



JANUARY 4, 2026 - EPIPHANY SUNDAY

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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.

I will spend more time getting to know the needs of the people around me by ...

I will demonstrate my faith in practical service by

I will grow in my relationship with God by

Gathering Music *The First Noel – Traditional English Carol*

arr. Marianne Kim

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

In the dark of morning, **the stars still shine.**

In the depth of winter, **the birds still climb.**

At the start of the year, **tender and new,**

God is here. **God is near.**

Do not rest in your fear. **God is here.**

So like the stars and the birds,

Let us come to worship with prayer and praise.

***Hymn** *The First Noel*

UMH #245, vs. 1-3, 5

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, as the light of the sun is transformed by plants into energy, so we transform your **Divine Light** into love and service. Open our hearts so we may feel the joy of your **Light**. Fill us with your presence, and turn our acts of kindness, words of blessing, gifts of service into **Light** and joy for others. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Lesson:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Sheryl Cavan

Special Music

A Strange Way to Save the World

Greg Fischer, Soloist

words & music by Dave Clark,

Mark Harris, and Don Koch

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message

What do You Fear?

Fear Doesn't Stop Us

Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

There's a Song in the Air

Karl P. Harrington, arr. Cindy Berry

***Offering Response**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of light and hope, we come to bring our gifts to further your work and widen your ministry of love in all the world. Bless these gifts and use them and us to extend your light of joy and compassion to all those in need. In the name of Jesus – our light and hope made flesh – we pray. Amen.

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)



...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



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...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

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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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn** *A Star Shone Bright*

W&S #3051, vs. 1, 3, 4

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

In a fearful world, may we look for God's spirit.

May we reach for each other's hands.

May we choose courage whenever we can. And in all things, may we remember **that good news is louder than fear.**

In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with—go in peace and be not afraid. Amen.

Amen

***Blessing Response:** *Draw the Circle Wide*

(refrain) W&S #3154

Draw the cir - cle wide, draw it wid - er still. Let this
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,
draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Draw the cir - cle wide, draw it wid - er still. Let this be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide."

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

***Postlude**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Henry Purcell
arr. Cindy Berry



COMMUNITY UMC

I WAIT FOR THE LORD; MY SOUL WAITS,
AND IN HIS WORD, I HOPE.

2026 will be a Year of Hope. Rooted in gratitude for your faithfulness and courage in challenging times, we look ahead grounded in God's grace and guided by the promise of Psalm 130:5—"I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word, I hope." Even while it is still dark, God is at work, calling us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. This is not shallow optimism or wishful thinking, but a gospel-grounded hope practiced in community—hope shaped by baptism, sustained by worship, and lived out through faithful discernment, courageous ministry, and creative imagination. As people who belong to Christ and trust in an Exodus God who brings life out of death and light out of darkness, we step into 2026 committed to practicing hope together, trusting that God is with us, God is not finished with us yet, and new life is still unfolding among us.

Community Food Pantry



January

- **Extras:** hot sauce, cooking oil, pasta sauce, jams/ jellies, salad dressing, BBQ sauce, etc.
- **Meals:** canned chicken, boxed pasta
- **Hygiene:** individually wrapped toothbrushes, bar soap, toilet paper and toothpaste

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COMMUNITY UMC READS

Supporting A Book Ahead Book Drive



Back by popular demand - The Book Ahead Board Book Drive, coming in March, complete with new reading videos from the staff. Watch for details in future communications!



Thank you from the Girls on Friday! 109 toys were collected for Northcott Neighborhood House!

CUMC Zentangle Ministry

Welcome... Create... Meditate... Connect

“Star Words 2026”

January 14, 2026

9:30 – 11:30 am (Zoom)

RSVP to Kim Turmel

Upcoming Zentangle session:

“Star Word 2026” - January 14 (Wed), 9:30 – 11:30 am (Zoom)

If you would like more information or would like to join us, please call or email the church office or contact Kim Turmel
kimturmelczt@gmail.com. I hope you'll join us!

SCAN ME



The Stephen Ministers at Community are ready to meet with you. Contact the church office, a pastor or a Stephen Minister directly.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

ARE YOU HURTING?

GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

LET US CONNECT YOU TO A STEPHEN MINISTER



Monday – January 5th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Lenten Study Planning Meeting – 10:00am – Pastor Tim's Office
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – January 6th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- UWF Board Meeting – 9:00am – Library
- Church House Huddle – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room

Wednesday – January 7th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Music Planning Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Intergen Team Meeting – 6:15pm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – January 8th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- BEGIN Meeting – 11:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Jubilate Chimes Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – January 9th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

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

Sunday – January 11th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel – During Service – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room

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

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 01.11.2026

Front Door: Jim Sargent

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Diane Sargen

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

Connection: Jeff & Kim Turmel

Liturgist: Jeff Turmel

Children's Chapel: Sue Connor & Chriss Stump

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