

## News Highlights

### Busy Weekend Reminders!

Friday, October 16 is **Family Movie Night** with "Finding Nemo" at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Families of all types are invited to bring a blanket and enjoy fellowship and fun! Drinks and goldfish crackers will be provided, and bring your own picnic lunch if you want.

Saturday, October 17 is **Caring for Community** from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Trustees will lead volunteers in sprucing up our beautiful hundred-year-old (well, nearly) building, with a mix of indoor and outdoor projects.

Sunday, October 18 is the **Naperville CROP Walk** to fight hunger. The walk will step off at 1 p.m.. Community has set a goal of 50 walkers and \$6000 this year, to help make this Naperville's *million-dollar walk*. If you haven't already pledged, contact Jim Davidson or Dave Hollander.

### BOTL (Be On The Lookout) Meetings

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.

### Church Conference, November 8

Community UMC's annual church conference will be Sunday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All members have voice and vote. Committee chairs and ministry team leaders, please e-mail your reports for the conference book to [kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:kcox@communityunitedmethodist.org) by November 1.

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### Pastor's Note

Dear Church Family,

We are a very mobile society. To give you an idea of how mobile we are, in 2001 the U.S. population was 275,611,000 people. Between 1991 and 2001 the total number of persons who moved were 422,688,000. That's right – more movers than the U.S. population. We are a society on the move and every state experienced this. The 2000 census showed that every state grew! The implication for churches is:

1) that each congregation's future will come from this population movement ... and

2) churches need to go back to the goal of the early church, which was to make disciples of Jesus, rather than focusing on making lifelong members.

The trick is for our church (or any church) to be so radically hospitable that we become very open to new people, making room for them in our church's life, because everyone needs a place where they can belong. Each time a person moves they no longer have a community of faith. We can be that place of Community.

Join us as we make room for others each weekend in worship.

Peace,

Pastor Mark



## Worship News

### Message Series: Mission: Possible

**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 (lay witnesses at all services)  
"Mission: Possible: PIBs," John 1:35-42

**October 31 and November 1:** All Saints Celebration  
Matthew 5:1-12

### All Saints Day

Community UMC will celebrate All Saints on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, recognizing by name all members of the church and loved ones who have died since November 1, 2008. To add a name to the list, please contact Marianna McCauley in the office by Monday, October 26.

## Joys and Concerns

### Our Sympathy

- ✠ To Wanda Boebel, after the death of her sister, Wilda Durst, on October 1.
- ✠ To Connie Willoughby, after the death of her brother, Edward, on October 8.

### Our Troops and their Families

Matthew Burke, a cousin of Sharon de Waard, is now serving in Iraq. We continue to pray for our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Ryan Gray, Vincent Simonetti and Brad Woltman.

### Happy Birthday

Pearl M. Thoman (right) celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on August 22, 2009. All of her children and many of her grandchildren were present. They had a delicious lunch and cake. What a triumph Pearl – and to think you still play golf!



## Community News

### Adult Lunch Bunch

The adult lunch bunch will enjoy food and fun at The View, 5900 Rt. 53 in Lisle, on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Gertie Brown, (630)305-9848, by October 18.

### North Central College Bake Sale

Ten North Central College students are raising money to attend EXPLORATION 2009, an event for United Methodist students who are considering a call to ministry. The event, which will be held November 13 to 15 in Dallas, Texas, has been planned by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. The students attending EXPLORATION 2009 will participate in worship, workshops, and small groups focused on helping young adults discern God's call upon her lives. You can help support their trip by buying baked goods at their table on the first floor of 20 N. Center, every Sunday through November 1.

### Bob Thomas Program at Grace UMC

Bob Thomas, Illinois Supreme Court Justice and former Chicago Bear, will be at Grace UMC on Friday Oct. 23 as part of their "God and Country" program. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner, followed by the program. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up by October 18. Checks can be made payable to GUMC and dropped off at the church or mail to Bob Pacanowski, 1605 Valley Ridge Ct., Naperville 60565. Please include your email and phone on the memo line.

