

Community  
United Methodist Church  
*Open Hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

### WORSHIP

**Saturday, Jan. 27**

**5 p.m.**

*Worship in the Chapel*

**Sunday, Jan. 28**

**8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

*Traditional Worship*

(SANCTUARY)

**'The Power  
of the Word'**

The Rev. Tom Babler  
preaching

Text: Jeremiah 1:9

**11 a.m.**

*OnCenter*

*Contemporary Worship*

(TENT)

**'No Age Limit'**

Jim Best  
preaching

Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

**5 p.m.**

*Worship in the Chapel*

**Sunday, Feb. 4**

**8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

*Traditional Worship*

(SANCTUARY)

**Youth-led Worship**

**11 a.m.**

*OnCenter*

*Contemporary Worship*

(TENT)

**Youth-led Worship**

### Sunday School

- 9:30 a.m. (All ages)
- 11 a.m. (Elementary only)

**Child care  
at all services**

### Pastor's note

## A potluck of God-given gifts

Corinthians 12 assures us that the Holy Spirit has given us all the gifts we need for the ministry God expects. These gifts are present, ready to be deployed.

Everyone doesn't have to do everything, but with the gifts that are given to the church by God, the ministry that is called for is possible.

It's kind of like a potluck dinner. Some people call these "covered-dish dinners," but I think the term "potluck" describes the riskiness of such a meal: What if everyone brings fried chicken? Or vegetables?

The Bible tells us, however, that someone is planning what dishes each person will bring to the table. That is, what gifts each person will bring to the congregation's ministry. And that planner is planning a perfectly balanced meal for the ministry.

#### A variety of gifts

These gifts are all from one and the same Spirit, which offers a variety of gifts and many different services.

**Eugene Peterson** paraphrases I Corinthians 12 this way: God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God Godself is behind it all.

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is. Everyone gets in on it. Everyone benefits.

All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

The variety is wonderful: Christ calls every one of his followers to ministry, not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

And through the Holy Spirit, we have everything we need to do everything that God calls us to.

I believe that God is calling this congregation to be a church for others, and the gifts which the Spirit has given us have turned us in that direction. Using those gifts has enabled people to put their faith into action.

#### Bring your potluck dish

Bring your potluck dish. Take the lid off to share the dish with all. God has given gifts to each of Community Church's members and friends so that we can serve God's Church. To do this we must constantly look outside our church walls, into the community and world around us.

The Spirit is leading us forward. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is.

We have everything we need to do everything that God calls us to. Even though each of us brought one dish, Community UMC has a variety of food to eat. A new year is before us, just bring yourself with your gifts from God.

It will be a perfect potluck. Let us continue our feast.



By  
**The Rev.  
Haeran Kim**  
Associate  
Pastor

## Foundation promotes giving that helps CUMC ministries

By Robert Smith, Chair and President,  
Community United Methodist Church Foundation

This mission of the Foundation is to promote, develop and invest the permanent endowment gifts to Community UMC (CUMC). The Foundation's main development activities are to communicate with the members and friends of CUMC concerning the need for endowment funds, and the many alternative methods that permanent gifts to the Foundation can be structured to meet the financial needs and specific wishes of the donors.

Since the Foundation was incorporated in 2001, it has distributed about \$32,000 to CUMC from its permanent endowment funds. The 2006 distribution was \$5,600.

**CUMC HAS USED THESE FUNDS** for purchases of equipment, to provide additional funding for various capital improvement projects around the building, and as "seed money" in support of new ministries.

From a financial perspective, 2006 has been a mixed year. While contributions have diminished, investment income has increased significantly. Permanent Foundation assets in both the endowment and music funds continued to grow, even after distributions.

Full-year audited financial statements are available to any interested member of Community UMC.

At the Foundation's annual meeting, which was held during CUMC's church conference last fall, **Betty Reed** was elected a director as a member of the class of 2008, and **Brenda DeGeer** and **Herb Getz** were elected to the class of 2009.

**JEANNINE SCHMIDT**, a founding director of the Foundation, stepped down from the board at the meeting. Jeannine has served faithfully since our incorporation and has been a very positive, energetic member who will be sorely missed.

