

# Cross Winds

United Methodist Church

August 2022



## *So Much to Celebrate! So Much to Come!*

Check out the great opportunities happening at Cross Winds this month and this fall!  
New small groups, ways to serve, and activities for all ages.

### Getting Ready for a New School Year

Cross Winds is getting ready for an exciting year of ministry with new ways to participate for all ages. Included in this month's newsletter is a sneak peek at some of the emerging new groups and ministries available for you.

Be sure to save the date for **Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th**. There will be an open house for our Sunday School classes (9am) where all ages can learn more about classes designed for them. At 10am we will celebrate worship together and enjoy a special meal after worship. There will even be yard games set up to enjoy.

Speaking of Sunday School, we are pleased to announce that we are expanding programming for all ages at the Sunday School hour. **Starting on September 18th**, Cross Winds will have a **9am education hour** including classes for nursery, elementary students, middle school youth, high school youth, and adults.

### Fall Sunday Morning Schedule

**Open House & Rally Day—Sept 11th**  
**Classes Start—Sept 18th**

**9am— education hour for all ages**  
*nursery through adult*

**10am—worship in sanctuary**  
*children's worship and nursery also available*

**11am—fellowship time**  
*Coffee, treats, and time to connect*

If you're looking for a small group, we have groups that meet throughout the week. Gatherings include a brand new Grief Share support group, new short-term Bible studies happening throughout the week, as well as familiar groups like Prayer Shawl, Stitches of Love, and the Senior Facilities group. In a few weeks, we hope to share even more small group opportunities, so stay tuned. If you're interested in starting a group, please contact Pastor Stina.

See you in-person, online, or anytime at Cross Winds.

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
9am-2pm

## Sign Up For Weekly Email Updates

- Friday "Cross Winds Life" Announcements (include pastor's note and links to upcoming events)
- Prayer Chain email updates

Contact the Church Office to subscribe



## A Word of Thanks

Thank you from the entire Marsh-Henningson family to our wonderful Cross Winds family for the overwhelming warmth and care we felt from this church community at the time of Ed's death and memorial service. We want to express our appreciation for the many cards of condolence, gifts of food, donations, and offers of help that we've received. We also want to thank the church staff and talent for all of their help: Pastor Stina, Lori Goldstein, Lori Lahtinen, Nancy Betterman, Mary Muellenberg, Roger Roth, Tim Peschman, George Colson, Lynda Weeks, Jeanie Ewald, Kathy Wagoner, and Mary Stire.

# Cross Winds

## United Methodist Church

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## **Pastor's Note**

### **by Stina Koppes**

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.*

- 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

I enjoy puttering around in my gardens. Although I am not a master gardener, nor do I have the acumen for the nuances of plant health, I do enjoy the hard work of creating garden beds and seeing what might flourish in those environments.

I have made a lot of gardening mistakes.

Last year, I especially remember planting something marked "full sun" in a full sun spot, but the searing heat was just too much for it. This year I transplanted it to a nearby spot that had some shade. Although the plant is weathering the challenges of being transplanted, it is flourishing in its new home. Meanwhile, other plants have taken its full sun spot and seem to enjoy the searing heat and constant sun.

Location, location, location.

Then there is the watering.

One of the reasons I try to plant things that will naturally flourish is because I don't want to get involved in excessive watering. Some of this is from a personal environmental philosophy (Remember when I said that my original training was in environmental toxicology? That stuff is pretty stuck in my DNA.), but some of it is also simply because I don't want to commit to the extensive practices. Either way, the commitment to the plants does involve some degree of watering as well as tending the garden beds. As I consider my work, I spend time negotiating with myself on what I am willing to maintain. Without my commitment, the plants will struggle.

Yet even with all of that work, I can not guarantee the plants will grow.

One of the things I love most about gardening is that although I can do all the hard work of creating garden beds, planting things, and watering, I cannot guarantee what will grow. The growth of a plant is a sign of pure grace.

