

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

WORSHIP

Saturday, Feb. 24
5 p.m.

Worship in the Chapel

'How are They to Hear?'

Jim Best preaching
Text: Romans 10:8-15

Sunday, Feb. 25
8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Traditional Worship

(SANCTUARY)

First Sunday in Lent
Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

'The Timing
of Temptation'

The Rev. Tom Babler
preaching
Text: Luke 4:1-13

11 a.m.

OnCenter

Contemporary Worship

(TENT)

'How are They to Hear?'

Jim Best preaching
Text: Romans 10:8-15

Saturday, March 3
5 p.m.

Worship in the Chapel

Sunday, March 4

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

Traditional Worship

(SANCTUARY)

Second Sunday in Lent

'The Language
of Lamentation'

The Rev. Tom Babler
preaching
Text: Luke 13:31-35

11 a.m.

OnCenter

Contemporary Worship

(TENT)

The Rev. Haeran Kim
preaching

Sunday School

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

Child care at all services

Pastor's Note

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord

The words of Jeremiah 17:5-10 contain both warning and hope. The warning is clear: Do not put your trust in humans or human institutions. And the promise is just as clear: Put your trust in God alone.

There are only two choices here. If you choose the false way, Jeremiah warns you will know it when drought comes.

With truth, you will have your roots in the waters of life. You will be a green tree in an otherwise barren land.

So choose the way, the one way, the way of trust in God.

Following God's way does not provide magical protection from sickness or emotional pain. We are not kept from the dangers of the world.

BUT WHEN TROUBLE HITS, when the bottom falls out of your life, then you will know the consequences of where you have placed your trust. This is where the desert becomes so powerful in a drought.

For us, that spring of water is God, and we are rooted through our trust. For life is filled with struggles for each of us. Throughout our lives, we all face droughts, some short-lived and some long-lasting. Faith and trust in God is what gets us through life's difficulties.

What lasts is a relationship with a God, who is constant and true, who is trustworthy and just, who created us in order to love us, and who loves us even when we forget who created us.

What lasts, what lives on when the going gets tough, is the truth of our wondrous God, whom we see most clearly in the person of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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Lord and who turn us away from the Lord. We expect to be able to live easily on our own, without the gracious guidance of our God.

BACK IN JEREMIAH'S TIME, the people of Jerusalem were carried away to Babylon for the most grievous period in their history. They were carried away, where all that sustained their faith was in the life-giving words of their scripture: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord."

And those who trusted grew in that desert, and yielded the fruit of a faith that outlasted suffering.

Those who trusted passed on that faith. They passed on the wisdom gained in experience, and we hear them testifying to us across the centuries.

They learned the truth: Trust was well-placed, and real hope is to be found only in the truth of God's eternal love.

Wednesday Lenten Communion Services

7 to 7:30 a.m. in the chapel



By
The Rev.
Haeran Kim
Associate
Pastor

Community will present film festival on March Saturdays

Among activities planned for Lent at Community UMC (CUMC) will be two firsts, a film festival on Saturdays in March, and lunches to explore scripture and other readings following the 11 a.m. worship services (See 'Lenten Lunches' in box on this page).

A Lenten Communion Service will be offered every Wednesday Feb. 28 to April 4 from 7 to 7:30 a.m. in the chapel.

On Friday, March 23, Wiley College A'capella Choir and a drama group from Marshall, Texas, will be at Community UMC for a potluck supper followed by song and drama. The evening will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

A kids' activity, "Pretzels and Prayers," is planned for Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to noon.

United Methodist Men is preparing a Sunrise Easter service and breakfast for April 8.

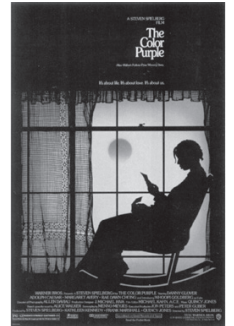
You are invited to engage the world of film through the heart of Christian experience during Lent. CUMC's Lenten Film Festival will look at the themes of Sin/Alienation and Reconciliation in each of five films to be shown on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in fellowship hall during March.

