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## This Month's Top Stories

### Pastoral Appointments

The Staff-Parish Committee has announced that Rev. Haeran Kim has received a new appointment at Oak Lawn UMC; and that Rev. Melissa Hood has been appointed to Community UMC. See the story on page 2.

### New Members, and Celebration of Wisdom

On April 19, Community UMC will receive new members and celebrate the wisdom of our oldest members. A reception will be held in the Parlor after the 11:00 services, where you can greet both groups and share stories. Copies of the two bulletin inserts, with the photos and biographies of the members, are available on-line; visit <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/members.html>.

### Iowa Mission Trip

Members of Community UMC recently joined others from across Illinois and Iowa on a one-week mission trip to Iowa to clean up and repair damage from last year's flooding. See the story and pictures on page 5.

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## Pastor's Note

Well, Easter has come and gone! But, what a wonderful, inspiring Holy Week we experienced at Community Church. I will never look at a pretzel again in the same way. Our children, and I, learned that pretzels originated long, long ago in a monastery and symbolized arms crossed in prayer. Pretzels and Prayer! That was the workshop led by Beth Elders in our Fellowship Hall on Holy Saturday.

But, it started with the palms and the reading of the passion story on Palm/Passion Sunday. We waved the palm branches and prepared our hearts for the saving grace of Christ's death. On Maundy Thursday, we washed each other's hands or feet and remembered how Jesus served his disciples and how he broke bread with them at the Last Supper. We shared the power of Good Friday with our neighbors at Wesley Church.

Easter Day was a real celebration of Life. The Sunrise Service and the breakfast afterward, planned by our United Methodist Men, were a fine beginning. Then the power of the Word and the Music of the Easter Worship helped us sense the Presence of Christ among us. The sanctuary was filled with flowers in honor and memory of our loved ones. Our worship team and altar guild provided a fine support ministry all the way through the week. Many thanks to each of them; especially Mary Kay Doody.

I experienced the power of the Risen Christ this year in a way I have not often had the privilege of doing. From the awful events of Jesus' betrayal and execution in Jerusalem to the indescribable truth of the empty tomb, we know, each in our own way, the immensity of a Love that surrounds us and a Grace that reaches into every hidden corner of our hearts. Our community of faith is alive with Christ's Presence!

And, now we have the rest of the year to work through. There is the 'economy' and all the problems it gives us with layoffs and uncertainty. So, we are finding ways of cutting costs and budgets at the Church also. Our newly elected Building Committee has begun to survey our needs and work out a plan, with the Trustees, to fix a lot of problems. Our Stewardship Committee has begun an imaginative year round program to raise awareness of why we give. Other committees are active as well. Then, a new pastor and associate pastor will be coming in July.

Through it all, we can trust that the Spirit of the Risen Christ will lead us and open up creative possibilities of ministry. Thanks be to God!



Peace, Emery Percell

## Pastoral Appointments

### Rev. Haeran Kim Appointed to Oak Lawn UMC

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and District Superintendent Diana Facemyer have informed us that Rev. Haeran Kim is the newly assigned pastor of Oak Lawn United Methodist Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Haeran will begin her new appointment July 1, 2009 following Annual Conference. June 21<sup>st</sup> will be her last Sunday with us as she preaches in the Sanctuary. We will be celebrating her four years of service at CUMC. Watch the bulletin and eTidings for more information about the celebration.



### Rev. Melissa Hood Appointed to Community UMC

The CUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has assigned The Reverend Melissa Hood as the appointed associate pastor at Community United Methodist Church beginning immediately after Annual Conference 2009. Melissa is currently serving as pastor at the Sharon United Methodist Church in Plainfield, IL.

Melissa was born and raised in the Northern Illinois Conference and has been serving churches in the Rockford, Dekalb, Chicago Southern and Aurora Districts since 1998. She graduated with a B.A in Religious Studies from the University of Dubuque in 1999 and received her M DIV from the University of Dubuque Theological Center in 2001. Melissa is married and the mother of six children (ages 12-24) and one grandchild. We welcome her into our church family beginning July 1, 2009.

