

## News Highlights

### Guest Preachers this Weekend

On February 13 and 14, Community UMC welcomes Christian Coon and Trey Hall of the Urban Village Church in Chicago. Chris and Trey will preach at all four worship services, sharing their experiences at building one of the newest congregations of the Northern Illinois Conference. You can find out more at <http://www.urbanvillagechurch.org>.



### Confirmation Class Service Project

On Monday, February 15, our eighth grade confirmation class along with mentors and the Trustees will be doing some light cleaning and repairs around the church. If you're available and would like to help, contact Beth Elders. Work will begin at 9:30 a.m., break for lunch (bring a dish to share), and finish around 3:30 p.m.

### Last Call for Fat Tuesday!

If you're reading this before February 16 at 6:00 p.m., you can still make the Fat Tuesday dinner! We'll be having a Dixieland jazz band, traditional Shrove Tuesday pancakes, and other fun and fellowship! Please bring a pancake topping to share. We are also suggesting a \$5 donation per person or \$20 per family (whichever works best for you). The event is open to all, so invite a friend to attend.

## Pastor's Note

### Let's Talk about 24 Hours That Changed the World.....

Walk with Jesus on his final day.  
Sit beside him at the Last Supper.  
Pray with him in Gethsemane.  
Follow him to the cross.  
Desert him. Deny him.  
Experience the Resurrection.

Beginning February 21 our church will offer a Lenten worship series and all-church study you won't want to miss: "24 Hours That Changed the World." Over the next few weeks we will journey together through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. In worship and small groups we will experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you may never have before.

Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, you are invited to join us on this inspiring journey. Each week will bring:

- *Passionate and inspiring worship* which will explore the last day of Christ's earthly life.
- *24 Hours That Changed the World: 40 Days of Reflection*, a book of reflections for personal devotion and group study available in the church office and on Sunday morning.
- *24 Hours That Changed the World*: Small groups led by Pastor Mark, Pastor Melissa and Pastor Beth every Sunday and Wednesday during Lent.

Since the final 24 hours of Jesus' life are so central to our faith, we will be making a special effort to invite people in the community to join us. Our new study groups have been formed not only to encourage our existing community; they are also designed to be welcoming to newcomers and guests.

Your ministry team is asking you to invite neighbors, family, and friends to worship and study. We are asking you to prayerfully discern what day and time is best for your participation in a study group. We are asking you to commit to being in worship and study as we journey toward Easter. We are looking forward to meeting your family and friends and celebrating our faith together.

We'll talk again soon.... Melissa

## Worship News

### Lenten Worship Theme: 24 Hours that Changed the World

During Lent, Community's messages will be drawn from Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours that Changed the World," an examination of the last day of Jesus' life from the Last Supper through the Crucifixion.

- February 21, The Last Supper: Mark 14:12-25 and Jeremiah 31:31-34
- February 28, Garden of Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42 and Psalm 69:1-18
- March 7, Condemned by the Righteous: Mark 14:52-56, 61-72, Daniel 7:13-14, and Psalm 110:1-4
- March 14, Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate: Mark 15:1-15, Isaiah 52:4-7, and Psalm 118:1-9, 21-23, 29
- March 21, Torture and Humiliation of the King: Mark 15:15-23 and Isaiah 50:4-8a
- March 28, Palm Sunday: Mark 11:1-11 and Psalm 118:19-26
- April 4, Easter Sunday: Mark 16:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-10a

### Ash Wednesday and Lenten Chapel Worship

Community UMC will observe Ash Wednesday with Wesley UMC and First Congregational UCC. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 17 at First Congregational UCC. Rev. Melissa Hood will preach.

Morning chapel worship services will be held each Wednesday in Lent starting February 24. The "A Time For..." messages will be based on Ecclesiastes 3. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared. Services will be at 7:00 a.m. and last about one-half hour.

## Joys and Concerns

### Our Sympathy

- † On the death of Raymond Wolski on January 25. Raymond is the father of Alex Schaeffel, the father-in-law of Dan Schaeffel. and the grandfather of Lauren, Audrey, and Katherine.
- † On the death of Aline Roskens on February 2. Alien is the mother of Bruce Roskens, the mother-in-law of Nadine Roskens, and the grandfather of Lori, Eric, and Brian.
- † On the death of Marian Korb on February 4. Marian is the mother of Dave Korb and the mother-in-law of Barb Korb.
- † On the death of Adele DeRosa, a member of the Son-Light class, on February 7.

