

News Highlights

Going the Second Mile

Community UMC's Second Mile and Rainbow Covenant campaign has begun, with Commitment Weekend on February 25 and 26. See page 2 for the full story.

Honduras Team Commissioning

Ten members of Community UMC will be going to Honduras from March 4 through 12 and will be commissioned in worship on February 26. We ask for your prayers of support before and during the trip; see page 3.

New Members Class

A new members class will be held Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m., for persons interested in joining Community UMC on the weekend of February 11-12, or simply wanting to know about the congregation and the United Methodist Church. Contact Mary Jacobs or one of the pastors if you are interested in attending.

Parents Night Out

On Friday, February 3, parents are invited to drop off their children any time after 6:00 p.m. and pick them up by 9:00 p.m. Use the time to relax and regroup so you can be strong for your children, while the kids have a fun evening of a movie, group activities, and crafts. There is no cost, but please bring a (peanut-free) dinner and drink for your child. Please RSVP to Maria Wilcox.

Worship News

Sermon Series

In "Modern Family" we will look at how our relationship with God defines us.

- ✠ February 5: "Who Am I," Genesis 1:26-28
- ✠ February 12: "Family Ties," 1 Corinthians 13
- ✠ February 19: "What's for Dinner?," John 6:27-35

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Community UMC, Wesley UMC, and First Congregational UCC will hold a combined service at 7:00 p.m. in Community UMC's sanctuary.

Lenten Wednesday services will begin on February 22. Services will be at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel and last about one-half hour.

Joys and Concerns

Our Congratulations

- ✠ On the birth of Anna Jae Milam to Sierra and Russell Milam on January 18. Melissa Hood is the proud grandmother.
- ✠ To Mary Jacobs, Director of Lay Ministry, in appreciation of twenty years of faithful service to Community UMC. (By the way, Mary's reaction at 8:30 worship on January 29 was because Rev. Jacobs had used a clever ruse to learn her favorite Bible verse, which was engraved on the plaque given to Mary.)

Our Troops and their Families

We continue to pray for our troops and their families: David Cobbel, Alex Kahler, Jason Sprott, Joshua Sprott, and Kevin Wehling.

Going the Second Mile

An Invitation

In 2011, Community UMC members gave well over \$125,000 to mission in a variety of channels. We gave as Sunday School classes, as individuals, and as a congregation. And sometimes we gave quietly, anonymously, our gift known only to God.

Years ago we sang an offertory response:

“We give thee but thine own
What e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from thee.”

We pray for strengthened commitment and vision to use the trust God has bestowed on us to carry out God's purposes.

Dave Harr
Chair, Mission Committee

What the Second Mile Does

The Second Mile is a part of our mission outreach, and goes to support twenty programs chosen by our Mission Committee to help people in our neighborhood, our country, and around the world. It is by no means the *whole* of our mission giving, and each year Community UMC supports dozens of other projects to aid with emergency and ongoing human needs, ranging from earthquake relief for Haiti and Japan to day trips to Loaves & Fishes or the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Second Mile is however a vital component of our giving, as it represents our continuing support of the chosen ministries.

Aurora Shalom Ministries is a case in point. For several years now, Community UMC has helped their ministries by staffing their Kids' Club afterschool program at Fourth Street UMC in Aurora every two to three months, and members have made additional gifts. We received a nice thank-you note from Aurora Shalom Ministries, reading in part:

Aurora Shalom Ministries deeply appreciates your contribution. This will help enable us to continue our programs and keep empowering the needs of the families in Aurora. We are thankful for your support and grateful to your group for thinking of us.

This year the Mission Committee has made Aurora Shalom Ministries one of our Second Mile projects to show our ongoing commitment to this important urban ministry.



What You Can Do

The information brochure and pledge cards for the Second Mile campaign will be available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary and Chapel this weekend, February 4 and 5. Please pick up your packet – we will be mailing the rest on February 6. The brochure describes each of the twenty Second Mile projects:

In Honduras: Rev. Peña-Nazario; Honduras Scholarship Fund; Honduras Fund

In Our Church Home: PADS, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Youth Work Trip

In Our Neighborhood: Katharine Manor, ChildServ, Trinity UMC in Joliet, Peoples' Resource Center, Marcy-Newberry Center, Samaritan Interfaith, Humboldt Park UMC, Aurora Shalom Ministries

In Our Country: Hunger Commission, Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Red Bird Mission

In the World: Women's HIV/AIDS Clinic; UMCOR

Greatest Need: For emergencies and special gifts

Please pray and think how you can help, and on February 25 and 26 we will come together in service to give our pledges.

