

The Steeple



CHIPPEWA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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We Speak the Word of God...

We Share the Love of Christ....

We Make the Kingdom of God Visible...

VBS 2026 Rainforest Falls

Join us as we venture into the rainforest to learn about the Nature of God! Kids will learn what it means to be rooted in relationship with God. Jesus is our creator and safe place in life's storms.

June 15 through 19
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Chippewa United Methodist Church
Main church building

Sneak Peek

Here is a sneak peek of what we will learn each day!

Day 1

God is our creator!

We will learn the story of how God created the world.

Day 2

God knows everything!

We will learn the story of how David celebrates all God knows.

Day 3

God is our safe place!

We will learn the story of how David hides from Saul.

Day 4

God is love!

We will learn the story of Jesus' death and resurrection!

Day 5

God is forever!

We will learn the story of how God gave John a vision of heaven.

Fundraising

Looking to support VBS? We are hosting a fundraiser for this year's VBS program! We provide VBS at no cost to the families of our congregation and community. Children who participate in VBS will receive a VBS shirt, a set of Bible buddies to help them remember their daily Bible verse, and access to download the music from VBS all for free! There are also a number of supplies to purchase for Bible stories, crafts, science experiments, games, and snacks each day. We need your help to make all this possible! Please take a moment to check out our envelope fundraiser display in the lobby of the Church and CLC and consider supporting VBS this year!

Registration

We have both a preschool and elementary program for our VBS. Our elementary program is open to children who have just **completed** Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our Preschool program is open to students ages 3, 4, and 5. All preschool age children must have turned 3 before 9/1/2025 and completed at least 1 year of preschool classes and be fully potty trained.

There is no cost to register. Children will receive a VBS shirt, a set of Bible buddies, and access to download the music from VBS.

Use the QR code to find out more and register.

Volunteers

Spots are still open on our VBS Adventure Guide Team! We are looking to recruit lots of great volunteers to make this an awesome experience. Lots of positions both during VBS week and beforehand are available. All volunteers are required to have their Safe Sanctuary clearances. This is a quick process, and we are happy to help you get them if you need! We would love to have you join our team! We will need lots of help to make VBS a success! Contact Abby Helmick for more information!



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From Pastor Susan



Dear Chippewa UMC,
It's hard to believe summer is here, and my family and I will be moving to town and joining you soon. I've already begun to hear some of the stories and history bound up in Chippewa UMC. I hope in time you will be willing to share yours. Know I'll be ready to listen and learn.

Even before I begin, I want to say thank you. So many of you have taken time to welcome me these

past few months. The prayers, cards, connections, and even fresh eggs have shown me the depth of love and community you carry as a community of faith. Thank you. The SPRC and Trustees, as well as, the staff have given their time and talents to ensure these months of transition go smoothly. On behalf of my whole family, thank you.

Please join me in praying throughout the month of June for all the transitions

we are collectively experiencing. Pray for Pastor Allan and his retirement. Pray for the church, Pastor Matt, and all of the staff. And, pray for our community. In the midst of it all, we know that God is faithful and by God's grace we will continue to live our mission to speak the word of God, share the love of Christ, and make the Kingdom of God visible.

I can't wait to join you!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Susan Moudry



Welcome, Pastor Susan!

Please join the Hello Committee in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, July 12** after the 12 noon to meet and welcome our new pastor, Pastor Susan Moudry.

Book Review Group Selections

June 23 - *The Heir Apparent* by Rebecca Armitage

July 28 - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

August 25 - *This Book Made Me Think of You* by Libby Page

September 22 - *The Amethyst Heart* by Penelope J. Stokes

The Book Review Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Wells Room. Feel free to join us for insightful discussions. Contact person is Marcia Parkhill.



Fellowship Group

In May, we met and played bingo and had some very nice prizes! As always, we had a blast and a lot of laughs! We will not be meeting in June due to Pastor Allan's luncheon and Father's Day. **Our next scheduled meeting is July 12 in the B Rooms of the church at 1:30pm.**

Decorating Committee

Our Decorating Committee is responsible for decorating our church Welcome Center, Narthex, and Sanctuary. Each season they gather to put up the current decorations to make our church welcoming to all those who visit the church and attend services. To the left are the ladies who came to decorate for our Memorial and Independence Day celebrations. Pictured from left to right: Terri Williams (chair), Carolee Littell, Janice Landsbach, Becky Rollins, and Joyce Lauffer. Thank you, ladies, for making the church look so nice. Thank you to the entire committee (which is much larger than pictured), for your efforts all year long.





