



WELCOME TO COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Sunday Service
April 28, 2024

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

Lord, Be Glorified
Praise Team

Bob Kilpatrick

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Gathering this morning we center on the story of the Ethiopian eunuch, finding hope in their journey of inclusion.

We come, bearing exclusion's weight, hopeful for God's inclusive love to reach all.

May we approach Scripture with open hearts, ready for new truths just as the eunuch sought understanding.

Their journey to Jerusalem challenges our notions of belonging, urging us to confront exclusion.

Let's emulate their courage, asking tough questions and challenging injustice.

Inspired by their faith, we strive for justice and representation in our communities.

Together, let's affirm our commitment to building a church where all are welcomed and embraced.

Amen.

*Congregational Hymn

Great Is the Lord

TFWS #2022

*Opening Prayer

God of creation, life's celebration, giver of friendship, author of love. Come to our table, bless us, enable our lives to show fully your life from above. Moments to treasure, sorrow and pleasure, the gift of each other to nurture and tend; love never greater, Christ, our example, life laid down freely to care for a friend. Thank you for guiding. Thanks for providing strength for the day. Make our souls flourish through life together, God, lead the way. Amen.

Special Music

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Martin Smith

Prayer for Illumination

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

How does the narrative of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch prompt us to ponder the mysterious ways in which God orchestrates divine encounters and invites us to participate in unexpected journeys of faith and understanding?

Every minute of every day, God is making all things new, giving and giving and giving again. And we are called to be a part of God's work of generosity.

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

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message

A Lonely Road, A Deacon, & A Ethiopian Eunuch

*Congregational Song

Lord, Be Glorified

TFWS #2150

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

The Lord's Prayer

Matt Shepardson

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Offering Response

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH #87, vs 4

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Congregational Song *Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)*

TFWS #2186

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

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Martin Smith

QUARTERLY MISSION FORCUS: Love Your Neighbor
April, May & June
Eras Senior Network

Our second quarter mission partner is Eras Senior Network, serving Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Eras' mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Eras' programs reduce isolation for seniors and mobilize volunteers of all ages to make important contributions to community needs. Eras is the result of a successful 2007 merger between the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Waukesha Co. and Interfaith Caregiving Network. Clients in Milwaukee County are residents age 60 years and over. Clients in Waukesha County are residents age 60 years and over or age 18 and over with a disability. For more information, please visit: <https://eras.org>.



The food pantry of Rooted & Rising: Washington Park (formerly UMCS) is requesting these "suggested" items for April. Thank you for your donations!

- breakfast grains (oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat)
- dinner grains (brown rice, noodles, quinoa, barley)
- spices and herbs
- condiments

Intergenerational Service Opportunity
Games Night and Pizza with Life Navigators
Thursday, May 9 from 5 to 7 pm!

The Intergenerational Service Opportunities Team has exciting plans to expand our support for our Mission Partners. With that thought in mind, we will be hosting a Games & Pizza Night for Life Navigators. We are inviting CUMC members and their families to play bingo and board games with our guests, and to share a pizza meal.

Ways that you can participate: call the church office 262-782-4060 or email deb.cornell@cumceg.org to sign up:

- 1) Attend the event
- 2) Donate new, small gifts for prizes (Most of our guests will be adults.)
Prize suggestions include: Cards, notebooks, lotions, coloring books, etc.
- 3) Make a donation toward the purchase of the pizza
- 4) Bake cookies for event

Contact Susan Krechel for more information skrechel1@gmail.com.



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You are invited to attend the **OWLS 20th YEAR CELEBRATION**,
Thursday, May 16, 2024, at CUMC.

Peruse the memorabilia, view the slide show, enjoy the luncheon,
and laugh at the improvisational comedy of the SEE Team.

Reservation forms: OWLS bulletin board. **Deadline: May 8.**

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – April 28st

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class

Monday – April 29th (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)

- AA Group Banquet – 4:30pm – Fellowship Hall
- Milwaukee Children's Choirs – 6:00pm – Choir & Revelation Rooms

Tuesday – April 30th

- Praise Team/Contemporary Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

Wednesday – May 1st

- Breakfast Fellowship – 7:30am – OFF SITE – Panera at Ruby Isle
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Library
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday, May 2nd

- KT Reservation – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- AA Group Meeting – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – April May 3rd (Pastor Bridget's Sabbath)

- Elm Grove School for Life-long Learning Board Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Girl's on Friday – 1:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Saturday – May 4th

Sunday – May 5th - Communion

- Sunday Service & Zalesky Baptism – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class – 10:45am – Disciple Room

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

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