

News Highlights

Focus Groups

Focus groups to discuss the material presented at the congregational meetings are being held on the following dates: May 24, 7:00 p.m.; May 25 at 10:00 a.m.; May 26 at 1:30 p.m.; May 27 at 7:00 p.m.; May 29 at 10:00 a.m.; June 1 at 7:00 p.m.; June 2 at 1:30 p.m.; June 3 at 7:00 p.m.; June 5 at 10:00 a.m.; and June 5 at 2:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to participate in one of these meetings. You can sign up by calling the church office. Childcare is available but **must** be arranged one week in advance; please call the office for childcare.

An all-church conference will be held June 17 at 7 p.m. where we will vote and decide the future of Community UMC. Rev. Diana Facemyer, District Superintendent, will preside.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

As a small way of saying “thank you” to the many volunteers who have lovingly given of their time as a teacher in our children’s classes, we’d like to invite them to a lunch in their honor on Sunday, May 23 in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship services. Families and children of volunteers are invited to come too! If you have volunteered as a children’s Sunday School lead or assistant teacher, or a Children’s Chapel lead or assistant, come join us for lunch. Please RSVP to Beth Elders (belders@communityunitedmethodist.org) by May 16.

Adult Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch is going to Quincy’s on Ogden in Naperville on Tuesday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy food and conversation with your friends – invite one along! Please RSVP to Gertie Brown, (630)305-9848, by May 17.

Pastor’s Note

Take a look!

The summer months are upon us and many of us are planning fun in the sun. I will never forget the road trips that I took with my family and the memories we made on the road. Step one was always research. I would gather up guidebooks, spending hours looking over our options and dreaming about all the places we would see and all the people we would meet on the road. Once we hit the road, my job was always navigation. What fun it was to hold the map in my lap and track our progress to our destination, where we would explore and wander to our hearts’ content. When the trip was over, sunburned and exhausted, we would gather up our dirty laundry, our mementoes, and our memories, then pile back into the car to head home.

This summer, Community United Methodist Church is inviting you to join us on a different kind of Road Trip – one that will prove even better than those we remember. Over the next several weeks we will explore the journey of the Christian life. The greatest road trip of all is becoming a committed Christian. We will gather for worship, get informed, be transformed and take our faith out on the road.

We will engage our heads by studying the scriptures, opening our thoughts to the power that engaging God’s word has to transform our lives and viewpoints. We will open our hands to both familiar and new friends in service and witness to God’s love. We will grow in our passion for God and our passion for our sisters and brothers. The best part of this journey is there is no ending because as followers of Jesus we are called to continually grow in our faith, in our service and in our relationships.

Don’t miss this amazing adventure of a lifetime!

We are looking forward to seeing you, your family, and your friends in worship.

Melissa



Worship News

Confirmation Sunday, May 16

Our eighth-grade class will be confirmed on Sunday, May 16 at a combined 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary sanctuary. Please join us to welcome and congratulate these new members of Community UMC as they confirm their commitment to Christian discipleship and faith. A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall after the service. Come celebrate the wonderful things God is doing in the lives of our confirmands!



The 2010 Confirmation Class:

(Top row)

Allie Ciha

Emily Deahr

Kayla Duerr

Rachel Gray

(Middle row)

Nate Hollander

Alex Johnson

Jake Lehmann

Caroline Letzel

Ethan Rader

(Bottom row)

Abbie Smith

Caitlin Smith

Anne Wesley

Josh Wills



Sermon Series

Our next sermon series "Road Trip" begins on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Remember to wear red on Pentecost! This is an ancient church tradition.

✝ May 23, "Take the Next Step" – Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

✝ May 30, "The Road Ahead" – Acts 3:1-10

Watch the announcements and e-Tidings for more titles in this series.

Joys and Concerns

Our Troops and their Families

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

Our Congratulations

✝ On the baptism of Lily Victoria Colburn, daughter of Dennis and Nicole Colburn, on May 9.

