

# COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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JANUARY 19, 2025

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

*Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice*

Robert Elmore

## Welcome and Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

**All people are welcome in the refuge of God's embrace.**

Christ is the fountain of life.

**We come to celebrate and worship the Light of God.**

### \*Hymn

*Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring*

UMH #644

### Opening Prayer:

**Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds, and trust in our hearts, that you are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

## Baptism of Theodore Wolfgang Washington

### Congregational Profession of Faith

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your passion for a life in Christ and your commitment to love God and neighbor?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

**We give thanks to the Spirit for the faith that has been working in you. We pledge to you our care, our challenge, and our support as siblings, servants, guides, and deliverers of God's grace. Together with you and with all the people of God, we seek the unity of the Spirit in the striving for and celebrating justice, meaning and wholeness. May our common journey serve the glory of God in the coming of God's new creation.**

## Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ. I commend this person to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministry of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## Special Music

*Glad Adoration*  
Clarion Bells

arr. Kevin McChesney

## Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our understanding, that we may receive the good news of our holy texts. Help us to believe in the signs that reveal your presence, and to look for you all around us. Amen.**

## Scripture

**John 2: 1-11**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Message

The Art of the 'Nudge'  
Pastor Ron Kral

## \*Hymn

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

UMH #596

## 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

*Pavane*  
Clarion Bells

arr. Kevin McChesney

## Ministry Moment

When have you experienced a "nudge" from God? What form did it take - a comment, a "coincidence", an opportunity, a challenge? How did you respond? What did it teach you?

God is a generous giver of gifts that flow freely into the world. Our offerings are a gift back to the one who has given us life in abundance.

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection!

## Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** *Largo* G. F. Handel

**\*Offering Response** *What Gift Can We Bring* UMH #87, verse 4

**\*Prayer of Dedication**  
At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. Amen.

**\* Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**  
We go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God. May the Spirit's love, flowing like water across the face of the earth, fill you with every good gift. And the blessing of God, Eternal Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always.

**\*Benediction Response: Amen** UMH #898



**\*Postlude** *Recessional in C* Hal H. Hopson



**“Star-Word Tangle” (Zoom)**  
Date: January 22 (Wednesday)  
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join us for our January Zentangle Ministry session from the comfort of your home. We will create a tile featuring our 2025 “Star Word”. Your finished tile will be a beautiful way to display your Star Word for the year. Please email [kimturmelczt@gmail.com](mailto:kimturmelczt@gmail.com) or the church office to receive more information and the Zoom link. Are you NEW to Zentangle? Zentangle® is a relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Sessions are led by Kim Turmel, CZT (Certified Zentangle Teacher). Zentangle artists of all levels (beginners to advanced) are welcome to attend our sessions.♥ A reminder to ZM artists ... If you are creating “Valentine’s Day Tiles of Encouragement” please turn in to Kim or the ZM mailbox on or before Sunday, Jan. 12.



UMCOR is communicating with the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church and preparing to support relief and recovery efforts once the fires have been contained. Right now, we encourage you to continue to pray, give, and stay connected as the conference assesses their immediate needs. Please mark your donations “UMCOR” or a designation of California Fire Relief when giving.

**Weekly Happenings**

**Sunday – January 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday – January 20<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Kris’ Sabbath) **WELCOME WORD DEADLINE****

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:30pm – 7:15pm – Choir Room
- AA Women’s Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday – January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Stephen Minister Training – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:00pm - Sanctuary

**Wednesday – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Zentangle – 10:00am – Zoom Only
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

**Thursday – January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Servant Leadership Team – 7:00pm – ZOOM ONLY
- AA Men’s Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

**Friday – January 24<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Bridget’s Sabbath)**

**Saturday – January 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Blood Drive – Visiting Group – 8:00am – Revelation Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner:  
Family Promise of Waukesha County**



**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  
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director  
Susan Krechel – Organist  
Randy Bryant – Organist



**Church Information**

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Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122  
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 Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 3:30pm  
Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

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United  
Women  
in Faith

**We believe  
love in action  
can change  
the world.**

Who We Are...

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**We're a  
sisterhood  
acting in faith to  
tackle the hard  
work of the  
world without  
hesitation.**

Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. And we invite you to join us.

Who are United Women in Faith?

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## **Mission**

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

## **Vision**

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

## **Action**

Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.



## UWF Sunday

Kathy Hartke - Front Door Greeter, Service  
 Ann Walker - West Door Greeter  
 Dianna Haugh - Narthex Greeter  
 Marianne Ludwick, Joni McDevitt - Offering Ushers  
 Linda Irwin, Anne Harberg - Offering Ushers  
 Marlene Salek, Mary Goens - Connection Hosts  
 Sandy Dykstra - Liturgist  
 Mary Fischer, Diane Bodalski, Kathy Hartke - Cantors



## 2025 UPCOMING UWF EVENTS

- 1ST**  
FRIDAY MONTHLY  
**AFTERNOON TEA & CONVERSATION**  
2:00PM  
COMMUNITY UMC  
HEARTH ROOM
- SPRING**  
2025  
**SOCIAL ACTION DAY**  
VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY
- OCTOBER**  
2025  
**ANNUAL SOUP SALE**  
COMMUNITY UMC  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- DECEMBER**  
2025  
**COOKIE WALK AND MORE SALE**  
COMMUNITY UMC  
FELLOWSHIP HALL
- YEAR**  
2025  
**READING PROGRAM**  
BOOK LIST AVAILABLE AT [www.cumceg.org/uwf](http://www.cumceg.org/uwf)



In 2024 United Women in Faith at Community UMC Made donations to support the following organizations.

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| Africa Education & Leadership Initiative | Milwaukee Rescue Mission               |
| Bread of Healing                         | Jay House                              |
| Community Smiles Dental                  | Northcott Neighborhood House           |
| Doctors Without Borders                  | Orbis                                  |
| Elmbrook Senior Taxi                     | Red Bird Mission                       |
| Fistula Foundation                       | Rooted & Rising - Washington Park      |
| Food Pantry of Waukesha County           | Sojourner Peace Center                 |
| Harbor House Crisis Shelters             | SOS Children's Villages                |
| Hebron Housing Services                  | The Women's Center - Waukesha          |
| Hope Center                              | UMCOR                                  |
| Lake Area Free Clinic                    | UWF/UMW SE District (Mission Giving)   |
| Literacy Services of Wisconsin           | Variety - The Children's Charity of WI |



Yes, I want to be a part of the United Women in Faith Mission Plan

Attached is my check/cash donation in the amount of:

I understand that my donation will be used to support programs that benefit women, children, and youth in the US and around the world.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_