Faithfully yours,

Cindy Bunting, Chairperson of CUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee

SPRC Members: Joyce Brunsting, Rich Fleming, Katie Lapham, Dick Legg, Mary Markwell, Matt Rader, and Brad Spencer

## Worship News

### Preaching Schedule and Lectionary

**April 18 and 19:** Rev. Emery Percell, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Lynn Pries, OnCenter.  
Welcoming new members, and celebrating our older members  
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**April 25 and 26:** Rev. Haeran Kim, Chapel and Sanctuary; Nick Giannasi, OnCenter.  
Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**May 2 and 3:** Rev. Emery Percell, Chapel and Sanctuary; Nick Giannasi, OnCenter.  
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**May 9 and 10:** Rev. Emery Percell, Chapel and Sanctuary; Nick Giannasi OnCenter.  
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**May 16 and 17:** Confirmation Witnesses, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Lynn Pries, OnCenter.  
Confirmation Sunday for eighth grade  
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

### One Community Service

On May 24th, we will have a One Community service at 11:00. The congregations of the 11:00 Sanctuary and OnCenter services will worship together in the Sanctuary. A pot luck, hosted by the Community UMC Evangelism team, will follow in Fellowship Hall. (For more details, see the OnCenter announcement on page 3.)

### Senior Outreach Services

Community UMC provides two monthly services for persons who find attending Sunday services difficult. The Reminiscence Service, for persons with Alzheimer's, is held on the second Tuesday each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Senior Assisted Living Service, providing worship and fellowship for homebound persons, is the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. These services welcome all. Please contact Sally McFaul to offer your gifts at these services.

## OnCenter

Christ is risen. **He is risen, indeed!** On Easter Sunday, Haeran Kim brought us the good news of Christ's resurrection in a sermon titled "The End is Not the End." We had a joyful service with good fellowship, a good message and good music. It was great to have so many of you worship with us!!

As we look forward, we will see a few different things at On Center. Below is a brief description of upcoming events:

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Lynn Pries will be preaching on **Shared Abundance**. This will be a thought provoking message that will challenge us to continue in the Easter spirit and help us determine for ourselves how we know that Jesus was raised from the dead.

April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup> – **Our first sermon series!!** Nick Giannasi will be the first to bring us a sermon series on conflict resolution. This three part series will focus on how we think about conflict, what actions we take and how we live with conflict. Please come join us in this very relevant series....and invite a friend!

May 24<sup>th</sup> – **Mark your calendars now!** On May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have a One Community service in the sanctuary. As you may know, before we signed the lease at Meiley-Swallow, they told us there would be one or two Sundays when we would not be able to use the facility. Well, this is one of those Sundays and we decided it would be great to have a One Community service and pot luck, hosted by the CUMC Evangelism team, on this date. Come join the fun and great fellowship with all from CUMC!

During this interim period, we are trying out some different things, like reintroducing a children's moment in some of our services, re-thinking where we have people sign in, and working to get more people engaged in the service in a variety of ways. The service needs all of the congregation to help make it work, so please sign up to be a grusher (greeter/usher), communion server, help with children's chapel or let me know if you would like to be involved in some other way. As always, I'm open to any new ideas you might have....just e-mail me at [clytle@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:clytle@communityunitedmethodist.org), call me at the church, or catch me after a service. See you at On Center!

Cindy Lytle

## Joys and Concerns

### Our Congratulations

✠ On the birth of Emma Marie Ray on April 8, to Carrie and Jeff Ray and big brother Ben. Emma is the granddaughter of Rod and Mary Jacobs.

### Our Sympathy

✠ To René Bock and her family, after the death of René's grandmother, Mary Louise McDonald, in Tennessee on March 25. Mary Louise is the great-grandmother of Jessica, Rachel, and Robert Rubino.

✠ To Russ Frees and his family after the death of his Grandpa Taggart on April 6, at the age of 93 in Ohio. He is the great-grandfather of Luke and Garrett.

✠ To Judy Smith and her family after the death of Judy's mother, Ruth Troll, on Saturday, April 11. Ruth is the grandmother of Kim Stemm, Alyson Smith and Eric Smith.

✠ To Mari Schirmer and her family after the death of her brother, Doug Wilkie, in Louisville, KY on Monday, April 13. Doug is the uncle of Jennifer Weddle.

### Our Troops and their Families

We are pleased to announce that David Cobbel, a relative of the Markwells, has returned from Iraq. We continue to pray for our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Christopher Coyle, Scott Radunz, Vincent Simonetti and Brad Woltman.

### Random Acts of Kindness

This column will appear as random acts of kindness are shared with the e-Tidings editor, Lauralyn Theodore (ltheodore@communityunitedmethodist.org). No names are necessary, but as you observe these special acts – please share them.

