

Tidings

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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 October 6

5:00 pm Chapel
Tom Babler preaching

Sunday, October 7

8:30 am and 11:00 am
Sanctuary
World Communion Sunday
Tom Babler, preaching
A Little is Enough
Luke 17:5-10

On Center
Contemporary Worship
Rev. Haeran Kim preaching
Luke 17: 5-10

Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm Chapel
Haeran Kim preaching
Jeremiah 29: 1; 4-7

Sunday, October 14

Haeran Kim preaching

On Center
Contemporary Worship
District Superintendent
Danita Anderson preaching

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Child care at all services

Pastor's Note

Perhaps you remember a few years ago that our whole United Methodist Church was studying about Mexico. At that time I was serving a church in an area with a high population of Hispanic people, yet I realized that I did not have any friends or acquaintances who were Hispanic. So I decided to do something about it, and I went to Walmart to buy Hispanic produce. I wanted to know what they were and what kinds of fruits and vegetable the Hispanic people eat. I walked and walked, but could not figure out what I was looking for. I looked around and found a Hispanic woman and I asked some questions, but she could not understand my English. I began to use gestures, and she seemed to get what I meant. She pointed out different fruits and vegetable, and I bought lots of different Hispanic produce. I bought jicama, mangos and many different kinds of peppers, corn and other tropical fruits. Again I used gestures to ask for her phone number so that we could build our friendship, and she wrote her number on a piece of paper.

Several times I visited her home with my daughter. She offered me food. We kept up our friendship until I moved to Naperville.

Friendship is the first step in doing mission. Mission is possible if we are willing to connect and willing to take risks. Our Community church has been very good about sending mission money to other states and overseas. This church is also very supportive of mission trips to other states and overseas. But we also have an opportunity to mission in our area not far from where we live to engage in mission.

Our mission committee has made the commitment to go to Rockford on Saturday, October 29, to be a part of the Rockford Urban Ministry (RUM) and to make connection with the people they serve.

The author named Tom Brandy has written, "Mission is not what you do in and for the internal church organization, but what you do among and for the local, regional, and global general public."

RUM is an outreach of 19 United Methodist churches in the Rockford area aimed at bringing Christ's love to the inner city through a variety of programs. No special skills required, but willing heart to share will be a good beginning. As John Wesley's words remind us "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can." Please join us in this opportunity to do good.

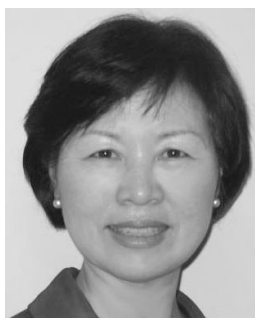
Give me your trash, your treats . . .

United Methodist Women (UMW) Annual Fall Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 6**. Please start saving books, housewares, baby items, toys, videos, small appliances, small electronics, furniture, exercise and recreational equipment. Drop off will start Sunday, September 30 in the storage room off fellowship hall. All proceeds go to UMW missions aiding women and children in need world wide.

UMW Book Circle

The United Methodist Women's Book Circle discussion of *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai will be led by Jennie Labine on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Pope who lives at 638 Thornwood Dr. will be the hostess.

Please call her at 355-0142 if you plan to attend. Enthusiastic readers are always welcome.



Our Community

Continues to pray for – John Aitchison, Dave Cobbel, Christopher Coyle, Blake Crosby, John Ferrin, Joshua Moore, Joe O'Neill, Alex Palmer, Tyler Paulus, Bryce Pope, Vincent Simonetti, and Brad Woltman.

Celebrates with . . . Tom and Penny Hyingstrom on the birth of their granddaughter, Lorraine Judith Hyingstrom on August 30 to John and Emily Hyingstrom and brother Theodore.

Theodore selected for Key Leader Training

Lauralyn Theodore, CUMC's church administrator is one of eight administrators selected by the National Association of Church Business Administration from across the country to participate in a Key Leader Training. The national organization has chosen these eight individuals to take part in a study – Living Your Strengths.

