ANNOUNCEMENTS
Posted Sunday, November 8, 2026

Love Grows Here ❤️

Sharing God's love through faith, fellowship, and service

🎄 CUMC ONLINE STORE IS OPEN!

Christmas Shopping That Supports Our MYF!

Looking for a little something special for Christmas? We've got exciting news! **Our CUMC Online Store is officially OPEN!** 🎉

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping and find something for everyone, from cozy apparel and sweatshirts to accessories and gifts featuring our very own *Love Grows Here* church logo!

🛍️ **Shop Online:** www.ciceroumchurchstore.com

Our store is maintained by our Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), and **proceeds will support MYF projects, including their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico!** 🇵🇷 Every purchase is more than a Christmas gift. It's an opportunity to support our young people as they prepare to share God's love through mission and service.

🎁 **Here's what you need to know:**

- The online store is open through **Monday, November 23**.
- Orders will be ready for pickup at church during the **second week of December**, just in time for Christmas!
- There are apparel and accessory options for the whole family.

Need a little help ordering? We've got you! ❤️

We know ordering online can feel a little confusing, especially if you're not used to shopping this way. Please don't let that stop you from supporting our MYF! If you need help navigating the website, choosing your items, or placing your order, please reach out to **a member of MYF or the church office**. We would be happy to sit down with you and walk you through the process, step by step.

Let's get behind our youth, spread a little Christmas cheer, and help make their Puerto Rico mission trip a success!

Shop, share, and support our MYF! Every order makes a difference! ❤️

🌶️ CHILI FUNDRAISER: SUPPORT OUR MYF MISSION TRIP!

Our youth are heading to Puerto Rico, and we need YOUR help! 🇵🇷

Let us take care of lunch while you help our young people prepare for an amazing mission experience!

❤️ **Each meal includes:**

- A 24-ounce container of chili
- Cornbread
- A cookie

📅 **Pickup:** Sunday, November 15

⏰ **10:00–11:30 AM**

Look for the pre-order form in this week's bulletin! Meals not picked up that day will be stored for the following week. Order yours, spread the word, and help our youth share God's love through mission and service!

🍝 BROWNE MEMORIAL DINNER

HELP US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

On Sunday, November 15, we will be serving spaghetti and meat sauce to more than 100 of our brothers and sisters at Browne Memorial, and we need your help!
We greatly appreciate donations of:

- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Individual servings of applesauce

📍 **Donation Location:** Please place your donations in the box marked *Browne Memorial Dinner* in the Welcome Center. Small gifts can make a BIG difference when we share them together! Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors with love, kindness, and generosity. ❤️

🍽️ CANTEEN SIGN-UPS ARE HERE!

📅 **Tuesday, November 10**
Our next CanTeen is coming up, and we need our wonderful volunteers! 💕
The sign-up sheet should be available this Sunday. Please consider lending a hand and helping us continue this important outreach ministry. Whether you can help with preparation, serving, or cleanup, every helping hand makes a difference! Thank you for being part of a ministry that shares God's love with our community. 🤝❤️

💪 OUTREACH COAT, HAT & GLOVE DRIVE

HELP KEEP OUR LOCAL CHILDREN WARM!

It's not too late to help!
We are still collecting **new coats for local schoolchildren in sizes 6/7, 8, and 10/12, along with hats and gloves, through Sunday, November 15.** 📍 **Collection Location:** Box under the coat rack.
Let's help get these items to the children before Thanksgiving break and make sure they have something warm to wear as the cold weather arrives. A coat, a hat, or a pair of gloves may seem like a small gift, but to a child who needs it, it means so much! Thank you for helping us share God's love and keep our community warm this winter. ❤️

💗 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 matters and helps make essential period products more accessible to those in our community.
📍 **Donation Location:** The basket in our Welcome Center, under the flyer. Let's come together, fill that basket, and share God's love in a meaningful way. **Every box makes a difference!** Thank you for your generosity! ❤️

📖🍂 FALL & ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

With Pastor Niles

As we move from the beauty of fall into the hope and wonder of Advent, join Pastor Niles for a special Bible study series!

📅 **November 10 – December 15, 2026**
🕐 **Two sessions:** 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM
📍 **Spear Room**
Take time to grow in faith, explore Scripture, prepare your heart for the Christmas season, and enjoy fellowship with one another.
Choose the session that works best for you, bring your Bible, and come ready to learn, share, and grow together!
Everyone is welcome! 🍁🕯️

🥫🦃 WEEK 2: THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE

LET'S SHARE THE BLESSINGS OF THANKSGIVING!

Our four-week Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive is underway! Each week, we'll collect different items to help share the warmth, love, and blessings of the season with those in our community who need a little extra help.
🧡 **WEEK 2 COLLECTION:**

- Canned pie filling
- Pie crust
- Pie mixes

📍 **Donation Location:** Please place your food donations next to the Sunday School door.
Every can, every item, and every donation reminds us that no one has to face the holidays alone. Thank you for helping us share our blessings and make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors!

🎄 BROWNE MEMORIAL GIVING TREE

HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS A LITTLE BRIGHTER!

Our Giving Tree will soon be up in the sanctuary! Please consider picking a star to help make Christmas a little brighter for families in one of our country's poorest neighborhoods.
🎁 **Please return gifts 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. Your generosity helps make Christmas a little merrier and gives families the opportunity to choose special gifts for their loved ones. Questions? Please contact Diane Ilaqua.
Thank you for sharing God's love and helping make Christmas brighter for those in need! ❤️

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

November 9

- 5:30 PM | Worship Team

November 10

- 10:30 AM | Cicero Sisters
- 11:00 AM | Fall & Advent Bible Study
- 3:00 PM | CanTeen
- 5:30 PM | Fall & Advent Bible Study

November 11

- Veterans Day 🇺🇸 | Church Office Open
- Lancaster Trip

November 15

- 10:00–11:30 AM | MYF Chili Fundraiser Pickup

- Browne Memorial Dinner
- Final day for Coat, Hat & Glove Drive

November 23

- CUMC Online Store Closes

December 6

- Browne Memorial Giving Tree Gifts Due (Unwrapped)

November 10 – December 15

- Fall & Advent Bible Study with Pastor Niles
- 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM | Spear Room

❤️ LOVE GROWS HERE

As we enter this season of gratitude and prepare for Christmas, let us remember that the greatest gifts are often the ones we give to others. Whether you donate food, purchase something from our MYF store, volunteer at CanTeen, help a child stay warm, or support a family through the Giving Tree, **every act of kindness helps God's love grow in our community.**

Thank you for being part of our church family and for continuing to make Cicero United Methodist Church a place where love, faith, and service grow together. **May we continue to share God's blessings, one helping hand at a time.** 🌷

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.

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.