

News Highlights

Church Conference, September 14, 7:00 PM

The all-church conference and formal vote on the two proposals (MOVE or STAY) facing our congregation is Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. All members may vote. **Childcare is provided.**

Back-To-School Special Edition!

It's September, and classes for adults, youth, and children are starting up again. We've got so much news that this edition of e-Tidings needed a special "Section B" just for Christian Education. If you're reading this on our website, visit <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/news/tidings/tidings-2010-09-01B.pdf> for all the news, or get a copy at the September 5 Adult Education Ministries Fair and Brunch, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Kickoff Sunday and Rally Day

On September 12, the Sanctuary Choir, Women's Ensemble, and dance groups will celebrate their return from summer break by offering their musical gifts in the Sanctuary services, and Sunday School programs for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and Children's Chapel at 11:00 a.m. resume (see the back-to-school section). **An all-church picnic** with activities will be held after 11:00 services, to celebrate coming back together after a summer away. Please bring a dish to share – chicken and beverages will be provided, and the Son-Light class will be bringing the chips. You can also enter a dessert in the Second Annual Dessert Bake-Off Contest, judged by the pastors.

Pastor's Note

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Disciples of Jesus Christ we have an important decision to make on September 14 at our All-Church Conference. The Building Committee will be asking us to vote for one of two options: for CUMC to relocate or for CUMC to remain at 20 N. Center.

The issue is future effective ministry in Christ's name. Can we best serve Christ, as faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us, by remaining where we are and adapting/changing/enlarging the current building God has provided, or can we best utilize God-given resources in ministry by being in a different location?

Churches grow by Disciples inviting, bringing and welcoming guests to join us in ministry. A building alone does not fulfill our purpose to offer a life of discipleship in Christ's name. A building can only aid our efforts to connect people to Christ – or it can work against our efforts. In our case, what location for our hub building will give us the greatest aid and support for ministry?

That's the issue before us on September 14th. Only by earnest prayer, asking what God expects of us, can we make the most effective choice.

As I stated at our June 17th meeting, following our vote, the Building Committee will begin to study all the options under the proposal the congregation chooses. The option that seems to benefit us the most will then help generate a general block-style schematic. This will be shared with the congregation for further refinement. Preliminary plans will then be presented and voted on. While this is happening we will be dreaming about future ministries 5 to 10 years out (I will address this later). These ministry plans will impact the preliminary plans.

When the preliminary plans are approved by a congregational vote, the Building Committee will proceed with a capital campaign feasibility study, a capital campaign, and the shaping up of actual architectural plans and construction documents. These will be placed before the congregation for refinement. When all is ready we will have another congregational vote to approve all final plans. Only then do we sign construction contracts.

As you can see this is a long process with lots of opportunities for changing and tweaking directions. September 14th is only a first, very preliminary action.

In the next e-Tidings I will talk about how we will plan for exciting new ministry for the next 5 to 10 years.

In the meantime pray!

Pastor Mark

Worship News

Combined Service, September 5

On September 5, the 11:00 a.m. services will be combined in the Sanctuary. Rev. Mark Jacobs will preach "Who Brought You Here," on Mark 10:13-16. The group IF will lead us in song.

Change the World

Community UMC's church-wide conversation begins in September, with Sunday School classes and small groups discussing Mike Slaughter's *Change the World*. Copies are available for \$15 in the church office and outside the Sanctuary on Sundays. The "Change the World" message series begins September 19:

- September 19: Missional vs. Attractional
- September 26: Inclusive vs. Exclusive
- October 3: Disciples vs. Decisions
- October 10: Micro vs. Macro
- October 17: Multiplication vs. Expansion
- October 24: Mission vs. Mortar
- October 31: Courage vs. Compliance

On November 7, Community UMC will be taking part in **Change the World Sunday**. Our focus will be getting outside the doors of our congregation and making a difference in the world around us. This is a denomination-wide initiative, and we're excited to be a part of it this fall. Watch for more information about this event.



Our 2010 summer youth work trip "Changed the World" with Tree of Life Ministries in South Dakota. Pictures of the trip are scattered through this issue of e-Tidings. They don't really have much to do with the nearby articles, but we thought you'd like to see them.