Ms. Theodore has also been asked to serve on the Church Solutions Expo Advisory Board. She will play a part in the expo planned for February.

Schedule for CUMC's Book Club

The book club meets in CUMC member homes from 7:00 – 9:30. The book discussion follows a time for dessert and fellowship

On October 14, at the home of Marty Schwab, the group will discuss Joseph Ellis' *American Sphinx*. On November 11, at the home of Dick and Liz Bradley, the group will discuss Scott Turow's *Ordinary Heroes*. On the 13th of January, at the home of Bob and Ruth Kinsman, the group will discuss Andy Andrews' *The Traveler's Gift*. February 10th at the 707 Sara Lane parsonage, the group will discuss Jesse Stuart's *The Thread That Runs So True*. In March, on the 9th, at the home of Ruth Hamm, Kyoko Mori's *The Dream of Water* will be discussed. March 13, at the home of Deane and Connie Manbeck, Jon Meacham's *American Gospel* will be discussed. The final meeting will be on May 11, at the home of Don and Daisie McFee, where Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point* will be discussed.

Bats in the Belfry?

It's true; there have been sightings of bats in CUMC. Over the past several weeks there have been two incidents of bats being found within the church. Because of the potential health concerns of bats being in close proximity to people, a professional exterminator was called in. The exterminator confirmed the presence of the bats, identified their access point, and eradicated them from the facility. The eradication took place on September 12 and the exterminator provided a one year warrantee that they will provide follow-up services if the bats return.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Ed Cotner (Chairperson of the Trustees) or Lauralyn Theodore (CUMC Church Administrator).

Missions Month Contest

Test your missions' knowledge and win a donation to your favorite UM Mission project! The purpose of CUMC's Missions Month is to increase awareness and education about mission activities and promote personal involvement in missions programs. Complete the Missions Quiz and Entry Form below and drop it in the collection plate any Sunday in October, or email your name, phone number, and address to Andrea Moore at andreamoore@aol.com. Anyone successfully answering all of the questions (or the most questions) will be eligible for the grand prize – a \$200 donation to their favorite UM mission project. Hint: Check out the CUMC Missions webpage at <http://communityunitedmethodist.org> (and click on Missions) for helpful information. Good Luck and Have Fun!

Missions Quiz

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. What does UMCOR stand for?
2. What Category of Missions work does the Green Band represent?
3. Red Bird Mission is located in which State?
4. What UMC Special Sunday is celebrated in October?
5. How many colors make up the Rainbow Promises Palette?
6. What is the location for the CUMC mission trip on October 27, 2007?
7. The 2007 CUMC's Easter Special Offering contributed to what mission project focused on preventing malaria?
8. Where did the CUMC Youth group go on their mission trip in August 2007?



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

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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.

Trustees Update

The Trustees of CUMC are charged with maintaining the church and parsonage facilities to meet the needs of the congregation. This includes responsibility for items ranging from heating and air conditioning systems, utilities, windows, roofs, lighting, and furniture, to janitorial services, snow removal, and landscaping.

Recent service projects completed by the Trustees include landscaping cleanup around the church, maintenance on the tent, and fixing the ceiling lights in the sanctuary.

The Trustees work hand in hand with the CUMC staff and other ministry teams to prioritize and coordinate these activities and services. If you have a suggestion or question for the Trustees, please email it to trustees@communityunitedmethdist.org. This new email address was created to provide direct access from the congregation to the Trustees. We want to hear your ideas!

We walk because they walk. Are you ready?

The 25th annual Naperville CROP Walk is nearly here...

Have you:

signed up to walk with us?

pledged a walker from CUMC?

gone online to www.napervillecropwalk.org?

prayed for our walk and the people we're trying to serve?

Jim Davidson and Dave Hollander, your CUMC CROP Walk co-chairs, are ready to answer your questions, accept your prayers and gifts, and even feed you lunch (if you are among those who walk with us to fight hunger locally and around the globe).

