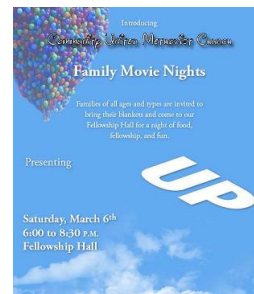


News Highlights

Family Movie Night

Families of all kinds are invited to "UP" on Saturday, March 6 starting at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a blanket to sit on, and bring a picnic dinner if you want. Snacks and drinks are provided. After the movie we'll break into small groups and share our thoughts. "UP" is an animated film in which 78-year-old Carl Fredericksen (voiced by Ed Asner) equips his house with balloons and floats the whole thing off to South America, with an accidental passenger – 8-year-old Russell. It is rated PG for some peril and action sequences. *(They probably mean the chases, but personally I think the dogs are hilarious. – Your Editor)*



The Radical Hospitality of Welcoming

In accord with Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God," Community UMC's Evangelism Team is expanding its Sunday morning ministry of greeting and welcoming. Additional greeters are being recruited and will be staffing the entrances to the church in order to make all our worship attendees, both members and guests, feel welcome.

Greeters can attend a half-hour training session either on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m., or on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. If you haven't already received a call and would like to join this ministry, contact the office at (630)355-1483.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Community UMC will collect this special UMC offering on March 13 and 14. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's work by covering their costs of doing business. Because of this offering, 100% of our donations after the Haiti earthquake went to help the people in need – as do all of our gifts to Second Mile and other Advance programs. Please give generously.

Pastor's Note

As you can see from the article that just precedes this Pastor's Note, Community UMC is moving forward in practicing Radical Hospitality by providing training for those who will be in our greeting ministry each weekend. This is one organized step we are taking to give us all a warm welcoming entrance into CUMC. The Evangelism Team is planning additional pieces to be added as the year goes on. I want to share with you an additional way in which Community UMC is already welcoming to others. Each week we welcome several groups to share our space so that lives can be changed.

We are a PADS site each Sunday evening for those who are homeless. Six AA groups meet at different times each week helping those struggling with addictive behavior patterns. Last fall we provided space five days a week for a month to the US Census Bureau for testing prior to hiring. Hundreds of folk came into our building looking for the temporary work that the census will provide. Each Friday morning our neighbor Naperville Korean UM Church is using one of our rooms for a Bible study group.

We welcome these groups with open arms ... because as Christians that's what we do. We are radically hospitable! If you are reading this and don't have a church home we invite you to join us. We want a chance to welcome you too!



Pastor Mark

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.

- 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

Small-group studies using a book of daily devotions based on "24 Hours" are being held at Community. Each week we will read and discuss the devotions relating to the sermon topic. Three sessions are offered each week, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

Chapel Worship

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 Louella Haines Poullard, the adopted daughter of Shirley Haines, on February 24 in Florida.

Our Congratulations

✠ On the birth of Owen William Laughland on February 12 to Christine and Dean Laughland. The proud first-time grandparents are Diane and Francis Lubarski.

Our Troops and their Families

We continue to pray for our troops and their families: Matthew Burke, Ryan Gray, Nicholas Lopez, Matthew McFee, and Vincent Simonetti.

Program Reminders

See previous issues of e-Tidings or visit the church web site for more information.

- The annual **Seed Drive** for vegetable and flower packets runs March 1 through 28.
- The UM Women's Lenten Bible Study of "**Food and Faith**" is held each Thursday at Wesley UMC.
- The first session of the UM Men's study of "**Letters from Dad**" is Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- North Central College's **Fair Trade Store** will visit Community UMC on March 7.
- The **CUMC Job Club's** first meeting is March 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- Church Women United's **stationery drive** continues through March 14.
- The **Youth Work Trip** this year is to Rosebud, SD, July 10 to 17; contact Nick Giannasi for information.
- Community UMC will hold a **Celebration of Wisdom** this year to honor our members and friends age 90 and older, and needs your help gathering names so all are recognized.

