
News Highlights

Parsonage Appeal

As October 1 gets closer we are also getting closer to reaching our goal of \$27,000. As of this writing we are \$3,000 short of attaining the gifts needed to pay off the down payment of our new parsonage on Lansdale Street. To keep this spirit alive, a member of the congregation has pledged to match dollar for dollar every gift received between September 13 and October 1, until the \$27,000 is attained. Please prayerfully consider helping us take advantage of this generous matching gift, and make a contribution to the parsonage fund and become a "Parsonage Partner".

LifeTouch Photo Directory Update

LifeTouch studios, who produced our 2008 church directory, is providing an update session at Community UMC on Wednesday, September 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you did not get your picture taken for the 2008 directory, or have joined CUMC since then, you can register to have your family portrait taken. This is a great opportunity to get pictures for your Christmas letters, too. To register, visit the church web site at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/home.html> and click on the LifeTouch logo, or go directly to the sign-up page at <https://www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/communityumcnapervilleil/index.php?page=10>.

Pastor's Note

Dear Church,

I went to "Einstein's Bagel" for a business breakfast. I had to choose ... eat something healthy (a fruit cup, fruit juice, and a bagel) ... or eat something more fun (egg, cheese, bacon sandwich). What a way to start the day by having to make a tough choice. Life is all about choices; some minor and inconvenient, others major and life changing. Sometimes people look at going to church as a choice between doing something good for us versus doing something else that might be more fun. I think it is possible that worship can be something good for us *and* enjoyable. That's why here at CUMC we do not do cookie cutter worship. With our four worship times we are now able to offer four distinctly unique worship services. Saturday at 5 pm is our intimate traditional service in the chapel. Sunday at 8:30 am will continue to be our liturgical worship in the main sanctuary. At 11 am in the main sanctuary our worship will now be informal traditional. Finally, our 11am service at Zucker Hall across the street will be contemporary worship.

By the way, I ordered the fruit cup and bagel and found that it was healthy and enjoyable... especially since it included great company. Pick a time and join us for worship.

Pastor Mark



Worship News

Message Series: Beginnings

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

September 26 and 27: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Getting Somewhere with My Life", Luke 10:1-10

Bible Weekend

On the weekend of September 19/20th, in every worship service, Community UMC will be presenting Bibles to 19 young people! Congratulations to the following children on this very special milestone: Alex Beitzel, Justin Charles Blazek, Carter Christiansen, Hannah Denaer, Sarah Ann Fleschut, Garrett Bradford Frees, Benjamin Freeman Gilmore, Elizabeth Marie Godo, Sarah Michelle Gorski, Riley Sophia Hill, Spencer Gregory Hubert, Luke Walter Klein-Collins, Seth Thomas Klein-Collins, Jonah Flynn Klein-Collins, Lily Annabelle Letzel, Anabel Catherine Llende, Mitchell David Stemm, Kyle J. Wright, and Mandy Wu. Make sure to tell them "congratulations" when you see them!

Joys and Concerns

Our Troops and their Families

We have received word that Scott Radunz has returned from his tour in Afghanistan. We continue to pray for our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Ryan Gray, Vincent Simonetti and Brad Woltman.

Acts of Random Kindness

Our thanks to Bud and Nancy Zimmermann, who emptied our collection barrel and delivered an astounding ninety-three and one-half pounds of soda pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House. That's about 120,000 tabs! Thanks to all of our soda-drinking members who save tabs and drop them off next to the soda machine.

CROP Walk

We walk because they walk. On Sunday, October 18, people from all over Naperville will be participating in the 27th annual CROP Walk. The walk steps off from Community United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m.!

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. It is a program overseen by Church World Service. This hunger-fighting program, started by American farmers sending surpluses to post-WWII Europe, celebrates its 62nd anniversary this year! Walk or sponsor a walker this year, as we continue the fight against hunger, locally, nationally, and internationally. One hundred percent of your donations will go to the fight against hunger, thanks to generous corporate sponsorship of the event. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.