### Community Players Presents "Steel Magnolias"

Tickets for the Community Players' fall show, "Steel Magnolias," are on sale by calling Ken Cox at (630)983-8707. Shows are Nov. 13, 14, and 20 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 21 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults. All shows will be held at Grace UMC on Gartner Rd.

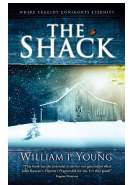
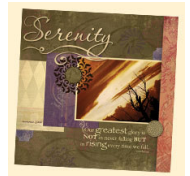
## Ministry Reports

### Christian Education

#### Small Groups Starting in October

Two small group educational opportunities begin next week.

- ✠ “Faithbooking,” Mondays at 7:30 p.m. starting October 19 – Sharon de Waard will help participants analyze their journeys of faith and find the “fingerprints of God” in their lives. You will explore questions that will help you think chronologically about your life and how your faith has grown and developed. During the four weeks, you will put together your own personal Faithbook, a journal of your faith journey.
- ✠ “The Shack,” Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting October 20 – Jeff Haake will lead a men’s book study of William P. Young’s novel, which wrestles with the timeless question, “Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?” The answers the main character gets will astound you, and perhaps transform you as much as they did him.



There is still time to join either of these groups, or some of the other small group studies now meeting, listed in our fall offerings at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/downloads/adult-fall-09.pdf>. Contact Beth Elders at [belders@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:belders@communityunitedmethodist.org) for information.

#### Reverse Trick or Treating

As your children trick-or-treat this Halloween, they can make a difference in the lives of children in Africa working in the chocolate trade by participating in "Reverse Trick-Or-Treating." Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will help spread awareness about the importance of purchasing Fair Trade products (especially chocolate) by *giving* each home they trick-or-treat at a piece of fair trade chocolate. Children who participate will receive FREE individually-wrapped pieces of Fair Trade chocolate on a card describing child labor practices in the chocolate industry along with a FREE cloth trick-or-treat bag. Pick up your trick-or-treat bags with chocolate on Sunday mornings in your Sunday school classrooms or Children’s Chapel rooms, on Wednesday afternoons at Children’s Choir, or stop by the church office anytime before Halloween.



*(Go to [www.equalexchange.coop](http://www.equalexchange.coop) to find out more about Fair Trade products, or visit [www.equalexchange.coop/child-labor-in-the-cocoa-industry](http://www.equalexchange.coop/child-labor-in-the-cocoa-industry) to learn more about child labor in the cocoa industry. For more information on CUMC’s Reverse Trick-Or-Treating, please contact Beth Elders.)*

### Missions

#### Wesley Woods Trip Is Back On!

Please join us for a one day/night work session to prepare Wesley Woods United Methodist Camp for the winter season and prepare the camp for next spring. Work will include painting, leaf raking, window installation, preparation of a new small prayer chapel in the woods, and other miscellaneous projects. The trip is Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, and costs \$20 for three meals plus transportation. To sign up or for information, contact Dick Legg at (630)420-2738 or [Richard116@aol.com](mailto:Richard116@aol.com).

#### PADS

Our thanks to all of you who made Octoberfest at PADS possible this last Sunday. We especially appreciate those of you who answered Pastor Melissa’s call and signed up for the many items that were needed for the meal that evening. We had twenty-nine guests, including a family with two young children. Thanks to all of your efforts, we were not only able to give them a special dinner, but we were also able to take enough leftovers to the TAG house on Sleight Street to give those girls a meal as well. Your good hearts and generous spirits are doing good things in the world. Look for the sign up sheet which will be posted on October 25th for the next time we host PADS on November 8<sup>th</sup> – our Thanksgiving Meal.