Ministry Reports

Christian Education

United Vacation Bible School

VBS 2010 will be going to Hero Headquarters to learn about some of the Bible's unnamed heroes. UVBS will be held June 21-24, in the afternoon each day. Registration for members of the participating churches will open March 14. Volunteer forms will also be available for adults and older youth to help with the activities.



"Images of Christ in the Movies"

Rev. Al Streyffler and Carl Gilmore have organized our spring film series. Each Saturday we will gather for a light supper, then view and discuss a movie. The first film will be "Cool Hand Luke" on March 13. Meet at Bill and Nancy Abernethy's, 1125 Heatherton Drive, at 5:30 p.m. For the full schedule of movies and hosts, visit the news page on the church web site, and see the weekly announcements and future *E-Tidings*.

Teacher Recruitment

The Children and Family Ministries Team is looking for a few good people to fill in our very last remaining open Sunday School time periods between now and the end of May. Please look at the list of openings below and consider giving 20-60 minutes to the children of the church.

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Assistant Teacher, 2 and 3 year old room: March 28, April 11, May 16
No pre-planning is necessary; arrive and assist the lead teacher.
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Lead Teacher, 2 and 3 year old room: April 4, May 2
Plan the 60-minute lesson from the provided curriculum materials.
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Assistant Teacher, 2 and 3 year old room: April 4, May 2
No pre-planning is necessary; arrive and assist the lead teacher.
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Chapel, Lead Teacher: May 9, 16, 23, 30
The 20-minute lesson plan based on the day's scripture is provided.
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Chapel, Assistant Teacher: April 18, May 30
No pre-planning is necessary; arrive and assist the lead teacher.

Please call Beth Elders in the church office or e-mail belders@communityunitedmethodist.org to let her know where and when you can help. Thank you.

College Outreach

The next C³-sponsored lunch is Sunday, March 7 after the 11:00 services. College students, invite your friends to join you in Community UMC's Fellowship Hall for a home-cooked lunch, conversation, and fun. Community UMC members can provide that lunch and/or conversation by signing up at the tables outside the Sanctuary.

Missions

Volunteers in Mission Training

The UM Northern Illinois Conference has announced United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team Leadership Training. The training session will be presented on April 3, 2010 at the UM Conference Office in Elgin, IL and starts at 9:00 a.m., promptly. For further information contact Jane Dunn at the conference office or Dave Harr of the CUMC Missions Committee through the church office.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter

Community UMC hosts the P.A.D.S. program every Sunday night, and provides supplies and staff on the second Sunday of each month (the next date will be March 14). Watch for the posters outside the Sanctuary and sign up for food and other necessities. Thank you for your ongoing and faithful support of this ministry.

Stewardship

Beginning this month, CUMC's Stewardship Committee will provide regular input to *E-Tidings*, sharing thoughts about various facets of stewardship. The articles will address opportunities for involvement in various ways and include several approaches to helping our church/serving our God in a meaningful manner.

The term steward is often misunderstood, particularly in the context of church activities and programs. This, quite understandably, leads to confusion with respect to the *servitude* nature of stewardship.

Being a steward and part of stewardship includes –

- Embracing God's ownership of all that is – and our responsibility to take effective and *productive* care of it!
- Understanding that, without God *meaningfully* involved in our lives, we live outside His embrace and protection.
- Looking to God on a regular, continuing basis as our Heavenly Father and guiding force, to be depended upon in good *and* bad times.
- Broadly participating in the life of our church through involvement in a full range of activities.

Being a steward and participating in stewardship does **not** involve –

- Giving *only* of your time.
- Offering *only* financial support, in either the form of occasional or regular giving/tithing.
- Standing at the rear of the crowd and throwing figurative stones at others who offer their time and talent to support the needs of God's people, near and far.