Honduras Trip

During the first week of March ten people from our church will answer God's call to go to Honduras. They are **Pat Becker, Al Brunsting, Joyce Brunsting, Allyson Buckland, Mark Jacobs, Betsy Roche, Larry Roessler, JoAnn Roessler, Mari Schirmer** and **Maria Wilcox**. They will be working to provide clean water and air in the homes of families in Danli. It does not get more basic than that – these things are rights of all people as children of God and not privileges.

Community UMC will commission these ten members in worship on February 26. While they will have a physical presence in Honduras being the hands and heart of Jesus, they are not going alone. We, as Community UMC, can go with them in other ways such as donating money and supplies, and especially praying for them while they are on their mission.

The chapel has been reserved for an hour each night during their trip if you wish to have a feeling of community while you pray. There will be ten candles lit for this time and there will be prayer guides to help you. Come and stay as long as you wish. We encourage you to do this at least one evening during the week our friends are gone.

You can also pray at home during your personal devotions. There will be bulletin inserts with the prayer guide and the ten names so these names and their mission are before us all. We want our church to become intentional about this. Prayer is so powerful. Having this focused prayer will strengthen and unite us as a congregation and help make us one with the people of Honduras. In the words of the hymn,

Make us one Lord, make us one, Holy Spirit make us one,
Let our love show, so the world will know we are one in You.

Ministry Reports

Adult Ministries

Son-Light Seeks Teacher

The Son-Light class is in need of a teacher for one Sunday per month. If you are interested call Bob Schroeder, class coordinator, at (630)355-7417.

Marcy-Newberry Guest Speaker

A representative of Marcy-Newberry will be coming to Community UMC on February 26 to address the Fidelis class. All are welcome to come and learn more about this program, which Community UMC has for many years supported in mission trips and through Second Mile gifts.

Issues in Aging and Exercise for Life

The next Issues in Aging discussion is Tuesday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. This monthly discussion covers healthcare topics of interest to seniors and is open to all. If you have any ideas for topics to be discussed, contact Sylvia Kupferer, coppersmithy@hotmail.com.

Come to the twice-weekly Exercise for Life program, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. This program is designed for mature adults but all are welcome. Donations are appreciated but not required.

Missions

Bill Denwood Shares his Mission Experience

Bill Denwood has been in the Czech Republic as part of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) program. He's been teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) programs to several groups and individuals in Tachov, from teenagers to people in their sixties. Bill has blogged about his mission on his Facebook page (address: William Ross Denwood), and for your convenience we've put one of his recent mission reports on the church web site at <http://www.communityunitedmethodist.org/missions/denwood-2011.html>.

Help Fight Hunger

Annoyed by the buy-one-get-one-free deals at the grocery store when you can use only one? Always finding great coupons for food products you never use? Then think outside the (grocery) bag! Buy one and bring the "free" one to deposit in our food collection basket outside the south door of the sanctuary. Or make use of that coupon and donate the item. Local food pantries are struggling to keep up with the need in our own communities. Donations of basic food items and household necessities like facial and bath tissue are always welcome. Thank you for the 340 pounds of supplies you donated during our recent holiday drive! Let's continue to keep our hungry neighbors in mind every time we shop. The Hunger Committee thanks all of you for your generosity.

United Methodist Women

The **UMW WOW Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on February 6 in the parlor. We will conclude our study of Haiti. Everyone is welcome. If you need child care, contact Mari Schirmer, (630)355-8532 or ehsremle@aol.com.

The **United Methodist Women General Meeting** is Tuesday February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a brief business meeting and Beth Hagemeyer will share some information about the use of child labor in the chocolate industry. If you need childcare for this event, please contact the church office.

Youth

Super Bowl Party

All youth are invited to Mark and Jan Jacobs' house, 707 Sara Lane in Naperville, for a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m. Bring some munchies and drinks to share and \$5 for pizza. Contact Nick Giannasi with questions or to get directions. SHYFt and JHYF will *not* be having Sunday Nite Alive YF at church at 4:00 p.m., although kids in grade 5 and younger will have their Ignite and Club K-2 activities.

