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January 8, 2023

“Epiphany”



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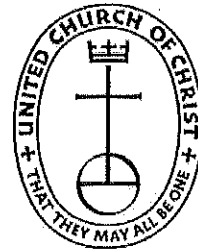
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

- No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
- No matter where you are on your faith journey;
- No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression, or identity;
- No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality, or politics;
- No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status, or family structure;
- No matter your social, economic, educational, legal, or life circumstances;
- You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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January 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

"Epiphany"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son..."*

-Psalm 72:1

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"We Three Kings"

Amy Crousore
Hopkins/arr. Berry

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Adoration of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Danielle Dreier

*Wise Magi from the east come to worship and praise the infant Jesus,
lifting him up as the Messiah, in opposition to Herod. (pages# 783-784)*

*Gathering Song

"We Three Kings"

(insert)

*The three solo verses will be sung by our processing Magi.
Congregation sings verses 1 & 5*

*Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 72)

Trevor Pierson

Blessed be the LORD, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's glorious name forever.

**We pray to realize God's presence in Creation;
To witness God's glory filling the whole earth.**

Grant us your wisdom, O God;
Bring righteousness to your people and justice to the poor.

**Help us bring deliverance to those in need;
The poor and those who have no helper.**

From oppression and violence God redeems us;
God's light shines on all God's precious children.

**In this Epiphany Season we gather, sharing the light of Christ.
We embody God's brilliance with our lives!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn

"As With Gladness Sages Bold"

(insert)

*Proclamation

(Based on Luke 2:22)

Pastor Rick

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the LORD. There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon came into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the infant Jesus, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, "My eyes have seen your Salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people; a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

*Opening Prayer

Danielle Dreier

God of Light, your people have searched you through the ages, looking for your presence and promise in their lives. Wise Magi have sought you, forsaking the riches of the world and humbling themselves in your presence. Teach us to do the same: to put your will over the ways of the world and embrace your Wisdom, your Word. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

As the Magi defy Herod and proclaim their praise for the infant Jesus, we are called to do the same, but even when we neglect to deny Herod, God forgives us. Through our repentance and God's unconditional love, all receive the gift of New Life. Christ is born, even today! Alleluia!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

"This Little Light of Mine"

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(Sung as children return to their seats)

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Trevor Pierson

The prophet who wrote this narrative speaks of how God is bringing hope into the world. This should not be seen as a prediction of a future event but as a reflection of how God operates in the world. God is breaking through in unexpected ways. The wise will see these ways, while the foolish will not.

(page #602)

Anthem What Shall I Render? *Glenn Burleigh*
Trio: Brandon Brown, Mike Pierson, and Zach Reinert

Sermon “All Star Sunday” Pastor Rick

*Hymn “What Child is This” *(insert)*

Invitation to Communion

Since his birth, even with the visit of the strangers, Jesus was not content to limit his welcome and message to his own people. Jesus was one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. Whether it was magi from the East, or a woman from Samaria, or a leper from a nearby leper colony, Jesus welcomed them all. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey.

The Magi brought their gifts to the manger on Epiphany, and the love of God was suddenly revealed to them. In this season of Epiphany, we explore how God’s love is suddenly revealed to us. As we gather around the communion table, sharing the bread of wisdom and the cup of blessing, God’s love is suddenly revealed most clearly to us. We remember the Wisdom of Christ’s ministry that is represented by the bread and the promise of Eternal Living that is represented by the cup. As God’s children, let us gather together for this meal.

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children “Sing of God Made Manifest” *(insert)*

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing, just as the infant Jesus was blessed by the Magi. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a blessing from Pastor Rick.