I also cannot force how fast a plant will grow.

Plants will grow at their own speed. Perennials will establish themselves according to their own timelines. Although I can plant, tend, and water, their growth is beyond me.

Gardening is good for my soul. Working with the plants reminds me of the importance of responsible, cooperative grace. I am needed. My work matters. Yet the ultimate results are way beyond my powers. Only God can really make it grow.





## **Welcome Michelle Schober**

### **Director of Administration**

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Michelle Schober will be serving as the new Director of Administration beginning August 1st. Michelle brings a wealth of experience and talent to this new position, having spent years serving as the Administrator of Minnetonka United Methodist Church.

Michelle will be responsible for ushering in a new role on the Cross Winds staff as Director of Administration. This leadership role will be responsible for providing administrative oversight, communications management, hospitality coordination, and facilities support. In addition to familiar roles such as publishing a bulletin or scheduling groups, this newly expanded role will be working significantly with our pastor to strengthen our growing needs for digital ministry engagement, expanding building use for both our church family and larger community needs, and implementing new tools that are essential for modern shared ministry. Examples of projects you may see in this coming year include website redesign, new building scheduling support, implementation of a new church database, additional administrative support for the implementation of our capital campaign projects, and expansion of social media ministries.

## **Contact Michelle Schober**

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday (9am-2pm). Available for additional appointments upon request.

We are excited that Michelle will be helping to lead the way in this new ministry area as Cross Winds continues to grow and live into our spring Capital Campaign vision of "So All Are Welcome." Providing expanded hours and a new director level position for administrative ministries will provide all ministries with a strong foundation to do all the good we can. We are also grateful that Michelle will continue in her work as the worship administrative assistant, which includes oversight of our A/V worship work, coordination of worship team work (preparing the sanctuary space, communion, etc.) and administrative support for our music programs.

Welcome Michelle!

*If you would like to welcome Michelle to this new role, she will be available during weekday office hours, which will resume on Mondays through Thursdays (9am-2pm) beginning August 1st.*





WORSHIP SERIES AUG 7 - SEPT 4

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

God  
at work  
while we are  
on the road

***Summer is a great time to get on the road and see the world. Join us in-person at 10am or online anytime for worship as we explore how God works while we are on the road.***

### **August 7th - God, The Promise Keeper**

Scripture - Genesis 22:1-19

Preacher - Rev. Elijah Nagbe

Abraham's focus was not on the circumstances he was facing, but the power of God to fulfill the promises God made. Abraham trusted that God was able to keep every promise that was made to him, including the promise of descendants.

### **August 14th - Blinded By the Light**

Scripture - Acts 9:1-9

Preacher - Rev. Christina Koppes

Gather for a spirit filled worship service as we welcome **guest musician Chuck Skajewski and United Methodist Missionary, Rev. Priscilla Legay Jaiah to worship.** Chuck is an accomplished musician who brings a joy filled style to his music either as a solo artist or in his family musical group called "Then and Now". Rev. Legay Jaiah is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and the Superintendent of Ganta Mission Station of the

United Methodist School in Liberia, West Africa. She will share a testimony of hope about the work of Enlighten Nimba, which partners with the Gipo Vocational Technical Institute, whose mission is to equip young people to possess marketable vocational skills that can serve as a source of income.

### **August 21st - Is the Lord Among Us or Not?**

Scripture - Exodus 17:1-7

Preacher - Rev. Shirley Duncanson

When we don't see the way ahead, we wonder where God is. The Israelites, recently freed from Egypt, are out of water and out of hope. They wonder if the Lord is among them or not. How do we live faithful lives, when our following God's call, sends us into wilderness places?

### **August 28th - Where Have You Been?**

Scripture - Luke 24:13-35

Preacher - Rev. Christina Koppes

There is an old saying that "hindsight is 20/20," but is it? Even with time to look back and analyze the past, we are often left puzzled with the mysterious ways life unfolds and what it means. What happens when God shows up? Will we understand it better by and by or will we be left with even more questions?

