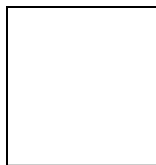




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Worship
 Sunday's at 10:00

It was 49 years ago during the Advent, Christmas season that I experienced a fresh infilling of the presence of Christ in my life. I was struggling with my faith, there was little power or relevance in living out my life. I believed he was my savior, my sins were forgiven and I thanked God for that. But is that all there was to my faith, belief my sins were forgiven in the past, what about the presence of Christ in my life that enables and empowers me to live for him to experience a full and abundant life through him. I was living in the past when what I needed was Christ present with me now!

For many I think belief in Christ is mainly living in the past tense. By that I mean they have trusted Christ for salvation stuck in the past when God calls us to live in the present. Tragically too many Christians live in the past tense belief but believing God for little more since then.

I want to ask you a question. Is the scope of your belief in Christ in the past tense security of salvation, or is it a living reality of an active, ongoing lifestyle of believing Christ. In other words are we simply nouns—believers? Or are we also verbs—believing in Christ we are called to be living verbs. We are called to the ONGOING act of believing.

It was during that Christmas season that I realized I was living in the past. And in a time of intense soul searching and the help of Christian friends I came to see that belief was more than just statements of belief but rather allowing Christ to fill my life empowering me to live for him.

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So I am a noun (believer) but even more importantly a verb (believing) and as I live life as a verb it is then I truly experience abundant life in Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Cliff

Missions

Thank you all for your generous contributions to NACE during December. We collected \$312.64 that will be doubled by a group of local businesses. Our Noisy Sunday offering on January 30 will be for Simpson Shelter. Simpson Housing Services began as an emergency overnight shelter in the basement of Simpson United Methodist Church in 1982. Since then, it has become a leading nonprofit providing assistance to people experiencing homelessness. It can house 44 men and 22 women, 365 days per year. It is a safe space where their guests can explore stable housing options and resources. Cedar UMC has supported Simpson Shelter for many years through cash donations, meal prep at the shelter and donations of clothing and other household items.

Happy New Year and God bless you all.
Sue and Junelle

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Trustees

Trustees took the month off from our project list in December to help decorate and celebrate Christmas. However, we did take a minute to reflect on some of the big projects completed in 2021. The list includes but is not limited to:

- New LED lights in the parking lot that give more light for less cost than the previous lights
- Electrification and lighting of the walkway and church sign
- Installation of the new stack ovens and cabinet modifications
- Parking lot striping
- New exterior door for the Fellowship Hall
- Duct cleaning
- Light ballast replacements
- Completion of staining and weather stripping of all of the windows in the church

We will be meeting in January after the charge conference to begin building a plan for projects to be prioritized in 2022. (Wow, 2022! How did that happen?)

Anyone who would like to suggest projects we should consider for our list, please contact one of the Trustees or Lisa in the church office to suggest something we should look into. We know there are some items from last year that we didn't get to, but there may be a few new ideas that will take their place.

Happy New Year to all!

Cedar Handbells

Many thanks to Stu, Junelle, Dan, Daisy, Salli and Tanna for ringing our bells the week before Christmas, and to Jill for accompanying us. Everyone remarked how great it was to hear the bells again! We have a few more who have expressed interest in ringing with us. We hope to begin practicing again on Wednesday, January 26th, from 6-7 pm. We will determine future practices at that time, no more often than every other week. There are a couple more spots open! Please let Pastor Judy know if you're interested in joining us. She can be reached at jmganz@gmail.com or 608-469-3134.

**MN Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church**

The MN Annual Conference has two weekly e-newsletters to keep you up to date on what's happening. (MNConnect and MNBulletin Board) You can request them by going to: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/e-newsletters> Just click on the "sign up for newsletters" link. You can also follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC>

CUMC Annual Charge Conference

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Following Worship

All are encouraged to attend.



- 1/8
- 1/9
- 1/10
- 1/16
- 1/17
- 1/19
- 1/22
- 1/23

- Dara Northfield
- Vicki Heavirland
- Tammy Holdsworth
- Ben Sheffield
- Gavin Snyder
- Karlene Wicklander
- Merilee Doll
- Amanda Rader

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	3. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	4.	5.	6.	7.	8. <i>Dara Northfield B-Day</i>
9. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school <i>Vicki Heavirland B-Day</i>	10. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing <i>Tammy Holdsworth B-Day</i>	11.	12.	13. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	14.	15.
16. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school Charge Conference following worship <i>Ben Sheffield B-Day</i>	17. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing <i>Gavin Snyder B-Day</i>	18.	19. <i>Karlene Wicklander B-Day</i>	20.	21.	22. <i>Merilee Doll B-Day</i>
23. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school <i>Amanda Rader B-Day</i>	24. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	25.	26. 6:00 pm Hand bell Practice	27.	27. <i>Bob Heavirland B-Day</i>	28.
29. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school Noisy Sunday Simpson Shelter	30. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	31.				