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Communion Music “River Flows in You ” Tindo Leong
Yiruma

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Rick

O God, who has called us from darkness into light, we remember your eternal promise to lead your people from the shadows of bondage to freedom’s new dawning. We thank you for this meal you have prepared for us to remind us of your wisdom and your

promise for peace. Like the Magi, Lord, let your servants now depart in peace, going another way, according to your Word. In this meal, our eyes have seen the salvation you have prepared for all people: a light to the nations, the glory of the world. Inspire us to take your light out into the world, shining it for all to see. And now we gather, Creator God, as one family, singing the prayer that you taught us,

The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Brandon Brown)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Inclusion Moment Alisa Lau-Sieckman

Invitation to the Offering

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You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

Offertory "Silent Night " Tindo Leong
Mohr and Young/arr. Franz Gruber

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Rick

*Benediction Pastor Rick

*Response "Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude "We Three Kings " Chapel Ringers
arr. Cynthia Dorbinski

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Acolyte:
Ushers: Charlie Marcks & Audrey Lasley
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Doug Privitt
Hospitality: Melba Shaffer
Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Tricia Price

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Aidan Pierson
Acolyte:
Ushers: Llona Weiss & Melba Shaffer
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Judi Privitt
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WITH PASTOR RICK

Pastor Rick will be leading the Adult Contemporary Class the next two Sundays, January 8 & 15, and talking about our missions in Chiapas. This is a deeper look at our missions than we have taken previously. New material and understandings will be presented. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

HEALTH MINISTRY

The **Health Ministry Care Team** is a new initiative through our Membership and Care Committee with the goal to assist members in meeting their health care needs through education, support, transportation, and advocacy as needed. If you need help getting to a health care appointment or a hospital procedure, or if you have questions about your health, call Anne Heine at 573-529-1543.

100TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF 1/22

Crack open the cookbook! 2023 is our 100th year, and we will be celebrating all year long! Our first celebration will be on January 22. We will have a potluck meal after worship with special historical presentations in worship and at the meal. Bring a dish or two to share with everyone!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/8	<i>Epiphany- "Star Sunday"</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Heritage Team Meeting	12:00 p.m.
		Health Care Team Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Mon	1/9	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Tue	1/10	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Wed	1/11	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
		Prayer Shawl Team	6:00 p.m.
Thu	1/12	Women's Fellowship	9:30 a.m.
		Directory Planning Team	1:00 p.m.
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Sun	1/15	<i>Baptism of Christ/Rev. Dr. ML King Sunday</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The Family & Friends of Gene Kelly... on their loss

The Family & Friends of Jenna Ianke... on their loss

The Family & Friends of Rev. Dianna Nieman-Harris... on their loss

Autumn Lear & Jay Chase... on the birth of their new baby!

Alex & Emma Tennill (and grandparents Alethea & Ron)... on the birth of new baby Tommy Oliver Tennill– December 31, 2022 at 11:36pm!

The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin;

Levi Markway; Christine Mseke;

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,

Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Hannah Duncan & Ben Bashinski

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney

CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;

Transforming both the congregation and community

through service and outreach

About the author of Eviction, Matthew Desmond:

Desmond's father was a preacher and his mom worked wherever she could. At times, their gas was shut off due to lack of payment. On those occasions, his mom would cook over a wood-burning stove. They made do, but his parents wanted better for their children. Desmond was encouraged to study, work hard and go to college.

While away to school, the bank took his childhood home. He went back to help his parents pack and move. It was terribly sad and somewhat embarrassing for him. He wanted to do something constructive to help those in situations like his parents. He found Habitat for Humanity and volunteered with them. He began to hang out with the homeless, listening to their stories and helping where he could.

This led him to study sociology. Poverty was his focus in grad school. His conversations, travels, and research in the area sparked a need to document the trials and tribulations of those trying to make ends meet.

Desmond rented a trailer in an inner-city trailer park. It was one of the nicer units, but had no hot water despite multiple requests to the landlord, Tobin. Later, he moved into a rooming house. He lived on the second floor of the unit. The cupboards all had padlocks to keep roommates from stealing each other's food. The landlord, Sherrena, agreed to have him shadow her as she went from tenant to tenant collecting rent or serving eviction notices.

The book Eviction is the culmination of his work.

Matthew Desmond is now an Associate Professor of Social Sciences at Harvard University and co-director of the Justice and Poverty Project. Besides Eviction, he has written 2 books about race and one about firefighters called, "**On the Fireline**". He has had multiple other publications and is a 2015 recipient of the MacArthur "Genius" grant.