# MOSES

*In the Footsteps of the*  
**RELUCTANT PROPHET**

## FALL SMALL GROUPS

**6 WEEK STUDY**  
BY **ADAM HAMILTON**

**BEGINS OCT 2**  
several times available  
contact: Pastor Stina

### **Moses - 6 Week Small Groups Begins Week of October 2nd**

It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness.

#### **Small Groups Meeting Times**

- Sunday mornings (9am-10am) starting Oct 2nd - led by Christy Sturlaugson
- Wednesdays (1pm-2pm) starting Oct 5th - Pastor Shirley
- Wednesdays (7-8pm) starting Oct 5th—led by Pastor Stina
- Looking for another option—contact Pastor Stina to start a new small group!

#### **Other Ways to Participate**

- **Read Exodus**, or portions of this fall.
- **Purchase the book *Moses*** by Adam Hamilton (paperback/e-books available on Amazon, Cokesbury, etc.). Copies are available at the church for purchase as well.
- **Watch** the Adam Hamilton teaching videos through Amplify Media. Register for a free personal user account under the Cross Winds subscription for Amplify Media. This online library of videos and spiritual studies (think of it as a "Methodist Netflix") includes the six-week video series for the Adam Hamilton study on Moses and MUCH MORE! Watch one video per week and spend time journaling or praying in response to what you hear.

***For more information about small groups,  
purchasing books, or Amplify media,  
contact Pastor Stina  
[stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)***



# Small Groups

In addition to the 6-Week Moses Study Groups, there are even more new groups forming at Cross Winds for you!



## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

### **Grief Share Begins September 12th (1:30-3:30pm)**

Grieving the loss of someone close to you? Find comfort and support at GriefShare, a 13 week grief support group meeting Monday afternoons (1:30pm-3:30pm) beginning September 12th at Cross Winds. Each session has a video for discussion and optional personal homework for additional reflection. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Personal workbooks will be provided by the church. Register with Pastor Stina to save your spot ([stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org) or call: 763-494-9463). This support group will be led by Marlan Tevis and Bill Bryant

### **Senior Facilities Group - Wednesday Mornings**

Gather for fellowship and service with other men on Wednesday mornings. This group meets weekly (9am-11am) downstairs for coffee and connection. Then the group works away at various indoor and outdoor projects. Men are welcome to attend as their schedule permits. Group facilitator is Roger Roth.

### **Prayer Shawl Group—August 22nd**

Prayer Shawl Ministry will enjoy lunch out at a patio restaurant in Maple Grove on Monday, August 22 at noon. This is an opportunity to relax, visit and celebrate this ministry. Please join us if you are part of this ministry or interested in joining us. Watch for more information or contact the church office or Dianne Roth.

### **Fall Prayer Shawl Gatherings**

Gather with other women for a time of fellowship, prayer, and service to knit and dedicate prayer shawls. This group meets on the fourth Monday of the month (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) in the Fellowship Hall. New and experienced knitters and crocheters are welcome to join. Yarn is also provided by the church. Group facilitator is Dianne Roth.

### **Stitches of Love - Sept 1st**

Gather with other sewers for fellowship and service at the next Stitches of Love meeting on Thursday, September 1st at 1pm. Stitches of Love meets every other month on the 1st Thursday of the month.







## Fall Women's Retreat

The fall women's retreat is back! Save the date for a retreat at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center (**October 28-29**). Watch for details and registration in September. For more information contact Pastor Stina or Dianne Roth.

The women's retreat will include times of fellowship, worship, personal retreat, making new friends, great food, and enjoying the beauty of nature.

### Interested in being a part of the Planning Team? Meet on August 7th!

There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 7th (11am, after worship) to prepare for the retreat. Leadership opportunities include—speaking at one of the sessions (curriculum will be provided), preparing decorations, assisting with registration, assist with hospitality coordination at the retreat, etc. Contact Pastor Stina or Dianne Roth if you are interested in helping but are unable to attend the planning meeting.