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Axios Youth Group

Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm

All Youth Grades 6-12

Theme: Uncharted

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" ~ Jeremiah 29:11

We made it to summer! This usually means it is time to slow down and take life easy, but for the youth, it is a time full of unanswered questions. Some are starting college, some are transitioning to the High School, others are looking for jobs, getting their driver's licenses, and so much more.

This can leave the future unknown, and uncharted. Not knowing what is happening next and that feeling of uncertainty can lead to a rollercoaster of emotions and feelings. One thing can keep us grounded though, our faith in Jesus. We may not know the path or the journey, but God does. Jeremiah 29:11 gives us courage to face the unknown and uncertainties of this world, because He has a plan for us all, and He will guide our steps. Not only does God have a plan, but the youth can also

rest assured that Axios has a plan, too. We will be enjoying a summer of BBQ's, backpacking trips, summer camps, youth group, and the return of the Gary Blum 5k. They will always have a place to go, and people who care about them.

So do not fear, venture out in uncharted territory, and know that God will be with you every step of the way. Happy Summer!

Stephanie Corless
Youth Ministry Director

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!!

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/CUMCAxiosYouth/>

INSTAGRAM: https://www.instagram.com/axios_youth_ministry/

Gary Blum Memorial 5k/1 Mile

Gary Blum 5k/1 mile returns **Saturday, July 18th!!**

To sign up to run, volunteer, donate, or sponsor go to

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/BeaverFalls/GaryBlumMemorial5k>

Funds raised will provide more opportunities for the youth to grow in their faith through mission trips, outreach programs, and campership.



BBQ Fundraisers

Sunday, June 21

Sunday, July 26

Sunday, August 16

12-2pm, \$15 recommended love offering

All proceeds benefit CUMC Axios Youth Group



Confirmation 2026

Congratulations on all you've learned these last three months about God, the church, and your faith. Welcome to all of you as the newest members of Chippewa UMC.

Olivia Grace Defibaugh	Daniella Jaden Smith
Sawyer Liam Defibaugh	Lucas Jay Thompson
Ezra Jane Graff	Christian Alexander Woods
Luke Charles Onuska	



Graduate Recognition 2026

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We send prayers and good wishes to all of you and your future endeavors.

Our church celebration for the graduates and their families will be June 6 and 7 at all of our services. If you are a graduate or know of someone graduating, please visit the church lobby and complete a form for the church or contact the church office to let us know this information.

Also, if you are planning on furthering your education, please let the church office know this information as well. We are interested in your future plans.

Again, congratulations!



School Prayer Ministry

As the school year is winding down and comes to an end, we are thankful for all who joined with the Prayer Team to pray for our schools, teachers, school staff, bus drivers, and our children. Summer is a time for ice cream cones, drive-way basketball games, neighborhood swimming, and lazy afternoons. May the joyous season of summer reflect God's love and care for our children and youth. Let us enjoy our times of sun, relaxation, and leisure with our friends and family.

Please continue to pray for all of the school children and their parents and caregivers this summer. The following is a prayer you can use.

Father, we thank You for our children and youth. We thank You for fulfilling Your plans and purposes through our children and youth during their summer activities. Thank You for blessing our children and youth with a chance to rest and relax. Help them to honor and obey their parents and to honor and obey You as

their God. Please give our parents and guardians the wisdom, strength, and guidance they need to plan, organize, and implement summer activities for their children and youth. Father, bless our families during the summer break. Please protect us during our times of travel, leisure, and play. Holy Spirit, help each student to retain the information that they learned throughout the school year. Father, we ask You to surround them with Your love, lead and instruct them by Your Holy Spirit, and keep them as the apple of Your eye. Amen.



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United
Women
in Faith

UWF - Upcoming Events

Please put these dates on your calendar.

July 10, 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Ice Cream Social

September 9, 12:00 - 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

First fall luncheon and program

Salad Lunch: Bring a salad to share. Drinks are provided.

Program: Heather Metheny, Service Manager at Chippewa Library Extension. Learn about all of the services our local library offers.

September 29-30

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale (Bake sale 29th only)

October 14, 12:00-2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Luncheon and Program

Program: Tracy Isaac, Missionary in India



Kitchen Cleaning Ministry

Thank you to Tina Briancesco and Judy Rogers for kitchen cleaning on April 20.