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We Three Kings

All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light.

As with Gladness

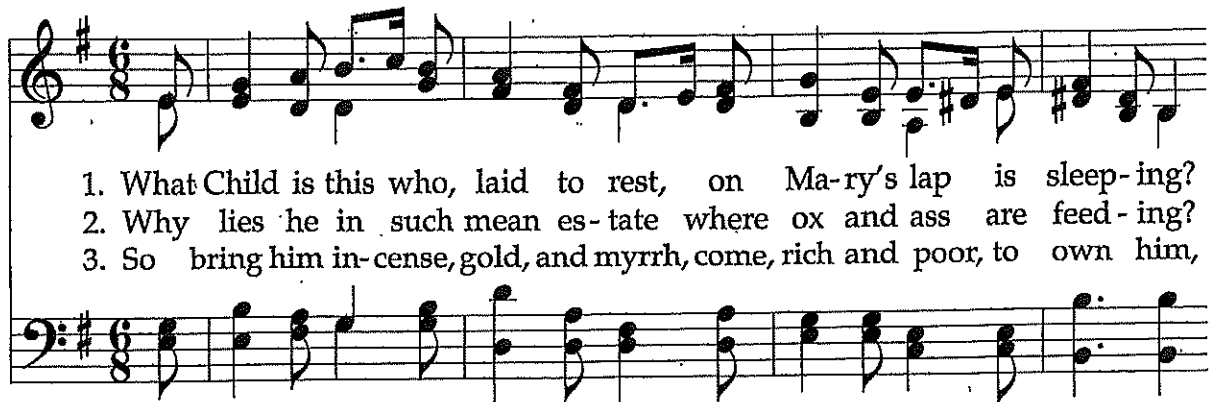
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1. As with glad-ness sag - es bold did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at the man-ger plain and bare,

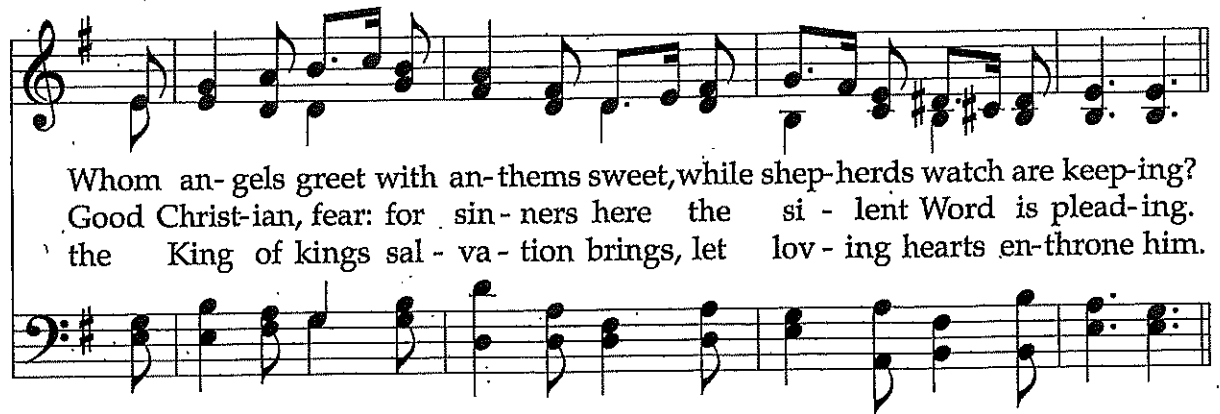
as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright,
 there to bend the knee be-fore One whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,

so, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev - er-more your splen-dor see.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