We are on a journey as members of Community UMC, with the goal of becoming “**United in Joyful Living**”. Look forward to seeing this term woven into the fabric of who and what we seek to be – *together* – in 2010!

Trustees

Did you notice how fresh the church looks? On Monday, February 15, twenty people attended the full-day Confirmand and Mentor workday. Trustee Eric Pfeiffer delivered plenty of buckets, cleaning supplies and a big To Do list. Then the workers put those buckets to good use. All entry door glass and door frames were cleaned, inside and out. The hallway coat pegs, baseboards and wood trim around windows were cleaned with Murphy's oil soap, dried and buffed with lemon oil. In the classrooms, door glass and sidelights were cleaned and the sticky tape residue was removed from the glass. The sanctuary was spruced up, with all the pews dusted, and woodwork cleaned. The second level entrances to the sanctuary were cleaned. The wood parts of the choir loft were all cleaned and lemon oil applied.

In the sacristy and all the kitchenettes, the door and cabinet fronts, countertops, sink and floor were all scrubbed. The third floor wood railing was cleaned and lemon oil applied and the balcony had its floor dusted and mopped. The fellowship hall was dusted and mopped. In the first floor storeroom, the shelves for office storage, Christian Ed and PADS storage, were organized and tidied up. And last but not least, everything was removed from the records vault, organized and put back in. The workers did get a quick pizza lunch but spent most of the day freshening up our church home.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone involved. The youth included eighth grader Grant Bevel and confirmands Emily Deahr, Alex Johnson, Nathan Hollander, Rachel Gray, Jake Lehmann, Caroline Letzel, Ethan Rader, Caitlin Smith, and Abbie Smith. The mentors included Melissa DeCamp, Steve de Waard, Susan Biggs, Gary Denklau, and Dave Jenkins. Workday supervisors were Beth Elders, Ken Cox, Nick Giannasi, and trustees Jeff Cowan and Jim Rainwaters. Special thanks to Beth Elders for coming up with this great idea. An incredible amount got accomplished and everyone seemed to be having a great time working together. THANKS!

Records and History

During the confirmation work day (see Trustees, above), the church records vault was swept and tidied. In the process, we found some documents which might be of interest. These included the dedication program for the church school building in 1925; a history of the Illinois Branch of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church, published in 1946; the consecration after the 1981 remodeling; and the consecration after the 2000 Accessibility Project. Scans of these documents and the 1962 church history, *A Time For Remembrance*, are available on the church web site at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/news/history.html>. The vault has over a hundred boxes, so watch for more treasures to appear!

United Methodist Women

Knitting Circle

The Knitting Circle is really enjoying the new storage cabinets in the Studio Workshop room. Our thanks to Jim McCloud for his wood craftsmanship, and special thanks to Patti Hollingsworth for directing AI's memorial fund to such a great purpose. Stop by the room and see the transformation. The group continues to "Knit Unto Others" - but they also crochet, tat and chat. The UMW Knitting Circle has made over 310 prayer shawls since they started three years ago. They are currently providing shawls to military families of fallen soldiers as well as shawls for use at Fisher House (Hines VA Hospital). Join the group every Monday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Youth

Uth Band

Because of the busy schedules of so many of our youth, the Uth Band will not be rehearsing again until the summer. Once school ends, watch the schedule for rehearsal times. This might be a cure for the summertime blues! Bring your friends - both singers and instrumentalists are welcome to join our praise and worship of God.

In the Community

Eagle Scout Collects for "Operation Support Our Troops"

Elias Zablocki of Boy Scout Troop 505, Naperville is completing his Boy Scout Trail to Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, he is collecting supplies to be sent to service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan through Operation Support Our Troops of Illinois. A collection box will be at Community UMC from February 28 through March 12. Elias thanks everyone for their support.

The needed items are: toilet paper; fabric softener sheets; individually-wrapped tea bags; coffee singles; individual packets of artificial sweeteners; mouthwash and dental rinse (20 oz. or smaller); foot powder (20 oz. or smaller); snack- and quart-sized zip-lock bags; flat packages of ramen noodles; fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups.



