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# May 2022

**Join in Worship on Sundays:** 9 AM Online; 10 AM in-person

**Good Friday: April 15, 2022;** 6:30 PM in-person, 7:30 PM online

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## Community Ministries/Matthew 25

Matthew 25 Food Distribution, May 8, 2022

A New Matthew 25 Pre-packing Opportunity

Dignity Pantry – SNACKS!

Bikes4Kids Partnership

Community Garden: Space Available

Family Promise Partnership Update- New Mentoring Opportunity

Meals on Wheels – Drivers needed

## Learning and Connecting

Bible Study on the book of Esther: Thursday evenings online (Eric Gossett)

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings online (Myrna Kuehl)

All-Youth: 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade – Sundays at 6:30 PM

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 7 PM

Grief Group – Monday evenings

Adult Fellowship



# Matthew 25 Food Distribution

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** (packing)

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** (packing)

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** (give away!)

**Sign up for this and all Matthew 25 events by using this link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0545aaa729aafd0-matthew16>

**If you need more information about Matthew 25 activities, please contact either Wendy Dorholt (wendydorholtm25@coonrapidsunc.org) or Sue Lehrer (suelehrerm25@coonrapidsunc.org).**

## Matthew 25 May 2022: Metrics

### Volunteers:

- Volunteer hours served: 490+
- Number of volunteers: 66
- Number of new volunteers: 6

**Food provided:** 13,000 pounds of food. This included items such as:

### Free food:

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| • Every Meal            | 3 Pallets (4,950 pounds) of staples and snacks   |
| • Bergin                | Dried fruit, nuts, snack mixes, and candy  |
| • Panera                | Baked goods such as bread, bagels, scones, cookies, etc.   |
| • Starbucks             | Sandwiches and bakery items  |
| • St. Vincent de Paul   | Grapes, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, cereal, Uncrustables, french bread, muffins, pastries |
| • Food Angel/Our Pantry | Hamburger helper, soup, Rice-a-roni, mac & cheese, and Stovetop stuffing                                   |
| • Jim the Donut Guy     | Meat, deli items, hamburger buns, cookies, donuts, muffins, sweet rolls, cake                              |
| • Costco                | 1,350 pounds of onions   |

### Purchased food:

- Nick and Drews      Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, oranges, peppers, apples, grapes, and cereal

**Families Served:**

- 345 Families (252 cars & 1 cyclist) at Coon Rapids UMC on April 10, (second Sunday)
- 56 Families at subsidized Apartments (Dublin and Oxbowl) in Coon Rapids
- 30 Families from House of Christ Assembly
- 5 Daycare families
- 7 East Bethel families
- 7 Volunteers or neighbors/family/friends of volunteers

**Other Notes:**

- Nick Nickerson donated 28 pounds of batteries
- Cub Foods donated 450 paper bags and 900 plastic bags
- Lois Peterson donated 5 grocery carts
- Bikes4Kids received 98 applications for bikes
- Weather: 56°F, cloudy, and Windy
- Panera donated to CR daycare, Faith Lutheran (CR) food pantry, CRUMC coffee hour, CR Highschool counseling office, St. Vincent de Paul employees, Nick & Drews discount foods employees, Mision Cristiana Bethel Church (CR)

## Matthew 25 Community Garden

**Space is still available!**

Interested in having your own manageable space for a vegetable garden? Or maybe share a space with another family?

Matthew 25 wants to help promote healthy eating by providing an opportunity to grow your own vegetables. It can also be a great learning experience to do with your children!

There will be 3' x 4' hi-top garden boxes and 4' x 6' framed ground-level garden spaces available for free, located outside the fenced playground area of the Day Care.

A garden team is available to answer questions and provide guidance! Hand tools, hoses, watering cans, rakes, shovels and kneeling pads will be available.