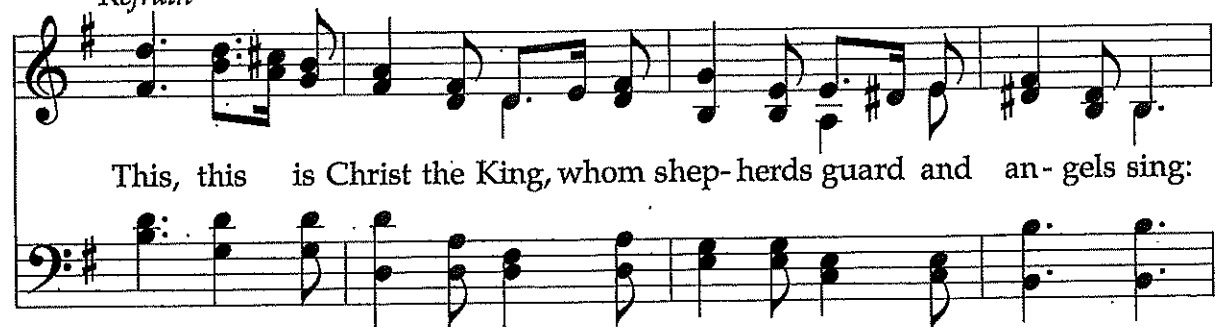
What Child Is This




1. What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,



Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Christ-ian, fear: for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

Refrain


This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing:



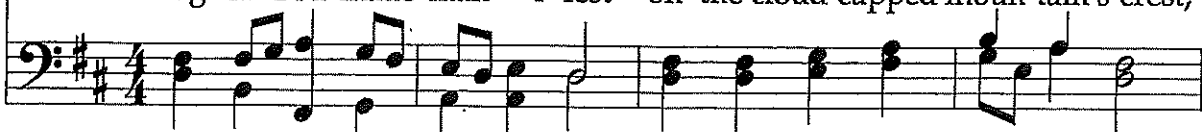
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.

Sing of God Made Manifest

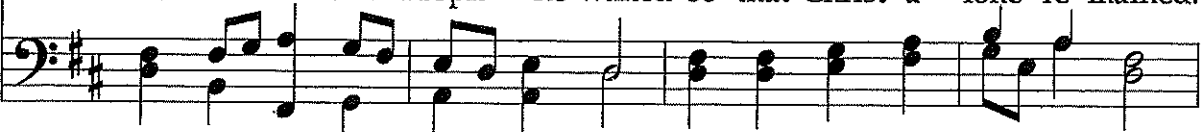
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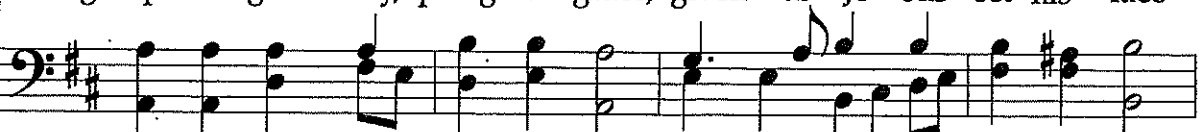
1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



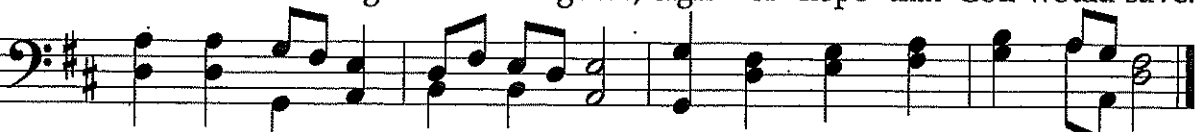
to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the Law and Prop - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

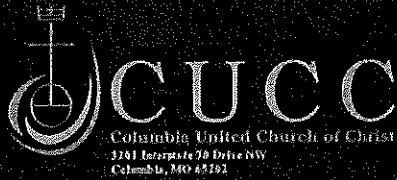


ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 toward the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.





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"Celebrating our Past,
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Save the date for monthly events to celebrate CUCC's 100th anniversary!
Each month we will also focus on a decade in the history of our church.

January 22nd

Potluck after worship service with entertainment & presentation of our history.

February 21st

Fastnacht with a special focus on the history of this tradition at CUCC

March 19th

Chili Cookoff and a discussion of CUCC's history of advocacy

September 30th - October 1st

Come gather round for a night of fellowship and celebration at the MU Health Care Pavilion at the Farmers Market on Ash St. on Saturday afternoon & evening followed by a special worship service on Sunday morning



Join the celebration!
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