### Learn More About the Location: Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center

Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center is a place of exceptional beauty. Rolling hills, prairies, and woods invite guests to connect with nature as a theater of grace. Guests hike on five miles of trails, venture out on the marsh walk (a 425-foot floating walkway overlooking Chub Lake), meditate in the gazebo, pray in the outdoor chapel, walk the outdoor labyrinth, spy on ducks in the wildlife observation blind, or enjoy conversation over a fire on the patio. Wildflower and rainwater gardens, scattered throughout the grounds, highlight the retreat center's natural beauty and commitments to land preservation.

Most of the food is made from scratch and sourced locally. They have an organic garden on site where they harvest fresh fruit and vegetables during the summer months. They get vegan protein from a vegan deli in Minneapolis. They can accommodate gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian, vegan, and other dietary needs/restrictions.

<https://mtolivetretreat.org>



## Enlighten Nimba - Mission Opportunity

We welcome Rev. Priscilla Legay Jaiah to worship on **Sunday, August 14th**. Rev. Legay Jaiah is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and the Superintendent of Ganta Mission Station of the United Methodist School in Liberia, West Africa. She will share a testimony of hope about the work of Enlighten Nimba, which partners with the Gipo Vocational Technical Institute, whose mission is to equip young people to possess marketable vocational skills that can serve as a source of income.

We give thanks for our Cross Winds friends, Dick Post, Jay Anderson, and Ann Anderson who have supported this mission work over the years. Dick has been vitally involved in the development of the non-profit organization, Enlighten Nimba. Jay & Ann Anderson also have experience working with this United Methodist missionary work in Liberia.

*Photos from 2019 mission trip to Liberia courtesy of Dick Post*



To learn more about Enlighten Nimba:  
<https://enlightennimba.org/>

To learn more about Rev. Legay Jaiah:  
<https://umcmmission.org/missionary-bio/13035z/>

To learn more about the Ganta Mission Station connected to Enlighten Nimba:  
<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-233-ganta-united-methodist-mission-station-program-support.aspx>

If you would like to financially support the work of Enlighten Nimba, we will have a special offering on Sunday, August 14th. Checks should be made payable to Cross Winds, but please mark "Enlighten Nimba" in the memo line. If you would like to give an online donation, please donate directly at Enlighten Nimba.





## **Congratulations Jason Brezina - New Certified Lay Speaker**

Cross Winds is proud to announce that Jason Brezina has recently completed the MN Annual Conference "Certified Lay Speaker" training. Training included a series of courses offered by the Annual Conference, sample preaching, and extensive interviews by the Lay Ministry Team. Certified Lay Speakers serve as a trained worship leader and share God's word through preaching. Once certified, they may choose to be placed on a published pulpit supply list available to conference pastors.

### ***Testimony from Jason***

I have wanted to become a Certified Lay Speaker, because it is one way that I can further the mission to make, and strengthen, disciples of Jesus Christ. I have always had a way of viewing, interpreting, and presenting materials, thoughts, and perspectives to others in a way that is enlightening and enriching for them, and helps them to better understand events in their lives. As someone who has dedicated a larger portion of my life to helping and serving others, being a lay speaker affords me the opportunity to use my spiritual gifts to help others in their faith. Preparing and delivering a sermon pushes me to do more thorough, and thoughtful, research in the word and Christianity, allowing me to grow more in my faith as someone who is still learning the Bible.

I encourage everyone to identify their spiritual gifts and find ways that you can give your time, talents, and service to others in service to Jesus. I have always felt that Lay People play a vital role in our church supporting our clergy, and I am honored to be able to do so in such a direct way. I am honored to be able to share God's Word with this congregation, and any other congregations that will allow me to.