Joys and Concerns

Our Troops and their Families

We have received word that T. J. Perkins, the grand-nephew of Wanda Boebel, is now serving as a helicopter pilot in Afghanistan. We continue to pray for our troops and their families: Matthew Burke, David Cobbell, Nicholas Lopez, and Vincent Simonetti.

Community Events

Community Players Auditions September 12 and 13

Auditions for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" are Sunday, September 12, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Monday, September 13, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., both in the Community UMC Sanctuary. Actors only need to come for one audition. Choreographer Avery Sipla will teach you a small dance for the audition, Director Oliver Taylor will ask for readings from the script, and Musical Director Mary Elliott asks that you be prepared to sing a brief song *not* from the show. An accompanist will be available, but bring your own music.

If needed, call-backs will be Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., also in the sanctuary. An ensemble cast of three males, two females, and one role (Snoopy) that could be played by either a male or female, is needed. The show may be cast with teens (12+) or adults. All roles are singing roles.

Church Photo Directory

A new church photo directory will be published this year. We don't want to miss anyone, so register at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org> now! Sessions are September 28 through October 2, in the church parlor. In addition to your family's picture for the directory, you can also have other portraits made at this time. Bring your extended family, your pets, or even personal items like books or musical instruments, and get a new picture for your relatives or your Christmas cards.

If you can't make our scheduled photo week, you may schedule an appointment at one of the other LifeTouch sessions at Chicago-area churches. A list is at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/seasonal/lifetouch.html>. If none of these work for you, we can also add a photo which you supply to the directory.

Ministry Reports

Church Women United

CWU of Naperville invites you to the **Human Rights Day Celebration and Retreat**, "Living the Challenge: Differently Enabled, Uniquely Called", at Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane, on Friday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day includes workshops, Bible Study with our own Rev. Melissa Hood, luncheon and an ecumenical worship service. To register, send a \$10 check made out to CWU to Pat Hinterlong, 8 S. 542 River Drive, Naperville, IL 60565, by September 20th. Call Liz Bradley, (630)983-8737 with questions.

College Outreach

The College Outreach team would like to put together a bulletin board with pictures of our CUMC students who are now in college. Please send pictures for the board to the church office.

There is still time to register both students and sponsors for the Community College Connection (C³) sponsor program. See the August 1 issue of e-Tidings for more information and the registration form.

Community of Parents

As parents, we want to be the best we can be. We want our children to feel loved and to be healthy people. We want our children (of all ages) to feel and be close to us. How do we encourage our children to entrust us with their feelings? How do we stay connected to their hearts? What are ways to help instill our values and protect them from outside negative influences?

Tracy Takeda, MA, LCPC, therapist from Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center, will discuss "**Emotionally Connecting with Our Children**" in Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm**. She has worked with children, teenagers and families for over 15 years as a counselor and has been a part of the Child and Adolescent Team at Samaritan for almost ten years.

Community of Parents is inviting all families and their friends to come to a **chili supper** before the program at **5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. After supper the children can go to childcare, and we can return to Fellowship Hall for the program. Please RSVP to the church office (630)355-1483 or info@communityunitedmethodist.org no later than September 13 if you need childcare.



Evangelism

*"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."
— Luke 4:43*

Inviting the unchurched to join you on Sunday morning sounds simple enough. As the Nike commercial says, "Just Do It." However, we know that it is not quite that simple. We tend to hold back because we are concerned about any of the following: afraid of being rejected, embarrassed by not having the answers; don't know what to say; rarely think about the need; or haven't found a way to share that is comfortable or natural.

There are certainly any number of questions that the unchurched might ask you and you should be prepared to answer. They could range from how long have you been a member? What's the minister like? Do I have to become a member? Will they be asking for money? Are there good programs for kids? What does "Methodist" mean? What do you believe? The list goes on and on.