If you are interested in more information about how the Community UMC Foundation can turn your gift of bequest into a permanent asset of the church, supporting its mission and ministry for decades to come, please contact me or any other member of the Foundation board. Other members are **Bob Atcheson**, **the Rev. Tom Babler**, **Bob Kinsman**, **Jean Morris**, **Elmer Schirmer** and **Lauralyn Theodore**.

(This article was excerpted from the report of the Community UMC Foundation to the 2006 church conference.)

## Taizé services held on Wednesdays

Taizé prayer services are being offered Wednesday mornings through Feb. 14 in the Chapel at 8 a.m. The half-hour services consist of repetitive chants, scripture reading and directed meditation in silence. The services are drawn from the Taizé community of France.



As a congregation with open hearts, open minds and open doors, we fervently live into the words of John Wesley: "If thou lovest God and all humankind, I ask no more: Give me thine hand."

Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability.

# Volunteers have been going to Food Bank for 15 years

by JoAnn Roessler

This year nearly 14 million children in the U.S. are at risk of hunger. At the same time, millions of pounds of food go to waste every day in our country. The United States, the wealthiest country, has 17.8% of its children in poverty.

Second Harvest is a network of more than 200 food banks. Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles serves the 520 food pantries, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit food sites that help 262,465 people living in poverty in 13 northern Illinois counties.

Volunteers help clean, sort, label and pack this food into boxes that go to pantries like Naperville's Loaves and Fishes.

Community UMC (CUMC) members have been volunteering during the day and some evenings for at least 15 years.

CUMC's regular volunteer afternoons are the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Seven to 10 volunteers form a car pool each time they volunteer to work at the food bank.

You are invited to join us and see if this is a way you would like to make a difference. We get to chat while doing the work, which is not heavy. You do need to stand, though.

Talk to any of the following volunteers to learn more.

Many thanks to these faithful volunteers: **Joanne Jaynes, Ruth and Bob Kinsman, Marty Schwab, Ruth and Jim Ott, Nancy and Bud Zimmermann, Kay VanBuskirk, Nancy Whittington, Carrol and Bill Lankenau, Deane Manbeck, Don McFee, Bill Shirley, Carolyn Lutyens, Dale Zimmerman, Clyde and Joan Uebele, Mari Schirmer, Barb Cornelison, Judy Smith, Gertie Brown, Al and Mavis Streiffeler, and JoAnn and Larry Roessler.**

# Members urged to take Healthy Church survey

Community UMC (CUMC) has hired The Aspen Group (TAG), research and consulting firm located near Washington, D.C., to undertake a survey of our congregation's ministries. The results of this survey will help CUMC in its strategic planning process by identifying the church's strengths, as well as opportunities for improvement.

Every member of the congregation is urged to fill out the survey, which is available on the Web. Call the church office (630) 355-1483 for the Web address. The survey will be available: Sunday, Jan. 14, to Monday, Feb. 12.

The survey will take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. TAG recommends trying to complete the survey in one sitting and to not labor over responses. Responses will

be completely confidential.

To participate in the survey, follow these steps: Log on to the Web site; Survey Log On/Church Name: cumc0107 (Type this log on exactly as it appears here. You won't be allowed to log on if you have misspelled the log on or if you have used the wrong letter case.); password: naperville.

Each family member over age 15 should participate individually.

For more information about this survey, contact **Rich Fleming**, CUMC lay leader and chair of the CUMC's Facilities Study Committee, (630) 717-5786 or Rfleming9308@aol.com, or **the Rev. Tom Babler**, (630) 355-1483 or mtbabler@sbcglobal.net.