Make this the **million dollar walk!** If we meet our city-wide goal of \$72,000, the Naperville CROP Walk will surpass the \$1,000,000 mark for overall donations. Last year Naperville raised over \$70,000 for people in need. This year we at Community UMC have set goals of registering 50 walkers and raising \$6000 from our church. Individual walkers who collect \$200 or more will receive a special gift from CWS/CROP.

Two walk distances (1K, 5K) are available to suit all participants. Walkers may register at the CROP Walk table in the CUMC donut hallway with Jim Davidson or David Hollander between Sunday services leading up to the walk. All Community UMC walkers will be treated to a pre-walk luncheon provided by your grateful co-chairs. Sponsors are also welcome at the CROP Walk table or online at www.napervillecropwalk.org, where money can be pledged for the general Community UMC walking team.

Any questions may be directed to Jim Davidson at (630)420-0159 or David Hollander at (630)369-8388, your CUMC CROP Walk co-chairs, or visit www.napervillecropwalk.org.



Community News

College Student Lunch

The first Community College Connection (C³) student lunch is Sunday, September 20 after the 11:00 worship services in Fellowship Hall. College students are invited to enjoy a home-cooked meal, with leftovers to go home. Community UMC members who wish to help with these monthly lunches, or to keep connected with a CUMC student away at college, should contact Carol Pfeiffer or sign up at the tables outside worship services.



September 28 Blood Drive at Community UMC

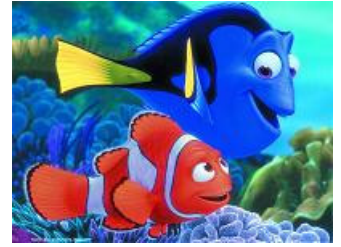
A blood drive will be held at Community UMC on Monday, September 28 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Donors must bring valid ID and pass a brief physical. Contact Joan Uebele at (630)983-8937 for an appointment.

Ministry Reports

Christian Education

Family Movie Night

The Christian Education Committee invites everyone to a showing of "Finding Nemo" on Friday, October 16 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Families of all ages and types (with children, couples, singles – you name it!) are invited to bring their blankets and come to Fellowship Hall for a night of food, fellowship, and fun! We'll eat some thematic "munchies" (to match the theme of the movie, of course) as we watch this fun family-friendly movie! After the movie, we'll break into small groups and discuss how themes presented in the movie pertain to our walks of faith! (If you would like to bring your own family "picnic" dinner, feel free to bring it and eat dinner before or during the movie!)



Community of Parents

School bells are ringing, our summer cookouts are fading, hayrides, pumpkin carving, football, soccer and fun fall sports are on the horizon. This could only mean one thing... we're entering into the fall and the holidays are quickly approaching! How can we possibly get everything accomplished and still have peace of mind and quality time with those we love? To answer those questions and share ideas, please join us for fellowship and a round table discussion of '*Organization and Time Management: Declutter 101*' on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor at Community UMC. Yummy snacks and refreshments will enhance our brainstorming! If you have questions, please contact Tamara Gasior at rtgasior@sbcglobal.net or (630)717-1835. See you there!

Adult Education Opportunities

Check out the August 31 edition of e-Tidings or our adult Christian Education brochure for all our many adult Sunday School, weekday, and evening opportunities! The brochure is available in the racks on the second floor of 20 N. Center, and you can get both the brochure and past issues of e-Tidings from the church web site. Download a PDF file of the brochure at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/downloads/adult.pdf>.

Missions

PADS Volunteers Needed

Community UMC's Public Action to Deliver Shelter program needs two more volunteers to pick up linens from Edward Hospital on Wednesdays between noon and 3 p.m. This does require some heavy lifting. Please call Nancy Schroeder at (630)355-7417 or the church office if you can help.

Annual Pot Parties Announced

Like plants? Have a flair for helping others? Want to get your hands wet and enjoy good fellowship at the same time? Here's your opportunity! The Hunger Commission is sponsoring two sessions of pot-washing in preparation for next summer's PassAlong Perennial Plant Sale, to be held on Wednesday, October 7 and Saturday, October 10, at 9:30 AM in the parsonage driveway next to the church. Water, soap and necessary "tools of the trade" will be provided; just come dressed to get mildly wet and somewhat dirty. And bring your best attitude because we plan to have fun together! We don't work in the rain, so call Nancy Abernethy at (630)420-2170 if in doubt or if you have questions.