Adam Hamilton, Pastor of the United Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, and Debi Nixon have written a book called "Catch: Attracting and Connecting Visitors." They have identified three questions that we should all be able to answer. Excerpts from their answers are included. They are as follows:

1. **Why do people need Jesus Christ?** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die." John 11:25. Hamilton writes: Jesus Christ is the solution to the deepest longings of the human heart. He is the answer to the most serious problems that plague our society. When Jesus is Lord and the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the believer, we find the empty places filled, and the dark sides of our soul transformed. He opens the door to a whole new world for us. He enriches every life he touches. He changes the world one person at a time, as his kingdom expands the globe.
2. **Why do people need the church?** You are asking people to not only follow Jesus but to become part of a church. There are those that believe in Jesus Christ but do not believe they need a church. Some are distrustful of organized religion. Some feel like the church is irrelevant, out of touch, and boring. Some believe the church is narrow-minded and hypocritical. Why church? We need each other. God gave each of us different spiritual gifts. I need to pray for you and you need to pray for me. As a church body we are able to support one another even in our darkest times. We also need the church because we were made to worship God together. Together we are part of something so much bigger than any one of us. Together we can accomplish more for God than any of us can do by ourselves.
3. **Why do people need our church?** There are many churches in Naperville, three within a block of us, including another Methodist Church. What is it that we offer that other churches don't or aren't able to offer? What is unique about us? What are we known for? Why would a guest come back a second and third time? Adam Hamilton cannot answer these questions for us. Only we can do that. What do you think? How would you answer the question? In your words.

If you are interested in discussing these three questions more or would like to share your answers to these questions, please email evangelism@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Library

Recently we have listed some missing books from our church library collection. The following is a supplementary list of books which have been missing since 2008. Again, the library requests that you check to see if any of these have somehow migrated to your bookshelves; we would really like to see them returned. These missing books illustrate the need to always check out a book when you take it out of the library, even if your plan is just to read it in an armchair in the parlor or elsewhere. Questions? Contact Forrest Rice or Gertie Brown at home or at the library.

- "American Gospel" by Jon Meacham
- "This band's been here quite a while" by Mary Lou Cowlshaw
- "Questions for the 21st Century Church"
- "The Ice Cube is Melting" by Lyle Schaller
- "Six by Seuss" by Dr. Seuss
- "A Hatful of Seuss" by Dr. Seuss
- "Complete Adventures of Curious George" by Margaret Rey
- "McGee's Favorite Bible Stories" by Kenneth Taylor
- "Mr. and Mrs. Noah" by Lois Lenski
- "Student Guide to Bible People" by Robert Backhouse
- "One Jesus, Many Christs" by Gregory Riley

We appreciate your care and concern for our book collection.



Missions

School Supplies Drive

The Hunger Commission's school bag drive is up and running, with collection baskets in the hallways for your donations of school supplies. Remember that bulk donations are welcome. The following are needed: spiral notebooks (8" x 10½", 70-80 pages), stick-style pens (black or blue), pencils, pencil sharpeners, pink erasers (1"x2", not gum), rulers (12" with metric), protractors (6" with metric), crayons (box of 24), blunt school scissors.

Pakistan Relief

UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee On Relief) is responding to the Pakistan floods with our partners on the ground, including the Church of Pakistan, Church World Service, and GlobalMedic. Through these partnerships UMCOR is providing clean drinking water, food, temporary shelter, and medical aid to tens of thousands of people affected by the crisis. You can support the relief efforts through UMCOR by making out your check to Community UMC and writing "UMCOR Advance #982450, International Disaster Response" in the memo line.

Music

Kid's Praise! Children's Music

On Wednesday, September 1, CUMC starts its new Children's Music Ministry, *Kid's Praise!* for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The group will meet each Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. so children can learn to worship and offer their gifts to God. At each week's meeting, children in kindergarten through grade 2 will sing together, then have a time of arts and crafts or Bible stories. Third through fifth grades will begin with an Orff-influenced instrument class, hand chimes, or drama, then sing together as a choir. The whole group will offer their gifts regularly in worship, beginning on Kickoff Sunday, September 12.

We are also excited to have the leadership of Beth Hagemeyer, Joline Bastounes and Ellen Bartel. We need one or two more adults to help us out with drama and arts/crafts. Please contact Stephen Edwards at (630)355-1483 or sedwards@communityunitedmethodist.org if you are interested in lending a hand.

Dance Groups

The ways in which we express our relation to God, determines the kind of experience we have of God. We believe that God is a dynamic being who is on the move. What better way to share in that enthusiasm than to express God's joy through dance? Please join our dance groups to experience and share God's joy.

