

News Highlights

Church Women United's World Community Day, November 6

Church Women United is celebrating World Community Day on Friday, November 6 at Community UMC. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by a worship service in the Sanctuary. Ruth and Chuck Dow will speak on "Nutrition, Health, and Environment". As missionaries with ALFALIT International, they teach solar cooking and nutrition to families in third world countries. We will be collecting Christmas cards for Illinois prisoners, non-perishable food items for the Naperville Food Pantry, and cancelled stamps. Call Liz Bradley at (630)983-8737 with questions.

Harvest of the Hands, November 7

The United Methodist Women's annual Harvest of the Hands craft show and bake sale is Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dozens of local crafters will display their wares. The UMW will have a table for crafts made by Studio Workshop and the Knitting Circle, as well as their ever-popular bake sale table. The proceeds of the sale benefit missions throughout the world that help women and children. You can help the Harvest with setup and cleanup, or by donating baked goods (bring baked goods on Friday, November 6).

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 by **November 1**.

Naperville UMC Event, November 12

An event for UMC congregations in the Naperville "cluster" has been convened at Community UMC on Thursday, November 12. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will be available for a question-and-answer session at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m.

Pastor's Note

One of my favorite movies is "Sense and Sensibility" directed by Ang Lee. The movie is based on Jane Austen's novel and tells the story of the Dashwood sisters and their widowed mother. After their father's sudden death, The Dashwood sisters, a victim of their era and circumstance, have been forced to live on an annuity that will never allow them to be married properly.

For the first time in their lives they are forced to deal with money, and their reactions run the gambit from sensible planning and duty to impulsivity and carelessness, all the while adhering to societal norms restricting their speech to the "weather and the state of the roads." As Austen novels do, it all works out in the end and all are wiser for their experiences. But the coldest truth learned by the sisters is even if we don't like to speak of such things, money matters.

How we understand, use, manage and view our finances matters to the security of our family, the health of our community and our own personal sense of well being; scripture shows us time and again, our well being is of utmost importance to God.

Over the next few weeks we will explore what scripture says about "Money Matters" and we will discover the freedom God desires for us. Because lets be honest – in good times and in challenging times, money matters.

God Bless,
Melissa



Worship News

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.

Message Series: Money Matters

November 7 and 8: Rev. Melissa Hood, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Mark Jacobs, OnCenter.
"Simple Devotion," Matthew 19:16-26

November 14 and 15: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Simply Debt Free," 2 Kings 4:1-7

November 21 and 22: Rev. Mark Jacobs, Chapel and Sanctuary; Rev. Melissa Hood, OnCenter.
"Simple Discipline," Matthew 25:14-30

Joys and Concerns

Our Sympathy

- ✠ To Gertie Brown, after the death of her son, Richard (Dick) Brown, on October 19.
- ✠ To Mary Mueller, after the death of her brother, Bill Srahan, on October 27.

Our Troops and their Families

We have received word that Matthew McFee, the grandson of Don McFee, is now serving in the Middle East. We continue to pray for our troops and their families: John Aitchison, Matthew Burke, Ryan Gray, Vincent Simonetti and Brad Woltman.

Community News

"Steel Magnolias" Presented in New Venue

Community Players will present Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias" on November 13, 14, and 20 at 7:30 p.m., and on November 21 at 2:00 p.m. The shows will be presented at Grace United Methodist Church, located at 300 E. Gartner Rd. in Naperville, due to the recent problems with the stage door.

"Steel Magnolias" is directed by David Hollander, with assistant direction by Susan Biggs. The ensemble cast stars Beth Buffington as M'Lynn, Sharon Cuneo as Clairee, Lori Klose as Annelle, Jean Morris as Ouiser, Irene Servose as Truvy, and Jessica Stotz as Shelby.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and may be purchased on Sunday mornings or reserved by calling Ken Cox at (630)983-8707.



Thanks from North Central College

We would like to thank you for your donations to our bake sales. Over the three Sundays that we were at your church, we raised a total of \$500. This money will be used to help us attend Exploration 2009. Exploration is a conference for United Methodist high school and college students who feel a call to ministry. This year the conference is held in Dallas, Texas, and a total of 750 students from across the United States will be attending. There are ten students from North Central College that will be attending. The money that we raised will help pay for registration fees and airline tickets. We are very thankful for everyone who donated to our bake sale and we are very excited to be able to have this opportunity.

