

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

WORSHIP

Saturday, June 16
5 p.m.

Sunday, June 17
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Father's Day

The Rev. Tom Babler
preaching

Text: Luke 7:36–50
Debts and Debtors

Saturday, June 23
5 p.m.

Beth Elders, preaching

Sunday, June 24
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Tom Babler, preaching
Text: Luke 8: 26–39
A Legion of Demons

10:30 a.m.
OnCenter

Contemporary Worship

Beth Elders, preaching
Luke 13: 1–9

Bloom Where You're Planted

Sunday School

10:30 a.m. only

Child care
At all services

Child care at all services

Change of Worship Time

Beginning June 10, 2007, worship times will be 8:30 and 10:30 with Summer Sunday School occurring in Fellowship Hall at 10:30.

The 8:30 am worship service in July will be held at Central Park—"Sundays in the Park" (weather permitting).

Staff Note

Summer Vacation?

It's that time of year again—the days are getting longer and warmer, the area swimming pools are opening, the cicadas are out and singing loudly, and summer programming for children and youth is kicking into high gear. If you are connected to a young person, you are incredibly aware of the busy schedule of the majority of children and youth today. Amazing opportunities abound throughout the summer months, extending from athletics (soccer, softball, baseball, t-ball, swim team), to music (band camp, private lessons), the arts (theatre/drama camp, visual art academies), and even includes academic subjects. Summer school has become a way for high school students to take care of required courses so that they can have the opportunity to take more advanced courses during the school year, continuing to build their resume for college acceptance and scholarship possibilities.

Where has summer vacation gone? For children, youth, and even adults, summer vacation resembles the rest of the year in its frantic pace and over-booked schedule. We continue to rush around, attempting to squeeze just one more hour into our already packed day. When I was growing up, my "summer programming" consisted primarily of swimming lessons, church camp, and perhaps Vacation Bible school. During the rest of the summer, I had the wonderful opportunity to relax and explore the world around me. I rode my bicycle around town with my friends for hours on end, swam until my hair turned green from the chlorine, and enjoyed numerous camp-outs with my family. This was my time to relax and just *be*.

We are a people in desperate need of Sabbath, in need of a time where we can just *be* in the presence of God with each other. In the book "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy

Lives", Wayne Muller says that Sabbath "is a time to let our work, our lands, our animals lie fallow, to be nourished and refreshed. Within this sanctuary, we become available to the insights and blessings of deep mindfulness and arise only in stillness and time" (p.7). Over the

past few years, I've come to discover that Sabbath rest can take place on an entire day (such as Sunday) or it can even be as short as an *hour*. When we take the time to step away from the chaos of our daily lives and engage in Sabbath time (either alone or with our families), we emerge refreshed and renewed and more able to find direction in life.

Yes, I know how difficult Sabbath is to take. I, like many of you, am joined at the hip to my Palm Pilot and the schedule contained within its database. However, scheduled between meetings and events in my Palm is Sabbath, a time for me to be still and be in the presence of the Creator. This summer, I encourage each of you and your families to put away your schedules and take some time away, albeit for an hour or a day, and be in the presence of God with each other. Enjoy the beauty of God this summer and go camping, take a walk, or even simply turn off the TV and other electronics and have dinner together. However you seek your Sabbath rest, may you find the peace and rejuvenation you long for. After all, it is summer vacation!



—Beth Elders

CUMC Welcomes Kate Walker as interim director of Youth Ministry

On June 18th Kate Walker will be joining our church staff as the Interim Director of Youth Ministry. Kate will be leading our youth program this summer and leading the Youth Work Trip on August.

Kate is a third year student at Garrett-Evangelical and a graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana and comes to us with experience and enthusiasm.

Kate's previous Youth Ministry experience includes Youth Coordinator and Interim Youth Directory of First United Methodist Church Shreveport in Shreveport Louisiana and Youth Director at Fellowship United Methodist Church in Bossier Louisiana. At these churches she planned activities and lead retreats, Bible studies, mission trips and special events. Of course these are just a few of her many talents. We also have it on good authority (her resume) that she's a "decent Frisbee thrower."