Community Events

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6

At services on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, Community UMC will honor all graduates of high school, college, graduate school, and seminary. Please send a picture (digital, if you can) and a brief bio to the office. All information must be received no later than Wednesday, May 28. Drop off your bio and picture in the office, or e-mail to info@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Lost and Not Yet Found

The coat racks, especially the ones outside the kitchen by the soda machine, have accumulated a number of coats, hats, gloves, and other gear. Please take a look to see if any of these are yours. Anything left after May 30 will be placed in the green donation bin in the back parking lot, where it will be sold to help DuPage PADS.

Blood Drive, June 2

The next Heartland blood drive at Community UMC will be Wednesday, June 2. Donors must be in good health and pass a brief medical screening. To sign up to donate, call Joan Uebele at (630)983-8937.

Blood Pressure Checks

The Parish Nurse ministry team will offer monthly blood pressure checks on the second Sunday of each month, starting June 13. RNs on the Parish Nurse team will be available in the Chapel from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. to measure your blood pressure. The results will be recorded on a card which you will keep. Please do not smoke or use any caffeine for 30 minutes prior to the testing.

In the Community

PADS Bowl-A-Rama Supports the Area's Homeless Programs

Five energetic and enthusiastic bowlers formed CUMC's 2010 entry in the PADS Bowl-a-Rama, held at the Fox Bowl in Wheaton on Saturday, May 1. Captained by Jim Rainwaters, the other "Alleycats" were Keith Selin, Scott Shallcross, Phil Rogers and Anne McElaney. Scott had the team's high game, 171, while Anne and Jim improved their scores each time. Bob Schroeder reprised his role as coach, while Nancy Schroeder served pizza and pop to the hungry and thirsty bowlers.

"Lunacy" at North Central College

An original musical based on the classic works of Jules Verne, *Lunacy* is the tale of a space race that never was. With the American Civil War at an end and nothing left to blow up, the country's artillerists and cannoners are restless. The solution: fire a projectile to the moon! But who will be the first to build this remarkable device? Who will take the perilous trip, and what will they find on the surface of our heavenly neighbor?

Community UMC members Susan, Ripley, and Jordan Biggs are among the cast. Performances are May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and May 22 and 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the North Central College box office at (630)637-SHOW or by visiting <http://tickets.noctrl.edu>.

Ministry Reports

Children's Ministries

United Vacation Bible School

UVBS 2010 is June 21 to 24, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Each day at Hero Headquarters children will learn what it means to be a hero for God and be introduced to unnamed Bible heroes who were not super or powerful, yet whose small acts were used by God to do wonderful things! Fees go up starting May 17, so don't delay. Forms for both child participants and adult and youth volunteers are available in the church office, at the tables outside worship, or by visiting the VBS website at <http://tinyurl.com/yjl3xlc>.

Hunger

Pass-Along Perennial Plant Sale

The Hunger Commission's yearly plant sale will be Saturday, June 5. Hundreds of beautiful plants in dozens of varieties will be available – check <http://www.cumcplantsale.com> for a list of the ones that have been ordered and potted. Of course there will also be some surprise offerings, as people bring in plants from their gardens in the "Pass-Along" part of the sale! The net proceeds go to benefit hunger causes throughout the world, so in addition to lovely plants at a (remarkable) low price, you help feed hungry people near and far.

The Hunger Commission is offering gift certificates for the sale. Certificates can be for any amount you choose; plants range from \$4 to \$13, with most plants priced at \$7. Contact Nancy Abernethy at (630)420-2170 or nabernethy@gmail.com to get a certificate. This is a "can't go wrong" gift, sure to please for years to come. After all, the plants *are* perennials!

Offering of Letters for Hunger

Bread for the World (<http://www.bread.org>) is working toward the goal of ending childhood hunger by improving program access and participation for low-income children, especially in the school breakfast and summer feeding programs; and by protecting and strengthening a few key tax credits that will expire in 2010, namely the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. These child nutrition programs will be re-authorized by Congress early this year. Your Hunger Commission and Bread for the World are asking for an offering of letters to Congress to help end childhood hunger in the United States. Hand-written, mailed letters are the most effective, but e-mail is an alternative. To identify and write your congressional representatives, visit <http://www.bread.org/take-action>.