God bless,
The United Methodist Student Organization

Flu Shots Available at First Congregational, November 15

The Visiting Nurses Association will be coming to First Congregational UCC at 25 E. Benton (just across Center from Community UMC) on Sunday, November 15 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. They will administer shots for the regular flu (*not* the H1N1 or "swine" flu), for pneumonia, and for TDAP (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis). Flu shots are \$20 and are available for persons age 9 and older; pneumonia shots are \$35, for age 9 and over; and TDAP shots are \$45 and available for persons between 11 and 64. All persons must pass a brief screening process for any contraindications. Payment can be made in cash or check. Medicare Part B is acceptable for flu and pneumonia shots. No Medicare HMO or Managed Care plans are accepted.

Ministry Reports

College Outreach

Community's College Connection (C³) can still use a few people to help keep in touch with Community students away at college. You will send the student cards and letters, and your \$50 donation will supply them with care packages through the school year. Sign up outside worship services.

Missions

CROP Walk



Community's team of 25 walkers stepped off on October 18 as part of the 27th annual Naperville CROP Walk to raise funds to fight hunger. Community brought in around \$4,300 – the Naperville total is not available yet.

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 by **November 6**.

JUST of DuPage Candy Drive

Community UMC will collect candy for JUST of DuPage's jail ministries this year. Drop off your extra Halloween candy on November 1 in the baskets 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.

Secret Angels

The Secret Angels service club for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will be meeting on December 12. Their service project this time is a **shoe drive**, collecting gently-used footwear for children in Africa – so don't throw out those old shoes when you get new ones! The Angels will also be baking cookies and making greeting cards for the Sunrise Senior Living Center on Chicago Avenue. While you have your calendars out, also save February 13 and April 24, 2010, for more Angels days.

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 or at (630)355-1483.

Staff Parish Thanks Jim McCloud



By the end of June when Pastor Mark and Jan Jacobs, their furniture and other possessions arrived at 707 Sara Lane, the parsonage had received a lot of TLC from several members of the trustees and the congregation. Key among these is trustee Jim McCloud, craftsman extraordinaire. Jim has faithfully worked an unknown, but huge, number of hours getting the parsonage updated and comfortable. In fact Jim has worked at the parsonage so many hours that Pastor Mark tells me (with a teasing laugh) that he and Jan think Jim might have moved in... and, that Jim has even received USPS mail at 707 Sara Lane.



The photos above show some of the work completed by Jim at the parsonage. Jim inspects the new crown molding he put up in the kitchen, living and dining rooms (note the new door to the basement which he installed). In the second photo we see Jim checking measurements of the cabinets he installed in the laundry room after he repaired the area so that they would fit; photo #3 shows Jim caulking new second story windows, and in photo #4 showcases the newly remodeled (by Jim) first floor powder room.

Jim and his wife Jane are long-time members of the community. They have two daughters, Rebecca and Stephanie. Jim has his own home remodeling and building business, J. H. McCloud Construction Company.

With thanks to Jim for these gifts, and to all others who have done much to make comfortable homes for our pastors and their families,

Cindy Bunting
Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Stewardship

As God's stewards we pray, we show up, we serve, and we readily tell others about our faith. All are very important aspects of stewardship and provide the foundation from which to address the fifth element of our membership pledge, our financial gifts. In their presentation on Tuesday October 27, part one of "Thriving in Turbulent Times," Tim Mohns and Jeff Haller put forth an interesting concept. They said that we need to think of ourselves as God's money managers and that, as such, we are obliged to spend His money in ways that would please Him. We do need to provide for our needs and those of our family, but Biblical perspectives and principles applied to our financial planning are "always right, always relevant and never change". Further, Tim and Jeff dealt with the realities of these difficult times by pointing out the value of "abundance" thinking rather than "scarcity" thinking. Do we want to choose fear or faith? Next Tuesday, November 3, they promise to introduce some life changing specifics that will help guide us to **thriving** instead of just **surviving** in these turbulent times. Please join us at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall!