# Community thanks those who have served

At its annual church conference, Community UMC recognized 17 persons who have provided valuable service in recent years, but who have stepped down from their positions. Those recognized were the following:

- Michelle Barton** (Lay Member of Annual Conference)
- Roger Beitzel** (Evangelism chair and Council on Ministries [COM])
- Russell Frees** (Staff Parish chair)
- Scott Shallcross** (Administrative Board)
- Jim Sheldon** (COM)
- Al Streiffeler** (Evangelism)

- Peter Chari** (Missions)
- Lois Flood** (Missions and Worship Support)
- Janet Eifler** (Missions Interim chair)
- Elizabeth Wesley** (Lay Leadership vice-chair)
- Sally Hines** (Staff Parish)
- Neiland Pennington** (Trustees)
- Dawn Ruth** (Trustees)
- Lori Rader** (coordinator of Communion Servers)
- Rosemary Zimmerman** (coordinator of Communion Servers - OnCenter)
- Prudy Sheldon** (Worship Support)
- Jeannine Schmidt** (Worship Support)

# Sunday Book Group will discuss Spragg's Unfinished Life Feb. 11

Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group will meet Feb. 11 to discuss *Unfinished Life* by **Mark Spragg**.

The book group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone who has read the scheduled book is welcome to participate in the discussion.

Other readings are as follows: March 11, *A Reckoning* by **May Sarton**; April 15, *Translation Nation* by **Hector Tobar**; and May 13, *Unwise Passions* by **Alan Pell Crawford**.

Contact **Connie and Deane Manbeck**, (630) 778-1220 or dmanbeck@aol.com, for more information.

## Save the Date!

### Fat Tuesday Dinner, Feb. 20

# Secret Angels to meet Feb. 11

Secret Angels, Community UMC's service group for children in grades one through five, will meet for an afternoon of fun serving others on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help guide the kids through activities. For more information, or to sign up to help, contact **Sue Lllende** at (630) 961-4522 or **Kara Pelecky** at (630) 886-3525.

# New members classes begin Jan. 28

Community UMC (CUMC) is offering a new Inquirers Class series for persons interested in joining the congregation. The series will begin Sunday, Jan. 28, and continue Feb. 4 and 11. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in the chapel. New members join Sunday, Feb. 18.

If you are interested in joining CUMC or attending the Inquirers Class, contact **Mary Jacobs**, director of Lay Ministry, a pastor, or the church office, (630) 355-1483.

# Jeske to present 'Faith Prints'

**Barb Jeske**, former Naperville teacher, will present "Faith Prints - a Christian Walk" at the Winter General Meeting of United Methodist Women (UMW) on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor.

This is also the UMW pledge service. Community UMC's UMW gave more than \$7,000 to mission in 2006.

# Finance Committee Report for 2006

by Elmer Schirmer, Finance Committee Chair

The news is very good. We ended 2006 with a small surplus (\$6,931), although the year began with a Faith Budget deficit of \$40,000. Faith brought us through 2006.

Income and expenses were both over \$900,000 for the first time. Income from pledges was nearly 100%. Income from members who do not pledge was at an all-time high.

Income was \$902,511. (Pledged Envelopes = \$724,409; Unpledged = \$114,418; Other = \$63,684)

Expenses totaled \$904,609. (Apportionment and Salaries = \$663,445; Office = \$34,860; Programs = \$59,847; Trustees = \$146,457)

Church mortgage was reduced from \$303,776 to \$281,213.

The Finance Committee gives many thanks to all our members for their dedication, generous giving, and commitment to the ministry and outreach of this church.



*Our purpose is to be a dynamic community of thinking and caring United Methodist Christians.*

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A Stephen Ministry Church	

# Our Community

offers condolences to ...

- ... **Sarah Martin** and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, **Hesper Martin**, on Dec. 24.
- ... **Carol Terrazzano** and her family after the death of her father, **Robert Phillips**, on Jan. 1. He is the grandfather of **Allison** and **Robert Terrazzano**.
- ... **Genevieve Spiegler** and her family after the death of her brother, **George Scheffner Jr.**, on Jan. 4 in LaCrosse, Wis.

gives thanks for ...

- ... the safe return from Iraq of **Brad Woltman**, cousin of **Kim Johnson**.

continues to pray for ...

- ... our troops and their families: **John Atchison, Christopher Coyle, John Ferrin, Ryan Gray, Joshua Moore, Bryce Pope, Vincent Simonetti** and **Betsy Weiner**.