- March 3, Open Circle Class will host a showing of "Changing Lanes," a 2002 drama/thriller starring **Ben Affleck** and **Samuel L. Jackson**. The film is about what happens when a small automobile accident causes two men's mutual road rage to escalate into a feud.

- March 10, Kairos Class will host the viewing of "The Color Purple," a 1985 drama starring **Danny Glover**, **Whoopi Goldberg** and **Oprah Winfrey**. The film, directed by **Steven Spielberg**, is based on **Alice Walker's** Pulitzer Prize-winning story. Because of the length of the film, discussion will occur the following Sunday morning, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Kairos classroom, 202.

- March 17, Community Forum will host the showing of "The Days of Wine and Roses." The 1962 Oscar-winning romance/drama stars **Jack Lemmon** and **Lee Remick**, and is directed by **Blake Edwards**.

See Film festival on back page



'Lenten Lunches' will be held after 11 a.m. worship services

As Lent approaches, are you looking for a way to grow in your faith in fellowship? You can join others on their faith journeys at Lenten Lunches, a once-a-week opportunity for people of all backgrounds to come together over lunch and learn and grow in faith.

The lunches will take place each Sunday in Lent, from Feb. 25 to April 1. From 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., we'll enjoy a light soup and sandwich lunch while exploring and discussing scripture and other readings from a Lenten study book.

For more information and/or to RSVP for lunch, contact **Beth Elders**, director of Christian Education, at belders@communityunitedmethodist.org or by calling the church office, (630) 355-1483.

Knitting is 'almost meditative,' clears mind's clutter

By Lynda Krazinski

Have you wanted to learn knitting or crocheting? Or are you a Master Knitter? It takes all kinds to make the Community UMC United Methodist Women (UMW) Knitting Circle work. Every Monday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. you'll find 8 to 12 women, clicking and chatting in the church parlor.

These knitters have fun working on personal projects, UMW craft show items or prayer shawls. It's fun to see the lovely projects everyone is working on. Almost every week, year round, people just keep showing up and clicking away.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

More than 50 prayer shawls have been given to shut-ins or people who are experiencing health or spiritual challenges. That's pretty amazing because this Knitting

Circle only started 13 months ago.

The circle members ask for God's blessing on their completed handiwork, and then wrap shawls with a note. Recipients say that the shawls bring them quiet comfort, like a big hug.

Kapz for Kidz

The Knitting Circle members are knitting caps for children in Pakistan, which was devastated by earthquake last year. Patterns are available.

Newcomers welcome

Please come Monday to start or brush up on your knitting skills. There are lots of easy patterns to get people started.

The rhythm of knitting or crocheting is almost meditative, clearing your mind of daily clutter — and it's fun! See you there.

Aurora District UMMen's Lenten breakfast, Communion is Feb. 24

Aurora District United Methodist Men (UMM) Lenten Communion and Breakfast will be Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8 to 10:45 a.m. The event will be at Gary Memorial UMC, 224 N. Main St. in Wheaton.

Saturday, March 17, the Northern Illinois Conference UMM Annual Meeting will be at St. Matthew UMC, 1000 N. Orleans in Chicago. The meeting will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes lunch.

Community UMC's UMM will host breakfast meetings on the third Sundays in March and May (March 18 and May 20). Breakfast will be served at 7:15 a.m. in fellowship hall. Each meeting will have a guest speaker. Breakfast and speaker will finish in time for 8:30 a.m. worship.

Film festival *continued from front page*

The movie tells the story of an alcoholic who falls in love with and gets married to a young woman he systematically addicts to booze.

