
News Highlights

United Methodist Women Garage Sale

The UMW's fall sale is this Saturday, October 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can drop off donations of gently-used housewares, toys and games, children's clothes, books, seasonal decorations, sports equipment, and furniture through Friday, October 2 at 5:00 p.m. (The garage sale doesn't take adult clothing, but you can drop it in the green bin behind the church.) If you have some time available Thursday evening, 7 to 9 p.m., or Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., help is needed with setup and pricing. Cleanup help on Saturday at 1 p.m. would also be greatly appreciated. Contact Kay Lawson at (630)420-0977 to volunteer, or just show up to help!

New Members Classes Begin October 11

Community UMC offers a series of classes for persons interested in joining the church, or simply in finding out more about our congregation and the United Methodist Church. Classes will meet in the Chapel on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. from October 11 through November 1, for members joining on November 8. To sign up or for more information, contact Mary Jacobs or one of the pastors.

Parsonage Fund Celebration

It is with praise and gratitude that we announce the Parsonage Fund has reached \$29,000 with gifts and pledges. To date 77 families and members of the congregation have become "Parsonage Partners" and made it possible to pay off the down payment at 2684 Lansdale St. The balance of this money (almost \$1600) will be directed to the Trustees for their use on other parsonage projects. Once again Community UMC proves to be a most caring and generous church.

Pastor's Note

On a recent Sunday evening, I hustled my kids into the car to bring them back to church for youth group. I grabbed a few things to accomplish in my office while I waited for them to be blessed by our amazing youth ministry team. I also grabbed a partially filled purple water bottle that I had been trying to consume all afternoon (if my mother were here she'd tell you I don't drink enough water).

Before I knew it, the kids were ready to go home, and after a few good byes, we wandered to the rear lot to get into the car. We noticed the growing group of guests gathering by the door waiting to spend the night in our church. As I put my key into the ignition, I was moved to send up a prayer of thanks for all the people who contribute time and resources to serving the homeless and the ministry, mission and outreach our congregation provides to a hurting world.

Suddenly there was a knock on the driver side window of my car. An older man, tanned, wrinkled, and a little unkempt, stood there gazing in, I rolled down the window and he handed me my now empty purple water bottle which I had accidentally left on the roof of the car. "You don't want to lose this." he said with a smile. I thanked my new found friend and watched as he returned to his spot in line at the rear entrance to the church. I sent up another prayer of thanks for the ministry I had just received and the reminder that we are all on a mission from God.

In October we will celebrate the truth that a commitment to mission is central to our health as Christians and as a congregation. Information about mission and service opportunities both locally and around the world will be woven through the fabric of our worship, small groups, and Sunday school classes.

We are all on a mission from God; called to love God and our neighbor- we are all in this together and together we can make a difference.

Your sister in Christ,
Melissa



Worship News

Message Series: Beginnings

October 3 and 4: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"I Want to Trust God," Exodus 3:1-15

Message Series: Mission Possible

October 10 and 11: Rev. Melissa Hood, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Mark Jacobs, OnCenter.
"Mission Possible: Available," Acts 8:1, 4, 26-40

October 17 and 18: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Mission Possible: Pioneers," Acts 4:1-3, 12-14, 32-35

October 24 and 25: Laity Sunday speakers, all services.
"Mission Possible: PIBs," John 1:35-42

Joys and Concerns

Our Sympathy

- ✠ To Ev Rainwaters and her family, after the death of her uncle, Bob Fischer, on September 16.
- ✠ To Gertie Brown and her family, after the death of her brother, Harold Tatz, on September 17.
- ✠ To Howard Smucker and his family, after the death of his mother, Verda Smucker, on September 18.
- ✠ To Jan Barrett and her family, after the death of her mother, Jean Kesselring, on September 27.

Our Troops and their Families

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

Acts of Random Kindness

In addition to all the many persons who have helped with the 707 Sara parsonage (see page 4), we would like to thank the kind souls who have recently repaired the church dishwasher and cleaned the kitchen.

Community News



Dedication and Celebration of Betty Ann Percell's Piano

Reverend Dr. Emery Percell and daughter, Reverend Deb Percell, are pictured with recital participants from Community UMC following the August 16th afternoon celebration of music in worship. The beautiful ebony Baldwin grand piano and a Roland digital piano were given by Reverend Percell and his children. Both musical instruments were those of **Betty Ann (Mrs. Emery) Percell**, who was a gifted musician, teacher and choir director. The instruments were dedicated at morning worship services in the sanctuary.