Winter Retreat

The Senior High Winter Retreat to Phantom Ranch is February 17-19. Contact Nick Giannasi with questions or to get your permission forms. The pictures below are from the Junior High Deep Freeze in January; our thanks to Mary Wu for providing them.



Community News

ChildServ Honors Community UMC

ChildServ – one of Community UMC's Second Mile projects, see page 2 – has selected Community UMC to receive "The Mother Heart in Mission Award" in 2012. This award is inspired by the servant-leadership of the Chicago Deaconesses, whose faith gave rise to 40 ministries including ChildServ's predecessor, the Methodist Deaconess Orphanage (founded in 1894). The award's name derives from Lucy Rider Meyer's belief that through mission service the Deaconesses might enable the world to know the feminine side of God, "The Mother Heart."

A ChildServ representative will be visiting Community UMC to present the award, during services on a Sunday still to be scheduled. We will announce the date in the Tidings and weekly bulletins once it is determined.

In the Community

Spring Lay Academy

The Aurora District Spring Lay Academy will be held on five consecutive Sundays, February 26 through March 25, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. each day. Meetings will be at Trinity UMC in Yorkville. These classes are for both current lay speakers and those considering becoming a lay speaker. The cost is \$25 which includes all course material, snacks, and beverages. Registration forms are available in the church office and registrations must be received by Wednesday, February 22. If you would like more information on the UMC's Lay Speaker program, please contact one of the pastors.

NIC Mission Fair

The UMC-NIC Board of Global Ministries Mission Fair is Saturday, March 3 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Downers Grove First UMC, 1032 Maple Avenue. The displays and workshops will celebrate The UMC's U.S. ministries in urban, Native American, and Appalachian communities, as well as disaster relief mission. Contact Carol Meynen (cmeynen@gmail.com) or Don Dexheimer (outreach@roscoemc.org) to participate. There is no charge.

Calendar

February 1 through February 16, 2012

Wednesday, February 1

- 8:30 a.m. CUMC Foundation Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Maria's Spanish Class
- 1:00 p.m. Family Faith Stories
- 4:30 p.m. Carillon Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Callbacks
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Thursday, February 2

- 9:30 a.m. Studio Workshop Craft Group
- 2:00 p.m. Organ Rehearsal Time
- 6:00 p.m. OnCenter Band
- 7:00 p.m. New Member Class (page 1)
- 7:30 p.m. Community Singers Rehearsal

Friday, February 3

- 1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life
- 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out (page 1)

Saturday, February 4

- 5:00 p.m. Chapel Worship

February 5 (Fifth Sunday After Epiphany)

- 8:30 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes for All
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. College Student Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Sunday Nite Alive (Grades 5 and under only)
- 4:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party at Pastor Mark's (page 4)
- 7:00 p.m. PADS

Monday, February 6

- 10:00 a.m. WOW Circle (page 3)
- 4:00 p.m. Covenant Group
- 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Dancers
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Group
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. UMW Knitting Circle

Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Book Group
- 10:30 a.m. Issues in Aging (page 3)
- 1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life
- 6:30 p.m. Women of Note
- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women General Meeting (page 3)

Wednesday, February 8

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Maria's Spanish Class
- 12:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Family Faith Stories
- 4:30 p.m. Carillon Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

- 9:30 a.m. Studio Workshop Craft Group
- 2:00 p.m. Organ Rehearsal Time
- 6:00 p.m. OnCenter Band
- 7:30 p.m. Community Singers Rehearsal

Friday, February 10

11:00 p.m. Honduras Team Meeting

1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life

Saturday, February 11

5:00 p.m. Chapel Worship

February 12 (Sixth Sunday After Epiphany – New Members Join)

8:30 a.m. Traditions Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes for All

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

4:00 p.m. Sunday Nite Alive

4:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels

7:00 p.m. PADS

Monday, February 13

4:00 p.m. Covenant Group

5:30 p.m. Rainbow Dancers

6:30 p.m. Covenant Group

7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. UMW Knitting Circle

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Women's Book Group

10:30 a.m. Reminiscence Service

1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life

Wednesday, February 15

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:30 a.m. Senior Worship and Fellowship Service

12:00 p.m. Maria's Spanish Class

12:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee

1:00 p.m. Family Faith Stories

4:30 p.m. Carillon Bells

7:00 p.m. Community Players Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Name That Tune

Can you hum a few bars and name these four hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal? (Sorry about the slightly sloppy scans, and my apologies to the tenors and basses for only including the treble clef.)

