2026
November 8

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.

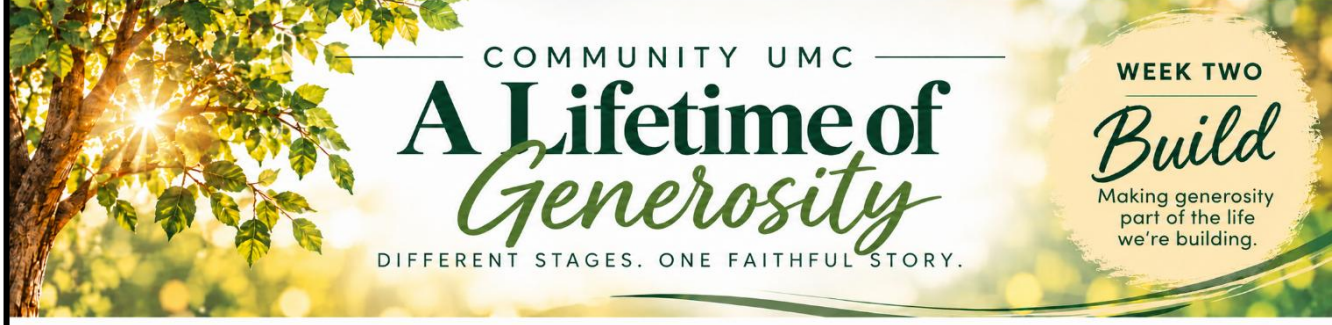
*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

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

You are invited to join us for Fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Revelation Room.

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Gathering Music *Rock of Ages* Thomas Hastings

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

God's hope and love can never be contained.
We are called to live wide-open, spacious lives so that:
Like empty jars, we are filled with new life**.**
Like ornamental candles we are set ablaze for mission.
Like aged wine in a cask, we pour out God's grace.
We come into this holy space and time to let God's love fill us, use us, and flow through our lives.

***Hymn** *Near to the Heart of God* UMH #472 vs. 1, 3

Opening Prayer:

God of the waiting and the watching, meet us here in this time of worship. Steady the weary, wake the drowsy, and trim the wicks of our wandering attention. Help us to be ready to live out our faith as a people of hope. Let this time fill us with the oil of your Spirit, that we might walk through this week with lamps lit and doors open. In the name of Jesus, the light of the world, we pray. Amen.

Special Music *Keep Your Lamps* arr. Andre Thomas
Christian Fuller, percussion

Chancel Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning: the time is drawing nigh!
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done!
Christian, journey soon be over: the time is drawing nigh!

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25: 1-13
Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

Young Disciples

Message Oil of Faith: Building a Life of Generosity

***Hymn** *We Are God's People* TFWS #2220 vs. 1-2

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.

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Robert Robinson
arr. Phillip Keveren

***Offering Response** *What Gift Can We Bring* UMH #87, v4

This gift we now bring, This present, this token,
These words can convey it, The joy of this day!
When grateful we come. Remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, you have never asked us to hoard our light. Receive these gifts of money, time, and talent as lamps lifted for our neighbors. Let them become food on a table, a roof overhead, a door held open that others would have us close. Where the world says there is not enough to share, show us the abundance that is already among us. Make us a people who light one another's lamps and refuse to let anyone wait alone in the dark. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS #2153 vs. 1, 4

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

The night is long, but hope is coming.
We will stay awake.
The lamps are small, but the light is real.
We will share it.
Some doors have been shut too long.
We will help open them.
Go into the week, not waiting passively, but wide awake to the needs of your neighbors, carrying light into the places that need it most.
We go with lamps lit and hands open.
May God, the Source of light, keep us watchful. May Christ, the Light of the world, keep us compassionate. May the Spirit, our oil and our breath, keep us courageous. Amen.
Amen.

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

***Blessing Response:** *Shalom* UMH #667



***Postlude** *Adoration* Ch. H. Rinck

COMMUNITY UMC
4TH QUARTER
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Our Mission

Rooted & Rising – Washington Park believes in the dignity, potential and worth of all people and is dedicated to helping individuals and families meet their basic needs, establish stable foundations, and pursue their dreams. We are united in our mission to build a nurturing, thriving community where all people feel welcome, supported and a sense of belonging.

Through quality housing, childcare, food security, basic resources, and neighborhood engagement, we are committed to listening to and elevating the voices of our neighbors, serving with humility and compassion, and working with our partners to build a more stable, equitable and prosperous community for all Washington Park residents. We walk alongside our neighbors to help put down roots and rise to reach our community's fullest potential.

Our Vision

At Rooted & Rising, we envision a neighborhood where every resident is deeply connected to the community, where our shared roots run deep, and where together we meet the community at the level of their needs. Only then can we rise to meet the challenges and opportunities of our ever-changing neighborhood and world.

COMMUNITY UMC INVITES YOU TO HELP

Pray | Pray for our neighbors, staff, and volunteers.

Give | Support our fourth-quarter Mission Partner offering and our church collections.

Serve | Contact the church office to learn about ways to get involved.



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Monday – November 9th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School/Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- OWLS Board Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Hope Center Clothing Sort – 1:00pm – Off site
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – November 10th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School/Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Stephen Ministry – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Front Wellness/Youth
- Praise Team – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

Wednesday – November 11th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
  - Kitchen Forage Fundraiser
- Zentangle – 9:30am – Disciple Room
- Ikebana – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Clarion Bells – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Festival Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – November 12th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
  - Ms. Carol – 10:30am
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Yoga – 10:00am – Front Wellness Room
- Jubilate Chimes – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – November 13th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

- Crosstown Harmony – 4:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Saturday – November 14th

- Crosstown Harmony – 10:30am – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – November 15th – Kathy's House Cookie Drop

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel - 9:45am – Start in Sanctuary
- Children's Choirs – 10:45am – Choir Room
- Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Building Beloved Community – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering: Rooted & Rising – Washington Park

Hospitality Team for Sunday - 11.15.26
Front Door: Jim Sargeant
West Door: Ann Walker
Narthex: Diane Sargent
Ushers: Linda Irwin, Debbie Clark, Darrel White, Marianne Ludwick
Connection: Judy Down, Mary Goens
Liturgist: Tom Twinem
Trailblazers: Chriss Stump, Jane Zierke

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem
Christian Fuller
Candace Kral
Jeff Turmel

Dean Johnson
Sheryl Cavan
Tom Raley
Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
Chriss Stump - Church Director
Danielle Bridges - Director of Music
Tyler Walters - Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance
Nicole Gosia - Respite Director
Tracey Magyar - MDO Director
Amanda Glassman - MDO Asst. Director
Ana Ferlindes - Custodian

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Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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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 well-being.

