



**THE WELCOME WORD**  
**Community United Methodist Church**  
**14700 Watertown Plank Road**  
**Elm Grove, WI 53122**

Alzheimer's isn't stopping.  
Neither are we.

**WALK TO END  
ALZHEIMER'S**  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Septeber 7, 2024**  
**Frame Park - Waukesha, WI**



Donate online  
Note your donations  
"ALZ Walk"



Fundraise!  
Create an account  
and fundraise with  
your facebook page



Walk with us!  
Join the Community  
Walk to End  
Alzheimer's team!

[www.cumceg.org/wellbeing](http://www.cumceg.org/wellbeing)



As we continue to update how we communicate about matters and events important to Community United Methodist Church, we have discovered that many people are getting the most current information from our weekly email news updates. In light of this, we want to ensure we are only sending print newsletters to those who want to receive and read them! **If you would like to continue to receive print copies of the Welcome Word**, please contact the Church Office at: 262-782-4060 or [deb.cornell@cumceg.org](mailto:deb.cornell@cumceg.org) to indicate you would like to remain on this mailing list. **Starting in July, the Welcome Word will only be sent to those who make this request.** Thank you for helping us keep our mailing list current!  
- The Servant Leadership Team

Community United Methodist Church  
Giving and Expense Summary-April, 2024

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Variance	2023 Actual
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
<b><u>GIVING/INCOME:</u></b>				
Giving	\$154,338	\$183,332	(\$28,994)	\$160,411
Pre-paid gifts	\$9,543	\$9,540	\$3	\$17,366
Total Estimated Gifts	\$163,881	\$192,872	(\$28,991)	\$177,777
Funds Used From Campus Campaign	\$42,463	\$0	\$42,463	\$0
Loose Offerings	\$1,246	\$1,264	(\$18)	\$1,201
Interest Income	\$2,663	\$2,500	\$163	\$2,150
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$500	(\$500)	\$189
MDO Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rental Income	\$9,350	\$10,000	(\$650)	\$9,600
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$219,603</b>	<b>\$207,136</b>	<b>\$12,467</b>	<b>\$190,917</b>
<b>Other Assigned Income</b>				
Mission Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mission Payments - specific receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Flowers/Worship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Music - Perschbacher/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Appreciation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage/Office Supplies	\$416	\$396	\$20	\$278
Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christian Education	\$5,741	\$2,196	\$3,545	\$575
Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Church Facility	\$1,876	\$412	\$1,464	\$150
<b>TOTAL BUDGET GIVING/INCOME</b>	<b>\$227,636</b>	<b>\$210,140</b>	<b>\$17,496</b>	<b>\$191,920</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>				
Connectional Ministries	\$28,256	\$28,256	\$0	\$31,812
Passionate Worship Ministries	\$23,353	\$22,664	(\$689)	\$22,649
Pastoral Support	\$84,872	\$90,120	\$5,248	\$80,132
Office Admin & Personnel	\$50,418	\$53,095	\$2,677	\$48,605
Radical Hospitality	\$0	\$32	\$32	\$123
Christian Education	\$407	\$112	(\$295)	\$92
Youth Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stewardship/Finance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustees Property/Building				
Church	\$110,841	\$79,323	(\$31,518)	\$82,748
Parsonage	\$7,868	\$3,668	(\$4,200)	\$1,388
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$306,015</b>	<b>\$277,270</b>	<b>(\$28,745)</b>	<b>\$267,549</b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$78,379)</b>	<b>(\$67,130)</b>	<b>(\$11,249)</b>	<b>(\$75,629)</b>

