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

WORSHIP

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. Concurrent Services

Chapel worship
5:00 pm—Saturday

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
8:30 and 11:00— Sunday

On Center/contemporary
Worship in the Tent
11:00—Sunday

Holy Communion served on the
first Sunday of the month

Saturday, Aug. 25

5 p.m. Chapel

Beth Elders preaching

Sunday, Aug. 26

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Beth Elders preaching

"Who, Me?"

Jeremiah 1:4–10

OnCenter

Contemporary Worship

Rev. Haeran Kim, preaching
Luke 13:10–17

Saturday, Sept. 1

5 p.m. Chapel

Rev. Haeran Kim, preaching

Sunday, Sept. 2

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Rev. Haeran Kim, preaching
Luke 14:1, 7–14

10:30 a.m.

OnCenter

Kate Walker, preaching

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Child care at all services

Staff Note

Praise Everything

C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Praise is the culmination of our enjoyment of anything." The scope of this statement challenges us to think about our approach to worship. Speaking as someone who works for the church, I seem to be constantly preparing for different elements that make up a worship service. But, this doesn't seem to mirror the philosophy listed above. We decide the songs, scripture, reading, drama, and theme as parts of a worship service. But, what happens to our spiritual life when we only experience God in these areas found in the church? We become spiritually dead. Psalm 64:10 says, "...good-hearted people, make praise your habit." Are we looking for God in our pain, struggles, triumphs, pursuits, dreams, and daily routines? The devil arrives when we stop seeking God in our car ride to work, trip to the post office, and the annoying guy who is talking really loud on his cell phone in the supermarket. The key is seeking God in the monotonous routines we are forced to lead. Praise is something we are, not something we do. So, if you always thought worship consisted of singing a couple songs on Sunday morning, you are missing the point. We are people in need of a savior everyday of our lives. Allowing him to enter the places we have kept shut will yield a flourishing spiritual life. May you find God in places you least expect.



—Joel Janis

"And Will You Come?"

On Sunday, September 9 after the 11:00 services, the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees are inviting everyone in the church to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

All you need to do is R.S.V.P. and then arrive individually or with family and/or friends.

At this luncheon you will get good food, be entertained, and learn a few things about stewardship, CUMC, and the person sitting next to you.

Stewardship is a year-round commitment—church members and non-members volunteer their time, give of their money, share their talents all year long. Sometimes the commitments of talent and time is to sing in the choir, teach Sunday School, usher for church services, count the money, design and sew our banners, lead a work trip, etc.

The commitment of money can be made through pledging, tithing, writing a check once a year, giving cash weekly or monthly or through special giving programs such as Heifer Project or the Community United Methodist Church Foundation.

Stewardship IS a year-round commitment to God and His church. We worship together on Saturday Service, Sunday Services in the Sanctuary and the Tent, in Disciple Groups, during the week with the Elderly Services, at the start of Committee Meetings, Sunday School classes, etc.

"And Will You Come?" to lunch on September 9 and have a most enjoyable time? I sure hope so! I would like to see Fellowship Hall filled to overflowing. I would like to see our church family gathered together in HIS name.

Bonnie Valiant, Stewardship Chairperson

Rally Day—August 26th

Community UMC returns to its academic-year schedule of worship and Christian Education on Sunday, August 26th. All Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday school classes resume on this Sunday, as does the programming in all of our other special ministry areas. A special kickoff gathering for all Sunday school classes will take place in the Sanctuary at 9:30 that morning—all those in attendance will join in a celebration and blessing of our Sunday school classes before going to their classes. All are welcome to join us for this exciting day of new beginnings!

Beginning August 26th, the Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

8:30—Worship in the Sanctuary (childcare is provided in the nursery for children ages 2 and under)

9:30—Sunday school for all ages (2 years old through adults), with childcare for infants provided.

11:00—Concurrent worship in the Sanctuary and the tent. Sunday school for children 2 years old through 5th grade takes place after Children's Time (Sanctuary service) or the Drama (OnCenter). 11:00 children's Sunday school is not held on the first Sunday of each month to allow our children and their teachers the opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion with their families. Beginning this year, "Worship Bags", containing crayons, coloring sheets, books, and other manipulatives will be available for young

children to use during all worship services in order to better enhance their worship experience (if needed).

FALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULES

9:30 A.M.—CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 2 & 3 year olds—room 207
- 4 years old (pre-kdg) & kindergarten—room 205
- 1st and 2nd grade—room 206
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade—room 306
- Middle School (6th, 7th, and 8th grades)—room 301
- Senior High School (9th-12th grades)—room 303

11:00 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 2 & 3 year olds—room 207
- 4 years old & pre-kdg.—room 205
- Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade—room 206
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade—room 306

Disciple Bible Study

We are excited to announce our Disciple Bible Study classes for this year—we'd love to have you join us!

- Disciple I—*Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* is a transformative 34-week immersion into the Bible. Participants will read and study more than 70% of

the Bible and gain a greater understanding of its message to them today. Disciple I will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00–9:15 p.m. beginning September 4th, and will be lead by Beth Elders and Peg Hiltz.

- Disciple II—*Into the Word, Into the World* is a 32-week study focusing on Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Participants will be guided to listen to what God has to say to them through the Bible and will then be led into service in the world. Disciple II will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:30–11:00 a.m. beginning September 6th, and will be lead by Carol Cotner and Jeff Haake.

To register for this year's Disciple classes, fill out a registration form (available outside the Sanctuary, on the information table in the Tent, and in the church office). For more information on the Disciple Bible Study program at CUMC, please contact Beth Elders at (630)355-1483 ext. 14 or at belders@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Acolyte program begins again for the 2007–2008 academic year

At CUMC, Acolytes are incredibly active in the worship leadership of the 8:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary worship services. They also meet together one Saturday a month to learn more about worship and their faith while being in

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Our Community

Continues to pray for . . .

our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Dave Cobbel, Christopher Coyle, Tyson Crosby, Joshua Moore, Joe O'Neill, Bryce Pope, Vincent Simonetti, and Brad Woltman. Alex Palmer, nephew of Bob and Nancy Schroeder, has been called back to the Navy. He is currently serving in Djoubti.

Extends sympathy to . . .

Toni and Stan Stanczyk after the death of Toni's father, Phillip Corso, on July 24 at the age of 89. Stan is Community UMC's church treasurer.

Nancy Whittington and her family and friends after the death of Nancy's husband, Neil Whittington, on July 27. Neil is the father of Katie Lapham and the grandfather of Brian, Megan, and Daniel. Services were held on Monday, July 30.

Friends and family of **Anne Stutzman**, a long-time member of Community UMC, after her death on July 27. Services were held at Community UMC on Friday, August 3.

Family and friends of **Mary Rist**, a long-time member of Community UMC, who died on Wednesday, August 9.

Congratulations to . . .

Jo Ellen and Anthony Charlton on the birth of a niece, Gwyneth Rose Charlton, on July 25 to Tony's brother, Steve and wife Mary in Iowa, and also sympathy to the family on the death of Gwyneth's maternal grandfather on August 3.

UMW book circle

The United Methodist Women (UMW) Book Circle will mark its 40 years of existence with a pot luck on September 19. Cindy Bunting will lead the discussion of "Snow Flower and The Secret Fan." Former members and interested readers are invited to read the book and attend. Details will follow about time and location.

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<i>A Stephen Ministry Church</i>	
<p>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."</p> <p>Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability.</p>	

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fellowship with one another.

Youth in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and their parents are invited to be a part of this year's Acolyte program by attending the first Acolyte meeting of the year on Saturday, August 25th from 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. During this time we will discuss the important duties and responsibilities of Acolytes during our worship services and will chat about this year's Acolyte calendar. *Beginning in September, Acolyte meetings will then be held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30–10:30 am.*

All Acolytes at CUMC will be resuming their ministries on Rally Day (August 26th)! If your child is interested in being an Acolyte this year, please contact Beth Elders (630/355-1483 ext. 14 or belders@communityunitedmethodist.org) and make plans to be in attendance on the 25th. I look forward to seeing everyone there as we light the way into a new year!

8th and 9th Grade confirmation classes to begin soon

As the summer begins to wind down and fall quickly approaches, it's time to begin looking ahead to this year's Confirmation classes. Confirmation is an important rite of passage in the Church, the time when youth give prayerful thought to the idea of joining the body of Christ and the local church.

At CUMC, youth participate in a two-year Confirmation process which takes place throughout the 8th and 9th grade school years. All 8th and 9th grade parents and students are invited on September 10th for a Confirmation Orientation meeting from 7:15–8:30 in room 306. During this time together, youth and their families will explore what Confirmation *is*, what it *means*, and what the year (or years!) ahead holds. Confirmation classes for this year will then begin on September 17th and will take place each Monday evening from 7:15–8:30 p.m. in the youth room.

