

# Tidings

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## Community

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  
Bill Wesley preaching

#### Sunday, October 7

8:30 am and 11:00 am  
Sanctuary  
Laity Sunday  
Emmy Lou John, preaching  
Vessels of God's Love  
Jeremiah 18:1-4  
Isaiah 64:8

**On Center**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
Lay Witnesses

#### Saturday, October 20

5:00 pm Chapel  
Tom Babler preaching

#### Sunday, October 21

Tom Babler preaching  
Reformation Sunday  
Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)  
A Generous Heart  
Luke 18:9-14

**On Center**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
Rev. Al Streyfeller  
Dreamers and Visionaries  
Joel 2:28

#### Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Child care at all services

## Pastor's Note

### WRAPPED IN PRAYER

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* –Philippians 4:6

There is an important conversation going on in our congregation right now. It has to do with our church building—our church home. What it will take to maintain our facility as we approach the centennial of our building (completed in 1912)? And what would it take to update, improve and possibly add on to our building for ministries and years to come?

For more than a year, the Facilities Study Committee has been looking into the questions above and many related issues. This committee is to make their report to the Administrative Board on October 10. The report includes a summary of the needs assessment from information gathered in 20 small group meetings around the church. In conclusion they offer three options or alternative ways by which our congregation might address the needs and hopes for our ministry expressed in this study.

After the presentation to the Board, the Facilities Committee will take their report to the congregation by way of a number of meetings involving as many members as possible in this conversation. Out of these discussions, the Committee will form its recommendation to be presented to our Church Conference where all members have voice and vote.

Our discussions and decisions on these facilities matters will have a major impact on the immediate and long-term ministry of Community Church. For this hour we need good speaking, good listening, good vision, good ideas, good faith, and one more thing. Good praying.

In the past several months, two different members have come to me to ask about the prayer life of our congregation. They were asking if we are a praying church. They expressed the hope that we might become a more prayerful church.

I know many who are keeping their vow to support this ministry with their prayers. I feel, personally, upheld by much prayer, and I have heard other members testify to the same blessing. I give thanks for our Prayer Chain, a large group of committed prayers who daily lift up a long list of persons and needs in their intercessions to God.

Now we, as a congregation, have a special need for wisdom and guidance. So I am asking Community Church to wrap this facilities conversation in prayer. I will be asking for a group of people to lead us all in intentional praying about the kind of building we need to house our current and future ministry.

I trust that through open conversation, genuine conferencing, and faithful praying, God will give us a clear vision and a singleness of heart and mind to choose what is best in order to serve Christ and the whole world from this historic corner.

## All Saints Sunday

Community UMC celebrates All Saints on Sunday, November 4, 2007, recognizing by name, all members of the church and loved ones, who have died since November 5, 2006. To add a name to the list, please contact Marianna McCauley (1630.355.1483 or mmccauley@communityunitedmethodist.org) by October 29, 2007.

By  
The Rev.  
Tom Babler  
Senior  
Pastor



## 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.

**Extends sympathy** – to Carole Chapdelaine and the friends and family of Rob Chapdelaine, who died on October 3, 2007.

**Celebrates with** - the birth of Samuel John Bathan on September 26 to Sarah and Michael Bathan. Proud grandparents are Tom and Mary Babler.

## Mission Month Continues –



October Missions Month got off to a good start as Barb Dabrowski and Marty Schwab welcome Laura Dean Friedrich to the Sojourners Class. Her presentation on ChildServ and the girls' home on Slight Street highlighted the longtime connection between Child-Serv and CUMC

### 10/21/07 Laity Sunday & Food Drive

- Emmy Lou John, NI Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, will present "Vessels of God's Ministry" at the 8:30 AM and 11AM services in the sanctuary.
- Community Forum – UM Missionary Yema Luhahi will discuss Kenya Health Care.
- Open Circle – Carol Simler, Director, will discuss Housing Options for PADS.
- Kairos – Jennifer Kottler, Protestants for the Common Good Director, will present.
- Sonlight – Betsy Roche will share her experiences at Post Katrina, Ocean Springs, MS trip.
- Fidelis – CUMC members on the Kenya Healthcare trip (Clyde & Joan Uebele and Nancy Whittington) will present.



