

News Highlights

Piano Dedication, August 16

Rev. Emery Percell has graciously donated a piano to Community UMC. This Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m., we will have a dedication recital with Lorna Jansen on the piano accompanying our other talented musicians: Karen Lewis (flute), Dick Bradley (violin), Ellen Bartel (piano duet with Lorna), Bob Jaynes (tenor), Mary Elliott (soprano), Stephen Edwards (tenor), and Erica Bough (trumpet). This promises to be an exciting event and we hope to see you all there.

One Community Service and Adult Education Brunch, September 6

As part of the transition of OnCenter from Meiley-Swallow Hall to Zucker Hall, a combined service will be held the weekend of September 5 and 6. Worship in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Saturday and in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday will include the musical talents of the whole congregation. We will also be having a special brunch on Sunday at 9:30 a.m., showcasing our Adult Education programs. See the article on page 3 for more on the brunch.

Rally Day and “Anewapalooza”, September 13

Celebrate the official kickoff of adult and children’s Sunday School, weekly youth group meetings, and other programs on Rally Day, September 13. This year, we will join First Congregational UCC after the 11:00 services for “Anewapalooza,” a joint festival and church picnic. See the article on pages 2 to 3 for details.

New Youth and Children’s Musical Groups

A new band for youth in grades 6 through 12 is being formed this fall. The band, which will have both vocalists and instrumentalists, will offer their gifts monthly in the Sanctuary and will act as the OnCenter band several times a year. For younger children, a new percussion group is being created for grades 3 to 5. See page 5 for more information about these new groups and our ongoing music ministries.

Special E-Tidings this August

Community UMC is gearing up for our fall programming. Watch for a special e-Tidings at the end of August, with your complete list of fall offerings from Worship, Christian Education, Music, Missions, and other ministry areas.

Pastor’s Note

What do healthy churches do to make a difference in people’s lives and help many others become connected to Jesus Christ? Over the past month in our weekend worship we have been discussing ingredients/keys that help a congregation to be a healthy church. Check out our message series found elsewhere in the E-Tidings.

But beyond becoming healthy what does a vital faithful congregation do? There are 5 practices that will produce fruit in churches that are alive: Radical hospitality; passionate worship; intentional faith development; risk-taking mission and service; and extravagant generosity. Notice the descriptive words for each of these ... radical ... passionate ... intentional ... risk-taking ... extravagant! These are bold practices!

In today’s world it no longer works for Christians to be mediocre or mild in matters related to serving Christ! The world responds to bold ... the world needs bold ... Christ is bold!

Are you a bold Christian? Join me in attempting to live large in Christ,

Mark Jacobs

Worship News

Message Series: Ingredients for a Healthy Church

August 15 and 16: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Ingredient #3... Loving Relationships", Ephesians 2:1-12a, 13-14a, 17-20

August 22 and 23: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Ingredient #4... Need-Oriented Evangelism", Luke 19:1-10

August 29 and 30: Rev. Beth Elders, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Ingredient #5... Gift-Oriented Ministry", 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Native American Sunday (page 4)

September 5 and 6: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary
"Ingredient #6... Passionate Spirituality", Acts 2:1-4
One Community Service and Adult Education Brunch (page 3)

Message Series: Beginnings

September 12 and 13: Rev. Melissa Hood, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Mark Jacobs, OnCenter.
"Starting Anew", John 3:1-16
Rally Day and Anewapalooza (page 2)

September 19 and 20: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"This is Jesus", John 4:3-29
Third Grade Bible Sunday (page 4)

Joys and Concerns

Our Sympathy

- ✠ To Scott Shallcross and his family, after the death of Scott's mother, Mary Packer, on July 22. Mary is the grandmother of Brian Shallcross.
- ✠ To Betty Hillenbrand and her family, after the death of Betty's husband, Bob Hillenbrand, on July 24.
- ✠ To Nancy DiCiurcio and her family, after the death of her sister, Debra Allen, on August 2.
- ✠ To Vernetta Heim and her family, after the death of her brother, William Schindel, on August 8. William is the brother-in-law of Irene Schindel.
- ✠ To Sam Leventry and his family, after the death of his mother, Isabelle Leventry, on August 10.
- ✠ To Daisy McFee and her family, after the death of her daughter-in-law, Judy Shirky, on August 11.

Our Troops and their Families

Christopher Coyle, the son of Mark and Sue Coyle, has completed his military service.

Ryan Gray, the son of Chuck and Diane Gray, is now serving in Afghanistan.

We continue to pray for our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Scott Radunz, Vincent Simonetti and Brad Woltman.

Acts of Random Kindness

We thank all our dedicated weeders and seeders for their hard work on the church exterior (article, page 6).

Thanks to the initiative of several of our parishoners, the hole in the back parking lot and the hole in the roof over the library have now been patched.