Rainbow Dancers, for kindergarten and up, meets Mondays from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. We learn some dance and interpretive techniques to use for our Liturgical Dances. We share our dances in the 8:30 or 11:00 worship services. The new group begins on September 13 – please come and join us. **Rejoice Dancers**, for junior high through adults, meets on Saturday mornings, usually two or three weeks before we dance in a worship service. Dance experience is not needed, just a willingness to express your faith through movement.

To learn more about Community UMC's dance programs, please contact Donna Pries, (630)637-9316.

Trustees

Workday Thanks

The Trustees thank everyone who participated in the work day on August 28. We had a group of 21 who spent their morning in service to our congregation. Many projects were completed and we left the premises ready for Rally Day. We cleaned up the yard between the Church and 105 E Benton, removed dead bushes, weeded and cleaned out the planting beds around the church, trimmed the bushes, fertilized the grass, rebuilt the path between the back parking lot and the front door, cleaned up and fixed some chairs in the balcony, cleaned the pews, fixed hymnal racks, and cleaned and painted Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers include: Nancy and Bill Abernethy, Jeff Cowan, Ed Cotner, Ken Cox, Bill Denwood, Is Dittrich, Mary Kay Doody, Ed Green, George Groves, Larry Kahler, Sylvia Kupferer, Jim McCloud, Eric Pfeiffer, Jim Rainwaters, Betsy Roche, Bob Schroeder, Marsha Taylor, Joan and Clyde Uebele, and Nancy Whittington. Thank You All!



Watch for Wet Paint

Kris Pittard and his scout troop will be painting the first floor back hallway and room 301 as part of Kris' Eagle Scout project. They'll be working the evening of Friday, September 3, most of Saturday, September 4, and the afternoon of Sunday, September 5. Be sure to thank them if you see them!

United Methodist Men

Spiritual Congress

moMENTum, the Northern Illinois Conference UM Men's Spiritual Congress (and 50 Year Anniversary), will be held in Williams Bay, Wisconsin from September 17 to 19. You can attend one, two, or all three days. This will be a weekend of fellowship, scripture, and prayer with featured speaker Gill Hanke, President of the national UM Men organization. You can learn more about the event and register at www.NICUMM.org. Some of Community's men will be golfing at a local resort before the conference and have room. To sign up, set up carpooling, or for more information, contact Jim Rainwaters or George Groves.

United Methodist Women

New Daytime Study Circle, September 13

Attention, women of all ages: You are invited to the organizational gathering of UMW's new daytime study Circle on September 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Together we will set the day and time for the monthly gathering of this new Circle which will meet from September through May. The purpose of the new Circle is fellowship, mutual support, and expanding concepts of Mission through study. This year's studies are: *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan*; *Joy to the World*, *Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*; and *For the Love of God, the Epistles of John*.

For more information or if you are interested in being a part of this new venture, but are unable to attend this gathering, contact Mari Schirmer (630)355-8532 or ehsremle@aol.com. If you wish to attend this gathering and need babysitting, let Mari know by September 3.

Book Circle, September 15

The Book Circle's opening potluck meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15 at the home of Carol Dunn, 1528 Mansfield Drive in Aurora. Cindy Bunting will lead the discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Persons who have read the book are always welcome. Please call Carol at (630)978-2856 or Marty Schwab at (630)369-9544 if you plan to attend, and what you'd like to bring for the potluck.

Evening Outreach Circle, September 21

The Circle will begin its fall schedule with a potluck dinner at the home of Mari Schirmer, 7S348 Baltusrol Lane, Naperville on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The program will be "Finding Peace Through Action." Everyone is welcome. Contact Mari at (630)355-8532 or ehsremle@aol.com if you can attend.

Yema Luhahi, September 25

Yema Luhahi, Community UMC's long-time mission partner in Kenya, will be the featured speaker at the Aurora District UMW Fall Gathering on September 25 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Faith UMC Church, 1510 S. 80th Ave., Orland Park, IL. Registration is \$5. If interested contact Mari Schirmer, (630)355-8532 or ehsremle@aol.com.



Youth

Youth Fellowship Resumes

Weekly Youth Fellowship meetings resume on Rally Day, Sunday September 12. Junior High YF (JHYF) is at 5:00 p.m., and Senior High YF time (SHYFt) is at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Nick Giannasi at ngiannasi@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Uth Band

The Uth Band is now rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the youth room (303). The band welcomes everyone who plays an instrument or sings. Stop by on Sunday, or contact Stephen Edwards at sedwards@communityunitedmethodist.org for more information.