### Our Troops and their Families

We have received word that Nicholas Lopez, the husband of Ed and Carol Cotner's granddaughter, is now stationed in Afghanistan. We continue to pray for our troops and their families: Matthew Burke, Ryan Gray, Matthew McFee, and Vincent Simonetti.

## Community News

### CUMC Job Club is Back

Transitioning between jobs, underemployed or discontentedly working? The CUMC Job Club just might be the networking opportunity you need to kick start your job search! Exchange leads and search tips, support and be supported by fellow jobseekers! Interested about upcoming meetings, contact the church office or Larry Kahler at (630)606-0962 or larrymkahler@comcast.net.

### Community Players

Auditions for the Community Players' spring show, "Bleacher Bums," will be Sunday February 14 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday February 15 at 7:30 p.m. This comedy about Cubs fans at a game will be directed by Ed Green, and has parts for adult men and women. Be prepared for cold readings from the script.

### Adult Lunch Bunch

Invite a friend to the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, February 16. We'll be meeting at the Morning Side Café, 1920 Ogden Ave. in Lisle, at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy good food and conversation. Please RSVP to the Brassfields at (630)961-3230 by February 15.

### Celebration of Wisdom

Community UMC will celebrate persons who are age 90 or older this spring. We don't want to miss anyone, so if you know of any members, constituents, or relatives who live in the area, please contact Lynda Krazinski at (630)778-0956 so we can include them.

## College Connections

### North Central College's Best

NCC's Best is a Fair Trade store operated by members of North Central College's SIFE team (Students in Free Enterprise). Products sold in the store range from Fair Trade coffees and chocolates to hand made products from around the globe. These items directly benefit the producers through fair trade practices, an issue of social justice that The United Methodist Church endorses in our Social Principles (162.III.O). NCC's Best will host a table of their items on the first Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday March 7, next to the doughnut table at 20 N. Center. Come take a look at their products and learn about the importance of fair trade practices. Items will also be available for purchase. For more information about NCC's Best visit them at [www.nccsbest.com](http://www.nccsbest.com).

### Garrett-Evangelical Event

Dr. Timothy Tennent, President of Asbury Theological Seminary, will present the Wilber and Juanita Harr Lecture at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on Friday, March 5, 2010. Dr. Tennent's topic will be "Global Christianity and World Religions: Moving Beyond the Classic Paradigms." The lecture will be held at 11 AM in Room 205 at G-ETS. Dr. Wilber Harr and Mrs. Juanita Harr, for whom the lecture series is named, were active missionaries, church leaders, and long-time members of Community United Methodist Church. For more information about Dr. Tennant, the Hars, and the Lecture Series, visit the Community UMC web site's news page, <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/news/news.html>.

## Ministry Reports

### Christian Education

#### Community of Parents

The Community of Parents will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Michelle Barton will share birthday party ideas that can also benefit various charities. We will talk about the importance of teaching generosity and ways that children can learn more about the needs of others in and around their community. We hope you can join us. Please contact Tara Cotsonas at [tcotsonas@yahoo.com](mailto:tcotsonas@yahoo.com) or (630)226-5193 if you have any questions.

#### Children and Family Ministries

Can you pass out Bibles? Help a 4-year-old find the green crayon? Sing along with some third-graders? Then you are uniquely qualified to serve as an assistant children's Sunday School teacher. Well, OK, you're not really uniquely qualified. Just about anybody can do it, which is why it is puzzling that there are still slots open in almost every class from March through May. This is a great gig – you don't have to plan a lesson or do any advance preparation at all. You don't even have to be a parent or grandparent to take part; just show up with a smile and help make a big difference in the life of a child. Contact Beth Elders to join in on some fun Sunday mornings.

#### Lenten Worship Studies

Visit <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/seasonal/lent.html> for up-to-date news on opportunities for study and devotion during Lent. These include three small-group studies of Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours That Changed the World," on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning February 21 and on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. beginning February 24. Other devotions include a United Methodist Women's study of "Food and Faith" on Thursdays beginning February 25; a United Methodist Men's study of "Letters from Dad," meeting the first Tuesday of each month; a two-Tuesdays discussion of Khaled Hosseini's "The Kite Runner"; and a spring film series with theme "Images of Christ in the Movies," beginning March 13.

### Missions

#### Annual Seed Drive

The Hunger Commission will collect vegetable and seed packets throughout the month of March to be sent to Marcy-Newberry Center and the Chicago Housing Authority. Look now for early bargain sales on seeds now and get ready to fill the baskets which will appear at the end of February. This is a chance to add food and beauty to the lives of needy senior citizens in the city.