Children's summer Sunday school begins June 10 and runs through August 19

Sunday school for kindergarten through fifth grade students will take place in fellowship hall during the 10:30 worship service. Children will be dismissed after Children's Time for a **NEW** summer curriculum - "**LIVE BIG**": a DVD-based exciting learning center Sunday school experience. Parents should pick their children up immediately following worship in fellowship hall (no children will be released without a parent present). For more information please contact Beth Elders (belders@communityunitedmethodist.org).

Sunday school for children ages 2, 3, & 4 years old will take place in the 2's & 3's room during the 10:30 worship service. Children will be using the summer edition of the "Toddler's & Twos" curriculum. For more information, please contact Julie Mayfield (630/299-0158).

To raise money for the summer work trip to Missouri, the youth are offering their services to deliver 10 pink flamingos to the lawn of your choice for the low price of \$20. Invade a friend's front yard with flamingos or spice up your own yard for arty or just to give your house that little extra "curb appeal."

If you are the recipient of an evening of "flamingoing" you may find out who the "friend" who "flamingoed" you is by paying a fee of \$10.00. Flamingos remain for 4 days, but may be taken away for a "modest fee." Contact Jim Best and/or the church office if you want to take part in this fun event.



M.A.D. Camp registration has begun

Registration has begun for "The Bible in Broadway", a music, art, and drama camp for children in 3rd–7th grades taking place July 9–13th from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Registration forms are available in the church office (forms are also available on the Christian Education table outside the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings). This year's exciting production features music from *Children of Eden*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Godspell*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and will provide participants an opportunity to gain experiences in musical theater while also growing in their understanding of biblical events. For more information, please contact Beth Elders or Stephen Edwards.

Our Community

Sympathy to Janet Tannenbaum on the death of her brother Glenn Kronenbitter on May 12, 2007.

Continues to pray for

our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Dave Cobbel, Christopher Coyle, Ryan Gray, Joshua Moore, Joe O'Neill, Bryce Pope, Vincent Simonetti, and Brad Woltman.

Celebrates with

Bob and Lois Flood who celebrated their 50th on May 25th.

Jennifer and Dave Gallagher, daughter of Jim and Pat Fanthorpe, who had a baby boy William on June 2, 2007 at Edward Hospital.

WOW!

To date—the annual Plant Sale has raised over \$10,761! The rain came and went and the sale occurred on a beautiful, sunny June 2nd Saturday morning.



Did you know?

Communication is a big deal! And when one does not get pertinent communication—this is a big deal as well! CUMC continues to try to be as communicative as possible through the weekly bulletin announcements, website and the Tidings.

The CUMC office has tried several times to acquire email addresses in order to have an all-church email address file in order to mail out special notices. This has worked, to a certain extent, but email addresses change, spam filters work, etc., etc.

Once again, the appeal is being made— if email from the church office is desired, please send a note “Yes, please add me to the email list.” to info@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Recently, as all are aware, postage rates were once again raised. This rate increase took place in the middle of the year, so the postage line in the budget could run over budget. Weekly reminder cards are sent out for various reasons. It would be very helpful, if reminders are not needed, or an email reminder would suffice, to please email kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org letting Ken know of your preference.

Soon, the updated version of CUMC's website will be launched. Included will be a very user-friendly calendar, where members will be able to see a whole month of CUMC activities—be able to sign up for an email reminder (for a meeting, special event, etc)—send information to a friends—there will be all kinds of helpful, informational materials. Watch for the announcement of the website launch soon.

In the meantime, if there is a question, remember the bulletin announcements, the Tidings and the website, and if your question isn't answered, please call the church office—and we'll know where to find the answer.

**E-mail
→ Me ←**

2007 Confirmation Class

On May 27, 2007, the following were confirmed.

