

COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 13, 2024

Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing

Children and families are invited to the Grace Space at the front of the church for an enhanced worship experience.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

Gathering Music *All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Lee Dengler

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, beloved community, as we gather in the presence of the God who invites us to let go and trust in love.

We come, opening our hearts to God's love and to one another.

In God's creation, we see the beauty of connection and care.

We come, ready to live with open hands and open hearts.

Let us worship together, knowing that we are always held by God's love.

With gratitude and joy, we worship as one.

*Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH #402

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come before you with hearts ready to be opened, trusting in your care for us and for all creation. Help us to release the things we cling to so tightly—our fears, our need for control, our attachments—so that we can embrace the fullness of life you offer. As we gather today, may your love flow through us, connecting us to one another and to the world around us. Guide us to live with open hands, trusting that your grace is enough for all. In the name of Jesus, who shows us the way, we pray. Amen.

Special Music *Shall We Gather at the River*

Dale Wood

Community Clarion Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of Wisdom and Peace, as we prepare to listen to your holy scriptures, help us to quiet our minds and open our hearts. May we be fully present in this moment, letting go of distractions and the worries that pull us away. Guide us to receive the truth that lies within the holy scriptures, and may it flow through us like a stream, gently shaping our lives. Teach us to be mindful of your presence, connected to all of creation, and grounded in your love. In this sacred stillness, we seek your light. Amen.

Imagine how your life might change if you were able to let go of the things that weigh you down—whether material, emotional, or spiritual—and embrace Jesus' example of love and generosity?

As we offer our gifts today, may we give with open hearts, knowing that in sharing, we follow Jesus' example of love and generosity for all creation.

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Message

Open Hands Open Hearts

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH #474

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

Just a Closer Walk

Judy Phillips

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Introspection

Richard Purvis

*Offering Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, with gratitude, we bring these gifts to you, asking that they may be used to reflect Jesus' love and generosity in the world. May our offering be a sign of our commitment to live with open hearts and hands, sharing what we have for the good of all creation. Bless these gifts and guide us in using them to bring about your justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

*Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH #396, vs. 1, 3, 4

*Blessing and Sending Forth



*Postlude

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

arr. Charles Callahan



Zentangle Ministry

Welcome... Create... Meditate...
Connect

Date: October 22 (Tuesday)
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Location: CUMC Disciple Room
Join us at our next Zentangle Ministry session for a time of mindful drawing and fellowship as we create Thanksgiving themed tiles for the Notes of Love. All are welcome, seating is limited. Email Kim Turmel, kimturmeczt@gmail.com, to reserve your in-person spot. Session is in-person only. Class recording available upon request

Trick or Treat with Life Navigators

When? October 17, 5-7 pm (setup at 4:30PM other setup options available)

Who? Families, Individuals, Small groups

What? Host a Trick or Treat table with candy or other small packaged treats (Card table sized tables)

Families of Trick or Treat table hosts are welcome to participate. Festive Table decorations encouraged – non-scary costumes optional Contact Susan Krechel with questions skrechel1@gmail.com 414-861-3244

Walking and Talking with Community's Physical Health Team!

If you enjoy walking and talking with your dear friends at Community UMC, please save some time on Saturday, Oct. 19th at 1:00 p.m. Brought to you by our physical health visioning team, we plan to meet at Elm Grove's Village Park. Walking the paved pathway, we will enjoy the beauty of nature with stops to visit the bench honoring the memory of Stewart Clark and the tree planted at the park to remember Diane Bodalski's son, Paul. This is an easy, short hike and we hope you will join us!



This week in journey...

Historical Jesus

Jesus' World: How is Global Peace to be Imagined? on OCT 13th & 20th.

Jesus' Vision: How did Tradition become Traction in Galilee? on OCT 27th & NOV 3rd.

Jesus' Execution: What happened in Jerusalem? will be on November 10th & 17th.

Jesus' Vindication: How is that Exhalttion to be Imagined? will be on DEC 1st & 8th



The Milwaukee Homeless Veteran Initiative provides the services that homeless and at-risk veterans need to reach and maintain their highest level of independence

Sunday – October 13th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- The Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room



Monday – October 14th

- MDO Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm (Education Wing & Revelation Room)
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – 3:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- OWLS Program Committee Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Education – 4:30pm-7:15pm – Choir Room
- Greeting Card Ministry – 6:30pm – Disciple Room
- AA Women's Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – October 15th

- MDO Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm (Education Wing & Revelation Room)
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – 3:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday – October 16th

- MDO Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm (Education Wing & Revelation Room)
- Breakfast Fellowship – 7:30am – Panera (Ruby Isle) OFFSITE
- Clarion Bells Practice – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – October 17th

- OWLS Lake County Trip – Preregistration Required
- MDO Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm (Education Wing & Revelation Room)
- ACTS Bible Study – 2:00pm – Disciple Room
- Trick or Treat with Life Navigators – 5:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – October 18th (Pastor Bridget's Sabbath)

Sunday 20th – UWF Soup Sale!!

**Quarterly Mission Partner:
Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative**



SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson; Christian Fuller; Katy Wilson;
Don Down; Sheryl Cavan;
Jeff Turmel, Justin Forbes;
Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kris Androsky &
Rev. Bridget Case
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
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