- Jason Brezina

***Congratulations Jason! We are proud to have you be a part of the Cross Winds family and share your gifts!***

**Live out your calling! Become certified in Lay Ministry.**

Interested in learning more about Certified Lay Speaking? Contact Pastor Stina ([stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org))

And learn more online at:  
[www.minnesotaumc.org/lay-servant-ministries](http://www.minnesotaumc.org/lay-servant-ministries)

Upcoming Minnesota Annual Conference retreat for Lay Speaking will be available September 24th, 2022.





# 2022-2023 Programs begin September 11!

*Sunday School begins September 18 at 9:00am*  
*Register today at [crosswindslife.org](http://crosswindslife.org)*



*worship \* education \* mission \* prayer*  
*2022-2023 programs begin September 11*  
*open house 9:00-9:45am*

*Sunday School begins*  
*September 18 at 9:00am*  
*(new time!)*

*register*  
*at*

*[crosswindslife.org](http://crosswindslife.org)*

*nursery \* friendship \* service \* choir \* VBS*

**Learn More**  
**About Kids Min —**  
**Contact**

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Director of Children's  
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[Amber.lahtinen@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:Amber.lahtinen@crosswindsumc.org)



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We're all about our Cross Winds Kids  
Pre School - Kindergarten - 1st-5th Grade

**Amber Lahtinen,**  
**Director of**  
**Children's Ministries**

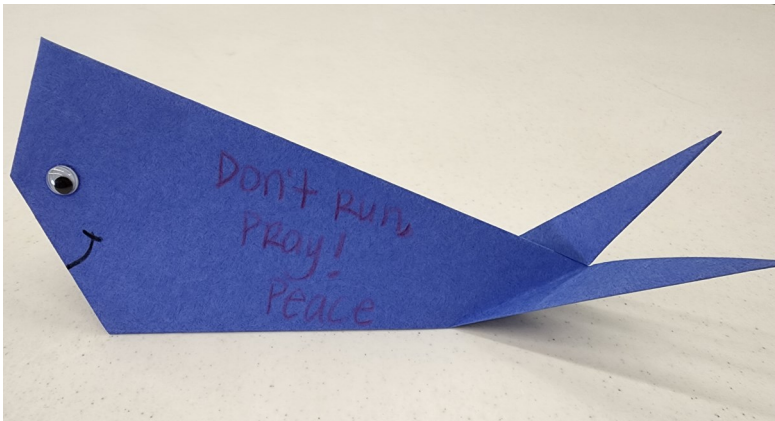
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**We've had a great start to summer by studying some of our favorite Bible stories!**  
**God is with us! God is for us! God loves us!**



## **Summer Children's Worship Stories**

Photos include  
projects from:

Jonah & The Whale

Noah & The Rainbow

Jesus Calms the  
Storms



## Summer Worship

Children's Time during the 10am service with be Ms. Amber's "greet and go" style.

Expect a quick greeting and dismissal; a children's message, activity and worship will take place together.



## Camp Minnesota

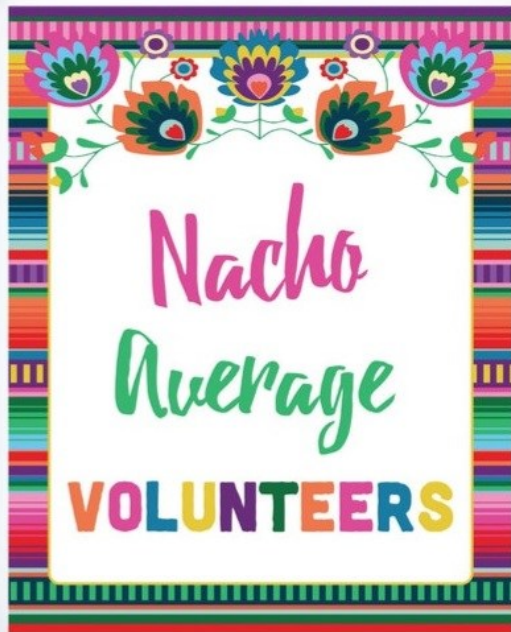


**Pray for our CW Kids and their friends who are attending Camp Minnesota in August!**

Pray for open hearts to hear God's word spoken and to receive it as truth. Pray for the deepening of current friendships and the formation of new ones. Pray for safety during travel and activities. Pray for good health and good weather. Pray for the camp staff. Pray that the glory will be to God.

