



How does a
weary world
rejoice? + + + + +

We Make
Room



147000 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122

DEC | **24th** | **2023**

COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949



Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

There is room for you here. If you're weary and worn, or hopeful and patient.
If you're tired and lost, or wrapped up in hope.

If you're new to this place, or have been here before.

Come in, come in. There is room for you here.

The angels are singing,

"Be not afraid."

The angels are singing,

"Good news and great joy!"

So come in, come in!

There is room for us here.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

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

***Congregational Song**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234, Verses 1, 3, 6

***Opening Prayer – Candle Lighting Liturgy:**

How does a weary world hold onto hope, practice peace, spread joy, or know love?

How does a weary world combat cruelty?

How does a weary world shine a light into our bleakest night?

We do all these things with God's help. For today, a child is born in Bethlehem.

Today, Christ draws near.

Today, we light the Christ Candle.

Today, we are not alone.

God is near. Love has drawn close. Rejoice! For God loves this weary world. Amen.

Special Music

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

by Matt Maher

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we have heard this story before – the story of a star in the sky and a baby who was laid in a manger. We have heard this story before as it was passed down in hopeful whispers through the generations. So today, as we lean our hearts and our ears closer to you, we ask that you would make room in our souls to hear this story again. **Make room in us for awe, for wonder, for heartache, for compassion, for you. We are listening. We are already making room. Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message

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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

See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw

W&S 3061

Ministry Moment

We believe in a God who makes room for us, and who call us to make room for others. May our offerings become gifts that share the good news in ways that say, "There is room for you here."

Offertory

***Offering Response** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238, vs. 1 and Refrain

***Prayer of Dedication**

You, O God, have given us the greatest gift we could imagine – an infant king, a Prince of Peace, a model of room-making grace. In a world of closed doors and thick walls, use these offerings to make room for our neighbors and all those looking for a place to belong, that your grace and good news may be known in the world. Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***Benediction**

Dear Community,

As you leave this place,

you go into a weary world –

So speak tenderly.

Do the good that is yours to do.

Choose connection. Hold onto hope.

And remember that Christ took on flesh for you.

You are God's beloved.

So go rejoicing.

The world needs it. Amen.

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

***Postlude**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Instrumental



**THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
IN THE SANCTUARY OR DONATIONS MADE TO
"THE WOMEN'S CENTER"
ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF:**



Pastor Kris and Steve Androsky in memory of their Grandma Bev

Pastor Kris and Steve in honor of their parents

Arv Arveson in memory of Valerie Arveson

The Cardona family in memory of Pablo Cardona and Genell Gialdini

Bridget Case in memory of Jeff Case and Judy Anderson

Bridget Case in honor of Danielle Bridges, Tyler Walters, the Chancel Choir and Clarion Bells

The Connor family in memory of Thomas and Eleanor Connor and Douglas Rose

Mary and Greg Fischer in memory of Luke

The Forbes family in memory of Lyman and Gwen Forbes

The Forbes family in memory of William Simmons and Emily Smith

Mary Goens and the Curtis Goens family in memory of Betsy Bower, dear daughter and sister

Marge Hader in honor of the many friends she's made through the more than 50 years of membership at CUMC

Marge Hader and family in memory of Wayne Hader

Dianna and Bob Haugh in memory of their parents

Dianna Haugh in honor of our CUMC staff and SLT

Albert Hoff

Dean and Karen Johnson in honor of Kerry and Drew Johnson

Dean and Karen Johnson in memory of Dennis and Gail Johnson

Dean and Karen Johnson in memory of Willard and Patricia Olson

The Johnson family in thanksgiving for Dean Johnson

The Michael Mitchell family

Jim and Diane Sargent in memory of their parents

Ginny Shine and family in memory of Ed Shine

Jeff and Kim Turmel in memory of Ted and Jean Zwicky and Ralph Turmel

Lorraine Wagner and family in memory of Harold Wagner

Ann Walker in celebration of family and friends

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – December 24th – Christmas Eve

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation & Hearth Room
- Sunday Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 4:30pm = Sanctuary

Monday – December 25th – Christmas Day – Church Office is Closed

- AA – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – December 26th

Wednesday – December 27th

- Breakfast Fellowship – 7:30am – OFF SITE – Panera at Ruby Isle

Thursday – December 28th

- AA – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – December 29th

Saturday – December 30th

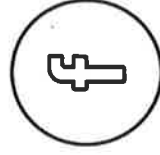


**You are invited to join us for the
New Year's Eve Service
Sunday, December 31st at 9:30 AM**

You're invited to *The Connection!*

Please join others immediately after worship for
conversation & refreshments.

It's just down the hall.



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Overall Wellbeing (spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health)
and **Intergenerational Community Service Opportunities.**

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

CHURCH STAFF

Pastors: Rev. Kris Androsky & Rev. Bridget Case
Office: Chriss Stump – Office Administrator; Deb Cornell – Secretary
Music: Danielle Bridges – Director of Music; Tyler Walters – Praise Team;
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant – Organists

The Art of Advent



Surrogacy

by Hannah Garrity Inspired by
Luke 21-20

For more Information

www.CUMCEG.org/Advent

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