The afternoon recital showcased the talents of members of CUMC. The music included vocal and instrumental selections written or arranged by artists including Beethoven, Bach, John Steiner, Lee Hoiby, Maury Weston, and others. All music was accompanied by CUMC organist Lorna Jansen on the piano and included: a piano duet with Ellen Bartel; a vocal duet by Bob Jaynes and Mary Elliott; a vocal solo by Stephen Edwards; a piano solo by Lorna Jansen; a flute and violin trio with Karen Lewis and Dick Bradley; a trumpet duet with Erica Bough (not pictured). Those present participated in a sing-along including Percell favorite hymns: *Blessed Assurance* (UMH 369), *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (UMH 140), and *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (UMH 139).

Be On The Lookout (BOTL)

Spend an hour hearing about the big picture vision for Community UMC, learn how to reach out to potential new participants in your small group, and how to care for those you already meet with. Two BOTL meetings will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, speak with Pastor Melissa Hood or Mary Jacobs.

Cindy Lytle to Make Move

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this article for the church. I'm writing to inform all of you that my husband, Mike, and I are moving to Florida. Mike is transferring with Motorola and will be starting work in the Ft. Lauderdale area on October 19. I will be sticking around to sell the house and my last Sunday with On Center will be December 13.

Mark and the Staff Parish Committee will be meeting soon to start the process of dealing with the vacancy.

I greatly appreciate all of the support that all of you have shown me over these last several months and will really miss the great friendships we've developed over the years. Over the next few months, I'm looking forward to loads of fun and great worship!!

Cindy

Ministry Reports

Christian Education

Visioning Session

Are there things you'd like to see happen in the Christian Education ministries for all ages at Community UMC? Do you have some great ideas for ministries or events, or have you seen something elsewhere that you'd like to see here too? Come be a part of casting an exciting vision of new ministries at Community UMC on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Beth Elders for more information or to arrange for child care.

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 are invited to bring their blankets and come to Fellowship Hall for a night of food, fellowship, and fun. After the movie, we'll break into small groups and discuss how themes in the movie pertain to our walks of faith. Snacks will be provided, and feel free to bring your own family "picnic" dinner to eat before or during the movie!

Faithbooking

Sharon de Waard will help participants analyze their journeys of faith to help find the "fingerprints of God" in their lives. During your time together, you will put together your own personal Faithbook, a printed journal of your faith journey, to help you think chronologically about your life and how your faith has grown and developed. This four-week course will be held Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. starting on October 19.

College Connection

Feed their Spirits, Feed their Bodies

Become a sponsor today with Community UMC' College Connection. You will reach out to one of our Community UMC members and friends now away at college, providing a connectional ministry. You can sign up in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Carol Pfeiffer or e-mail college@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Community UMC's next lunch for college students is Sunday, October 4 following the 11:00 services. All college students are invited to enjoy home-cooked food and fellowship. Bring a friend! Community UMC members can help support this ministry by signing up each month outside the Sanctuary.



Missions

CROP Walk

We walk because they walk. On Sunday, October 18, people from all over Naperville will participate in the 27th annual CROP Walk. Walkers and sponsors may register at the table in the Community UMC donut hallway between Sunday services in October. 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. *(See the September 15 e-Tidings on-line at the church web site for more information.)*

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.

Pot-Washing Reminder

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 a.m. in the parsonage driveway next to the church. Call Nancy Abernethy at (630)420-2170 with questions.

Trinity UMC Work Trip

Please join us for a day of work and fellowship at Trinity UMC in Joliet on Saturday, October 24th. The day will consist of work tasks (i.e., painting, lawn care, etc) as well as a tour of the church's sanctuary, food and clothing pantries. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Andrea Moore (Andrea.Moore@bp.com) or Cindy Lytle (Cindy.Lytle@yahoo.com).

Music

Squeal on a Singer (or Instrumentalist)

For the next month, the music ministry is squealing to have new members! You will find an insert in your bulletin that allows you to squeal on a singer or instrumentalist (this person could be you or someone you know). You will find a pig outside of your worship space to drop off the squealing information. Then, to kick everything off, the music ministry will host a BBQ on Sunday, October 25 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship services in Fellowship Hall for all those interested in becoming a part of the life-giving music ministry of CUMC. For more information, contact Stephen Edwards, Director of Music and Worship (sedwards@communityunitedmethodist.org) or Cindy Lytle, Director of Contemporary Worship (clytle@communityunitedmethodist.org).