Thanks for Your VIM Support

Thank you, Community UMC, for helping me be a part of the Volunteers in Mission training trip to Costa Rica last August. My faith was renewed thoroughly and my life was transformed. I will be helping to lead young adult Mission trips for the United Methodist Church. At present I am a full-time student at North Central College and still working at Little Friends.

Lyndsay Hartman

Supporting Loaves and Fishes

Community UMC and Wesley UMC have an ongoing project helping Loaves and Fishes, the local food bank on Fifth Avenue, with food distribution on the third Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Greg Hubert. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets in the second floor hallway at any time. Forrest Rice reminds us that families need more than food; donations of diapers, toiletries, paper products, and cleaning supplies are also very welcome.

Music

Ringers Needed

The Open Circle, Carillon, and Tower Bell Choirs all have openings for new bell-ringers. Bell-ringing is fun and easy (all you need to do is count), and newcomers are welcome! Open Circle practices Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and plays at the 8:30 service monthly; Carillon practices Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and plays at the 11:00 main Sanctuary service monthly; and Tower Bells, for youth and adult friends, practices Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and plays at the 11:00 main Sanctuary service monthly. Contact Stephen Edwards for information.

OnCenter

We have moved into our new space in **Zucker Hall** at Sts. Peter and Paul's Junior High building at 201 East Franklin Street! It was great to see so many of you there on Sunday. There was a lot of preparation work that went into getting us ready to move into this space and I'd like to thank the On Center planning team for all of their efforts. In particular, Dean Craig and Beth Buffington have done so much work to get us ready. Thanks!! As you see, there are several changes for us in our new space. First, it is great to have a place where we can bring back the hospitality table. Many thanks to the Evangelism team for bringing the hospitality table back to the On Center service. Like with most moves, we will continue to move the furniture around and make adjustments until we find what is most comfortable. One of the changes we will be making is to have two screens to make seeing the screens easier from all angles. 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.

Trustees

Thanks to All Our Outdoor Volunteers

A groundswell of volunteers are improving our church's curb appeal, and breathing new life into the church exterior, lawn and flower beds. The trustees are profoundly grateful to the Weeders and Seeders, United Methodist Men and all others who are helping in this renewal, which is still in process. It's hard to keep track of this army of volunteers but here's a list of some of the folks involved:

Jack and Barb Dabrowski put the big beautiful flower pots at the church entrances.

Nancy Abernethy inspired the amazing Weeders and Seeders to transform the lawns and gardens in a short time, using donated plants and a lot of hard work. **Darrell Voitik** provided professional landscaping expertise and donated plants.

The original Weeders and Seeders did the heavy work, battling weeds and rock hard soil, then planting drought tolerant plants. Thanks to **Nancy and Bill Abernethy, Darrell and Gail Voitik, Barb and Jack Dabrowski, Jim Rainwaters, Tom and Sylvia Kupferer, Sam Leventry, Becky, Jonah, Luke and Seth Klein-Collins, Ken Cox, Howard Mueller, Barb Cornelison, Mary Jacobs, Marty Schwab, and Diane Lyons.**

The following people are adopting and caring for specific garden beds: **Pat Becker, Roger Barney, Jim Davidson, Pat Shanower, John and Lynda Krazinski, Nancy and Bill Abernethy, Diane Lyons, Ken Cox, Rich Fleming, Sylvia and Tom Kupferer, Joan Uebele, and Marty Schwab.** There are still some plots available in the "Adopt-a-Bed" program; work times are flexible and on the job training can be arranged. Contact Nancy Abernethy, nbabernethy@gmail.com or (630)420-2170.

Bill Denwood reports that the Methodist Men have been busy tilling the earth, readying the soil for plants, and even welding the black railings by the front steps. Thanks to **Ed Cotner, Rich Fleming, Jim Rainwaters, Bill Denwood,** with special thanks to **Darrell Voitik** (master tiller operator) and **Al Streyffeler** (master welder).

We are all grateful to **John Klein-Collins** who mows the church lawn every week.