Jobs Club

The CUMC Jobs Club has changed its meeting time to the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The next meeting is Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in room 101. Contact Larry Kahler at larrymkahler@comcast.net for more information.

Missions

Detroit Mission Trip

In recent years, Christ UMC in Rockford has organized several mission trips to areas within the United States devastated by natural disasters or having a serious need for help. Community UMC has joined this group for recent trips to Mississippi, Iowa, and Detroit. This year, four volunteers from CUMC – Judy Allen, Dick Legg, Betsy Roche, and Mari Schirmer – joined eight others from the Rockford area to work in the inner city of Detroit from April 7 to 11.

Their host group, Motown Missions, is sponsored by the United Methodist Church to work and live in inner-city Detroit to bring the word of God to the people of God and to coordinate economic disaster recovery projects in selected Detroit neighborhoods. The team stayed at Metropolitan UMC, which at one time was the largest Methodist church in the world. Working in the Cody-Rouge area of the city, the team “made a dent” by making homeowners drier, warmer, and safer – and by showing needy people that we care.

If you'd like to learn more about the trip, or join a future trip, call Dick Legg at (630)420-2738 or e-mail Richard116@aol.com.



Peace with Justice Sunday

Your generous gifts to Peace with Justice on Sunday, May 30 support worldwide ministries of the Conference Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Church and Society. For more information about these programs, visit <http://www.umcgiving.org/PWJS>.

Trinity UMC Work Day

Our sister church is Trinity UMC in Joliet. Last year we agreed to paint the exterior of their activities building, but winter weather caused a postponement. June 4 and 5 we will be painting their church. We are in need of a paint sprayer and a power washer and volunteers to help. Contact Dick Legg, (630)420-2738 or Richard116@aol.com.

Stewardship

The Practice of Passionate Worship

Over the past two weeks your Stewardship Committee has been gathering prayers and meditations that are important in the daily lives of CUMC members. Your responses have been both heart-felt and meaningful. With the goal of assembling offerings of poetry and prose into a *United in Prayer* booklet for distribution to our membership, the time is drawing to a close for you to share in the creation of what we hope will become a regular reference tool in your moments of reflection and conversations with God.

You may e-mail your selection to Bill Abernethy at billabernethy@gmail.com or Barb Dabrowski at jpdabrowski@hotmail.com. If more convenient, drop your favorite in the offering plate this Sunday, May 16, or pass along to someone in the church office by that date. Thanks so much for your contribution to our focus upon creating Passionate Worship!

Trustees

ADA (Americans with Disability Act) Repairs

Radical Hospitality and Extravagant Generosity in action!

Check out the new, twelve-foot-wide ADA curb at the 20 N. Center entrance. It is a generous gift from some thoughtful members of the Sojourners class! They not only came up with the idea, but took up a collection to pay for it. They saw disabled people struggling with the four-foot-wide curb cut and wanted to help. Eric Pfeiffer, Trustee President, scheduled the ADA curb modification to coincide with other concrete work in the area. Uneven sidewalk slabs and curbs around the CUMC property were also fixed under the city's 50/50 replacement plan.

Additionally, the concrete stoop at the Franklin Street entrance was replaced. The old stoop was crumbling and unsafe. This was done in conjunction with the other sidewalk and curb projects.

Center Street Sign and Bike Rack

In another act of Extravagant Generosity, CUMC has a new insert in the **sign** on Center Street. It clearly displays our flame logo and the worship service schedule. Trustees would like to thank the generous CUMC members who donated the sign as well as those who worked on the design and installation, including Beth Buffington, Barbara and Jack Dabrowski, Melissa Hood, Mark Jacobs, and Sylvia and Tom Kupferer.

Have you been looking for the **bike rack**? Its new location is near the back parking lot.

Volunteer Thanks

Great news: through April, the Trustees 2010 expenses are on budget. Thanks to all the volunteers whose service helps offset operating expenses! Bill Denwood has been mowing the grass around the Church and workday volunteers saved the church over \$1900 in cleaning and maintenance costs.