## August 2nd Volunteer Meeting

Are you feeling called to serve in Children's Ministry? We are looking to add to our team for the 2022-2023 school year! Come and be a blessing all while being blessed in the Kid Min program! Join us for an information session and dinner on August 2nd at 6pm.



## Parent Cue Blog

**What ways can your family "make waves" in the world you live in?**

**Find some inspiration here:**

**[theparentcue.org/activities/find-waves/](https://theparentcue.org/activities/find-waves/)**



# Youth Ministry

**Josh Greer,**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry  
**Josh & Jenny**  
**Pups: Rawley &**  
**Charlotte**



## SUMMER FESTIVAL camp

### Summer Festival Camp was a blast!!!

At camp, our students competed in a huge water balloon fight, solved an epic Scooby Doo mystery game, and danced away the night at a silent disco party. When our students weren't playing games, they could be found in student workshops, small group time with their leader and hanging out in CLUB where they listened to the camp speaker and jammed out in worship with the band. It was truly incredible to see our students grow closer together and experience the love of Christ in so many different ways. Thank you, God!



## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**Tuesday, August 9**

Students 6th - 12th grade

### A Day of Fun, Sun & Serving

Coon Rapids  
Feed My Starving Children  
Bunker Beach Water Park



### August 9th—Day of Service and Fun

Spend a day making a difference through volunteering at Feed My Starving Children and enjoying some summer fun time at Bunker Beach. Register in advance with Josh Greer.

Students and Families

### Faith Day at Target Field



**Sunday  
August 28  
1:10 PM**

Minnesota Twins  
vs.  
San Francisco Giants



On Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 PM, our students, and families are invited for an afternoon at the ballpark. Enjoy an afternoon at Target Field with your faith community, and after the game join others on the third baseline for worship music as well as player testimonials. For more information, contact Josh Greer ([josh.greer@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:josh.greer@crosswindsumc.org)).

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Students and parents are invited for our back-to-school night. Our Wednesday night programming (for our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students) will kick off on **Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for food, fun, and games. There will also be program information and student registration available.

### SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMMING

Beginning **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**, our middle school and high school students will have the opportunity to hang out with friends and grow in their faith. Our middle school students will meet with their peers, play games, and be led by awesome leaders using Orange Curriculum. Our high school students will hang out in a comfortable setting with friends while enjoying some food, fun games, and group discussions.

### Cross Winds UMC Youth Ministry is on social media

Follow us and stay connected

**Facebook** - CWUMC Students

**Instagram** - CWUMCYOUTH

**YouTube** - CWUMC Youth





## Music Notes

*Sing to the Lord!! Sing praises to Him!*

*Talk about all His wonders.*

**1 Chronicles 16:9**

It's time to start preparing worship music for fall services and you are invited.  
If your spiritual gift is singing or playing a musical instrument  
we have space for you to honor God by sharing your talent.

**Make plans to join us for**

**Choir Kick Off**

**Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm**

Cross Winds Choir is open to all singers from ninth graders to age 95. It is not only a group that produces beautiful worship music, but also provides fellowship, friendship, spiritual growth, and care for its members. Rehearsals will continue Wednesdays from 7-8:30 from September- May.

**Youth are invited to join us for**

**Higher Ground Youth Choir Kick off**

**Sunday, September 25 at 11am**

Higher Ground is our youth choir for grades 5-12, the group is designed for developing singers of all abilities who enjoy learning about music and is led by members of our worship band. We sing in worship 4-5 times per year. Rehearsals continue throughout the school year on select Sundays at 11am.