Emmy Lou John

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## The Chicago Brass Band to appear

October 21, 2007 – 5:00 pm

The international award-winning Chicago Brass Band, a 30 piece brass and percussion ensemble will present music to entertain music lovers of all ages. Music with foot-tapping rhythms and beautiful melodies can be heard in the CUMC sanctuary 5:00 pm Sunday, October 21, 2007. Admission will be \$10 for adults/\$5.00 for children.

The band's high standard of performance, coupled with a crowd-pleasing repertoire of big band, pop, traditional classical, jazz, modern and American literature, makes this group's concert one of the most entertaining experiences of the year.

## Harvest of the Hands

On Saturday, November 3rd, The UMW and its Studio Workshop circle will hold the 17th annual Harvest of the Hands Art and Craft Fair. We hope you will join us for this warm and fun event to kick off your holiday shopping season. The show will take place between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm and will include booths from around 25 crafters of items from stained glass to handmade soaps, doll clothes, quilted items, gifts of all kinds, and even a glass blowing demonstration.

The CUMC children's choirs, Joyful Noise and Hosanna will sing. Our famous bake sale will be a source for yummy treats. And Studio will have their booth as well, selling gift tags, purses, scarves, greeting cards, and much more with all proceeds going directly to the United Methodist Women's many mission programs that benefit women and children in need worldwide.

Studio Workshop has also put together a beautiful Noah's Ark Quilt that will be raffled off at the conclusion of the fair. A donation to UMW of one dollar gets you one ticket, or a donation of \$5 will get you six tickets.

Harvest is our biggest fundraiser of the year and really helps us meet our annual pledge to mission. So bring your friends, bring your neighbors, and join us for the fun.

## World Communion Sunday



The World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships for U.S. (racial and ethnic-minority) and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. CUMC raised over \$1800.00 for this special emphasis.

Photo by Toni Reiss



Secret Angels, CUMC's children's service club, has chosen to work together with the Nothing But Nets campaign to help end malaria. To help "slam-dunk" one of the leading causes of death for children in Africa, the children of Secret Angels will be selling *Nothing But Nets* t-shirts at church beginning Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Nothing But Nets* is a global, grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. Inspired by *Sports Illustrated* columnist Rick Reilly, thousands of people have joined the campaign that was created by the United Nations Foundations. The people of The United Methodist Church has been a partner in this campaign since its inception, and has been involved in mission across Africa for more than 160 years.

Malaria is a preventable, but infects nearly 500 million people each year and kills more than one million of those who become infected. Every 30 seconds a child dies from malaria. Children who are able to survive the disease are faced with physical and mental impairments, such as poor growth and development.

Every \$10 donation to Nothing But Nets goes directly towards the purchase, distribution, and education about the proper use of an insecticide-treated bed net. For each adult shirt that Secret Angels sells, \$10 is donated to the Nothing But Nets campaign and one bed net can be purchased (\$5 for each youth shirt is contributed). For just \$10, you can help save a life.

With your assistance, we can help stop this deadly disease. Buy a shirt, and help save a life.

For more information about the *Nothing But Nets* campaign, please visit [www.NothingButNets.net](http://www.NothingButNets.net). For more information about Secret Angels and other ways your family can be involved in mission, please contact Beth Elders ([belders@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:belders@communityunitedmethodist.org)).

## Mission Month Continues—

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- Final Registration for Rockford Missions Trip

### 10/27/07 CUMC Missions Trip to Rockford Urban Ministries (RUM)

- RUM is an outreach of 19 area United Methodist churches aimed at bringing Christ's love to the inner city and declining neighborhoods through a variety of programs.
- *No special skills are required.* All church members and friends age 14 years and older are invited to participate. In the morning we will work with the "Kid's Club" program supporting approximately 40 inner city kids (ages K-6) by serving meals and assisting with their production of Kapok Tree (a play written by Lynne Cherry). After lunch, work camp projects will be assigned based on the greatest need at the time. Potential projects include: landscaping and painting an inner city parsonage, cleaning and painting a mission house or food pantry.
- Those with trade skills may have an alternate opportunity for repairing a drug rehabilitation house.
- We will leave CUMC at 7:30am & return that same evening. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Contact Dave Korb at 630-399-4290 or [korbdb@yahoo.com](mailto:korbdb@yahoo.com) to register for this mission trip.