– Judy Allen and Barb Dabrowski

#### JUST of DuPage Candy Drive

Community UMC will collect candy for JUST of DuPage’s jail ministries this year. Drop off your undistributed Halloween candy on November 1 in the baskets that will be placed in the church hallways. The candy will be given to persons in Illinois prisons and jails. Candy must be wrapped, and no candy with sticks (such as lollipops) is allowed. To find out more about JUST’s ministries, visit [www.justofdupage.org](http://www.justofdupage.org), or visit the Open Circle Sunday school class on October 25, when Annie Rose of JUST will speak.

## School Supplies Delivered

The Hunger Commission would like to thank the members and friends of CUMC for their generous donation of school supplies and money to buy some supplies. On Friday, October 2 we were able to deliver enough school supplies to make up 150 school kits. Eight of us (Nancy and Bill Abernethy, Nancy and Sam Leventry, Kay and Ron Van Buskirk, and Rosemary and Dale Zimmerman) drove to Chatham, IL to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) to drop off school supplies and tour their facilities. Some volunteers from Michigan were working at different jobs such as sewing, making kits, and repairing bicycles in the warehouse. The shelves of the warehouse have flood buckets, school desks, sewing kits, layette kits, health kits and school kits. When an appeal comes in from a disaster, the warehouse is ready to ship the needed items. We learned that the center is booked for volunteers through 2010. It appears that the MMDC is fulfilling their mission "...to compassionately help God's people in need locally, nationally and around the world...". CUMC has come through once again and we, the members of the Hunger Commission, thank you.

## Community Collections

We would like to remind you of some of the year-round collection drives held at Community:

- ✦ **Non-perishable food** and other household supplies such as paper products and diapers can be left in the large basket outside the Sanctuary. The Hunger Commission, in partnership with other area churches, delivers these to Loaves & Fishes and other area food pantries.
- ✦ **Used clothing, shoes, bedding, toys, jewelry, and books** can be placed in the large green bin in the back parking lot. This is a green win-win situation: the Unique Thrift Shop pays DuPage PADS for the potential merchandise for their store, and any items they cannot sell are recycled. Please bag all items.
- ✦ In the front hallway, we have collection points for **pop-top tabs, UPC labels** from certain products, used **commemorative stamps**, and empty **medicine bottles**. These all help local and international charities.

## Music

### Squeal on a Singer (or Instrumentalist)



The music ministry is squealing to have new members! You can squeal on a musical person (you or someone you know) by putting their name in the pig outside the worship space. 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. Plus, if we reach our goal of 15 new people, pastors Mark and Melissa will kiss a pig! For more information, contact Stephen Edwards, Director of Music and Worship ([sedwards@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:sedwards@communityunitedmethodist.org)) or Cindy Lytle, Director of Contemporary Worship ([clytle@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:clytle@communityunitedmethodist.org)).

## Senior Visitation

People need to know that there are others who care for and about them. Community UMC has a senior visitation team of persons who visit those who are homebound or in nursing facilities. Visiting is a calling, and sharing laughter and prayers and conversations with those who are homebound is a way to discover our caring gifts and gain a rich appreciation for life and health. Like all ministries, we take away more from the experience of visiting than we give. If this sounds like a caring outreach that you would be interested in, please contact Mary Jacobs at [mjacobs@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:mjacobs@communityunitedmethodist.org) or at (630)355-1483.

## Stewardship

### The Stewardship of Witness

This month we continue with our focus on the fourth element of our membership pledge, witness. We have heard from Cindy Lytle and Rich Fleming about what their faith has meant to them, and two others will be speaking in the near future. Just as we have been inspired by the stories of Cindy and Rich, perhaps we will be moved by the others who will speak to reflect on our own relationship to God and to our church. To what extent do we see God as being relevant to what we have and who we are? To what extent have we dedicated ourselves to being God's stewards?