**Instrumentalists needed**

We incorporate instruments of all kinds including strings, brass and woodwinds, and keyboards in much of our worship music; please let me know if you play an instrument, and would like to play in worship. You can contact me for opportunities throughout the year to share your musical gifts and talents in worship.

**I can't wait to hear your heavenly voices and instruments join in worship!**

**Lori Lahtinen     Director of Worship and Music     [lorilahtinen@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:lorilahtinen@crosswindsumc.org)**

*Praise Him with the blast of trumpets high into the heavens, and praise Him with harps and lyres and the rhythm of the tambourines skillfully played by those who love the Eternal. Praise Him with singing and dancing; praise Him with flutes and strings of all kinds!*

**Psalm 150:3-4**



## New Garden - Girl Scout Bronze Award



You may have noticed a new garden on the north side of the church by the nursery. It was designed, planted and funded by Junior Girl Scout Troop 18266 to earn their Bronze Leadership award. They created this sustainable perennial garden with the intention to increase habitat for butterflies and bees. You can learn more about their project during service on **August 28th**, when the girls present the garden to the church.



# Finance and Facilities Updates

## Finance Update

Thank you for all your giving this year as we enter August to support all of our CWUMC ministries. Your Finance Team has updated our latest financial forecast for the year and we are still indicating a deficit in our accounts this year. You can help us balance the budget.

If you want to increase your pledge or if you have not had a chance to contribute yet and want to, please go to our website [crosswindslife.org](http://crosswindslife.org) and review how you can reduce our deficit.

Click "GIVE"

Click "GIVE ONLINE"

and then select Sub Fund—"Regular Giving" under the General Fund.

If you have any questions about our Giving, expenses, reserves or the Capital Campaign, please email us at [finance@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:finance@crosswindsumc.org).

Thank you again for your blessings and support for our ministries at CWUMC.

- Don Bushen, Finance Chair

## Capital Campaign Update

### "So All Are Welcome"

## Project Updates

The Project Management Team (PMT) is working diligently with the trustees to get our capital campaign projects in motion.

We are pleased to announce that over \$170,000 has already been collected towards our capital campaign projects, which means we are able to proceed with several projects right now. We also anticipate that we will receive significant donations over the course of this year which will make it possible to start on some of the larger projects immediately.

Upcoming Projects Include:

- Building the deck
- Installing sanctuary window shades
- Planning for the kitchen
- Entryway doors

We'd like to thank the hospitality team for the work on their kitchen research tours which has provided significant input towards the kitchen design. In July, the PMT began meeting with a kitchen designer and architect to begin plans for the work ahead. Since this is our most complicated project, we want to make sure things are properly planned. Timelines have not been established, but work is being done.

A big thank you for the work of our Project Management Team— Paul Crosland (Trustees Chair), Linda Dickey, Dick Post, Mike Ronning, Jeff Ducklow, Dave Looney, Don Bushen, and Pastor Stina.

### Online Giving Options



Website:  
[crosswindslife.org/giving](http://crosswindslife.org/giving)



Text 'give' to 763.324.9307

Questions: [finance@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:finance@crosswindsumc.org)





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## United Methodist Church

# August 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>6:30pm</u> Personnel	2 <u>7:00am</u> BNI  6pm: Children's Ministry Meeting	3 9:00 am Senior Facilities <u>9:30am</u> Care Team 6:00 pm Worship Run Through	4 9:15 am Maple Grove Senior Exercise	5	6 10:00 am Al-Anon group
7  10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary/ Children's Worship	8  7pm Tech Team	9 <u>7:00am</u> BNI  Youth Trip to FMSC & Bunker Beach	10 9:00 am Senior Facilities 6:00 pm Worship Run Through  6:30pm Hospitality Team	11 9:15 am Maple Grove Senior Exercise	12	13 <u>10:00-11:00 am</u> Al-Anon group
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