Who: **YOU!**

What: **The Naperville CROP Walk**

When: **Sunday, October 14th, at 1 p.m.**

Where: **Right in front of CUMC on Center St.; three walk distances (1K, 5K, and 10K)**

Why: **Because hunger needs are great. Anything you can do helps!!**

Please contact either Jim (420-0159) or Dave (369-8388) if you desire any further information, or look for one or both of them in the donut hallway between services.

Your efforts will save lives. We look forward to seeing you there!!

What Is A Stephen Minister?

Recently I was asked this question by one of our active parishioners. I was somewhat taken aback that after a thirteen year history of Stephen Ministry in our church, that people are still unaware of its role and purpose. Stephen Ministers are Individuals within our church community who are recruited, trained and commissioned to provide "distinctively Christian caregiving" to those who need a listening presence during stressful times. Stephen Ministers are "compassionate" meaning that they are able to share the sufferings of their care receivers. They provide a nonjudgmental listening ear and spiritual support but do not act as a problem solver. Stephen Ministers are "full of faith" and rely upon God as the wound healer and sustainer as the third party in the caring relationship. Stephen Ministers are "skilled" in knowing how to listen, understand and empathize. These skills are developed during the initial 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training and strengthened through twice-monthly supervision meetings. Stephen Ministers are "trustworthy" as they are committed to maintaining confidentiality, visiting care receivers regularly, and remaining in their ministry role. Stephen Ministers are following a path of discipleship and serve according to Paul's words to the Galatians—"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

From the stewardship committee . . .

(this poem was shared during the recent abundance luncheon)

"Garden of Daily Living"

Plant 3 rows of peas

Peace of mind, peace of heart, peace of soul.

Plant 4 rows of squash

Squash gossip, indifference, grumbling, and Selfishness.

Plant 5 rows of lettuce

Lettuce be faithful, kind, patient, thankful and Really love one another.

Plant 3 rows of turnips

Turnip for meetings, service, to help others.

Plant 3 rows of thyme

Thyme for each other, family, and friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with

LOVE LOVE LOVE

October – CUMC Missions Month

The CUMC congregation has a great dedication to missions work locally and around the world. We celebrate this spirit in October with Missions Month. The focus of Missions Month is to increase awareness and education about mission activities and promote personal involvement in missions programs. There are a variety of activities and events planned highlighted by volunteers in mission speakers at Sunday school classes and a one-day mission trip to Rockford Urban Ministries. The following is a detailed schedule:

10/7/07 World Communion Sunday

- Community Forum – CUMC members of the Post Katrina, Ocean Springs, MS team, (Betsy Roche, Dick Legg, and Judy Allen) will present.
- Kairos – CUMC members from the Kenya Healthcare trip (Clyde & Joan Uebele and Nancy Whittington) will present.
- Sojourners – Laura Dean Frederick will speak on Naperville Child Serv.
- Fidelis – CUMC members of the Post Katrina, Pass Christian, MS team (Ed Green and Ron Van Buskirk) will present.

10/14/07 CROP Walk

- The Rejoice Dancers will perform "We Will be a Shelter For Each Other" at 11am service in the Sanctuary.
- Community Forum & Fidelis - Mary Ellen Durbin will speak on the People's Resource Center
- Sonlight – Mari Schirmer will share her trip to Red Bird Mission.

Laity Sunday October 21, 2007 - features Emmy Lou John as preacher

Northern Illinois Conference Secretary of Global Ministries Emmy Lou John will be the speaker for Laity Sunday. Ms. John was elected to the Women's Division from 1996-2004 and on the General Board of Global Ministries from 2000-2004. From 1986-91, she had the awesome privilege and responsibility of being the World Federation of Methodist Women's Treasurer and then from 1991-1996 it's Vice President (now World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women). Emmy Lou and her husband are long time members of Wesley UMC in Aurora where she has held many various offices in leadership roles.