Volunteers are needed for kitchen cleaning in July and September. Call Judy Rogers 724-495-3850 if you would like to help or have questions.

Remember men and women are welcome to join the team.

Thank you.

Rummage & Bake Sale Recap



The spring Rummage sale made \$9,559.33 and the bake sale made \$1,000.66. That's a grand total of \$10,559.99 which is an all-time high for both sales.

It takes a lot of help from the intake to the final day of packing and loading to have this sale (11 days). We were fortunate to have a lot of help, both men and women. We were blessed to have more men than ever. They were a Godsend.

The people from the 9:45 service stayed to put away chairs and help set up tables which helped a lot. We also need to thank Jennifer, Scott, and Cody for their help.

Thank you for your time and energy and God bless each and every one that helped in any way.

A lot of items were brought in; we continue to get more donations every sale. Thank you for your donations.

The Bake sale was a huge

success. Thank you, bakers and ladies that sold the baked goods. There was a wide-ranging assortment of goodies from classic cookies to gourmet treats that would rival Kretchmars.

The next sale is scheduled for September 29 and 30.

Thank you Again, Helen, Marilyn & Donna (Committee) and The Women in Faith (These sales help to support their many Missions)

God is Good!

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Mission for June: The Natural Disaster Fund

This fund is to be used at the discretion of the Mission Ministry Team to help those in need in times of natural disasters.

Mission for July: Help Build Hope

Help Build Hope is a part of Crossroad Missions. This mission enables churches to build a house in their parking lot. The house then goes on to Habitat for Hu-

manity to be placed on a foundation and finished. When completed, a family receives a new home.

We have built homes in 2020, 2023, and 2025.

Our plan is to build again in 2027. In continuing to collect funds for this mission, we will be able to accomplish this and make this home a reality for someone else.



Mission for August: Community Meals

The Community Meals in Beaver Falls serve the underprivileged in the downtown area. A meal is hosted at Central Methodist Church on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Breakfasts are hosted the first 2 Saturdays of the month. CUMC hosts the second Saturday. The Evening

meal generally distributes 200+ meals. The breakfasts serve 80 adults and children. The donation helps assist with food, paper products, and other essentials. Take-out is still the most popular option. The church does not have enough capacity to seat all at once.

This location has become the hands of Jesus. We see those with mental health issues, homeless, home instability, children living in poverty, and hardworking people struggling to make ends meet and care for loved ones. Please donate to this worthy cause.

Sherian Boots
and the Mission Team



Our Church Family

Baptisms:

James Joseph Ryan V was baptized on May 10, 2026, son of Alexis Bovalino and James Ryan IV.

Daniella Jaden Smith was baptized on May 10, 2026, daughter of Stephanie Cook and Robert Mark Smith.

Sienna Frances Bradshaw was baptized on May 17, 2026, daughter of Dana and Alexander Bradshaw.

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Family of Charlene Reeder;

Family of Betty Dusenberry;

John Leonard on the passing of his wife, Sandra Leonard;

Dave Hartzell on the passing of his mother, Dorothy Hartzell;

Family of Phyllis Locke.

Memorial Donation given in memory of Ken and Phyllis Locke by Ruth Ramsey.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all of your prayers and messages.
Blessings,
Margie Smith

Thank you, Pastor Allan, for showing us the power of the Holy Spirit. You arrived during a difficult time, but your leadership brought us through that time, as well as, a pandemic, changes in the United Methodist Church, financial/mortgage difficulties, and so much more. Your leadership helped us to find a new vision for our church and a brighter future.

While CUMC was only a part of your career, through your sermons, articles, letters, and stories, we've heard about how you have affected other people, churches, and groups. It's been a pleasure being a part of your ministry. Thank you for being the voice always calling us to do the right thing.

Never underestimate the difference you've made, and the lives you've affected.

As we are sad to not have you as our pastor, we are happy that you and Cheryl have decided to make your home in Chippewa. So, enjoy your retirement (as much as you are capable of retiring) and see you around the neighborhood. ♣





**Come
Worship
with Us**

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

5:30pm Informal Traditional Worship

Church Sanctuary

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:30am & 11am Morning Traditional Worship

Church Sanctuary

9:45am Contemporary Worship

Community Life Center

***Live Streaming on Vimeo.com,
Chippewaumc.org, and church app 11:00am***

Pastor Susan Moudry
Arriving July 2026

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