#### VIM Trip to Detroit

Join a mission group on a trip to Detroit from April 7-11, sponsored by Christ UMC in Rockford. This is your chance to make a difference in the lives of low-income residents. Judy Allen, Betsy Roche, Is Dittrich, and Dick Legg are signed up. To add your name to the list, contact Dick Legg at (630)420-2738 or [Richard116@aol.com](mailto:Richard116@aol.com) for details. Registration must be complete by March 1.

## Chatham Volunteers in Mission



Eleven volunteers from Community United Methodist Church and one volunteer from Grace United Methodist Church traveled to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in Chatham, Ill., for one and one-half days of work assembling health kits for Haiti on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2 and 3. The trip was organized by the Missions Committee.

On Tuesday, the volunteers delivered to the MMDC 878 pounds of health kit items. The team also presented to the MMDC \$1,135 for Health Kit supplies and postage from the Community UMC congregation (in addition to the over \$8,750 dollars donated directly to the relief effort through UMCOR). During its work at Chatham, the team assembled 794 health kits that the Chatham staff said would be shipped to Haiti immediately.

Several churches and two education institutions donated health kits items: Community United Methodist Church, Grace United Methodist Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, Wheatland Salem United Methodist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette, Ellsworth Elementary School and the Kindergarten Program at the Early Childhood Center at College of DuPage. Our thanks to all who made donations of supplies and money.

The 11 volunteers from Community United Methodist Church who traveled to Chatham were: **Rev. Beth Elders, Mari Schirmer, Larry and JoAnn Roessler, John and Lynda Krazinski, Dave Jenkins, Is Dittrich, Larry Kahler, Dick Legg and Ken Reed.** The Grace United Methodist Church volunteer was **Char Schwabero.**

Community UMC continues to support UMCOR's Haitian earthquake relief efforts. To make a donation, please make your check payable to UMCOR and write "418325 Haiti Emergency" on the memo line.

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that 199 pledges, totaling \$669,162, have been received in response to the 2009 pledge campaign. This includes 192 pledges to Primary Mission (\$591,902), 72 pledges to World Mission (\$62,621), and 28 pledges to the Trustee Fund (\$14,639). These pledges, along with the non-pledged amounts expected this year, assure that our operating budget needs will be met... salaries and bills can be paid and no programs will need to be cut. Given the difficult financial conditions and the general uncertainty of last year, we celebrate the faithful stewardship of those of you who pledged!

However, as a congregation in a connectional relationship with the United Methodist Church, we still need to address the \$137,500 that is our proportional assessment from the Northern Illinois Conference. The Finance Committee will raise this issue later this year. We're hopeful that we can count on the continued generosity of both those of you who pledge and those of you who give but do not pledge, not only to meet this important commitment but also to sustain our financial stability.

## United Methodist Men

The Aurora District UMM will gather the morning of Saturday, February 20 for our annual Lenten Communion service and to enjoy a delicious breakfast and fellowship with our brothers. The gathering begins at 8:00 a.m. at First UMC of Westmont, 40 N. Lincoln, Westmont IL. The message will be "How To Enjoy An Exercise Program You Can Live With" presented by Art Holland, Ph.D., the retired president of the Oak Park YMCA. Come learn how to enjoy your exercise, enhance your health and extend your life – and not hate the process, but actually look forward to it. With the disaster in Haiti on everyone's heart, the UM Men of Lockport will be donating their portion of the offering to the UMCOR Haiti Relief Fund, so bring your checkbooks. We will also be sharing the experiences our district men have had in Haiti. Call George Groves at (630)717-9483 for more information, or RSVP to Bob Good at rgood741@sbcglobal.net to let him know how many men will be there for breakfast.

## United Methodist Women / Church Women United

### Knitting Circle Party

The Knitting Circle is celebrating the completion of their ~~300<sup>th</sup>~~ ~~301<sup>st</sup>~~ 310<sup>th</sup> prayer shawl on Monday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and join us for some food, knitting or crocheting, and lots of conversation. Newcomers are welcome, and knitting instructions are available. If you would like to support the prayer shawl ministry or other knitting circle projects, donations of yarns may be dropped off in the bins in the newly-renovated craft room.