**To reserve a garden space or for more information, please contact:**

**Evelyn Nelson at [evelynnelsonm25@coonrapidsumc.org](mailto:evelynnelsonm25@coonrapidsumc.org)**



## Meals on Wheels

COVID has made the last 2 years challenging for Meals on Wheels. We've had an increase in clients and a decrease in drivers. There were times when we only delivered meals 2 days a week. We are finally back on a 5-day schedule.



Thank you to CRUMC members who deliver meals. This generous gift of time allows many elderly, disabled, and homebound people in Coon Rapids and Blaine to remain in their homes.

We can always use more drivers. We pick up meals at the Mercy Healthcare Center at 11:00 am. Delivering meals takes about 1 ½ hours. Drivers are able to bring their own bags or coolers. This eliminates the trip back to the Healthcare Center to return the bags used to keep the meals hot during meal delivery.

Our 2022 driving schedule is:

- July 4 – 8 (Closed on July 4)
- September 5 – 9 (Closed on Sept. 5)
- November 7 - 11
- January 9 – 13, 2023

**Please consider participating in this important ministry.**

**Contact Myrna Kuehl for more information.**



*Empowering families experiencing housing insecurity to build a foundation of lasting independence.*

## Family Promise Mentors Needed:

Family Promise in Anoka County is creating a mentorship for families who have newly moved into housing. The program will seek to pair families in the housing stabilization program with a family in the community to provide support and encouragement. A grant was recently received to fund development of this program, and so you can help build it as everyone learns together what is most beneficial.

The families will continue to work with their existing Budgeting and Financial Management mentors to maintain continuity. However, anything and everything else involved in staying in a home and not risking the loss of that stability are potential areas for mentoring. Mentors and families will be matched based on information shared on a questionnaire. Mentor and mentee families will decide on goals

based on the unique requests and skills, with the primary objective being a mutual relationship supportive in nature. Communication will be via phone, email, and in-person as decided between the two parties, depending on what works best for them. There will be flexibility, as well, as in how much time is spent together and how often it will be based on what is happening for both.

Family Promise plans to provide training on the Mentoring Program in mid-May. Mentoring teams will be asked for a one-year commitment as the first 3-6 months will provide the groundwork being formed and changes made as everyone works together to build the foundation of what works.

Instead of working with all the families in the program your team will be assigned one family to work with. **What they need is someone who's on their side who can offer a listening ear. You can tailor the relationship to fit your and the family's needs.** Are you curious about the Family Promise Mentoring Program? Are you considering participating? Or do you just have questions? Then this training is for you! Refreshments provided. Choose one of the three dates below:

- May 9 Mon (1:30-3:00pm) Coon Rapids UMC
- May 12 Thur (6:30-8:00pm) Glen Carey Lutheran Church in Ham Lake
- May 14 Sat (10:00-11:30pm) Glen Carey Lutheran Church in Ham Lake

**Sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0444a9af2ca5fa7-mentorship>

## Out of the Box Breakfast

...is a pretty simple event. There is no cost to attend. Buffet breakfast and coffee are provided. The programming, which includes speakers and updates from Family Promise, takes just one hour. A variety of community members come for the breakfast to learn about family homelessness in our community and raise funds to make an impact for those families.



This year, attendees will hear an inspiring message from Joe Davis. Joe is a nationally touring writer, speaker, and performing artist based in Minneapolis, MN. As a student and educator, he has served as teaching artist at hundreds of high schools and universities, most recently the Artist-in-Residence at Luther Seminary earning an M.A. in Theology of the Arts. Joe will be sharing ways and reasons to 'Show Up' for our neighbors and community.

**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2022

**Time:** 7:30am-8:30am

**Location:** TPC Twin Cities 11444 Tournament Players Parkway, Blaine

## Online Bible Study: Esther

Esther is the only book in the Bible that never mentions God. For that reason, some have questioned its place in the canon (the list of accepted books in the Bible). This study will examine the book of Esther and consider what, if anything, it contains that will help us to grow in our faith and devotion to God. The Bible study will last 13-14 weeks. Each week you will be sent a study guide for the next session. The study guide will contain some short, clearly written, helpful extracts from the writings of Bible scholars. The guide will also contain space for you to summarize the passage, record your observations, and will additionally contain a few questions for you to ponder and be ready to discuss when we meet. The sessions will contain a mixture of sharing observations, discussing the questions, and being presented with additional insights from Bible scholars.

