

June 2021

Sumner Center UMC Newsletter



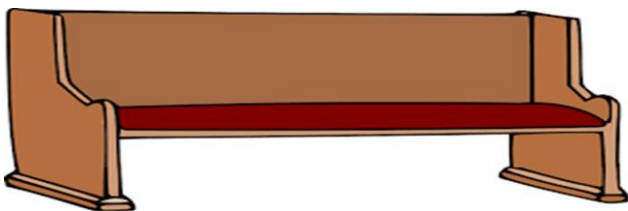
Sunday Worship will begin in-person June 6th

Weekly Worship Services will also continue to be offered each Sunday via
Sumner Centers Facebook page

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Pastors Notes...



The Lord has reserved a pew just for you!

*Come, join your faith community as we gather in
His house to worship.*

Starting:

Sunday, June 6, 2021

10:30 am

***Sumner Center UMC will
be open to
in-person
weekly worship***

Pianist needed!

As of this time Margaret Clark will be able to play the 1st
and 2nd Sundays of each month.



**We are looking for a pianist or two for
the 3rd, 4th and sometimes 5th Sundays of
each month. This is a paid position.**

Weekly Ushers are needed.

Please contact, Pastor Bridget if you are
able to volunteer as an usher/ sanitizing
helper or if you or someone you know is
interested in the pianist position.



Returning to In-Person Worship

What You Need to Know

Q: When will we return to in person worship?

A: In person worship will be available starting in June

Q: I enjoy worshipping online. Will online worship continue to be offered?

A: Yes, we will host in person worship and continue to share on Facebook ~ YouTube ~ on your radio 89.7 FM within surrounding area of Racine

Q: How should I enter the building?

A: To help control the flow of people entering the building we ask everyone to enter at the usual entry of the church. You will be met by an usher that will escort you to your seat starting at the front of the church and working towards the back.

Q: What safety protocols will be in place to help keep us safe and healthy?

A: Masks must be worn by all participants and sanitizing stations are available at doors. Everyone is expected to maintain social distance, and volunteers will be located at the door and the sanctuary to help direct people to seats, answer questions and redirect those who forget or ignore safety precautions. **Note: worship leaders will not be masked at the pulpit and lectionary.**

Q: Do I have to be vaccinated to attend worship in-person?

A: No. You do not need to be vaccinated. However, you need to make the right decision for yourself. This may not be the right time for you to participate in in-person worship. Your health and safety are something only you can determine.

Q: What will be different when we come back to worship?

A: As always, we will strive to provide a meaningful worship experience, but some things will be different. Some examples:

- ° We will all be wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.
- ° Hymnals and Bibles will not be available in the pews – you're encouraged to bring your own Bible.
- ° Communal singing will be allowed, while wearing masks.
- ° No food or beverages will be allowed.
- ° Cushions and chairs will remain in place.
- ° Video and other tech equipment will be visible and in use to support our online presence.

Q: Will there be a coffee hour or time for us to congregate before or after worship?

A: No. At this time, we are only opening the sanctuary for worship. We ask that you not congregate in any area of the building to greet and converse with others.

Q: Can I bring my own bottled water or coffee from home?

A: Please do not bring food or beverages with you to church.

Q: Will Children's Church be available?

A: No. Not at this time. Children and youth will need to remain with their family during the entire service. Family groups must stay together. There will continue to be "Time for Children" during worship, but kids must remain in their seats with their families.

Q: How will the offering be taken?

A: We will not pass the plates at this time. Instead, there will be an offering plate available where you can drop off your financial support of the church as you are exiting the sanctuary.

Q: Will communion be offered now that we're back in the sanctuary?

A: Yes, we expect to offer communion to those participating in in-person worship the first Sunday of each month. This will happen differently than how we are used to doing it and more information will be coming so that we can hopefully begin this in June.

Q: How will we exit the sanctuary following worship?

A: During the postlude or the music after the benediction on Sundays without an accompanist, the ushers will invite people to exit the sanctuary row by row. Please wait in your seats until invited to leave by one of the ushers, then promptly leave the building using the main doors of the church.

We are very excited to be offering in-person worship again after more than a year apart. Before attending, please consider your vaccination status, health situation and make the best/right decision for you. Online worship (via Facebook, and YouTube) and on your radio at 89.7 FM in areas surrounding Racine, will continue to be available for those not ready or able to attend church in person.

Please note: the church will be open for worship only at this time. All other activities and most meetings will continue to be held virtually.

Self-Screen Before Attending**Have you had...**

- Fever or feeling feverish?
- New cough?
- New headache?
- Sore throat?
- Muscle aches?
- Loss of taste or smell?
- Shortness of breath?

If you are sick, or have any of these symptoms, please stay home and get better. If you become sick within a few days of attending in-person worship, please let the office know for the purpose of contact tracing



Access Blue Phase guidelines go to Mn Conference webpage: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/regatheringplan>

The Way to Start your Day...