✠ To the kids who collected and contributed money to the CUMC Easter offering from their drink stand;

✠ To all those who care for this wonderful building with their expertise and love;

✠ To all the people who participate in this week's food drive;

All deserve a HUGE thank you!

## Community News

### Convenant Groups

Looking for another way to grow your faith? During Lent, many people take on a spiritual discipline or study to enhance our faith. If you want to continue this journey year-round, you might want to consider a covenant group. Come join an exploratory conversation regarding covenant groups on Monday, April 20th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the chapel. If you are interested, please contact Beth Elders or Cindy Lytle.

### Yogurt, Vinegar, Molasses, and Gypsum

No, that's not some bizarre health food – it's a recipe that Bill Sheffler of Pure Prairie Organics recommends for your garden. All are invited to hear Mr. Sheffler's presentation, "Why Every Gardener Should be Using Yogurt, Vinegar, Molasses, and Gypsum," in the Parlor on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The United Methodist Women are sponsoring this event.

### Sit & Knit Charity Event

Saturday, April 25th is the second annual Sit & Knit charity event, sponsored by our Oak Park United Methodist friends. People knit and crochet all day, and the lapghans and caps are donated to a hospice facility in Morton Grove, IL. Yarn and patterns to make the squares and caps will be provided. Bring your own needles. Beginning knitters will find lots of help. It's an open house – come and leave whenever you want. Those who want to carpool, meet at church on **Saturday April 25 at 9 a.m.** (return about 6 p.m.). It's a great chance to see a wonderful old Oak Park mansion, called Pleasant Home, and meet interesting people with a passion for crafts and charity. Call Lynda Krazinski at (630)778-0956 for information.

### Community of Parents

Are you a parent looking for a way to connect with other parents, sharing ideas, stories, or just some laughter? Come to the first gathering of "Community of Parents" on May 26 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parlor and find out about this new ministry for parents of children of all ages. For more information, please contact Tamara Gasior ([rtgasior@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtgasior@sbcglobal.net)) or Beth Elders ([belders@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:belders@communityunitedmethodist.org)).

### Community Swingers

Time for Community Swingers! Ladies, are you ready for some softball? Come play on Community UMC's ladies softball team. Practices have now begun, and are on Tuesdays through mid-May. The games will also be Tuesdays from mid May through July – we play other churches in the Naperville area. If you have questions, please contact Becky Klein-Collins at (630)355-1251, [bkleincollins@wowway.com](mailto:bkleincollins@wowway.com). Join us – it's a lot of fun!

### Community Players

The Community Players' spring 2009 production of *The Sound of Music*, directed by Ollie Taylor and with musical direction by Lana Sutton, had an attendance of over 830 people. The Players have chosen to direct the profits from this show and from last fall's production of *Amateurs*, directed by Ed Green, to the church building fund and to the summer 2009 youth work trip to Costa Rica. This donation of \$6,600 brings the total raised by the Players and donated to the church to over \$45,000, in 25 years of shows.

In fall 2009, David Hollander will direct Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias*, with performances in November. If you want to be on the Community Players' mailing list to receive audition notices and other announcements, e-mail Ken Cox at [kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org).

### Lewis University Honors Jim Cowan

As part of its annual Founders Week, Lewis University honored Jim Cowan, graphic design director and production manager for the Office of Marketing and Communications, for his commitment to the community with one of its highest honors. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University, presented the 2009 Staff De La Salle Medallion for Exemplary Volunteer Service Award at Lewis' annual Celebration of Service ceremony held on Wednesday, April 1.

Jim shares his professional skills, creativity and talent on Community UMC's Communications Committee, a volunteer position through which he has designed marketing materials which promote the mission of the congregation and inform its members of news, events, and important activities. He also serves on the Evangelism Team, which is responsible for organizing new member receptions and social activities. "I believe we have to give our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. It's simply living my faith," commented Jim.

## Ministry Reports

### Building Committee

The CUMC Building Committee had its first meeting Monday, April 13, 2009. Members of this committee include: Dean Craig, Sharon deWaard, Jan Erickson, Rich Fleming, Ed Green, Sarah Hollander, Garth Lawson, Cindy Lytle, Jim McCloud, Jim Nelson, Paula Overstreet, Emery Percell, Eric Pfeiffer, Rachel Rubino, Lauralyn Theodore, Bonnie Valiant and Dale Zimmerman. Emery Percell, Lauralyn Theodore and Cindy Lytle serve as *ex-officio* members, with Dale Zimmerman and Eric Pfeiffer serving as co-chairs.

