

2026
March 01

Children and families are welcome in the Grace Space at the front, during worship.

Children will be called forward during service for Young Disciples time then head to Children's Chapel, with our youngest (3 and under) escorted to the Nursery.

*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.



welcome

COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Gathering Music

Italian Concerto in F Major, BWV 971, II.

Andante – Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384, vs. 1, 2, 4

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, open our ears to hear what you are saying to us today. Open our eyes, to see where Jesus' healing love is needed in our world. Open our hands, to do your work and help where we are needed. Open our lips, to bring comfort, joy, and laughter to your people. Open our minds, to hear new truths about how you work in our world. Open our hearts, to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as you love us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 25: 34-40

Joseph Krechel

Special Music

Weave Us in Community

Karen Marroli

Chancel Choir

Maddie Flaherty, flute

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, come and dwell within our hearts today.
Dispel the idols we love most, and lead us on the servant way.

We tend toward war and bend toward will while you ask us to break the sword and spear.
Now let your song grow louder still: O melody of peace, draw near!

As varied voices blend and ring in harmony, your voice is heard.
So let our actions also sing a song of hearts and souls now stirred.

I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D ("O Jesus I Have Promised")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

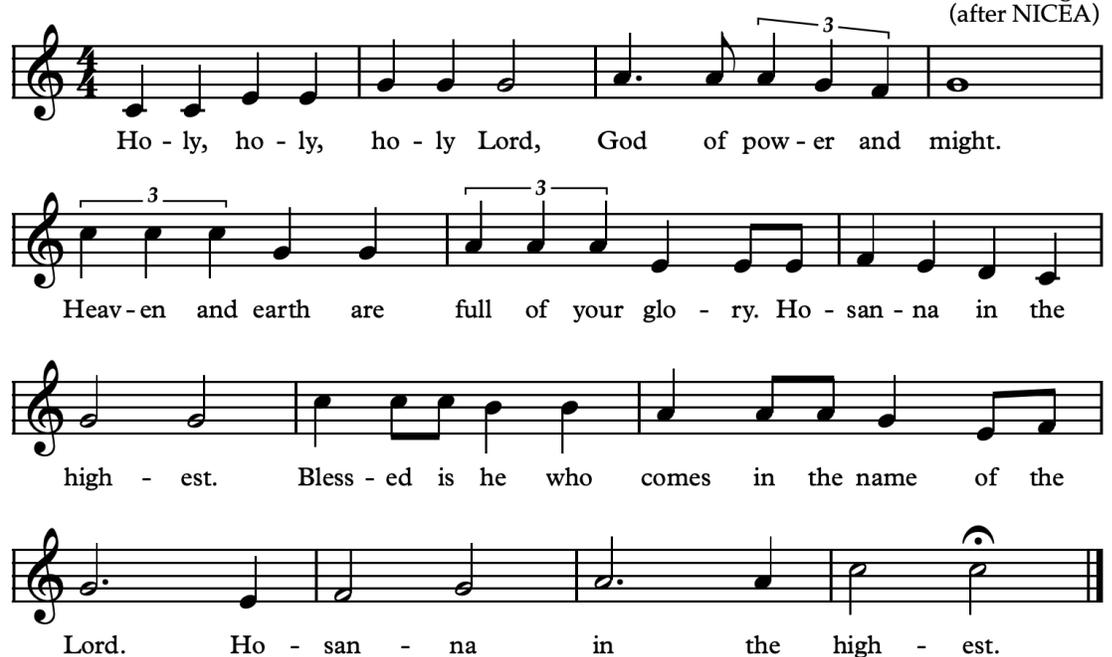
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Elise Eslinger
(after NICEA)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation

Elise Eslinger



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Prayer - Our congregation began with one simple, united prayer - to bring children back to Community UMC.

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Bibles - Placed into the hands of children at Community UMC as their own, providing a foundation for faith.

Members - of the Family Ministry Team brought their support, experience, and ideas to turn prayer into action.

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Children - have been welcomed, nurtured, and shown the love of God at Community UMC through Nursery and Children's Chapel.

Music Sessions - Led by Danielle, sharing her gift of music with our Children's Chapel kids.

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Dollars - has been given to ensure Children's Chapel and Nursery have the materials and leadership needed to provide relevant, faith-based experiences.

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Volunteers - have served in Nursery and Children's Chapel.

\$10,000



2,743,956

Times - Children have asked for candy since Children's Chapel began.

Prayers - Faithfully lifted for our children and for the continued growth of Community UMC's faith-based children's ministry.

COUNTLESS



The Good News Collective is a reflective journey through word and art - where a Lenten message stirs the soul and creativity takes shape. Each gathering includes a simple, guided art project designed for all skill levels, and you'll leave with a finished piece to take home as a reminder of the season. No artistic experience needed - just come, create, and carry the story with you.