Trustees

Caring for Community, October 17

Save Saturday October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, for the next Caring for Community all church workday. It's a great place to meet new people and see your friends. Everyone is invited; there are opportunities for all ages. Childcare is available, **with reservation to the church office by Friday, October 2**. Come and have coffee and a bagel and then roll up your sleeves. There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor work at 20 N. Center, including but not limited to washing windows, cleaning up around the church, removing dead bushes and leaves, replacing bulbs, and cleaning kitchenettes and bathrooms. If you think of something to add to the list or if you want to volunteer, contact Bill Denwood at wdenwood@comcast.net. Your help is important and appreciated, so watch for the sign-ups outside services in October.

More Thanks for Our Volunteers

This summer the 707 Sara parsonage has been undergoing what Jim McCloud calls "Rejuvenapalooza 2009". Many volunteers and donors made this possible, along with great supervision by Ed Cotner and Jim McCloud. The powder room got a new vanity, top and low flow toilet. Crown molding was installed in dining, living, kitchen and powder room (thanks to an anonymous donor, and Jim McCloud who installed it). The slate floor in the foyer was re-grouted (special thanks to Bill Denwood and Pastor Mark for their tireless effort in scraping out old grout). The slate floor looks like new, after being cleaned and sealed. Carpets were cleaned on first and second floors and some first-floor rooms got fresh paint (thanks to master wall patchers Zink Sanders, Jim Rainwaters, and Jim McCloud). Cindy and Roger Bunting and Joyce Brunsting should be commended for their expert wallpaper removal in the kitchen, laundry, foyer and powder room. The garage wall was taped and primed (thanks to painters Roger and Cindy Bunting, and Eric Pfeiffer). The deck was carefully power washed by Jack Dabrowski

and then stained by Bill Denwood, Roger Bunting, Jim McCloud, and Ed Cotner. Bill also did a lot of landscaping and outdoor clean up. Our thanks to Josh Jacobs who applied fall fertilizer to rejuvenate the parsonage lawn. The latest news is that some nice person donated \$5756.00 for material and labor to replace 19 drafty, old double hung windows. The contractor who installed the windows donated \$205 in labor and materials for new window casings for the second floor windows. We hope we didn't forget anyone's contribution. This transformation of 707 Sara could not have been done without all of you volunteers. Thanks from the Trustees.

Future Repair Work

The large stage door on the east side of the Sanctuary has developed some mechanical problems, and is currently inoperable. The Trustees are seeking a solution as quickly as possible, with an eye to the expense, and will keep the congregation updated.

United Methodist Women

Book Circle, October 21

The UMW book circle will be discussing "Under the Banner of Heaven" by Jon Krakauer at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21. The leader is Jennie Labine and Nancy Pope at 638 Thornwood Drive is the hostess. Please call Nancy at 630.355.0142 if you have read the book and wish to participate in discussing this informative book about the Mormon faith.

Youth

Fright Fest, October 25

SHYFt and JHYF are going to Fright Fest at Six Flags on October 25, leaving Community UMC at 10:30 a.m. and returning by 9:00 p.m. All youth are welcome to come, but you need permission for the trip (and you have to buy your own tickets). Download the permission forms from <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/youth.html> and get the completed form to Nick Giannasi by **October 18**. Boo.

Calendar

Thursday, October 1

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 9:30 a.m. Living the Questions
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Beginnings

Friday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Garage Sale Set-Up (page 1)

Saturday, October 3

- 7:30 a.m. United Methodist Women Garage Sale (page 1)
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, October 4

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt
- 7:00 p.m. PADS shelter

Monday, October 5

- 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, October 6

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study of "A Mercy"
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m. Pot-Washing for the 2010 Perennial Plant Sale at 105 Benton
- 4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise and Hosanna Choirs; Carillon Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries

Thursday, October 8

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 9:30 a.m. Living the Questions
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Beginnings Class
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 10

- 9:30 a.m. Pot-Washing for the 2010 Perennial Plant Sale at 105 Benton
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, October 11

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

Monday, October 12

- 11:00 a.m. Deadline for October 15 e-Tidings
- 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, October 13

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study of "A Mercy"
- 10:30 a.m. Reminiscence Service
- 7:00 p.m. Book Study of "A Mile in Her Shoes"
- 7:00 p.m. OnCenter Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Visioning Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 8:15 p.m. Council on Ministries

Thursday, October 15

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 9:30 a.m. Living the Questions
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Beginnings Class
- 7:00 p.m. Faith and Practice Class
- 7:00 p.m. Community of Parents Scrapbooking
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 16

- 7:00 p.m. Family Movie Night (page 3)

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