In the Community

Reminders

A run/walk to support DuPage PADS is on Saturday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m., and Beth Elders is organizing a Community UMC team; the Rotary Club's "Soup's On" benefit for PADS, Loaves and Fishes, and Hesus House is October 17. See the August 15 e-Tidings for more information on these benefits.

Silly Songs and Lullabies

The Naperville Men's Glee Club presents "Silly Songs and Lullabies," a program for the young and young at heart, on Saturday, September 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Grace for Life Bible Church, corner of Aurora and River in Naperville. The program will be on the lawn, weather permitting (or in the church building if not), so bring a blanket. A free-will offering will be taken, the suggested amount being \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

People's Resource Center Open House

The People's Resource Center (www.peoplesrc.org) is hosting an Open House on Friday, September 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 201 S. Naperville Rd. in Wheaton. This event celebrates the 35th anniversary of the PRC and highlights its current programs and history in DuPage. All are welcome to attend.

Court Friends Program

A program unique to DuPage County that watches over disabled adults is in need of volunteers. DuPage County Associate Judge Thomas C. Dudgeon is seeking people willing to donate a few hours a month to become a Court Friends Volunteer. The program was started by the Court in 1996 to ensure disabled adults, such as the elderly or those with mental or physical challenges, aren't neglected or abused by caregivers or guardians. The program received the 1998 National Association of Counties Achievement Award.

Court Friends visitors visit private homes once a month to ask the ward a series of questions. They follow up the visit with a written report to Judge Dudgeon. Other volunteers check the court records and update addresses and phone numbers of wards and guardians. The volunteer auditors review financial records. Volunteers are required to pass a criminal history check and go through one day of training. Call Caryl Doty at (630)407-8831 for information or an application.

If you would like to know more about what it is like to be a Court Friends volunteer, contact Community UMC member Evelyn Barney, a long-time member of the program, at (630)926-7234.

Prison Release Ministry

The Northern Illinois Conference of the UMC started the Prison Release Ministry program in 1969, inspired in part by the example of John Wesley. The mission of the ministry is to help men and women find employment when they are released from prison or jail, and assist their clients to become self-reliant productive members of the community. The ministry is in need of board members to carry on their work. The board meets on the third Friday of each month at their office, 1321 West Jefferson Street in Joliet. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about two hours. If you can volunteer for one year, contact the Prisoner Release Ministry at (815)730-8541 or prministry@sbcglobal.net. More information can be found on their web site, www.prisonerreleaseministry.com.

United Methodist Connection

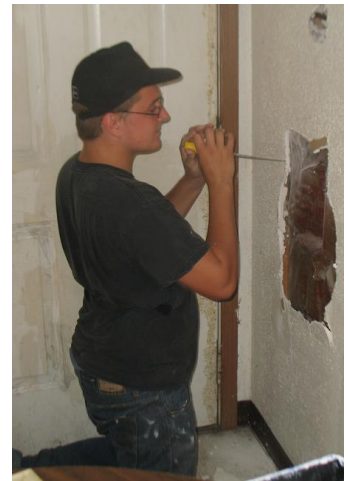
Apportionment Information, Part Three: How Will the Money Be Spent?

\$137,488 is a lot of money! That amount is the apportionment given to Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) for 2010. "Apportionment Information, Part One: Connected to Transform" discussed WHY we were assigned this amount for our apportionment. "Apportionment Information, Part Two: How Was the Amount Determined?" explained the very complicated formula used to determine the amount of CUMC's apportionment. "Apportionment Information, Part III: How Will the Money Be Spent?" will explain how our apportionment will be used to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Today, through the global United Methodist connection, WE share a ministry in 100 different countries, support over 900 mission personnel, have more than 112,000 Volunteer-in-Mission placements, and help to finance more than 1,000 approved Advanced projects. In addition, WE share a ministry in 225 retirement homes and long-term care facilities; 70 hospitals and health-care facilities; 50 children's homes; 30 programs for persons with disabilities; 113 colleges, universities and seminaries; and day-to-day witness and outreach from over 45,000 clergy members and 1,200 deacons, not to mention 8,000,000 lay members!