### 10/28/07 Hunger Commission & Stewardship Presentations

- Open Circle – CUMC members of the Post Katrina, Ocean Springs, MS team, (Betsy Roche, Dick Legg, and Judy Allen) will present.
- Kairos & Fidelis – Kate Walker and the Youth Team will share their experiences from their Mission trip to Sikeston, MO.
- Sonlight – Nancy Whittington will share her experience from her mission trip to Kenya.

The true heart of CUMC's Mission Month is best captured by John Wesley's famous quote, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."

Enjoy this month of education, fellowship and service. For more information about CUMC Missions please visit our website at <http://communityunitedmethodist.org/mission/mission.html>.

**Rick Davis** lives at 9 N. Jessie St. in Joliet, IL. He was baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist Church and is joining by reaffirmation of faith. His sponsor is Scott Shallcross. Phone: 815-726-8419



**Justin and Diana Deahr** live at 17 S. River Rd., Naperville 60540. Both Justin and Diana are joining by transfer from Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church. Their sponsors are Bill and Elizabeth Wesley. Phone: 357-0872



**Olive Hadden** lives at 214 N. Eagle St. Olive is joining by transfer from First Christian Church, Cartersville IL. Her sponsors are Jim and Prudy Sheldon. Phone: 717-0560



More new members next issue.

## New Members

**Don and Diana Bennett** have lived at 2433 Brockton Circle, Naperville IL 60565 in the Old Sawmill subdivision for the last ten years. Don and Diana are joining by reaffirmation of faith. Their sponsors are Clyde and Joan Uebele. Phone: 548-3153



**Rob and Susan Biggs** live at 968 Savannah Circle in the Hobson West subdivision of Naperville. They have two daughters, Ripley who is 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Elmwood Elementary, and Jordan who is 4 and in pre-school at Elmwood. Rob and Susan are joining by transfer from the First Congregational Church in Houston, TX. Their sponsors are Jeff and Stephanie Hild. Phone: 305-3379



**Jeffery Bock** recently relocated to Naperville from Hubbard, Oregon. Jeff is joining by reaffirmation of faith. His sponsor is René Rubino. Phone: 428-4238



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### Pastors

The Rev. Tom Babler / The Rev. Haeran Kim

Christian Education Director  
Beth Elders

Contemporary Worship Director  
Joel Janis

Lay Ministry  
Mary Jacobs

Youth Director  
Kate Walker

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.

# Overset

**There may not be room for the new members in this issue. If not, we'll wait to print them in the next issue, along with bios.**

**Bios for new members:**

**Mark and Mary Heaton** moved to Naperville in 2005 from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mary is being received from another communion, and Mark is joining by transfer from Milford First United Methodist Church, Milford, OH. Their sponsors are Cindy and Bailey O'Drobinak. Phone: 369-7898

**Jim and Jill Morrow** and their son **James Morrow** live at 3S630 Virginia in Warrenville, IL. Jim and Jill are joining by reaffirmation of faith, and James is joining by profession of faith and confirmation. Their sponsors are Ed and June Green. Phone: 393-3439

**John, April, and Xander Oh** live in Bolingbrook in Claridge Estates subdivision. April is joining by transfer from St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Homewood, IL and John by transfer from Canaan Presbyterian Church, Glenview, IL. Their sponsors are Erik and Tara Cotsonas. Phone: 771-9687

**Dan and Alex Schaeffel** moved from Iowa City, IA in June. The Schaeffels are joining by transfer from First United Methodist Church of Iowa City. Their sponsors are Tod and Lara Stanton and Aaron Wickert. Children's names – Lauren, Audrey and Katherine. Phone: 851-8535

**Roger, Alana, and Steve Shuma** live at 3432 Charlemaine Drive, Aurora 60504. They are transferring from Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church. Their sponsors are Kevin, Mary and Kyle Markwell. Phone: 820-7094.