For more information about the Confirmation program at CUMC, please contact Beth Elders.

A Note On CUMC's Safe Sanctuary Policies

Community UMC is a safe place for all children and youth to come and grow in their faith. In order to insure the safety of children during their time here, CUMC adheres to the denomination's policy on Safe Sanctuaries. All persons who work with children and youth in the church undergo background checks, and two adults are present at all times in our Sunday school classes and other events.

Beginning on Rally Day (August 26th), parents of children in Sunday school during the 11:00 services will be asked to fill out a "Passport" for their child to take to his/her Sunday school class. This will contain the child's name, the parent's location (Sanctuary or Tent), and other information so that parents may be contacted quickly if necessary. Parents will then be asked to sign their child out of their classroom after worship. During the 9:30 Sunday school hour, parents of children in the nursery through 5th grade will be asked to sign their child *in* and *out* of their classrooms (no child will be released without an adult present).

For more information on the Safe Sanctuary Policies at CUMC, please contact Beth Elders in the church office.

Book Study

"Quiet Strength" is a journey through the memoir of Indianapolis Colts' head coach Tony Dungy, as he shares how he performs at a high level in the competitive, egoistic world of professional sports; while remaining grounded and sustained in his profound Christian faith. This study will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00–8:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning September 5 (except on monthly committee nights). Jeff Haake will lead the discussion. Books are available at all major retailers. For more information or to RSVP for this study, please contact Jeff at 355-2115.

Walkers Wanted to Share Living Water

"Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'" John 4:13-14

The Bible is full of water imagery – from the great flood in Genesis to Jesus' baptism in the gospels. In the Old Testament, many verses speak of thirsting after God as one thirsts for water. Old Testament writers describe God as the fountain of life and the source of living water. John tells us the story of the woman at the well and in it, Jesus, as God's son, promises to quench for all time the spiritual thirst of those who follow him.

We who are part of the Community family already have experienced the soul-filling, invigorating, water from Jesus Christ. Labor Day weekend will find our church again participating in the Last Fling parade, just as we have over the past three years. We walk in the parade to let others know Jesus has quenched our soul thirst, and he can quench theirs too. Jesus has given this same water of life to you. What are you doing with it? What's stopping you from sharing it with others?

We walk to build bridges to the community, to reach out to share God's love. And we need your help to make the parade a success. We need walkers to help pass out flyers that emphasize Christ's life-giving water and what it can mean for people in our community.

The Samaritan woman didn't go back to her people with the full knowledge of God. She went back to her people with the simple invitation to "come and see." Amazing, to see how Jesus used this "untrained" woman to do the work of sharing his Word that day and sent his twelve "trained" disciples to look for a meal. One woman, one witness, one wonderful result, "Come to the well, there's a man there I'd like you to meet. He gave me the water of life and told me that I will never be thirsty again.

Come and see." Come and see," the Samaritan woman says. "Come and see." It is an invitation that occurs in the Gospel of John at some very important points. And it is the essence of evangelism. We've all drunk from this well, now let's go and offer Jesus' refreshing water to others.

To help with the parade, you may sign up at the table in the hospitality area. You may also contact Roger Beitzel at rbeitzel@earthlink.net or (630) 898-1745 or Haeran Kim at hkim@communityunitedmethodist.org or (630) 355-1483.



well actually just Alive—Tenors, Basses and Altos for Sanctuary Choir. Join this exhilarating group, no matter what your musical ability is. There is a place for you! For additional information on how you can be part of the energetic Sanctuary Choir—contact Stephen Edwards at 355.1483 or at singing stephen@yahoo.com. Schedules are available on www.communityunitedmethodist.org or check the weekly bulletin.

Fall music schedules

Women's Ensemble—Kickoff—Tuesday, August 21, 7–9 pm

Rehearsals begin Tuesday September 4, 7–8:30pm
Sanctuary Choir—Kickoff—Saturday, August 25, 9am–noon

Rehearsals begin—Thursday August 30, 7–8:30pm
Children's Choirs—Wednesday, August 29

Sine Nomine—Kickoff—Saturday, September 8, 9am–noon

Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 9, 3:30–4:30pm