

Come...

Every year in late December I wonder what the new year is going to bring. In some cases we know of the bigger things that will come up (e.g. we know we'll graduate from school, we know we'll get married, we know we'll retire,...) and in some cases we can only make a good educated guess.

Personally, I do not like surprises too much and yet I know 2012 will have them – plenty of them probably! I don't want to encounter anything in 2012, whether it's planned or a plain surprise, without God. Therefore I want to be intentional about coming to Jesus with everything I'll run into in 2012.

Coming to Jesus – that is the theme for our Sunday services through January, which is also invitation month. "Come" - It's just a simple statement and yet it has profound impact. For 4 Sunday's we will hear what Scripture has to say about it:



- Jesus called his disciples by telling them to **come and see** (John 1:35-39)
- Jesus calls everybody who's weary to **come to him** (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Jesus calls Peter to be brave and **come out of the boat** to try walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33)
- And finally teaches us to ask for **God to come into our lives** (Matthew 6:9-13)

Jesus is not known for a "let's just sit on a couch" attitude. To come is an invitation for action, to do something. That's not the energy draining kind of doing something but the energy giving kind of doing something... So what else can I say? Not much other than: Come, let's see what God has for us in 2012.

Pastor Markus

Glorify God

Encourage One another

Share Jesus

Youth News

Northwoods Mission Trip-

WiReD is going to Grantsburg, WI June 24-30 to do some home repair and community service projects. More information will be coming!



WiReD Worship

Join us January 4th
At 6:30 in the sanctuary.
Food and games, too!



Confirmation Retreat

The Jr High/Confirmation Class will be going to Camp Covenant Harbor for their

DEEP FREEZE

Retreat the weekend of
January 20-22.



And we know that
all things work
together for good
to them that love GOD,
to them who are
the called according to
His purpose.

Romans 8:28



Join us January 1st to receive your
personal Bible verse for 2012!

If you have a story about your verse from
last year, please let us know! We would
love to share your stories with the
congregation. Call the office 534-2313 or
email to office@extremefaitth.org!

Cookie Walk

The Cookie Walk was a great success thanks to all you who helped bake, donated money or supplies, or brought in home baked cookies. We had a very nice selection and many customers commented on the variety we had. We do not have final numbers yet but expect we cleared approximately \$850. That's an increase over the past couple years.

Thank you very much for supporting our missions.



His Kids Wednesday

Jesus Celebration

Dirty Jobs of Bethlehem

As we re-discovered the story of the birth of Jesus' this past Christmas, the kids noticed there were a lot of dirty jobs in Bethlehem. There was an innkeeper who had to clean his inn and his stable. There were shepherds who had to clean up dirty sheep, and someone had to clean up after the wise men's camels. There were soldiers and guards who fought bloody battles. But no one had a dirtier job than Jesus—not only was he born far from a clean and sterile hospital, but he came to do the dirtiest job of all, destined to clean up our sin.

So all His kids came together to act out the Christmas story themselves, and then followed with a birthday party for Jesus, thanking him for doing this dirty job. We had pizza and cake, made bird feeders and candy canes. And we also played Pillow Gladiators, Camel Pooper Scooper and created super messy shaving cream sheep.

This winter we'll continue telling Jesus story together—this time through the Old Testament as finish Genesis and the first stories in God's amazing plan to clean us up.



AND HE SHALL BE CALLED

Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

EVERLASTING FATHER,

Prince of Peace

**Christ's light does shine into the real-ness
of our life situations!**

**220 of CUMC's very own devotionals
left in the hands of members, friends
and visitors in December!**

**Thank you to all of those who
contributed daily readings.**

**May God bless you as we were blessed
by the devotion you shared.**

**It's not too early to start thinking about
contributing to next year's devotional....**



Knock Knock....

Who's There?

Youth Outreach!

No Joke here...

this is serious dedication to Jesus!

On Wednesday, December 14th the junior and senior high youth of our church were involved in a brave outreach to the Waterford community. Prepared with flashlights, rain-gear and hundreds of door hangers they went from door to door in the neighborhoods surrounding CUMC – all under fearless adult supervision. The door hangers included an invitation to our Christmas services and in many instances were given out personally when a knock on the door was answered. Thanks CUMC youth for shining Christ's light to our neighbors. May God continue to help you shine bright in 2012.



Noisy Can

January 22nd

Transitional Living Center

Burlington, WI

Since 1993, the Transitional Living Center (TLC) has been dedicated to addressing the needs of the homeless in the Burlington Area. TLC's primary focus is providing transitional living housing for women and children. TLC is able to house 15-20 adults and children in Their Guest House and Morrow House duplex.



The Way To Grow



PRESCHOOL

Did you ever wonder what a preschooler thinks about a "new year"? Time is a difficult concept for children to master. It is up to the grown-ups in a child's life to help them understand the passing of time and future time.

At preschool we use cues that have meaning for the children. Hanging by our circle time carpet we have our daily schedule spelled out with words and pictures so children can anticipate what is coming next and the all important "snack time".

The children are learning the names of the days of the week through song, a word chart and by using the calendar. We know they won't understand 24 hours in each day, 31 days in January or 12 months in the year but by introducing these concepts now they will have experience with them when they begin grade school.

Preschoolers thrive on structure and knowing what to expect next. It helps them to anticipate and prepare for changes in their day and lessens the melt-downs and stand-offs. Always give preschoolers a warning before expecting them to stop an activity; 5 minutes to finish, when the music stops we will be done, set a timer. Children respond well to games so make it fun and see the results!

The children at the Way To Grow Preschool are growing socially, emotionally, academically, spiritually, artistically and definitely physically. Pray for them and their teachers daily as we move "smoothly" through our three hour sessions each day.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 7th at 8:00 AM

Invite someone new in the new year!

February 6 Women's Book Club Choice

To start reading now.

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp.

This group meets monthly at 7 pm and rotates location. If you are interested contact Abigail Wallace at 763-3129 or Shari in the church office 534-2313.

January is Invitation Month

Pick up some business card size invite cards and encourage someone to join you in church!



An invite to
Community United Methodist Church

455 S. Jefferson St. Waterford, WI 53185
262 534-2313 extremefaith.org

Sunday 8 am & 10:45
coffee.refreshments.jesus

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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 PM-Worship Meeting	4 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM-Wired Worship	5	6	7 8:00 AM-Men's Breakfast
8	9	10 6:30 PM-Trustees Meeting	11 6:30 PM- His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	12	13	14
15	16	17 7:00 PM-SPRC Meeting	18 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM- His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	19 6:30 PM-Finance Meeting	20 Youth Retreat	21 Youth Retreat
22 Youth Retreat	23	24 7:00 PM-Council of Ministries	25 6:30 PM -His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	26	27	28
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