Elizabeth Weiner statement:

I believe in the basic goodness of the human race, of the heart and the soul. I believe in the mercy and justice of God, who loved the human race so much that he sent his son, Jesus Christ, that we could have forgiveness for our sins. I believe that forgiveness should always be given to those who humble themselves to ask it, because forgiveness was given by God through Jesus. I believe in the power of a true friendship to guide us through the ups and downs of life with a helping hand. I believe in the healing power of laughter. I believe that faith should not be something to be ashamed of, but valued and shared with the world. I believe that music is the purest expression of the soul, and through this, there can be expressed one of the truest offerings of prayer and thankfulness. I believe in love. In the cry of a child, the laughter of a friend, the beauty of nature, and the wisdom of those who came before me, I believe that, for those who look and listen, God can be found anywhere. I believe in the old saying that there truly are two ways to live your life and to believe: one way is to live as though nothing is a miracle, and the other is to live as though everything is. I believe in the second way, and I believe that is the way God wants us to live, to treat his creation as a true miracle.



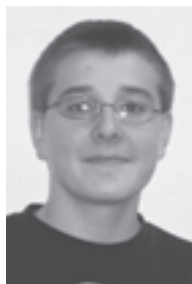
Emma Williams statement:

I believe in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
God is my creator, my nurturer, my friend.
Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who lived as a human, who is my teacher, my example, my Savior.
The Holy Spirit, who is always with me,
to comfort and strengthen me.
I will try to remember
and live by these beliefs;
forgiving others as I have been forgiven.
Amen.



Edward Green statement:

I believe in God,
The Creator,
The Father,
The Almighty,
The Lord of Heaven.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
Our Savior,
Our Redeemer,
Our Light.
I believe that Jesus died
for our sins on the cross,
That he rose from the dead,
And then ascended into Heaven.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
That which fills us with the power
And the grace of God.
I believe in the eternal grace of God
And the life everlasting.
Amen.



Shelby Rogers statement:

I pledge my faith whole-heartedly to God, the creator of the Earth, the mother of all life, from this day throughout my eternal life in the heavens. From this moment on, I vow my loyalty to God's words, for in her words lie the solution to all problems, and the answer to all questions. I pledge to be a sanctuary, and have the word of God live within me. I vow my life to share with Jesus, the son, my brother.



His life on earth, and everlasting in the heavens illuminated the footprints on the path I now choose to follow, leading majestically towards the heavens. From this day forward, I dedicate my existence to serving all of God's children to the best of my abilities, any way I can. Just as Jesus devoted his life to us, I devote my life to finishing what he left for me. I hereby declare my soul to make up a small portion of the all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful Holy Spirit. I will be always faithful, and in return will be protected by its loving grace. I believe in the mother God, the son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit forever. On this day I openly declare my faith and trust to their welcoming love, as I become a member of their gracious and accepting United Methodist Church. Amen.

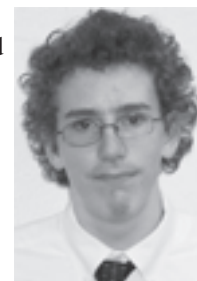
Kyle Smith statement:

My faith is based on my belief of God and Jesus being our Savior.
I believe Jesus died for our sins on the cross and arose on Easter.
I believe that the Bible is the writing of God and the Ten Commandments are the laws of God.
I believe that when we take Communion we give thanks for all that Jesus has done for us.



Ian Ramsey statement:

I will spread the word of God as told in the Bible.
I will think about Jesus' lessons as I go through my life.
I will accept the Holy Spirit and live with it.
With God I will get through my life.
Through prayer I will confirm my faith.
With the church I will be a member of the Methodist Community.





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

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Lay Ministry Mary Jacobs	Youth Director Jim Best
Music Ministries and Worship Planning Director Stephen Edwards	Administration Lauralyn Theodore

Missionaries
Dr. Lahi and Yema Luhahi, *Kenya*
The Rev. Nkemba and Mbwizu Ndjungu, *Senegal*

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.