



WELCOME TO COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Sunday Service

September 24, 2023

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.

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

Gathering Music

Just As I Am
Susan Krechel

arr. William B. Bradbury

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For this, we praise God's name and come to worship!

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

*Opening Prayer

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your invitation to wholeness not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us to receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. Amen.

Special Music

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning arr. David Angerman
Clarion Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, broaden our view until we see as you see and glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. Amen.

As you listen/read this text, who do you relate to the most in the story? How does this story of God's generosity invite you to think about your own life?

Morningdance combines the hymn tunes *Bunessan* and *Shaker Song*. We have already sung a hymn that uses *Bunessan* in this service: can you identify which hymn it was?

"Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise."

You are invited to join us for a picnic and music on the front lawn following today's service.

Scripture

Matthew 20: 1-16
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Message

An Evil Eye

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken

UMH #145

Prayers of the People

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

Morningdance

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Ministry Moment

Offertory

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Charles Callahan

***Offering Response** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgiving and offerings, that your will be done here on earth. Amen.

*Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

UMH #731

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

Psalm of Joy

George Blake

QUARTERLY MISSION FOCUS: Love Your Neighbor

July, August & September
NAMI Southeast Wisconsin



Our 3rd quarter mission partner is NAMI Southeast Wisconsin. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Southeast Wisconsin is a local affiliate of NAMI with offices in Waukesha. NAMI Southeast Wisconsin offers evidence-based programs for individuals and families impacted by mental illness at no cost to ensure that people get the support and information they need. NAMI also works with educators, community leaders, and media outlets to inform, advocate, and equip citizens with better understanding of mental health and suicide prevention. Your loose change and designated offerings will support this important work in our community.



Name badges are available to be picked up in the Revelation Room on Sunday mornings. If you need a name tag, please sign-up on the sheet next to the name tags and we will make one for you.



The food pantry of **United Methodist Children's Services** is requesting these "suggested" items for September. Thank you for your donations!

- Rice & Boxed Potatoes
- Pasta & Sauce
- Bar soap
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes/toothpaste



Save the Date: Thursday, September 28

United Women in Faith

Potluck Salad Luncheon

11:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Program: *Variety:*

The Children's Charity of Wisconsin – Elm Grove

Presented by Dua Vang-Ramirez

RESERVATION DEADLINE: September 25

Call the church office 262-782-4060 or Anne Harberg 262-501-1821

Umm, Umm GOOD!

The **United Women in Faith** Soup Sale is BACK! It will be held on Sunday, October 22. Please check weekly emails and Sunday bulletins for updates. Start rounding up your favorite recipes now. Soup can be made well in advance and frozen. Our customers enjoy the old favorites, but something new and different is always welcomed. Containers will be available in the church office work room and Revelation room weeks in advance. Both pint and quart sizes are available. We need volunteers to help with this project.

All sales go directly to MISSION WORK!

Questions? Contact Anne Harberg - 262-501-1821.

Would you like to provide flowers for a Sunday Worship Service?

If so, you will find the 2023 Flower Chart on an easel in the Revelation Room during the Connection. Thank you!





Let's get together as a Community to give **NEW SOCKS** -

Socks to the Hope Center of Waukesha

Socks of All Kinds

Socks for Kids – Women – Men

Socks such as ankle, shortcuts, crew, knee highs, warm winter socks

Collection starts on September 10th thru September 30th.

Drop off your donations in the marked box in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or drop off your donation in the white bin in Fellowship Hall.

LET'S SOCK IT TO 'EM

Thank you for contributing!!

Sponsored by the Small Group – Girls on Friday

You're invited to *The Connection!*

Please join others immediately after worship for conversation & refreshments.

It's just down the hall.



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Community United Methodist Church is building a community of
people who love God and neighbor

through a focus on

Overall Wellbeing (spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health)
and **Intergenerational Community Service Opportunities.**

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson; Christian Fuller; Katy Wilson; Don Down; Sheryl Cavan; Jeff Turmel, Justin Forbes

CHURCH STAFF

Pastors: Rev. Kris Androsky & Rev. Bridget Case

Office: Chriss Stump – Office Administrator; Deb Cornell – Secretary

Music: Danielle Bridges – Director of Music; Tyler Walters – Praise Team;

Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant – Organists