Pancakes – Again!

In case you didn't have enough pancakes at Community's Fat Tuesday celebration (shown above), you have two more opportunities, both on March 20. The **Kiwanis Club** is having their annual breakfast at Naperville Central High School from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., and you can get tickets from Ron Van Buskirk or Dave Hollander. **Naperville Boy Scout Troop 100's** breakfast is at Wesley UMC, 21 E. Franklin, from 7 a.m. to noon; tickets may be purchased at the door and are \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Area Lectures and Concerts

For more information about these events visit <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/news/news.html>.

- Dr. Timothy Tennent will present the Wilber and Juanita Harr lecture, "Global Christianity and World Religions: Moving Beyond the Classic Paradigms." March 5, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.
- Rev. Grace Imathiu will provide a day of reflection on our Christian calling and memorable Bible study. Registration is required. March 6, First UMC of Downers Grove.
- "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us" is a community-wide event for those who want a better understanding of the need for comprehensive immigration reform. March 10, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.
- Concerts featuring Andean pan pipe music will be held to support the partnership between the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en Boliva and the Northern Illinois UMC. March 12-14 at four Chicago-area venues.
- Guitarist Phil Keaggy will appear at a benefit for Rebuilding Together Aurora, an organization which helps provide housing for low-income families. March 20, East Aurora High School auditorium.
- Philip Gulley will hold a book-signing and question-and-answer session for his latest work, *If the Church Were Christian*. April 23, First UMC of Arlington Heights.

Calendar

Hospitality Table

March 7: The **Children and Family Ministries** team hosts at 20 N. Center. This team oversees our children's Sunday school programs and special children's and family events like the March 7 Family Movie Night. Contact Gwen Burke if you can help (and see Teacher Recruitment on page 3). **Caring Ministries** hosts at 201 E. Franklin. These lay-run, lay-led ministries visit with seniors, take communion to the homebound, care for inactive members, and serve as Stephen Ministers. Contact Mary Jacobs for information.

March 14: The **Missions** team hosts at 20 N. Center. Missions facilitates Volunteers in Mission trips by our adults and youth, and also selects each year's Rainbow Covenant Second Mile projects. Contact Dave Harr to find out more. **Staff-Parish** will host at 201 E. Franklin. This committee (chaired by Rich Kaffka) is a link between the staff and congregation and supports the staff in their ministries.

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
- 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
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF
- 5:00 p.m. "24 Hours that Changed the World" Discussion
- 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

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
- 4:30 p.m. Hosanna Choir; Carillon Bells
- 5:00 p.m. "24 Hours that Changed the World" Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

Thursdays

- 9:00 a.m. United Methodist Women "Food and Faith" Discussion
- 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 28 to March 15**Sunday, February 28**

- 12:00 p.m. SHYFt Winter Retreat Returns
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF and SHYFt Dodgeball Tournament at YMCA

Tuesday, March 2

- 7:00 p.m. Men's Group "Letters from Dad" Study

Thursday, March 4

- 6:30 p.m. Staff-Parish Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Saturday, March 6

- 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night with "UP" (page 1)

Sunday, March 7

- (morning) NCC's Fair Trade store
- 12:00 p.m. College Student Lunch

Tuesday, March 9

- 10:30 a.m. The Reminiscence Service, for persons with Alzheimers and similar conditions

Wednesday, March 10

- 7:00 p.m. Evangelism, Finance, and Hunger Committee Meetings
- 8:15 p.m. Administrative Board

Thursday, March 11

- 12:00 p.m. Deadline for E-Tidings
- 7:00 p.m. Greeter Training (page 1)

Saturday, March 13

- 10:00 a.m. Greeter Training
- 7:00 p.m. Spring Film Series – "Cool Hand Luke" hosted by the Abernethys (page 2)

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