## UMW Book Circle

The Circle will discuss Ann Tyler's "Digging to America" on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Abernety will lead the discussion, and Judy Allen, 1364 Deep Run Road, will be hostess. Please call Judy at (630)355-0470 if you plan to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

## Stationery Drive

Companions Joining Together is collecting writing materials for Mother's Day, so women who are incarcerated can communicate with their children and families. Gifts may be dropped off in the box outside the church office by March 14. Call Liz Bradley at (630)983-8737 if you have any questions.

The following items are needed: Pens (single-cell with a cap); stationery (these do not have to be complete sets); cards (blank, or "thinking of you" or "thank you"); gallon-size Ziploc bags; and postage stamps. Homemade or stamped cards are also appreciated. These cards say that you care enough to take some time making them.

### However, due to prison rules:

- Do not give click pens or pens that have any metal on them
- Do not use stickers, glue, tape, or paste on the cards or envelopes.

We also ask that you **avoid** cards or stationery...

- With images of Caucasian families, as the women we serve are of a diverse cultural background.
- Which are yellowed. These packets are a gift. We want them to say "You are worth nice things!"
- Which are patriotic. We are grateful to be living in this country. However, people in prison often feel abused by the system and thus not very patriotic.
- Which have notes about masses or novenas.
- Which require extra postage.

## Youth

### Dodgeball!

JHYF and SHYFt will have a dodgeball tournament on February 28 at the YMCA. You can get a registration form for your team from Nick Giannasi. Teams must have six to eight players (including at least two girls) and a manager, so start recruiting now!

### Summer Youth Work Trip

This summer, we will be working with the Lakota Indian Tribe at Rosebud, SD from **July 10 to 17**. Youth who are entering High School or currently in High School are eligible to attend the trip. If you are interested in attending the worktrip, download the questionnaire from <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/youth.html>, fill it out, and return it to Nick Giannasi. Then schedule an interview with the worktrip team by calling Nick at (630)770-5997 or e-mailing him at [ngiannasi@communityunitedmethodist.org](mailto:ngiannasi@communityunitedmethodist.org).

## Calendar

### Hospitality Table

**February 21: Fidelis** hosts at 20 N. Center. Fidelis is Community's newest adult Sunday School class, meeting weekly in room 101. **JHYF**, the Junior High Youth Fellowship, hosts at 201 E. Franklin. JHYF meets every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for fun, fellowship, and Christian faith development.

**February 28: Kairos** hosts at both locations. The Kairos adult Sunday School class meets each week in room 202 (the stage). Visit <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/kairos> for more.

### Every Week At Community

#### Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes; Confirmation Class
- 9:30 a.m. "24 Hours that Changed the World" Discussion (starts February 21)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at 20 N. Center and 201 E. Franklin
- 12:30 p.m. SHYFt Group lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal (starts February 21)
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF
- 5:00 p.m. "24 Hours that Changed the World" Discussion (starts February 21)
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal (starts February 22)

**Tuesdays**

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt Group at Starbucks (Chicago and Washington)
- 8:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble Rehearsal (alternate Tuesdays)

**Wednesdays**

- 7:00 a.m. Chapel Services (starts February 24)
- 4:30 p.m. Hosanna Choir; Carillon Bells
- 5:00 p.m. "24 Hours that Changed the World" Discussion (starts February 24)
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal (starts February 24)

**Thursdays**

- 9:00 a.m. "Food and Faith" Discussion (starts February 25)
- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Saturdays**

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Day by Day Calendar, February 14 to February 28****Sunday, February 14**

- 12:00 p.m. IGNITE Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Auditions for "Bleacher Bums" (page 2)

**Monday, February 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class Work Day (page 1)
- 7:00 p.m. Knitting Circle Celebration – 310 Prayer Shawls Completed! (page 4)
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Auditions for "Bleacher Bums"

**Tuesday, February 16**

- 11:30 a.m. Adult Lunch Bunch at Morning Side Café (page 2)
- 6:00 p.m. Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (page 1)

**Wednesday, February 17**

- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Services at First Congregational UCC (page 2)

**Sunday, February 21**

- 1:00 p.m. Uth Band Rehearsal

**Monday, February 22**

- 7:00 p.m. UMW Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Children and Families Ministries Meeting

**Tuesday, February 23**

- 7:30 p.m. Community of Parents (page 3)

**Wednesday, February 24**

- 6:30 p.m. Building Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee

**Friday, February 26**

*SHYFt Winter Retreat Departs*

**Sunday, February 28**

- SHYFt Winter Retreat Returns*
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF and SHYFt Dodgeball Tournament at YMCA

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