**This Study will be held online on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Join anytime!**

**Contact Eric Gossett for more information and to get the Zoom link:**

## Matthew 25 Dignity Pantry

### *For CRHS Students Experiencing Homelessness*

We are switching gears a bit this month in collecting supplies for the Dignity Pantry to be sent to Coon Rapids High School. This month we are focusing on snacks for the Dignity Pantry which can include the following items as examples:



- Chex Mix - individual bags
- Mini Pretzels - individual bags
- Cheez It's - individual bags
- Granola Bars

Thanks again everyone for your continued support to the Dignity Pantry...the staff and students at Coon Rapids High School really appreciate it every much!!

**Thank you for making a difference in our community by sharing God's generosity.**

## Do you know of anyone who needs a bike?



The Robert and Wilma Burbach Bike Foundation (RWBBF, a non-profit 501c3 organization doing business as **Bikes4Kids**) collects and refurbishes used, serviceable bicycles to redistribute to kids and people in need. They are given away along with a helmet and lock, and safety instructions.

To request a free bike, go to this website: <https://bikes4kidsmn.org/donate-bikes-or-contact-b4k/>  
or reach out to Evelyn Nelson for more information. [EvelynNelsonM25@CoonRapidsUMC.org](mailto:EvelynNelsonM25@CoonRapidsUMC.org)

## Coon Rapids UMC Book Club

*Sponsored by United Women of Faith, but everyone is welcome*



United  
Women  
in Faith

Did you know that Coon Rapids United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) has a group that reads books from the reading program? The reading program encourages us to think critically about current issues, broadens our understanding of mission work and offers opportunities to deepen our spirituality. The reading program has five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. The National Women United in Faith publishes a list of books for each category. We choose one book from each category to read.

Coon Rapids United Women in Faith Reading Group meets 5 times during the year to discuss the books. We read both fiction and non-fiction books. Currently, we meet on Zoom.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, May 21 to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Future books are, *Girls Gone Missing: A Cash Blackberry Mystery* by Marcie R. Rendon and *The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister. Dates to discuss these books will be chosen at our May meeting.

**Please contact Myrna Kuehl if you are interested in joining our discussions.**

## Adult Fellowship

Fridays, May 6 & May 20, 2022, in the multipurpose room. All are welcome to join us for fellowship, laughter and prayer. If new to CRUMC enter Door B, we are right inside.

**Contact Pam Klemz or Debbie Riddell for more information.**

## Sunday nights, 6:30-8 pm: All-Youth

Our goal is to offer our youth a safe place to have fun, make friends, learn about God, and serve others. You are welcome to join anytime.

This new collaborative group (Youth, Solid Rock and Confirmation) is led by volunteers, Kirsten Comfort and Jay Juola.

**Email [AllYouth@CoonRapidsUMC.org](mailto:AllYouth@CoonRapidsUMC.org) for more information.**

## Coon Rapids UMC Choir

***All Adults are Welcome***

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Music Room. The choir plans to sing for in-person worship on the first and third Sundays.

**Contact Jo Franta for more information.**

## Grief Support Group

***Walking Together Through Grief***

**When:** Monday nights at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Zoom on-line (We are in discussion about returning to the church bldg.)

**Facilitators:** Sue Thomas and Ron Sabacky

**Contact Sue to receive an e-mail invitation to the meeting.**

We do not have professional counselors in our group but we provide good listening, thoughtful sharing, helpful support and encouragement.



**Our Guidelines:**

- We will listen and speak freely and respectfully, without need to advise or agree with another's viewpoint.
- We will honor confidentiality – what's shared here will stay here.

**Mission Statement:**

- To provide a safe place where people will find support and strength to help them on their journey of grief.

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