## JUNE WORSHIP 9:30 am Worship Service

### June 2 – Communion

Mark 2:23-3:6

**Music:** TBD

### June 9

Mark 3:20-35

**Music:** TBD

### June 16

Mark 4:26-34

**Music:** TBD

### June 23

Mark 4:35-41

**Music:** TBD

### June 30

Mark 5:21-49

**Music:** TBD



## ***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***

### IN THE SPIRIT

*By Mel Johnson*

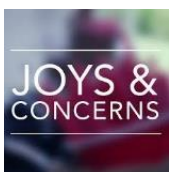
*A rainbow is unreasonable grace, unexpected and surprising.*

We have a small blue crystal butterfly on our kitchen window sill and on a clear day the sun splashes rainbow polka dots on one wall. The colors are all lined up in order: ROY G. BIV order, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. I learned about *roy g. biv* from my husband. While he was learning something important like that, I think I might have been memorizing the auxiliary verbs: be, been, is, am, are, and so forth. And yes, I still do remember them in order without consulting my new best friend, Google! Does any of this matter? I think the rainbow does, *arc en ciel* in French. It matters in the Old Testament story about a covenant.

From Genesis 9:13 "I have set my bow in the sky" which is rainbow in some translations, a colorful conversation starter with our generous God. A rainbow is a rare sort of thing, a visible manifestation of the invisible Divine. I love the way the colors always line up in the exact same order. Very nonscientific and hopeless romantic me accepts this as a pure gift. It is a sign. One of color and order and all from a drop of water. I am reminded of the Irish and their search for a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. A rainbow has no visible end much like our God, the alpha and omega with no visible beginning or ending.

We cannot always count on a rainbow being in front of us. Sometimes we have to turn around to catch it and "catch it" is a good way to describe what happens. A rainbow doesn't stick around very long, just a few minutes when some after rain sunshine catches a raindrop and the magnificent colors arch across the sky. The French language does have it right; it is an arc in the sky. Imagine God saying "Here I am arched across the sky from one end of the earth to the other. I am the God of everywhere." Let us bless rain and rainbows, let us bless all things that are nourished by rain and let us bless the Source of rain and rainbows. Amen.

***Reprinted from June 2016***



### **Our Condolences to:**

The family and friends of Caroline Duerson who passed away on April 24.



**QUARTERLY MISSION FOCUS: Love Your Neighbor  
April, May & June  
Eras Senior Network**

Our second quarter mission partner is Eras Senior Network, serving Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Eras' mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Eras' programs reduce isolation for seniors and mobilize volunteers of all ages to make important contributions to community needs. Eras is the result of a successful 2007 merger between the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Waukesha Co. and Interfaith Caregiving Network. Clients in Milwaukee County are residents age 60 years and over. Clients in Waukesha County are residents age 60 years and over or age 18 and over with a disability. For more information, please visit: <https://eras.org>.



**“Rooted & Rising – Washington Park” Food Drive  
We have delivered 1,164 lbs. so far in 2024  
(We delivered a total of 4.493 lbs. in 2023)**

280 lbs. of food and hygiene items were delivered on May 2 (for April), bringing this year's total to 1,164 lbs. They served 803 individuals (from 287 households) in the Community Food Center in April. Suggested items for June are: **breakfast items (cereal, pancake mix, and oatmeal); condiments and spices; soups; and dinner starches (boxed potatoes, quinoa, rice, and noodles).** Other items are always welcome and will be utilized. Toilet paper is always needed.

\*\*\*Your donations may be left inside the marked bins in the entryway off the courtyard during the week (M-Th 8:00-3:30 and Fri 8:00-2:30). On Sundays, the courtyard door is unlocked from 8:00-11:00 am, so you may also bring your donations when you come to Church or leave them in the Narthex and someone will take them down for you.\*\*\*

“Rooted & Rising – Washington Park” and their clients appreciate all the food and hygiene items that CUMC continues to donate monthly. ***Thanks for your generosity and ongoing support! (Keep filling those bags.)***



**The Intergenerational Service Opportunities Team** would like to thank everyone who supported our Pizza and Games Night with Life Navigators. We had 40 guests through Life Navigators with additional staff, and 15 CUMC members in attendance. Everyone was a winner at bingo, and your contributions of small prizes sent everyone away with a smile. Many other games were played, and beautiful drawings were created throughout Fellowship Hall. Pizza and snacks, as well as abundant platters of cookies and brownies were enjoyed by all! A new and vibrant community ministry was started on this joy filled evening!



### **CARD MINISTRY WILL MEET ON JUNE 3**

The Card Ministry will meet again on **Monday, June 3.**

We will meet in the Disciple Room from 6:30-8:00 pm.

**No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided.**

We will be making Holiday and Thinking of You cards and maybe some Baby cards for our members and friends who are facing challenges and would welcome a little cheer. Or they could be welcoming a new little one into their family.

The Notes of Love group will be sending the cards with a personal note inside. And the Zentangle Ministry group will include a Zentangle tile of encouragement with each Holiday card.

We welcome our youth who would like to get service credit for school. We also welcome new "card makers" who enjoy being creative.

You may park in the west parking lot and come right in to the Disciple Room.

**Please consider joining us on June 3. We look forward to seeing you.**

Karen Onasch and Dianna Haugh



### **Let's Sew Together This Summer!**

We have dates set and a slate of fun sewing projects planned for the summer—please join us!

Our gatherings are all at 10:00 am in the Disciple Room. Come with your basic sewing skills and the desire for some fun, creative outreach pursuits (and plenty of good fellowship)!

Wednesday, June 19—Fidget mats for an assisted living center

Wednesday, July 10—Ornaments to sell at the Cookie Walk

Wednesday, August 14—Placemats and coasters





United Women in Faith

**Reading Program Book Review**  
by Jeanette Friedl

***Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World***  
By Vivek H. Murthy, M.D.

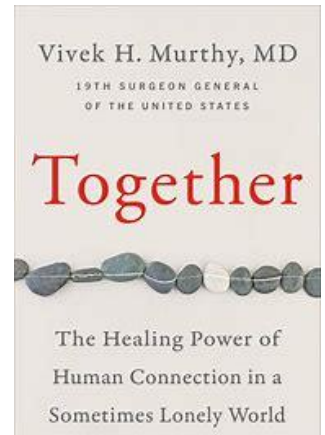
Loneliness is a root cause to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today, from alcohol and drug addiction, depression and anxiety. It affects not only our health but how we perform at work and function in society.

The first section of the book is focused on the underpinnings of loneliness and social connection and the ways in which our culture may help or hinder our efforts to gain a sense of communal belonging. The second section addresses the process of connection that each of us must individually navigate in our own lives.

Many people think of loneliness as isolation, but there is a real difference. Loneliness is the subjective feeling that you are lacking the social connection you need. Isolation describes the physical state of being alone.

What really matters in life? Strong relationships are what matters most. They improve our health, enhance our performance, and enable us to rise above differences or opinions, and ideology to come together and take on big challenges in society. Human connection is the foundation on which we build everything else.

With the many real-life stories throughout the book the information is made more timely and interesting.



Have you misplaced or forgotten to send your 2024 United Women in Faith pledge? Pledges may be placed in the UMW mailbox (work room), given to Jeanette Friedl, or sent to the church office. Be sure to indicate the payment is for UWIF.

Thank you to all the faithful who have already sent in their pledge



**September 26, 2024**

Fall Potluck Salad Luncheon of the United Women in Faith (formerly UMW). Watch for more information to follow.



Joanne Haubach	June 1	John Kim	June 21
Tom Onasch	June 2	Gregg Melby	June 21
Macy Clegg	June 6	Russ Baird	June 22
Susan Krechel	June 7	Tai Mitchell	June 22
Lorraine Wagner	June 7	Albert Hoff	June 24
Carissa Hoium	June 8	Yukiko Mitchell	June 25
Tom Kosinski	June 8	Lunette Tefelske	June 27
Ron Armson	June 9	Karen Onasch	June 29
Tom Hefty	June 9	Deb Cornell	June 30
Jeff Hamann	June 15	Sky Fuller	June 30
Linda Irwin	June 19		

# OWLS

OLDER | WISER | LIVELIER | SENIORS

*Delighting 50+ Adults*

## **Important Change**

OWLS August 15, 2024 trip, **Milwaukee Treasures**, a venue change!

The **new** itinerary is:

## **August 15 OWLS Trip**

- ~ St. Paul's Episcopal Church (tour of the Tiffany windows)
- ~ Luncheon at the Wisconsin Club
- ~ MPL's Rare Books Room

(The previously scheduled Warehouse Art Museum will be scheduled for 2025!)

Announcing

## **Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning\* 2024 October 7 and 8 through November 11 and 12**

(6 Mondays and 6 Tuesdays)

9:30 AM; 11:30 AM; 1:30 PM

**ALL** classes are held in Fellowship Hall

This month we continue to announce *just some* of our **36 classes**:

- Oct. 8, 1:30 PM: **Movie Music Memories**
- Oct. 15, 11:30 AM: **Spies in the Civil War and World War II**
- Oct. 21, 9:30 AM: **The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade**

**Visit our website: [egs4ll.org](http://egs4ll.org)**

(Questions? Contact us at [egs4ll.questions@gmail.com](mailto:egs4ll.questions@gmail.com))

The **EGS4LL 2024 Catalog** will be mailed to all members of Community United Methodist church, Members of OWLS, and Past Participants of EGS4LL. **We welcome new contacts! Send information to [egs4ll.questions@gmail.com](mailto:egs4ll.questions@gmail.com).**



*\*EGS4LL is a community of intellectually curious adults, typically 50 and over, that explores topics of interest through lectures, demonstrations, and cultural activities.*

## **CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS/DEADLINES**

Respond to Chriss [chrisstunp@cumceg.org](mailto:chrisstunp@cumceg.org)  
or Deb [deb.cornell@cumceg.org](mailto:deb.cornell@cumceg.org)  
on these matters:

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ...**

When the church office is closed, if you have a pastoral emergency that cannot wait until the next business day, you can reach Pastor Kris Androsky at 262-372-1626.

### **WEEKLY CUMC EMAILS**

To receive CUMC's weekly emails to prepare you for Sunday's worship and inform you about things that need immediate action, send an email to Chriss or Deb.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday noon**, prior to the Sunday you want the notice to appear. Announcements can run for up to three weeks per your request. Bulletins are assembled Thursdays at lunch time.

### **WELCOME WORD DEADLINE**

**Articles for the July Welcome Word are due by Friday, June 14.** Email submissions are preferred when possible, otherwise drop it off at the church office. Articles may be edited for content.

### **CUMC'S QR CODE TO SCAN FOR GIVING!**





**Periodical Postage Fees  
Paid Permit #135  
Elm Grove, WI 53122**

**COMMUNITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
14700 Watertown Plank Road  
Elm Grove, WI 53122

**Welcome Word deadline for July is  
Friday, June 14.**

**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.**

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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

**“Serving Christ Together”**

All of Us	Ministers
Kris Androsky	Pastor
Bridget Case	Associate Pastor
Chriss Stump	Office Administrator
Deb Cornell	Secretary
Tracey Magyar	Mother’s Day Out Director
Danielle Bridges	Director of Music
Tyler Walters	Praise Team Director
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant	Organists

Regular Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 am—4:00 pm; Friday 7:30 am—3:00 pm  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am In-Person Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
Phone: 262-782-4060 FAX: 262-782-1146 Website: [www.cumceg.org](http://www.cumceg.org)

The Welcome Word (USPS673-680) is published once a month by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove, WI. **Postmaster:** Second class postage paid at Elm Grove, WI. Send address changes to **The Welcome Word**, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove, WI 53122.