The first 3 Mondays in March at 6:00pm in the Wellness Center
March 2nd - Prayer Beads
March 9th - String Cross
March 16th - 3 Crosses Frame



Please RSVP to 262.782.4060
Drop Ins Welcome!
All materials are provided at no cost!

SOPHIA

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OFFERING ENVELOPES, OR DONATE
ONLINE THRU VANCO

We see a future where diverse faith communities, organizations, and individuals stand together as powerful voices for justice, equity, and systemic change. Our vision is a society where public policies reflect respect for human dignity, where housing is affordable and accessible, the criminal justice system is fair and humane, and immigrant families can live in safety and security. We strive to build communities where relationships are nurtured, leadership is developed, and collective action transforms the structures that marginalize or exclude. United in faith and purpose, we work toward a world where justice truly is for all.

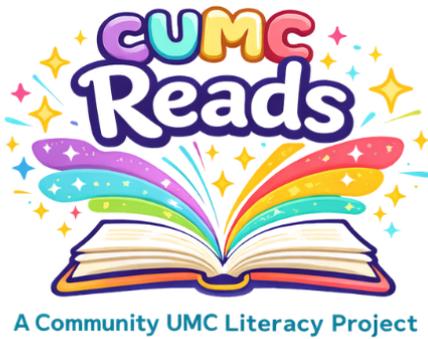
The good news is... faith moves us to act.

The Community UMC Easter offering is going to SOFIA, a member of WISDOM.

Mission: SOFIA is a network of faith communities called to advocate for justice, equity, and dignity for all residents of Waukesha County.

Vision: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. — Martin Luther King Jr.

We envision a compassionate and just community where every person—regardless of faith, race, immigration status, economic circumstance, or background—has the opportunity to thrive and participate fully in community life.



★ Vote Now! Vote Often!

- Tyler - *Little Green Frog: A Pond Story*
- Danielle - *Good Night Moon*
- Office Chriss - *I Love You to the Moon and Back*
- Pastor Tim - *Go, Dog, Go*

It's that time again at Community UMC — the friendliest (and fiercest 😊) competition of the year!

Our staff has officially entered the ring for CUMC Reads, each sharing one of their favorite children's books to kick off our annual board book drive for A Book Ahead. And yes... there's an award on the line. Bragging rights. Glory. Possibly dramatic acceptance speeches.

Here's where YOU come in.

Head to the CUMC Reads webpage, watch each staff video, and vote for your favorite. You can vote online or grab a paper ballot from the church office or the Revelation Room. Around here, voting is wildly encouraged and joyfully unregulated — vote for your favorite, vote for multiple favorites, vote a bunch of times, vote because someone made you laugh, vote because someone got emotional, vote because you just love a good underdog story. Stuffing the ballot box? YES PLEASE.

Just whatever you do... don't miss out on voting. Half the fun is cheering on your favorites!

While you're enjoying the stories, don't forget why we're doing this. We're collecting new board books for A Book Ahead, whose mission to promote early literacy blesses the children of our community in powerful, lasting ways. You can drop off new board book donations in the narthex, the Revelation Room, or the church office. The website also has a list of recommended titles if you'd like ideas. So grab some coffee, listen to a few stories, cast those votes, and consider donating a book or two. This is one of the most joy-filled, laugh-filled traditions we share as a staff — and it becomes even better when our whole church family joins in.

Trust us... if you don't vote, you're missing out on the fun.



www.cumceg.org/cumcreads



March Suggested Items

Monday – March 2nd

- Mother’s Day Out – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Good News Collective – Art Class – Prayer Beads – 6:00pm – Wellness Center
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – March 3rd

- Mother’s Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- UWF/UMW Board Meeting – 9:00am - Library
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Center
- Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – March 4th

- Mother’s Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – March 5th

- Mother’s Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Floor Yoga – 9:30am – Wellbeing Center
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Wellbeing Center
- Genesis Bible Study – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- Jubilate Chimes Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men’s Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – March 6th (Pastor Tim’s Sabbath)

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

Saturday – March 7th

- United Women in Faith Coffee – 10:00am – Hearth Room

Sunday – March 8th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary (Children’s Choir & Chimes)
- Children’s Chapel – During Service – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Lenten Bible Study – 10:45am – Disciple Room

Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering: Hope Center of Waukesha

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 03.08.26

Front Door: Darrel White

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Dianna Haugh

Ushers: Dianne White, Darrel White, Tom Raley, Marianne Ludwick

Connection: Marlene Salek & Mary Goens

Liturgist: Dean Johnson

Children’s Chapel: Linda Irwin & Debbie Clark

- Extras: Cooking oil, salad dressing, hot sauce, BBQ sauce, ketchup, juice, nuts, & granola bars
- Lunch: Rice-a-roni, mac n cheese, hamburger helper, & canned soup
- Dinner: canned chicken & tuna
- Hygiene Items: toilet paper, individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, & deodorant

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
Cat Stump & Lupita Lopez - Nursery



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Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

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