Rally Day and "Anewapalooza", September 13

What do you think of when the calendar turns to September and early fall? The end of summer vacation? The end of the growing season and the turning of leaves to beautiful colors? The crispness in the air? At Community United Methodist Church, our attention turns to the kickoff of our program year and Rally Day. It is the start of something new and you can feel the excitement in the air!

September 13 is the official kickoff of several programs offered at the church. Sunday school classes for children, youth and adults go "back to school" after their summer break to enjoy fellowship and to grow in their faith journeys. The youth group will return to their weekly Sunday evening gatherings. Beautiful music is in the air as the choirs that took a break meet again, including adult choirs, youth choirs, children's choirs, bell choirs, dancers and praise bands. The church's contemporary service, On Center, will be starting their new year in a new space – Zucker Hall, in Ss. Peter and Paul's school building.

Appropriately, September 13 is also the start of a new sermon series at Community United Methodist Church titled "Beginnings". The recently appointed pastors, Mark Jacobs and Melissa Hood, will be preaching on starting anew, as they are themselves beginning a new journey with our community of faith.

All of these celebrations will culminate in a joint "Anewapalooza" festival with First Congregational Church in Central Park around noon, after the 11:00 church services. The neighboring churches will join together to celebrate their new leadership and to have fellowship with each other. Entertainment for the festivities will include a large jumpy for elementary school children and a smaller jumpy for preschoolers, face painting and the playground activities already provided by the park. In addition, there will be games for children of all ages like a bean bag toss, horse shoes and sack races. All of this with a live band! Best of all, there will be food and a dessert "bake off" to be judged by the pastors of the churches. All are encouraged to bring a dish to share, dessert to enter into the bake off, and come enjoy the festivities of the day! Any questions about the day's events can be directed to the church office at (630)355-1483 or check our web site, www.communityunitedmethodist.org.

Ministry Reports

Christian Education

Community Of Parents

The Community Of Parents will host an evening of scrapbooking in Room 101 on Thursday, August 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please bring any project you are currently working on and we will have table space for you to spread out and friends to share ideas and camaraderie. Please RSVP to Sharon de Waard at (630)995-3270 so we can have a table ready for you. Also contact Sharon if you need supplies or help getting started.

On August 25 at 7:30 PM, our very own Toni Reiss will be demonstrating an overview on maximizing your own camera when taking pictures of your children. If there is an interest in a more in-depth photography lesson, Toni will be happy to arrange that at a later time. Following Toni's presentation, we will have a short business meeting to prepare our September calendar of activities while enjoying refreshments and fun conversation!

Volunteer Orientation and Training, August 23

The Christian Education Committee expresses our heartfelt thanks to the many people who have volunteered to help as lead or assistant teachers in our 2009-2010 program year. An orientation and training session for all volunteers will be held on Sunday, August 23 immediately after the 11:00 services. All volunteers are requested to attend. A free lunch and childcare are provided. Please contact Beth Elders by August 16 to reserve childcare.

Adult Education Brunch, September 6

Do you leave worship each week wanting more? Do you want to explore more ways to grow in relationship with God and in fellowship with one another? If you answered YES to either of these questions, then come find out about the many different adult education opportunities at Community UMC! Regardless of your schedule or where you are in your walk of faith, there's a place for you to grow!

Come Sunday, September 6 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. to CUMC's Adult Education Brunch! At the brunch, you can munch on yummy breakfast foods while you find out more information about various weekday/evening groups (Bible study classes, women's/men's groups, theological exploration groups, etc.) and learn more about CUMC's rich and diverse adult Sunday school classes!

Representatives from each adult Sunday school class will be present to answer your questions and give you more information about their format and offerings. Also, there will be information available about CUMC's fall adult education offerings, including the following:

- Disciple Bible Study (short-term and extended classes)
- "A Mile in Her Shoes: Lessons from the Lives of Old Testament Women"
- Faith and Practice Study, led by Rev. Al Streyffeler (more below)
- Living the Questions
- Men's book study
- Beginnings – An Introduction to the Christian Faith
- Parenting 101 – Your Family and Money

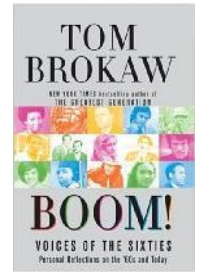
Third Grade Bible Sunday, September 19 and 20

Community UMC will be presenting Bibles to all third grade students during all worship services on September 19 and 20. We want to make sure we include everyone in this special presentation. If your child will be entering

third grade this fall, please give Beth Elders your child's name and the service in which they will be receiving their Bible. Contact Beth at belders@communityunitedmethodist.org or (630)355-1483 no later than *September 1*.

