



METHODIST MESSAGES

Coon Rapids United Methodist Church

January 2020

I'm sorry for what you are going through right now.

I know that it's hard, it's mind-blowing, it's agonizing, it's unbelievable, and it's devastating. I know you feel all alone, but I also know that your God walks right beside you.

You may be going through a horrible diagnosis, a fight with a family member or your best friend. You may be grieving the loss of a loved one or you may be facing surgery. Maybe you've been praying for the soul of someone who is not saved or you may be facing foreclosure on your home.

I'm sorry for what you are going through right now. You may be agonizing over the actions of your child or the choices of a family member. You may be going through a contentious divorce or the loss of your job. Are you agonizing over the emotional instability of a loved one or perhaps yourself? Are you praying for someone who is addicted or someone experiencing spousal abuse or sexual abuse? It's unbelievable, but I know someone you can believe in – God.

We've all been there. Each of us has experienced at least one of these situations. No matter what you or a loved one are going through right now, don't forget to get on your knees. Pray for God's guidance, His protection, His timing, His wisdom, His peace, and His care and love. And don't forget your gratitude. Remember to give Him thanks for what you do have that's good. He provides all things. Thank Him for His many blessings.

Our Father sees your every tear, feels your every hurt, and hears your every prayer. When you don't know where to turn, what to think or how to react, lay it all at the feet of Jesus. Put all of your trust in Him. He will carry you when you don't have the strength to walk. I pray that the New Year will be easier for you, my friend. I will keep you in my prayers.

Nancy Mahowald

Lay Leader

Adult Fellowship Friends

Brrrr it's cold outside. Come warm up with friendship and join us on Friday, January 17, in the multi purpose room, at 11:30 am for our monthly pot-luck lunch. ALL are welcome! Please sign up in the hallway by the church office so we know how many are joining us. Do you like to play games? Stay after lunch and play games. Any questions contact Clarice 763-755-1514, AuraLee 763-421-7788 or Pam 763-784-3988. We hope to see you.

Retirement Party for Cathi Weber

Join us for a Retirement party for Cathi on Sunday, February 2nd, 11:00 AM



As most of you know, Cathi Weber has been faithfully serving Coon Rapids UMC in many ways for more than 30 years.

Mission Opportunities

Meals on Wheels

2019 has been a year of challenges and change for Coon Rapids-Blaine Meals on Wheels. Our first challenge was the unexpected death of our administrator, Bridget Platt, early in the year. Our second challenge came in September when Camilia Rose terminated the agreement to provide us with office space and preparation of meals. Our first meeting with the other Anoka County Meals on Wheels programs and Metro Meals on Wheels was in early October. Our goal at that meeting was that no client would miss a meal. It was soon determined that the best solution was for Coon Rapids-Blaine Meals on Wheels to merge with Impact Services. There are now 2 Meals on Wheels programs in Anoka County. Southern Anoka County Meals on Wheels provides meals for Spring Lake Park, Fridley, Columbia Heights and Hilltop. Impact Services provides meals for the rest of Anoka County, including Coon Rapids and Blaine.

Our church provided the drivers for December 2 through 6 which was the first week with Impact Services. I am grateful to say that we achieved our goal that no client would miss a meal. Meals are now picked up at Mercy Healthcare Center. Impact Services provided just under 1,100 meals that week.

Thank you to CRUMC members who helped make our first week a success. This generous gift of time allows many elderly, disabled, and homebound people in Coon Rapids and Blaine to remain in their homes. Our next week to provide drivers is February 3 through February 7. We can always use more drivers. Delivering meals takes about 1 ½ hours over the lunch hour. We provide drivers 6 times a year, about every 8 weeks. Contact me at myrnaku-ehl@comcast.net or 763-784-2588 if you would like to participate in this important ministry. Myrna Kuehl

Family Promise

Be a part of creating holy moments by being a Family Promise Volunteer January 19-26. Help those experiencing homelessness. Can you provide a meal? Be an evening host one night? Or sleep overnight once during the week? We'd like to get as many different volunteers as possible so that more people can share in this rewarding experience. It is time to start signing up. See Tammy with questions or to sign up. Alternatively you can sign up at the Sign up to Serve Table, email TammyCRUMC@gmail.com, or call 763-755-6990, ext 14.

Mississippi Elementary needs our help

Mississippi is in need of pants for both boys and girls in sizes 5 through 8. Please consider donating pants your children have outgrown and are free of holes. Used are definitely ok!!! Place them in the box in the hallway marked Mississippi Elementary.

Copy Person Needed! The teachers are requesting assistance with copying at least 1 morning a week for 2-3 hours on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Training will be provided! Please contact Wendi Jarson 612 701-6624 or call Jessica Roerick, Volunteer Coordinator at 763-506-3537.

Other volunteer opportunities... If you are interested in working with Mississippi Elementary in a volunteer capacity, there are many options listed regularly once you have signed up as a volunteer through their website. If you would like more information, please contact Wendi Jarson. Or go to <https://www.ahschools.us/mississippi>



Matthew 25

Food Distribution

Saturday, January 25

8:55 AM to 12 noon

Help us partner with the Spirit River Community to provide food to those in need.

Volunteer opportunities available to people of all abilities... from unloading the truck to handing out tickets.

People from age 12 to 92 have successfully volunteered, so don't count yourself out. God needs you!

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Missed Church?

Our services are recorded and posted on YouTube. This is your chance to be blessed with the pastor's inspirational messages at home.

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