

COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949



NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing

Children and families are invited to the Grace Space at the front of the church for an enhanced worship experience.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

Gathering Music

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Like a flower opening to the light,

Like a thirst for water on a muggy day,

We come to worship.

Like a wound aching to be healed,

Like a crying child yearning to be held,

We come to worship.

Like a prayer longing to reach heaven's gate,

Like a note waiting to be sung,

We gather for prayer and praise.

We come to worship to be filled with hope, embraced by love, and dedicate our lives to God's grace and peace.

*Congregational Song *Come! Come! Everybody Worship*

TFWS #2271, v. 1, 3, 5

Opening Prayer:

God of grace and power, we come to worship this day to be close to you, to hear again the words of faith and hope, to sing again words of praise and to be challenged to serve. Connect our temporary praise to your timeless rhythms, your ageless melodies, your everlasting joyful noise. Guide us now to focus upon you. Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to you, O God, knowing that you have already gathered us in your arms. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-13

Sandy Retherford

Special Music

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Praise Team

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship his holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship your holy name

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 4: 16-21
Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message

A Life of Worship

***Congregational Song** *How Firm a Foundation*

UMH #529, v. 1-3, 5

Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Special Music***The Lord's Prayer*
Praise Team

Matt Shepardson

Father in heaven, all praise be to your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On the earth as it is in heaven

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever and ever
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever and ever
Amen

Lead us not into temptation, but from evil,
Lord set us free.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever and ever
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever and ever
Amen

Stewardship

Connecting with Christian and Sky Fuller

Ministry Moment**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory*****Offering Response***Give Thanks*

TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the holy one.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks. Give thanks.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Abundant God, you have blessed us to be a blessing. May our giving this day
widen your circle of hope and love throughout our community and beyond as
we reach out as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ. Amen.

***Congregational Song** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

TFWS #2237

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

As a community of faith bound together in love –

May our lives witness to Christ's love, our words bring reconciliation, our thoughts be of peace, our touch bring healing, and our actions count for justice.

As a community of faith may we together live out our worship as a sign of hope and a beacon of joy. Go and may God's blessing and peace go with us all. Amen.

Amen

***Blessing Response:** *Amazing Grace*

UMH #378, vs. 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

***Postlude**

The Lord's Prayer

Matt Shepardson

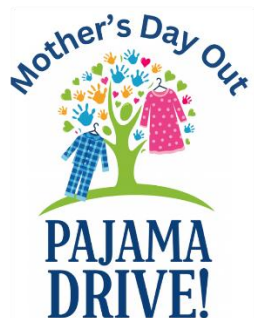
You are invited to
join us for
fellowship and
refreshments
at The Connection.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP 2025



Caring - November 2nd
Connecting - November 9th
Committing - November 16th
Commitment Sunday - November 23rd

Growing faithfulness and investing in a vibrancy of heart, soul, and mission



MDO Gives Back - Now thru December 4th

Snuggle up to a good cause! Join Mother's Day Out in supporting Beyond Bedtime through our annual Pajama Drive, running now through December 4.

Beyond Bedtime provides cozy pajamas, books, and bedtime tools to children who've experienced hardship — helping them rest, learn, and thrive.

Bring new pajamas to the church office, MDO office, or Narthex and help make bedtime a little brighter for a child in need.

Creative
A D V E N T

**A reflective journey through word and art —
where an Advent message stirs the soul and
creativity takes shape.**

Discover the beauty of the season through Creative Advent, a three-part series combining meditative reflection with hands-on art experiences.

Each session stands on its own — attend one, two, or all three — as we explore the themes of Advent through creativity and quiet contemplation.

This intergenerational offering welcomes participants of all ages.

To help us prepare materials, please RSVP by contacting the church office to reserve your spot.



**Monday
December 1st**



**Monday
December 8th**



**Monday
December 15th**



Pastor Tim and Audra invite you to join them for Thanksgiving dinner — a time to gather, give thanks, and enjoy a good meal together. Whether you're coming on your own, with family, or bringing a friend, all are welcome at the O'Brien table. If you know of someone who might appreciate sharing the day with others, please extend the invitation to them as well.

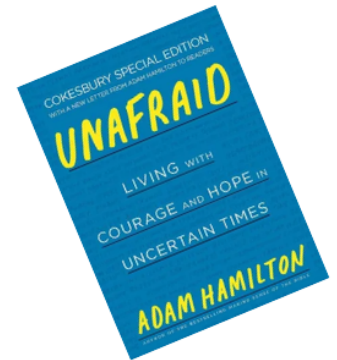
Thanksgiving Day - Fellowship Hall at Community UMC
Appetizers at 12:00 p.m.

Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

Please reach out to Office Chriss or Audra at 262-388-0366 or audraobrien931@gmail.com to RSVP by Friday, November 21.



UNAFRAID



Our theme for this upcoming Advent season is: "What do you Fear? Insisting on Hope this Advent". A common theme of our upcoming season is Jesus' recurring counsel, "Do not be afraid." But how do we do this? How do escape the echo chamber of anxiety and worry that can paralyze us? We will look at those questions and others through our Advent study using Adam Hamilton's book, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times". Through this study we will look at some Biblical principles so that with insight, intention and faith we can discover some practical steps on how to embrace and be examples of courage and hope to those around us in this time.

An Advent Bible Study with Pastor Tim

November 30th - January 4th
Sundays After Service.
Call the Church Office to Register



CHAIR YOGA

Every Tuesday
2:30pm



FLOOR YOGA

Thursdays - 9:30am

Only \$10.00 per Session!
With Kim Wells, Yoga Instructor

Wellbeing Room at Community UMC
14700 Watertown Plank Road - Elm Grove, WI 53122 - 262.782.4060



StreetLife Communities Mission:
As created equals, we work to reduce harm and restore hope by providing essential resources to our Milwaukee neighbors living on the streets.

Monday – November 10th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- OWLS Board Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room
- AA Women's Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – November 11th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – November 12th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Ikebana – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Festival Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – November 13th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Yoga – 9:30am – Wellbeing Room
- Chime Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – November 14th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

- Children's Choir – 4:30pm – Choir Room

Sunday – November 15th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
 - Children's Chapel & Nursery – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room

Quarterly Mission Partner:
Street Life Communities

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday – 11.16.25

Front Door: Tom Twinem

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Carita Twinem

Ushers: Marianne Ludwick, Joni McDevitt, Tom Raley, Wendy Tefelske

Connection: Sheryl Cavan

Liturgist: Jeff Turmel

Children's Church: Debbie Clark & Ann-Marie Parker



SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson;
Christian Fuller; Sheryl Cavan;
Candace Kral; Tom Raley
Jeff Turmel; Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist
Shann McClain - Custodian
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance
Tracey Magyar – MDO Director
Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director

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Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm