

COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949



FEBRUARY 23, 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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

*Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH #549 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

Opening Prayer:

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn trouble into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace, that we might meet hatred with kindness, answer curses with blessing, love without holding back, and give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Special Music

Prayer for Peace

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Chancel Choir

Precious Jesus, loving Savior,
Our Redeemer, Lord of all.
Precious Jesus, loving Savior,
Grant us everlasting peace.

Lamb of God, our help and our salvation.
Lamb of God, hear our prayer,
Grant us everlasting peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by your word you provide all we need – for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Christ we pray. Amen.

What does
“loving your
enemy” look like
in practice these
days?

Scripture

Luke 6: 27-38

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

Message

Ridiculous Generosity

*Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH #560

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.

Prayer Response

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

TFWS #2193

Special Music

My Soul Cries Out
(Canticle of the Turning)

arr. Mark Hayes

This anthem is a
paraphrase of
Mary's
Magnificat. What
does it mean for
the mighty to be
put down from
their thrones and
the lowly to be
lifted up?

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest, could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Robert Lau

***Offering Response** *Doxology for Humanity*

To the tune of "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise faith that keeps us ever strong
Praise hope that triumphs over wrong
Praise dreams that make our spirits rise
Praise voices raised in joyful cries. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others, in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

*** Hymn** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH #431

*Our Charge and Blessing

Filled with the life-giving spirit of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we bear the image of the risen one and take delight in the abundance of what we have already received.

Go now to love God, to love your neighbor, and to seek the kingdom of God here in your midst.

Amen.

***Blessing Response:** *Amazing Grace* UMH #378 vs. 1

***Postlude** *Postludium* Gordon Young

Jesus calls us to love others as we love ourselves, to do good to friends and enemies alike.

Let us now give of ourselves that the kingdom of God may draw near.

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

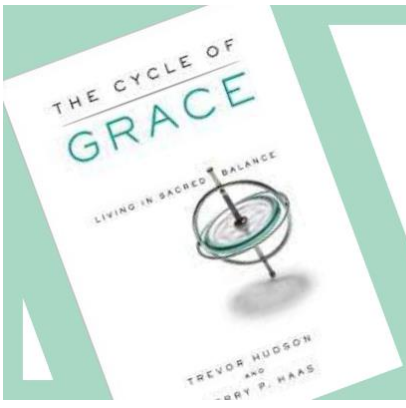
On Palm Sunday (April 13th), the CUMC Festival Choir will present a special music service exploring the space between shouting and silence. And, as we enter Holy Week, we will work to bring all of ourselves—our praise, our reverence, our grief, and everything in between—to the work of holy remembrance and action. What will we shout? What will we silence?

All Community members are invited to join!
Practice tracks will be provided. Rehearsals include:

- Wednesday, March 19 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Choir Room)
- Wednesday, March 26 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Choir Room)
- Wednesday, April 2 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Choir Room)
- Wednesday, April 9 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Sanctuary)
- Saturday, April 12 (9:00 am-11:30 am, Sanctuary)

Reach out to Danielle Bridges at (danielle.bridges@cumcg.org) if you're interested in singing!





“The CYCLE OF GRACE” by Trevor Hudson & Jerry Haas

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
Sunday Mornings Starting March 9th

For more information visit www.cumceg.org/biblestudies

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – February 23rd

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

Monday – February 24th (Pastor Kris’ Sabbath)

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

Tuesday – February 25th

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Stephen Minister Training – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Program Staff Meeting – 1:30pm – Office Conference Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – February 26th

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

Thursday – February 27th

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

Friday – February 28th (Pastor Bridget’s Sabbath)

**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

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Church Information

14700 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122
262-782-4060

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

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

Chair Yoga NOW EVERY TUESDAY!!

Led by Certified Yoga Instructor, Kim Wells

For seniors, regular exercise is one of the best ways to achieve a healthy lifestyle. Unlike high-impact exercise like running, lifting weights, and plyometrics, chair yoga is easy on your joints, and may serve as a gateway to other forms of exercise. Chair yoga is a beneficial form of yoga for any fitness level, from active seniors to those recovering from an injury.

45 minute class-Introductory \$10/session
Call the church office to register 262-782-4060
or sign up at class

Wear loose fitting comfortable clothing



Every Tuesday
CHAIR YOGA
2:30PM - WELLBEING ROOM

Afternoon Tea and Conversation

Thursday, March 7, 2025

2:00pm

Hearth Room/Parlor
Casual Dress

CALL KATHY HARTKE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A
TEATIME SNACK 262-366-6770



FEBRUARY 2025 NEEDS!

Hygiene Items: individual toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, and bar soap

Food Items: mac & cheese, hamburger helper, rice-a-roni, hot sauce, canned soup

Extra Items: such as: crackers, condiments, salsa, cake mix/frosting, and jiffy mix.



Greeting Card Ministry



Monday, March 3rd!

6:30pm - Disciple Room



United
Women
in Faith

“FOR LOVE AND GRACE-RESISTING OPPRESSION
AND HATE”

Opening our Doors to ALL God's Children

SAVE THE DATE

SOCIAL ACTION DAY April 12, 2025

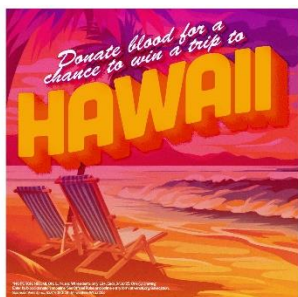


DONATE BLOOD

**Saturday
MARCH
15**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**



COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Fellowship Hall, 1st floor; 14700 W. Watertown Plank Road

*Appts. made at <https://bit.ly/CUMCEGMarch2025>
*Appts. also made via QR Code below in flyer.

*Questions? Contact Kathy by emailing her at kdhartke@gmail.com for assistance.

*Please ask younger generations to step up to donate blood, as Baby Boomer donors are not able to donate in the numbers they used to!

***ALL ATTEMPTING DONORS INCLUDED IN VERSITI'S MARCH SWEEPSTAKES TO WIN HAWAIIAN VACATION**

*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 21+. Ends 3/31/25. One (1) drawing. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at versiti.org/savevacation. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