Our apportionment is used at the General Conference level to support the ministries and missions of seven specific funds:

- **World Service Fund:** It helps build new churches, pays the salaries of missionaries, expands Bible studies, provides leadership for youth ministries, etc, etc. The World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian missions and ministries throughout the denomination.
- **Africa University Fund:** It is the only General Conference-approved degree-granting institution of higher education supported by The United Methodist Church on the continent of Africa. Men and women from 22 countries in Africa receive post-secondary and post-graduate degrees in agriculture, management and administration, theology, peace and governance, and more.
- **Ministerial Education Fund:** Promotes the recruitment and education of quality pastoral leadership through the giving of scholarships/grants. This fund also supports our annual conferences with local pastor courses of study, continuing education, and many other efforts to recruit, educate, and support people called to ordained and licensed ministry.
- **Black College Fund:** The United Methodist Church helps the 11 historically-black UM-related colleges and universities to maintain solid, challenging academic programs, strong faculties, and well-equipped facilities.



- **Episcopal Fund:** United Methodist Bishops are elected and consecrated to speak to the church and from the church. This fund pays our bishops' salaries and covers office and travel expenses, pensions, and health benefits. The Bishop of CUMC's Northern Illinois Conference is Bishop Hee-Soo Jung. He is a dynamic speaker and inspiring leader of the close to 300 churches in the Northern Illinois Conference.
- **Interdenominational Cooperation Fund:** Provides the United Methodist share of the basic budgets of several national and worldwide ecumenical and interreligious organizations and the travel expenses of United Methodist representatives to the meetings of these organizations.
- **General Administration Fund:** Attends to the business of The United Methodist Church – trustworthy systems of oversight and financial accountability are executed and followed. Finances the administration of the church; underwrites the basic costs of General Conference; funds the work of the Judicial Council; maintains United Methodist official documents and historical artifacts; and designates historical shrines, landmarks, and sites.

Our apportionment at the ***Northern Illinois Conference level*** supports the following funds: **Conference Benevolence Fund, Area and Conference Administration Fund, District Administration Fund, District Superintendents' Fund, and the Equitable Compensation Fund.** These funds pay the salaries of conference staff members and help to support any ministry involving a District Superintendent – church/charge conferences, church building projects, training of lay and clergy within the conference, making clergy appointments, advising clergy on issues in their own church, etc. Conference apportionments are also utilized to assist for new church starts, church revitalization projects, helping churches provide equitable compensation for their pastors, training events for conference members, program council programs, and by other agencies in the conference.

We, as members of Community United Methodist Church have a long history of supporting missions and ministries at our own building, in Naperville, around Illinois, across the United States, and throughout the world. However, by paying our apportionment, through our global connection with The United Methodist Church, WE can do so much more to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Oliver Taylor, Lay Leader

Stewardship: Furthermore...

I hope you have taken the time to read the excellent articles by Lay Leader Ollie Taylor concerning that portion of our church's financial obligation known as the Apportionment. I've been a member of Community UMC for over 20 years and learned more in reading those articles about this critical portion of our connectational obligation than I had absorbed in all previous years combined! Thanks, Ollie, for taking the time to explain, including a great overview of the UMC structure, from local church to Annual Conference of the United States.

In addition to serving as Lay Leader, Ollie is a member of our Finance Committee and in a position to speak for that group as may be situationally appropriate. We are fortunate to have someone of his experience and ability to continue CUMC's tradition of strong lay leadership. I encourage you to get to know Ollie, a lifelong member of our church, if you are on a "Hello, how are you?" basis as you read this. Both of you will be the better for it!

I'm going to pick up on Ollie's thread and expand a bit on the nature and importance of the Apportionment. If there is a bit of overlap between what I have to say and future articles from Ollie, please bear with us! In addition to the connectational nature of the financial levy we are assigned by the Aurora District, the dollars paid make possible the good done by missionaries, such as our own Al and Mavis Streyffeler, and Lahi and Yema Luhahi, over the years. While missionaries travel and speak within their jurisdictions to raise funds for certain projects undertaken, the primary funding to sustain them in the field comes from Apportionment dollars. Without those dollars, our missionaries – near and far – would not have the means to sustain themselves while serving others. *That* would be a sad state of affairs!