- March 24, Sojourners Class will present "North Country." The 2006 film is based on the book *Class Action: the Story of Lois Jensen and the Landmark Case that Changed Sexual Harassment Law* by **Clara Bingham** and **Laura Leedy**. Based on a true story, this drama stars **Charlize Theron**, **Woody Harrelson** and **Sissy Spacek**.

- March 31, OnCenter and the Fidelis Class will host **Al Gore's** "An Inconvenient Truth." This documentary focuses on Gore's campaign to make global warming a recognized problem worldwide.

All events start at 5:30 p.m. and conclude by 9 p.m. Refreshments will be provided after the film and before the discussion.

The first four films are for adults only. Child care will be provided upon demand by calling the church office early in the week of the showing, (630) 355-1483.

Lawson receives 'Gentle Touch' award from EACN



Lawson

Ecumenical Adult Care of Naperville (EACN) recently presented the "Gentle Touch Award" to Community UMC member **Kay Lawson**. An activity assistant at EACN, Kay received the award from the Gertrude P. Zalar Alzheimer's Care Foundation.

The annual award honors those who provide outstanding hands-on

care to people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The award was given in Joliet, presented by **Richard Zalar**, M.D., in honor of his late wife, Gertrude.

Wanted: Seeds! Seeds! Seeds!

The Hunger Commission will be collecting vegetable and flower seeds from Sunday, Feb. 11, to Sunday, March 4. Seeds can be placed in the baskets in the hallways outside the sanctuary and fellowship hall as well as in the Sunday school classes.

The seeds will be sent to the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to be planted in community gardens by residents of the CHA senior citizens housing developments.

"Our seniors really look forward to the seeds," said **Tom Mitchell** of the CHA. "They get outdoors and socialize, and the planting even helps their arthritis. Your seeds have made for a wonderful summer for them."

Book Circle to discuss *Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits*

The United Methodist Women Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 28, this month rather than the usual third Wednesday. The meeting will be 7:30 p.m. at the home of **Mari Schirmer**, 7S348 Baltusrol, Naperville.

The discussion will be *Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits* by **Laila Lalami**. **Sara Schneck-Skiba** will lead the discussion.

Call Mari at (630) 355-8532 if you plan to attend. Interested readers are always welcome.

Sunday Book Group will discuss *Sarton's Reckoning* on March 11

Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group will meet March 11 to discuss *A Reckoning* by **May Sarton**.

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: 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 dmmanbeck@aol.com, for more information.



Survey deadline extended

Community UMC encourages all members, ages 15 and above, to complete the "Healthy Church Index" survey. Responses will help determine the church's future ministries.

Online surveys must be completed by Feb. 26.

Log on to <http://hcindex.877tagline.com>. Log-in is cumc0107; password is naperville. Type as shown here.

March 24 concert is for Zegarski

Community UMC member **Pat Spencer** urges support of Living Springs Community Church's benefit concert Saturday, March 24. Living Springs, 19051 S. Halsted St., Glenwood, is presenting the concert on behalf of **Mike Zegarski**, who suffered a brain aneurysm last March.

Tickets can be purchased through Living Springs Church, (708) 709-9221. For more details, contact **Sarah Van Drunen** at sarahvandrunen@yahoo.com.

Our Community

offers condolences to ...

... **Linda McCall** and her family on the death of her son, **Kyle Allan McCall**, on Jan. 31.

... **Keith Selin** and his family on the death of his mother, **Anna Selin**, on Jan. 31. Anna is the grandmother of **Breanne** and **Jeremy**.

congratulates ...

... **Amanda** and **Brian Morgan** on the birth of their son, **Reece Joseph**, on Jan. 31. Reece's proud grandmother is **Linda Morgan**.

continues to pray for ...

... our troops and their families: **John Atchison**, **Christopher Coyle**, **Tyson Crosby**, **Ryan Gray**, **Joshua Moore**, **Bryce Pope**, **Vicent Simonetti**, **Betsy Weiner** and **Brad Woltman**.

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

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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.