This first meeting was to get acquainted, establish the purpose of the group, and determine best avenues of communicating to the congregation what is being accomplished. To that end, an email address [buildcomm@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:buildcomm@communityunitedmethodist.org) has been established so that questions and comments can be sent to the committee via email. Information will also be posted on the CUMC website.

### Christian Education

#### United VBS, June 22-25

Registration for Camp E.D.G.E, the 2009 United Vacation Bible School, is now open to members of Community UMC, Wesley UMC, and First Congregational UCC. Registration opens to the public on April 26. Registration is \$25 per child, or \$40 for a family (rates go up May 18). Registration forms are available in the church office and at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/UVBS/uvbs.html> and in the office.

Camp E.D.G.E. needs volunteers, so please prayerfully consider donating your time. Volunteer forms are also available in the office and on-line. As a thank-you for volunteers, there is a \$5 discount from the child's registration fee for every volunteer form attached to the child's application.

Decorations are needed for Camp E.D.G.E. to give the feeling of a camp setting. The steering committee is looking for the following items: undecorated artificial trees, large clean rocks, stuffed wildlife animals, tents (of all sizes), sleeping bags, adult hiking backpacks, outdoor folding chairs, coolers, canteens, lanterns, flashlights, binoculars, maps, large inflatable rafts, kayaks and canoes, compasses, and life-vests. If you can donate any of these items for the week of June 21-25, please mark your name on the items and bring them to Beth Elders' office no later than June 15. All items will be used for decoration only and will be available for pick-up after the camp closes on June 25.

#### Children's Ministries Volunteer Appreciation Lunch...

Christian Education and Children's Ministries could not function without the loving help of our many volunteer teachers and assistants. As a small "Thank-You," all our 2008-2009 helpers are invited to a lunch on Sunday, April 26 at noon in Fellowship Hall. You should have already received a postcard in the mail with information.

#### ... and More Volunteers Needed

Community UMC needs a few children's Sunday School teachers in the remaining weeks of the Spring quarter. We also need help in the Nursery and the 2's and 3's room on Sundays. For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Elders, [belders@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:belders@communityunitedmethodist.org), or Toni Reiss, [toni@petoni.org](mailto:toni@petoni.org).

### Community UMC Foundation

#### Mother's Day

What can you get for your mother, mother-in-law, or extra-special aunt, cousin, or sister, to honor them for Mother's Day? For the past few years the Community United Methodist Church Foundation has offered "honoring" options, where a contribution may be made to the CUMC's Foundation endowment committee, and a lovely card is sent to the recipient. The card shares with the recipient that a gift in their honor has been given to the CUMC Foundation. The CUMC Foundation invites you to consider this very special tribute for that very special person.

Happy Mother's Day



### Hunger Commission

Members of the Hunger Commission will be passing out grocery bags at worship services on April 18 and 19. Please return the bags with non-perishable food for donation to Hesus House. The demand at food pantries has soared and donations are urgently needed. Thank you for your support.

The Hunger Commission thanks everyone who donated to our recent seed drive. The seeds have now been sent to the Chicago Housing Authority's seniors programs and the Marcy-Newberry Center, and will be used in garden plots around the city.

## Missions

### Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids

On Sunday afternoon on 3/29 Larry and JoAnn Roessler, Tom and Sylvia Kupferer, Haeran Kim, Is Dittrich, and Dick Legg left Naperville for a four hour trip to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa – our home for the next five days. Our mission was to help people devastated by the 6/13/08 flood of the Cedar River which flows through the center on Cedar Rapids. There were approximately 5,000 homes, many businesses, and several churches (including two Methodist churches) that were severally damaged by the flood.



Our group was joined by 23 other volunteers from several other churches forming a group of 30 workers. Three people volunteered to be cooks. We were divided into groups of 9 to work on three homes. The CUMC group was assigned a home that had been dry walled by a previous crew and painted by the owner, Stacy Bush, before our arrival.

Stacy's home was about a 900 sq.ft. home with a full basement. Her home, located in the "once every 500 year flood area" received about 1 foot of water in the main floor living space which included a full basement. This destroyed about 4 foot of dry wall, all of the doors, furnace, water heater, wood trim, basement walls and windows, electrical box, and most of the plumbing in the home.