Faith and Practice: A Study of the Social Principles

A prayerful study dialogue of Faith and Practice will be led this fall by the Rev. Al Streyffeler. Two sessions will be offered: Wednesdays at noon from September 9 to October 28 and Thursdays at 7 p.m. from September 10 to October 29. The study will be based on *The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church* and Tom Brokaw's *Boom, Voices of the Sixties*, both available from Al Streyffeler or the office for \$9. The six discussion topics are The Natural World, The Nurturing World, The Social Community, the Economic Community, The Political Community, and The World Community. *Boom* will be used for illustrative stories on racial justice, the environment, the women's movement, the Reagan Revolution, and the Democrats' identity crisis. Contact Al at almaviss@wowway.com for more information, and join us in the dialogue of faith and practice.



Finance

Parsonage Fund Update

Gifts and pledges to the CUMC Parsonage Fund continue to be received and as of the date of this e-tidings 59 "Parsonage Partners" have generously contributed \$21,242. We are closing in on the \$27,000 goal (78% completed) and hope that members of the congregation who have yet to make their gift or pledge will do so in the next few weeks so their names can be added to the plaque which will be lovingly placed in the residence at 2684 Lansdale Street.

Missions

Native American Sunday

Community UMC will participate in this special offering of the United Methodist Church on August 29 and 30. Half of your gift remains in the Northern Illinois Conference for local ministries, and half goes to programs throughout the United States. These gifts support ministries which help educate Native American seminarians, plant Native American churches, and cultivate Native American outreach programs. The special offering is one way United Methodists honor Native Americans. Please give generously.

School Supplies Drive

Community UMC continues its partnership with UMCOR and the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham by collecting supplies for School Kits. These kits are distributed to children in the United States and Haiti. The donation baskets will appear in the halls and classrooms in September, but keep an eye out for sales now and stock up on the needed items:

- Spiral notebooks (8x10½ in., 70 to 80 pages)
- Pencils (unsharpened, no advertising)
- Pink erasers (1x2 in.)
- Protractors (5")
- Blunt school scissors
- Stick-style pens
- Pencil sharpeners
- Rulers (12" with metric)
- Crayons (box of 24)

Remember, you don't have to buy everything in the list – bulk supplies are very welcome. You can also give a check marked "school supplies" to the church and Kay Van Buskirk will do the shopping. For more information about UMCOR aid kits, visit <http://www.midwestmissiondc.org/index.cfm?go=GetPage&id=143>.

Computers for the People's Resource Center

If you have a computer you don't use anymore, consider donating it to the People's Resource Center of DuPage County. For a list of models of computers and printers, go to www.peoplesrc.org, pull down "donate" and click on "in kind donations". The PRC uses these computers to help with job, literacy, and computer training and access, and Community UMC has been a partner for many years in both teaching and donations. Contact Chuck Borcher at caborcher@wideopenwest.com for details – and Chuck will also provide transport!

Mission Projects this Fall, and Beyond

October 24: Become a Volunteer in Mission with our sister congregation in Joliet, on a one-day work/feast trip to establish mutual connections. Contact Andrea Moore (Andrea.Moore@bp.com).

November 13-14: Dick Legg (richard116@aol.com) is organizing a 24-hour work trip (noon to noon) at Wesley Wood Campground in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Bring a hammer and a sleeping bag. The cost is \$20.

March, 2010: Dick Legg will be leading his fifth post-Katrina UMCOR work team to the Gulf Coast. Is this the year that you can help out? Contact Dick at richard116@aol.com.

Music and Worship Ministries

Technical Help Needed

People are needed to run the sound and projector systems in the Sanctuary services. No experience is needed, and training will be provided. Volunteers will operate the equipment approximately once per month (or less, if we get enough people). Contact Ken Cox or Stephen Edwards in the office for more information.

New Youth Band

This fall, we are starting a new band just for youth in grades 6 to 12. We don't have a name for the band yet – that will be one of the first things the youth members choose – but we do know a few things:

- The band will include both instrumentalists and vocalists.
- They will offer their musical gifts monthly in the Sanctuary services, and at OnCenter several times a year.
- The leaders will be Stephen Edwards and Cindy Lytle.

This will be a great opportunity to have fun, sing, and play instruments in worship. All youth should soon receive an invitation in the mail. Please fill it out and return it to Stephen or Cindy as soon as possible.

Children's Percussion Group

Community UMC is excited to announce a *new* children's music opportunity for students in grades 3 to 5. The Percussion/Orff Ensemble will use Orff and other percussion instruments (xylophones, marimbas, glockenspiels, and drums) to praise God through music. The group will begin meeting in October, under the leadership of Joline Bastounes and Beth Elders. Start warming up now... it's going to be a blast!