### "Thriving in Turbulent Times"

We hope many of you will be able to attend the free seminar, "Thriving in Turbulent Times," presented on Tuesday, October 27 and Tuesday, November 3 by Tim Mohns (CFP) and Jeff Haller of Raymond James Financial Services. We can promise you both an informative and entertaining hour about dealing with these difficult financial times from a Christian perspective. Reservations are requested but not required. Call Barb at (630)308-1817 or email [stewardship@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:stewardship@communityunitedmethodist.org).

## United Methodist Women

### Evening Outreach Circle, October 20

The circle will meet Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mari Schirmer, 7 S 348 Baltusrol Lane, Naperville. Call Mari at (630)355-8532 if you need directions. Mari will lead discussion of "Food and Faith". New members are always welcome.

### Book Circle, October 21

The circle will discuss "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.

### Harvest of the Hands, November 7

Save the date! Studio Workshop's annual Harvest of the Hands will be Saturday, November 7. Dozens of local crafters will display their wares. The UMW will also have a table displaying crafts and goods made by Studio Workshop and the Knitting Circle, and a UMW bake sale table. The proceeds benefit world-wide missions that help women and children. You can help the Harvest with setup and cleanup, or by donating baked goods – watch for sign-up sheets in the adult classrooms and outside worship over the next couple of weeks. If you are planning to bring crafts for the UMW table, please get them to the craft room by October 28 so they can be priced.

## Youth

### Fright Night

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**. Eeek.

### JHYF Winter Retreat

The JHYF winter retreat is at Covenant Harbor, Wisconsin from January 15 to 17. Get your permission form from the website at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/youth.html>. Contact Nick Giannasi with questions.

## Calendar

*Starting with this issue, we are trying a different calendar format to save a little room. Events that happen every week are listed first, followed by special events. Please let us know what you think.*

### Every Week At Community

#### Sundays

- 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 (except as noted)
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF (except as noted)
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt (except as noted)
- 7:00 p.m. PADS shelter

#### Mondays

- 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. Faithbooking (page 3)
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

#### Tuesdays

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study of "A Mercy"
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Book Study of "The Shack" (page 3)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study of "A Mile in Her Shoes" (alternate Tuesdays)
- 8:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble Rehearsal (alternate Tuesdays)

**Wednesdays**

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

**Thursdays**

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

**Saturdays**

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Day by Day Calendar, October 15 to October 31****Thursday, October 15**

- 7:00 p.m. Community of Parents Scrapbooking

**Friday, October 16**

- 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night – “Finding Nemo”

**Saturday, October 17**

- 8:30 a.m. Caring for Community Church Work Day
- 10:00 a.m. BOTL (Be On The Lookout) Meeting (page 1)

**Sunday, October 18**

- 12:00 p.m. CROP Walk Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. CROP Walk Steps Off
- 3:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal (Special Time)

**Monday, October 19**

- 7:30 a.m. Community UMC Foundation Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. College Outreach Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 20**

- 11:30 a.m. Adult Lunch Bunch at “The View” in Lisle
- 6:00 p.m. Building Committee
- 7:00 p.m. BOTL (Be On The Lookout) Meeting (page 1)

**Wednesday, October 21**

- 9:30 a.m. Assisted Living Service
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries

**Sunday, October 25 (Laity Sunday)**

- 10:30 a.m. JHYF and SHYFt to Six Flags Fright Fest (page 5) – **no** JHYF and SHYFt this evening
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at 20 N. Center and 201 E. Franklin
- 12:00 p.m. Squeal on a Singer Barbeque (page 4)

**Monday, October 26**

- 11:00 a.m. Deadline for October 30 e-Tidings
- 7:00 p.m. College Outreach Meeting

**Tuesday, October 27**

- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Workshop “Thriving in Turbulent Times” (page 4)
- 7:30 p.m. Community of Parents

**Wednesday, October 28**

- 4:30 p.m. Parenting 101 (parents of children in choir meet to share parenting tips)

Visit [www.communityunitedmethodist.org](http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org) and click on the “Calendar” link for a full church calendar.