Stacy was renting another home waiting for her renters to move out so she could return home when the flood hit on 6/13/08. She was denied State and FEMA money because of a rule that required a home owner to be living in the home at the time of the disaster. Stacy had to take an additional mortgage on her home which resulted in a \$90,000 mortgage on a home worth about \$90,000 and a \$900/month house payment and she was not living in the home. She paid for the materials and we were the volunteer labor. (Her neighbors received \$20,000 - \$28,000 from FEMA for repairs)

The CUMC crew accomplished the following:

- ✦ Installed 5 doors + 2 closet doors
- ✦ Cut and installed wood trim around all doors, windows and baseboards
- ✦ Cleaned most of the windows in the home
- ✦ Three coats of paint on most of the doors and woodwork.
- ✦ Filled all nail holes
- ✦ Patched a hole in the basement wall, painted the basement landing area and hand rails in the hallway leading to the basement.
- ✦ Cleaned the yard
- ✦ Installed a bath tub
- ✦ Installed new door knobs on all doors
- ✦ Painted the front step hand rails



We were given \$200 from the CUMC mission group and \$200 from the BEAIRD GROUP (Pat Spencer's employer) to help with expenses of the trip. We purchased two ceiling fans and a bathroom fixture to replace some old antiques in Stacy's home as well as some misc. supplies. We used the remaining money to hire a plumber to fix a broken water heater (that was not fixable by our crew) in one of the other homes being worked on by our extended group.

We finished Stacy's home about noon on Thursday and were asked to go to a 135 year old Catholic Church to clean a room in the downstairs area.

On Friday we were asked to go to a home that was just beginning to be rebuilt. Our crew installed two layers of subfloor in two rooms and a hallway before our departure back to Naperville.

God blessed us with the ability to help people in need. We feel that we received more than we gave.

## Midwest Mission Distribution Center

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) is a United Methodist activity near Chatham, IL. Churches of several denominations and other charitable entities donate goods, time and funds to the Center. It in turn distributes needed items, such as baby blankets, health kits, medicine cabinets, flood buckets, hospital gowns, school bags, and school desks, to disaster areas in the U.S. and other countries and to people-in-need in places like Haiti and Sierra Leone.

During the past six months, several Community UMC members have volunteered two or more days at the MMDC assembling, inspecting, and boxing various goods for distribution, as well as constructing expanded facilities at the Center. Most recently CUMC has donated 30 baby blankets (\$6 each for materials) and two medicine cabinets (\$50 each for materials) and provided the required contents for one medicine cabinet (\$225) [costs are approximate]. If any group or individual would like to make similar contributions, contact the Missions Committee.

## Health Kit Collection

The Kairos class, with support from the Missions Committee, is collecting supplies for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) health kits. Supplies for these health kits are currently very low and are desperately needed at the MMDC. As stated on the UMCOR website; "UMCOR supply kits help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives." Health Kit items include:

- 1 washcloth
- 1 hand towel (15x25" to 17x27" – no kitchen towels)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushed only in original packaging – no child-sized brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. or up)
- 1 comb (large and sturdy – not pocket-sized)
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (UMCOR Sager-Brown buys in bulk and can control the expiration date)

Please purchase items exactly as requested, or items cannot be used. Any donated items can be dropped off on the church stage (room 202) in a box marked "Health Kit Items." Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be dropped off in the Kairos mailbox in the church office marked "UMCOR Health Kit". The collection begins Sunday, April 26. **Donation deadline is Sunday, May 25th.**

## Records and History

You can't really see most of the beautiful stained glass windows in the Sanctuary from the pews. (On the other hand, you can see the wood carvings on and behind the altar; check them out some time, they're interesting.) You've probably noticed that most of the windows were originally made as honor gifts, and have the name of the honorees at the bottom. This month's quiz is based on those windows – how many of the people named can you identify? Don't forget the windows in room 201!

The church history web page, <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/history/history.html>, has been updated with more PDF scans of the 1962 *A Time For Remembrance*. You might find some of the names there.

## Trustees

### Caring For Community – All-Church Workday June 13

Mark your calendars for the morning of June 13. Come and help at the Caring for Community all church workday. It's a great place to see your friends and meet new people. All are invited and welcome; there are opportunities for all ages. There will be indoor and outdoor work at 20 N. Center and exterior work at the 707 Sara parsonage. Let's get the place in great shape to welcome the new minister. In May there will be sign up opportunities for experienced folks and newbies. We'll start and end the morning with refreshments. Childcare is available. For now, save June 13. Your help is important and appreciated!