The Trustees

Caring for Community in October

On October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to noon the Trustees will be holding another "Caring for Community" work day in which volunteers will help spruce up our beautiful hundred-year-old (well, nearly) building. Work plans include cleaning the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, washing windows, changing light bulbs, thoroughly cleaning the kitchenettes and bathrooms, and raking leaves. We may also have some work at the two parsonages. Watch for the sign-up sheets outside services on October 4 and 11, and thank you in advance for your gift of service.

United Methodist Women

Rev. JoAnne Chase at this Fall's Salad Supper

The UMW Salad Supper is September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Rev. JoAnne Chase will present "Story Weaving." Please bring a salad to share. Childcare is available; contact the office by Sept. 18 if you need child care.

October Garage Sale

Start saving your gently-used housewares, toys and games, children's clothes, books, seasonal decorations, sports equipment, and furniture for the fall garage sale (but please, no computers or adult clothing). The sale is Saturday, October 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Items may be dropped off in the storeroom north of Fellowship Hall starting September 28. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and pricing the evening of Thursday, October 1 and all day Friday, October 2, as well as to work the sale and clean up afterward. Sign up in the adult Sunday School classes or by calling Kay Lawson at (630)420-0977.

Reminders from Previous Issues...

The **Book Circle** meets September 16 at the home of Marty Schwab to discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"; **Church Women United's** fall retreat, "Seeking Shalom", is September 18; the **Evening Outreach Circle's** first meeting will discuss "A Reinvigoration of the Love Feast" at the home of Lois Flood on September 22.

Youth

Youth Band

We are ready to start up the youth band!! The first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00 pm in the music room. Even if you haven't signed up, please come join us for the fun, singing and playing in the band. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Edwards at singingstephen@yahoo.com or Cindy Lytle at clittle@communityunitedmethodist.org. Looking forward to seeing you on September 27th!

Youth Fellowship

SHYFt (Senior High) meets Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. On the first Sunday of the month, we will have home group meetings; second and third Sundays are the SHYFt coffee house in Community UMC's youth room; fourth Sundays are outings; and fifth Sundays, we will not meet.

JHYF (Junior High) meets Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. On the first, second, and third Sunday each month we'll meet in the youth room; fourth Sundays are special events; and we will not meet on the fifth Sundays.

Help Wanted

Greeters, ushers, and sound operators are needed for Sunday worship services. Counters for the offering are also needed. Please contact the office if you can help with these ministries of service.

Calendar

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Worship and Fellowship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Faith and Practice Class
- 12:00 p.m. Staff Retreat (until 4:00 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise and Hosanna Choirs; Carillon Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players "Steel Magnolias" Callbacks

Thursday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Faith and Practice Class

Friday, September 18

- 9:15 a.m. Church Women United "Seeking Shalom"

Saturday, September 19

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, September 20 – Bible Presentation Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 p.m. Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes; Confirmation Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at 20 N. Center and 201 E. Franklin
- 12:00 p.m. All-College Student Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. PADS shelter, all night
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF (page 5)
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt (page 5)

Monday, September 21

- 5:15 p.m. Covenant Groups
- 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Dancers
- 6:30 p.m. Open Circle Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Knitting Circle
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 22

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study of "A Mercy"
- 7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Community of Parents (page 3)

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:30 a.m. Beginnings Class
- 12:00 p.m. Faith and Practice Class
- 4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise and Hosanna Choirs; Carillon Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Bells
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Salad Supper (page 5)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee

Thursday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Beginnings Class
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Faith and Practice Class (page 4)

Saturday, September 26

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, September 27

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 p.m. Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes; Confirmation Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at 20 N. Center and 201 E. Franklin
- 1:00 p.m. Uth Band Rehearsal (page 5)
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. PADS shelter, all night
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF Event
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt Outing

Monday, September 28

- 9:00 a.m. Deadline for September 30 e-Tidings
- 3:00 p.m. Blood Drive (until 7:00 p.m.) (page 2)
- 5:15 p.m. Covenant Groups
- 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Dancers
- 6:30 p.m. Open Circle Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Knitting Circle
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 29

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study of "A Mercy"
- 7:00 p.m. Book Study of "A Mile in Her Shoes"
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Visit www.communityunitedmethodist.org and click on the "Calendar" link for a full church calendar.