Go outside and face the East and greet the Sun with a blessing, chant or song that you made yourself and keep for early mornings. Do not fret if you do not know how to make a song it is very simple. First, don't try to think what words to use until you're standing there alone. When you feel the Sun, you'll feel the blessing, chant or song too. Just open your heart and release it. You see, a morning needs to be greeted. A new day needs to be honored. It is our responsibility to welcome the Sun and create a good day for it. We must also make a good world for it to live in one day at a time. So, as you rise out of bed tomorrow remember to look to the East and offer your blessing. And if you are very lucky there may be a time when the sky thanks you back with colors of beauty and magic. **Now that's the way to start a day!** *Special thank you to Bonnie Hotopp for sharing this.*

Calendar of Events

(subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

June 2021 -National Dairy Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2	3 	4 	5
6 10:30 am 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:30 am 	14 	15	16	17	18	19 
20 10:30 am Worship Service 	21	22 	23 	24 	25	26
27 10:30 am 	28	29	30			

Tips on Reading the Bible Daily

Plan Length: 365 days

Estimated Completion Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Eleventh month of daily biblical connection. If you would like to start now no worries, it is never too late to begin connecting with the Word.

1. Start reading the Bible today -- there is no
2. Set aside a specific time each day. Set your great, but feel free to use any time that works
3. Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not a short prayer to God before you begin, asking understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!



better time, and there's no reason to wait. schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are consistently for you. simply to accomplish your next reading. Say the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and

Day 303 - Jeremiah 27-28; 2 Timothy 4

Day 304 - Jeremiah 29-30; Titus 1

Day 305 - Jeremiah 31-32; Titus 2

Day 306 - Jeremiah 33-35; Titus 3

Day 307 - Jeremiah 36-37; Philemon

Day 308 - Jeremiah 38-39; Hebrews 1

Day 309 - Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 2

Day 310 - Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 3

Day 311 - Jeremiah 46-48; Hebrews 4

Day 312 - Jeremiah 49-50; Hebrews 5

Day 313 - Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 6

Day 314 - Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 7

Day 315 - Lamentations 3-5; Hebrews 8

Day 316 - Ezekiel 1-3; Hebrews 9

Day 317 - Ezekiel 4-6; Hebrews 10:1-23

Day 318 - Ezekiel 7-9; Hebrews 10:24-39

Day 319 - Ezekiel 10-12; Hebrews 11:1-19

Day 320 - Ezekiel 13-15; Hebrews 11:20-40

Day 321 - Ezekiel 16; Hebrews 12

Day 322 - Ezekiel 17-19; Hebrews 13

Day 323 - Ezekiel 20-21; James 1

Day 324 - Ezekiel 22-23; James 2

Day 325 - Ezekiel 24-26; James 3

Day 326 - Ezekiel 27-28; James 4

Day 327 - Ezekiel 29-31; James 5

Day 328 - Ezekiel 32-33; 1 Peter 1

Day 329 - Ezekiel 34-35; 1 Peter 2

Day 330 - Ezekiel 36-37; 1 Peter 3

Day 331 - Ezekiel 38-39; 1 Peter 4

Day 332 - Ezekiel 40; 1 Peter 5





Register for 2021 Annual Conference: 'Jesus. Waymaker.'

taking place **June 22-24**, with June 22 and 24 being entirely virtual and June 23 being in small, in-person groups at various sites across the state.

The upcoming Annual Conference invites you to: connect and worship with United Methodist friends and colleagues; hear from Bishop David Bard; recognize clergy entering new phases of life and ministry; celebrate what we have accomplished together and how we've pivoted over the challenging past year; and learn from teaching session speaker, Rev. Rachel Billups, senior pastor at Ginghamburg Church in Ohio!

Everyone is welcome to sign up for the in-person day on June 23

(listed below are our local site locations)

Albert Lea: Albert Lea UMC, 702 S Highway 69

Rochester: Christ UMC, 400 5th Ave SW

Virtual meeting: Participants will be part of a Zoom call and assigned to breakout rooms for small group discussions

Voting members should register for the virtual days (June 22 and 24); everyone else can watch online. [Learn more](#) / [Register for Annual Conference](#) by logging into the Mn Conference webpage at: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/annualconference>

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) participants of every age serve in all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Most teams from Minnesota spend up to two weeks working on hands-on projects in construction, disaster response, teaching, health care, and packing supplies for overseas shipment.

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SUMMER ADULT BOOK STUDY STARTS JUNE 14

**Words
of Life**

Jesus and the
Promise of the Ten
Commandments
Today

Adam Hamilton
Bestselling author of Making Sense of the Bible

In person:
Mondays
@130p, SUMC

Via Zoom:
Mondays
@630pm

Contact Pastor Bridget
If you are interested in joining one of the study groups.

Books are available on amazon or through Pastor B for \$15.99

Fundraising Event!

*The greatest among you shall be
your servant. Mt. 23:11*

**Great work Racine UMC & Sumner
Center UMC—**

**Your fundraising efforts in the
spirit of Gratitude have been
distributed to**

**our local Frontline County workers.
Each location receiving \$10 gift cards for our
dedicated men and women.**



Stewartville First
Responders 15 cards

Delivered by:
Robin Vrieze



Mower County Sheriff's

Department

25 cards

Delivered by:
Pastor Bridget



Fillmore County Sheriff's

Department

19 cards

Delivered by:
Jean McNamara



Spring Valley Area

Ambulance 18 cards

Delivered by:
Jean McNamara



Chatfield Area

Ambulance = 24 card
cards

Delivered by:
Karen Hamm

Memorial Day

WORD SEARCH

AMERICAN
ANTHEM
CEMETERY
CEREMONY
COMMEMORATE
DECORATION
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REMEMBRANCE

VETERANS

SACRIFICE

WAR

SALUTE

SERVICE

SOLDIERS

TAPS