What about the various projects alluded to? Are those funded by the Apportionment? The answer is no. Financial support for clean water in Bolivia and Liberia, child nutrition in Nepal and solar ovens in Haiti – all carefully selected by our Hunger Commission as worthy projects – comes from separate funding. Closer to home, the needs of hungry people in Appalachia have been "fed" by our yearly PassAlong Perennial Plant Sale and contributions from CUMC members via the fulfillment of pledges. Isn't it amazing how all of our dollars come together in such a meaningful way to help others in need? Don't you feel good about being a United Methodist?

Bill Abernethy



Calendar

Every Week At Community

Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service at 20 N. Center
- 8:30 a.m. Uth Band Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (beginning September 12)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at 20 N. Center and 201 E. Franklin
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Chapel at 20 N. Center (beginning September 12)
- 5:00 p.m. JHYF (beginning September 12)
- 7:00 p.m. SHYFt (beginning September 12)
- 7:00 p.m. PADS at Community UMC (beginning September 12)

Mondays

- 4:00 p.m. Covenant Group
- 5:15 p.m. Covenant Group
- 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Dancers (beginning September 13)
- 6:30 p.m. Open Circle Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. UMW Knitting Circle

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Book Group (page 3)

Wednesday

- 4:15 p.m. Kid's Praise Choirs (page 5)
- 4:30 p.m. Carillon Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Bells

Thursdays

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Studio Workshop
- 12:00 p.m. Organ Rehearsal Time
- 6:30 p.m. OnCenter Rehearsal

Saturdays

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Day by Day Calendar, September 1 to September 15

Wednesday, September 1

- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Thursday, September 2

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Sunday, September 5 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Ministries Brunch (special section B, page 1)
- 11:00 a.m. Combined Sanctuary Worship Service (page 2)

Monday, September 6

Church Office and Building Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

- 7:00 p.m. Church and Society Team
- 7:00 p.m. Community of Parents Planning Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. OnCenter Planning
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Ensemble

Wednesday, September 8

- 7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Children and Family Ministry Team

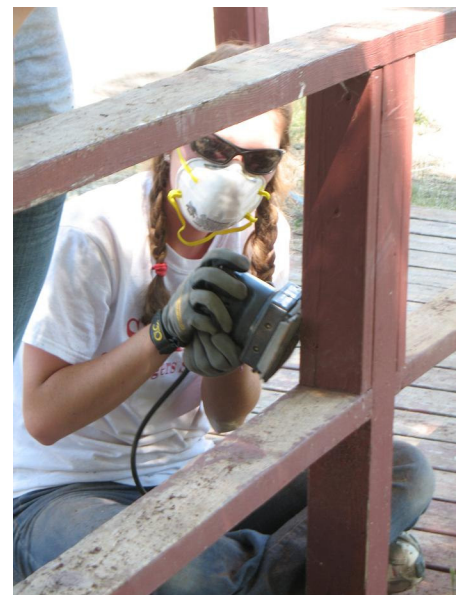
Thursday, September 9

- 7:00 p.m. Jobs Club

Sunday, September 12 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) – Kickoff Sunday!

- 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks in the Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. All-Church Picnic (page 1)
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Auditions for "Charlie Brown" (page 2)

Why all the "beginning September 12"? That's Rally Day! Be sure to see the special section with all the Christian Education news!!



Monday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. UMW Study Circle Organizational Meeting (page 6)
- 12:00 p.m. Deadline for e-Tidings
- 7:30 p.m. Community Players Auditions for "Charlie Brown" (page 2)

Tuesday, September 14

- 10:30 a.m. Reminiscence Service
- 7:00 p.m. All-Church Conference and Vote

Wednesday, September 15

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Worship Gathering
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Book Circle Potluck (page 6)
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

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



Web Site

New Ministry Pages and E-Mail Addresses

The **Community Forum Class** now has a page on the church web site. Visit it for a little bit of their 50-plus years of history and class schedule: <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/communityforum/index.html> .

The **United Methodist Women** also have a page with information about the local unit's missions and ministries, including the UMW circles: <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/ministries/UMW.html>.

The **Evangelism Team** can now be reached at evangelism@communityunitedmethodist.org.

Contact Ken Cox in the church office to arrange a web page or set up an e-mail list for your class, committee, ministry team, or other group. The e-mail address will be @communityunitedmethodist.org, and will forward mail to a list of e-mail addresses that you choose.