Look at all the tasks that were completed at the April "**Caring for Community**" Workday: Spreading mulch, weeding, raking, trash cleanup, sweeping the sidewalks and parking lot, installing sliders on all the Fellowship Hall chairs, washing every first floor window and door, inside and out, scrubbing classroom tables, chairs, windows and sidelights, cleaning all kitchenette sinks, cleaning the inside of the elevator, organizing and sweeping the boiler room, removing broken furniture and file cabinets, preparing the air conditioner in the nursery for summer, fix the window in the second floor storage room, repaired the broken caster on the Fellowship Hall piano, checked and inventoried all fire extinguishers, emergency lights and exit signs. WOW! What a lot was accomplished! Thanks again from the Trustees.

United Methodist Women

The Evening Outreach Circle will finish their study of Sudan in the final meeting of the year. We will meet May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Jacobs, 707 Sara Lane, Naperville. Please give Jan a call to let her know that you are coming, (630)713-1956. Everyone is welcome.

The UMW Book Circle will have its final meeting before summer break on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Joan Uebele will lead the discussion of "Growing Up Again, Life, Love, and Oh Yea, Diabetes" by Mary Tyler Moore. We will meet at the home of Mari Schirmer, 7 S 348 Baltusrol Lane, Naperville. Please call Mari at (630)355-8532 if you plan to attend.

Youth

Connecting with Teens

Do you work with teenagers or deal with them on a regular basis? If so, come to the Saturday May 22 "Connecting With Teens" Seminar from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Dr. Steve Gerali, an expert in the field of adolescent development, will be presenting. Food is provided. The cost is \$10.

Rent-A-Kid Fundraiser

During May, you can sign up to have a team of 3-4 students and 1-2 adults come to work for two hours at your house. You can have them work any day (it doesn't have to be in May, sign 'em to shovel snow if you want). \$150 per team. Look for the sign-up in the hall between services or call Nick at (630)770-5997 to set up a time. This is a fundraiser by the youth and adults who are going on this summer's work trip to South Dakota from July 10 to 17 to work with Tree of Life Ministries and the Lakota Nation.

Calendar

Hospitality Table Hosts

May 16: The Community Swingers Women's Softball Team will have their first game next Tuesday, May 18, and they'll need a cheering section! For the schedule of games and locations, please contact Becky Klein-Collins at bkleincollins@wowway.com. Join us – it's a lot of fun!

May 23: The UMW Knitting Circle meets every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. to knit, crochet, and tat goods for the fall Harvest of the Hands and for other mission projects, including prayer shawls, caps for premature babies, and knit goods for soldiers. Drop in any time – they also give lessons!

May 30: The Community UMC Foundation Board oversees the CUMC foundation, whose funds are dedicated to supporting the mission and ministry of the church, and help assure its long-term health.

Summer Schedules

Leaders of ministry teams, committees, and other groups are asked to contact the church office and let us know your group's summer meeting schedule for inclusion in the announcements, e-Tidings, and web site.

Every Week At Community

Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at 20 N. Center and 201 E. Franklin
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt Group
- 7:00 p.m. PADS shelter

Mondays

- 5:15 p.m. Covenant Groups
- 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Dancers
- 7:00 p.m. Knitting Circle

Tuesdays

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Book Study
- 8:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble Rehearsal (alternate Tuesdays)

Wednesdays

- 12:00 p.m. Eclipsing Empire Small Group Study

Thursdays

- 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, May 16 to May 31

Sunday, May 16 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

- 11:00 a.m. Combined Confirmation Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Reception

Monday, May 17

- 7:00 p.m. College Outreach Team

Tuesday, May 18

- 11:30 a.m. Adult Lunch Bunch at Quincy's (page 1)
- 6:30 p.m. Building Committee

Wednesday, May 19

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship Service

Thursday, May 20

- 7:00 p.m. Evangelism

Saturday, May 22

- 6:00 p.m. Connecting With Teens (page 5)

Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost)

- 12:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF/SHYFt Group Outing

Monday, May 24

- 7:30 p.m. Children and Family Ministries

Wednesday, May 26

- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee

Thursday, May 27

- 7:00 p.m. Jobs Club (page 4)

Sunday, May 30 (First Sunday after Pentecost)

- Peace With Justice Offering (page 4)
- No JHYF or SHYFt today

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