. 2** | 10:30 AM | Forever Young ❤️
- **Dec. 2** | 6:00 PM | Finance Team Meeting
- **Dec. 3** | 2:30 PM | Bereavement Group
- **Dec. 3** | 5:30 PM | Outreach Committee Meeting
- **Dec. 6** | 4:00 PM | Christmas Pageant 🎄
- **Dec. 8** | 3:00 PM | CanTeen 🍽️
- **Dec. 13** | 5:30 PM | God's Country Ramblers Christmas Jamboree 🤠

❤️ A LITTLE REMINDER...

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving and prepare our hearts for Christmas, may we remember that the greatest gifts we can share aren't always wrapped in pretty paper. Sometimes they're a basket of groceries, a handmade card, a plate of cookies, or simply a helping hand.

Thank you for being part of a church family that continues to show up, reach out, and share God's love in so many ways.

We are blessed to be a blessing!

🌻 **CICERO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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We look forward to seeing you Sunday at 9:30 AM!

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OUR VISION:

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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.