### Trustee Updates

**Parsonage:** Trustees have identified top priority repair/spruce up tasks at 707 Sara, with most to be completed before the new minister arrives on July 1. Funds will come from the trustees' building maintenance budget and most of the labor will be "expert volunteers". Additional needs were identified and prioritized.

**Leaking Library Solution:** Rain was coming into the library in multiple locations through the skylight so books were moved to Room 305 for safekeeping. A water test revealed that the source of the leak is a brick wall that needs some minor repairs. Some chimney tuckpointing will be done at the same time. Both jobs should be completed soon so that the books can be moved back into the library.

## United Methodist Women / Church Women United

The **UMW Evening Outreach Circle** will be meeting April 21 at 7:30 at the home of Lois Flood, 2028 Exmoor Ct, Naperville. We will conclude our study of *Giving Our Hearts Away - Native American Survival*. Give Lois a call, (630)420-1548, and come join us.

The **CWU May Friendship Day** is Friday, May 1 at Ss. Peter and Paul Ministry Center, 36 N. Ellsworth in Naperville. Registration is at 11:30 p.m., the luncheon at noon, and worship at 1 p.m.. Please bring a salad to share and a least-coin offering.

The annual **UMW Thank Offering** will be taken at the May 10 (Mother's Day) worship services. This offering helps the UMW meet their mission goals. Please give generously.

The **UMW Garage Sale** is Saturday, May 16. As you spring clean, set aside gently-used items (no electronics or adult clothing, please) for the sale. Drop off will begin the week of May 10. To volunteer, contact Kay Lawson.

## Youth – Operation Costa Rica

Members of the Community UMC Youth Ministry are going to Costa Rica! We will be partnering with Strong Missions, a United Methodist missions organization led by Charlie Strong. Strong Missions works throughout Costa Rica to bring the message of Jesus Christ through service to the community. CUMC has a long history of missions work and in this second trip out of the country, we will be going to San Jose, Costa Rica July 13-20.

Costa Rica is a very safe country, but there is a great need to help these people. 50% of the population of Costa Rica is under the age of 18. The people of Costa Rica make their living primarily on tourism and they have been hit harder than most by the economic slow down. This impact is felt throughout the world as Ticos (the name for Costa Rica's people) represent the fastest growing group of international missionaries. While there, the youth will be working with Strong Missions on a number of projects including the construction of a classroom and wood working shop, conducting a Vacation Bible school program, feeding starving children in the area through a food depository and working with local churches in establishing long lasting ministries throughout the area that will help improve the quality of life through promoting education and job training.

CUMC will be bringing 11 students and 5 adults on this incredible experience. Each participant is responsible for \$200 and the cost of the trip is \$1100 per person. We are excited about the challenge this gives us to experience our faith together, as a church family, as we raise these necessary funds.

AND... we are planning a fun-filled gala evening June 6, 2009 in the CUMC Fellowship Hall, which will include a silent auction of sports memorabilia and antiques, dinner, live entertainment, and, as an extra special event, a live auction of student work teams to provide hours of service in your home!

## Administrivia

### New E-Mail Addresses

To help facilitate communications, several committee e-mail addresses have been set up:

Building Committee: [buildcomm@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:buildcomm@communityunitedmethodist.org)

Trustees: [trustees@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:trustees@communityunitedmethodist.org)

If your committee or ministry team wants an e-mail address so members of the congregation can contact you with questions or comments, contact Lauralyn Theodore, [ltheodore@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:ltheodore@communityunitedmethodist.org).

### Web Site, Church Calendar, and E-Tidings

The church web site is <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org>. If you have updated information for existing web pages, or requests for new pages to serve the needs of your committee or ministry team, contact Lauralyn Theodore. We can also set up a special login so that your tech-savvy committee members can create and update your own web pages on the site.

The church calendar is available on the web site. Click the "Calendar" link in the lower-right corner. To schedule events and reserve rooms, contact Lauralyn Theodore.

E-Tidings is published monthly, generally around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and covering through the next month of events. It is e-mailed to households and placed on the church web site. If you have news for e-Tidings, please send it to Lauralyn Theodore. To receive e-Tidings, e-mail Ken Cox, [kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org).