Trustees

Thanks to the 24 energetic people who made the "Caring for Community" workday a success. The savings to Community UMC was at least \$2160 (24 people × 3 hours × \$30 an hour). The weather cooperated and we all had a great time and made some new friends. The Board of Trustees wants to thank all the volunteers: Is Dittrich, John Maarl, Bill Denwood, Phil Gorski, Carol and Eric Pfeiffer, Jim Nelson, Al Brunsting, Gail Voitik, Graham Wills, Dwight Hollonbeck, Cindy O'Drobinak, George Groves, Michael Krohn, Kathy Steinhaus, Nancy and Bill Abernethy, Larry Kahler, John and Lynda Krazinski, Jim McCloud, Janet Eifler, Karen Watkins, John Klein-Collins, and Jennifer Weddle. Here's what was accomplished:

All the chairs in fellowship hall, the children's Sunday school rooms, and the stage were scrubbed and disinfected (what a big job!). All light bulbs were replaced, the church's first floor windows were washed inside and out, glass doors were cleaned inside and out, and all the door handles and knobs were disinfected (thanks to Michael Krohn for such a great idea!).

The debris from the stage door was cleaned up, the stage and third floor catwalk were swept and vacuumed, and little piles of things that had no earthly use were removed from dark corners. Whatever closets we could get into were cleaned, and the kitchenettes were scrubbed.

The ladies room by fellowship hall got a thorough cleaning. The bride's room had its mirrors, baseboards, and walls scrubbed and polished, and a smelly couch was removed from the bride's room and replaced with the couch by the elevator. Wooden pews were installed for seating in front of the elevator (heavy lifting and scrubbing involved). There was a thorough cleaning of the northwest stairway area, including the fire suppression piping. The baseboards at the fellowship hall entrance were scrubbed.

A dedicated crew policed the outside of the church and parsonage, pruned many trees, laid down mulch, and cleaned up the church lawn and garden, removing some nasty weeds from the south side yard (it was a little nippy out there). Of course, John Klein-Collins did his usual great job mowing the church lawn – did you know the church saved over \$2500 in 2009 on lawn care because John mowed and Ed Cotner fertilized? Jennifer Weddle provided some excellent child care and entertainment.

United Methodist Women

“Visit Katrina with Betsy”

Betsy Roche will speak about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath at the UMW's general meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will also have a wrap-up of the Harvest of the Hands and a look at our world mission activities. Refreshments will be provided by the UMW Book Circle. Childcare is available; please call the office by November 3 to reserve childcare.

Youth

Uth Band at OnCenter, November 22

The newly-formed band for youth in grades 6 through 12 leads worship at OnCenter on Sunday, November 22. The band will lead at OnCenter one week in each month with five Sundays, and will appear at other worship services once each month. To join the band or for more information, contact Stephen Edwards in the office.

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

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
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

Tuesdays

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Book Study of "The Shack"
- 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

- 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. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturdays

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Day by Day Calendar, November 1 to November 16**Sunday, November 1**

- 12:00 p.m. College Student Lunch

Tuesday, November 3

- 7:00 p.m. "Thriving in Turbulent Times" (page 4)

Wednesday, November 4

- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries

Friday, November 6

- 8:00 a.m. Church Women United World Community Day (page 1)

Saturday, November 7

- 9:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Harvest of the Hands (page 1)

Sunday, November 8

- 7:00 p.m. Church Conference (page 1)

Monday, November 9

- 7:00 p.m. Library Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Nurses

Tuesday, November 10

- 10:30 a.m. The Reminiscence Service
- 7:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting and "Visit Katrina with Betsy" (page 5)

Wednesday, November 11

- 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
- 8:15 p.m. Administrative Board

Thursday, November 12

- 11:30 a.m. Homemakers
- 12:00 p.m. Deadline for e-Tidings
- 1:00 p.m. Caring for In-Actives
- 5:00 p.m. Naperville UMC Event (page 1)

Friday, November 13

- 7:30 p.m. Community Players presents "Steel Magnolias" at Grace UMC (page 2)

Saturday, November 14

- 1:00 p.m. Christmas Concert Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players presents "Steel Magnolias" at Grace UMC

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