Dance Groups

The ways in which we express our relation to God determine the kind of experience we have of God. We believe that God is a dynamic being who is on the move. What better way to share in the enthusiasm than to express God's joy through dance? Please join our dance groups to experience and share God's joy. Please contact Donna Pries at (630)637-9316.

Rainbow Dancers, for ages kindergarten and up, meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. We learn some dance and interpretive techniques to use for our Liturgical Dances, which we share in the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services. We will begin our new year on August 31. Please come and join us.

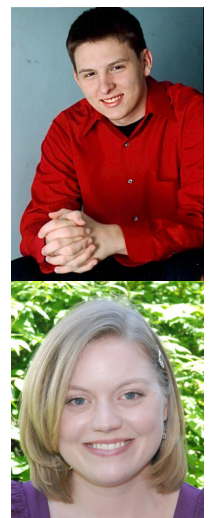
Rejoice Dancers, for Junior High through adults, meet Saturday mornings two or three weeks before we dance in a worship service. Dance experience is not needed, just a willingness to express your faith through movement.

OnCenter

As summer draws to an end, we've got a lot of people coming and going from On Center. First, we'd like to bid farewell to a few band members. **Kyle Markwell** has played with the On Center band for about 7 years and is leaving us to go to college. **Brittany Naumann**, who recently graduated from North Central College, is leaving to go to seminary in Colorado. We will miss both of them! We are very much looking forward to the North Central College students, some of whom are in the band. In addition, we're adding a new drummer to the band named Mike Steffens. Please welcome them when you see them!

As we turn to our schedule, please note that August 30th will be our last Sunday in Meiley-Swallow. While we will miss a lot about the Meiley-Swallow space, we are looking forward to moving to our new space at Ss. Peter and Paul. It is more child-friendly with the use of a children's classroom for Children's Chapel, a convenient storage area for the band and flexible set up of our worship space. (In addition, we will have the opportunity to bring back hospitality in our new space with a kitchenette adjacent to our worship space. We will start worshipping in Zucker Hall in Ss. Peter and Paul on Rally Day, September 13. We are still raising funds for our lease (which is 1/2 to 1/3 the cost of the Meiley-Swallow lease), so please contact Nancy Whittington or Cindy Lytle if you would like to contribute.

Mark your calendars now for the next One Community worship service. It will be the last of the Healthy Church series on Labor Day weekend, September 6 and will focus on Healthy Church: Passionate Spirituality. We have chosen to have a One Community service as we transition out of North Central College's Meiley-Swallow and into St. Peter and Paul's Zucker Hall. Looking forward to another great combined worship service!



Thank you for the feedback you have been providing to me – and please keep it coming! As always, I'm open to any new ideas you might have....just e-mail me at clytle@communityunitedmethodist.org, call me at the church, or catch me after a service. See you at On Center!

Cindy Lytle

Stewardship

Soon you will be receiving a postcard inviting you to attend a home meeting. In one of our member's homes you will have a chance to meet one of the pastors and get to know him or her better. You will also have a chance to hear more about the broader concept of Stewardship and then to share any comments or questions you may have in this informal setting. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and an exchange of ideas. We're hoping you all can attend!

Trustees

Weeders and Seeders

The Trustees wish to thank all the many volunteers who have put in so much effort on the lawns and flower beds around the church building. Their contributions of plants, mulch, and lots of hard work have greatly improved the "curb appeal" of the building – and more is planned! There are also still a few flower beds left in our "Adopt-a-Bed" program, where an individual or family steps forward to keep a section of the flower beds weeded and maintained. This is a great cooperative project for parents and kids. If you'd like to pitch in, please contact Nancy Abernethy, nbabernethy@gmail.com or (630)420-2170. Groups meet at various times during the week, and on-the-job training is available!

United Methodist Women

Book Circle

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows is the Book Circle's first selection for this fall. We will discuss it at the September 16 meeting (details on time and place to follow). Book group members receive an extra 10% discount at Anderson's Book Store in downtown Naperville.

Salad Supper

The annual Salad Supper will be Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Rev. JoAnne Chase will present "Story Weaving." Attendees should bring a salad to share. Childcare is provided; please call the office by September 16 to reserve child care.

Later This Fall

The UMW Garage Sale is October 3, so start setting aside your gently-used furnishings, housewares, toys, books, and sports equipment. The Harvest of the Hands is November 7. Both these bazaars help raise funds so the UMW can meet their pledges to ministries that help women and children around the world.

Administrative Notes

Web Site and E-Tidings

The church web site is <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org>. Click the "Calendar" link in the lower-right corner to view the church calendar. Contact Marianna McCauley to schedule events.

E-Tidings is published on the 15th of each month. The deadline for articles is the Thursday prior to the 15th; the next deadline is August 27 for the special August 31 issue. If you have news for e-Tidings or wish to subscribe, please e-mail tidings@communityunitedmethodist.org.

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