

COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

*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.

What are the cravings—whether for comfort, success, or control—that keep us from fully living into God's vision for community? How might we, together, release what does not nourish and build a space where everyone is fed, seen, and valued?

Gathering Music

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

arr. By Gordon Young

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Something so big, we can't hold it.

Something so deep, we can't reach it.

Yet it beckons. It has many names.

God. Love. Truth. Community.

God is in all of it, and God draws us here.

To feel some light.

To dwell in some peace.

To experience some love.

To sing some joy.

Amen!

*Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

UMH #732

Opening Prayer:

Source of all, we come with restless hearts, reaching for what does not satisfy. Help us to be present in this moment, to see what is real, to release what does not nourish. May we notice the quiet abundance already within and among us. May we find peace in enough. Amen.

Special Music

Abide with Me

Valerie Stephenson

Clarion Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, quiet the cravings that pull us in every direction. Still our minds, open our hearts, and let your wisdom settle within us like a deep breath. May we see what is true, hear what is life-giving, and receive what truly nourishes. Amen.

Scripture

Jeremiah 17:5-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message

Dorito Theory and the Deceptive Heart

***Hymn**

O Young and Fearless Prophet

UMH #444, verses 1,2,4,5

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.

Prayer Response

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

TFWS #2193

Special Music

Shall We Gather at the River?
Clarion Bells

Dale Wood

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Andante Semplice

Ernest Tomlinson

***Offering Response**

Doxology for Humanity

To the tune of "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise faith that keeps us ever strong
Praise hope that triumphs over wrong
Praise dreams that make our spirits rise
Praise voices raised in joyful cries. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Teacher and Creator, we bring these gifts not alone, but as a people called to walk this path together. May what we offer be multiplied—not just in meeting needs, but in building relationships, repairing what is broken, and nurturing a community of justice, love, and care. May we give not from fear of scarcity, but from the deep trust that together, we already have enough. Amen.

*** Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH #577, verses 1,3,4

***Our Charge and Blessing**

May we go in grace and peace to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to touch a broken world.

May we go in grace and peace to love the world on behalf of Jesus, to represent him to a broken world.

May we go in grace and peace to discover the joy of joining the work of Jesus, finding him among the broken of this world. Amen

The things we cling to—security, possessions, comfort—don't always nourish. But what we release together in love can transform lives. This offering is more than a financial gift; it is a collective act of faith. Together, we feed the hungry, clothe those in need, work for justice, and sustain this space where all are welcomed, loved, and called into something greater than ourselves.

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

***Blessing Response:** *Amazing Grace*

UMH #378 vs. 1

***Postlude** *Kingsfold*

arr. By Ralph Vaughan Williams

Journey Schedule

February 16th - Kathy Hartke will present the second of a two part series presentation on the UMC/Social Principles on “befriending and caring for all persons, including LGBTQ persons in our churches and communities” as well as the Reconciling Ministries Network.

What is Journey?

Study and discussion on a wide range of topics – including bible study, social justice, how we might live a Christ-like life. Sundays in the Disciple Room -after service.

Chair Yoga

NOW EVERY TUESDAY!!

Led by Certified Yoga Instructor, Kim Wells

For seniors, regular exercise is one of the best ways to achieve a healthy lifestyle. Unlike high-impact exercise like running, lifting weights, and plyometrics, chair yoga is easy on your joints, and may serve as a gateway to other forms of exercise. Chair yoga is a beneficial form of yoga for any fitness level, from active seniors to those recovering from an injury.

45 minute class-Introductory \$10/session
Call the church office to register 262-782-4060
or sign up at class

Wear loose fitting comfortable clothing



On Palm Sunday (April 13th), the CUMC Festival Choir will present a special music service exploring the space between shouting and silence. And, as we enter Holy Week, we will work to bring all of ourselves—our praise, our reverence, our grief, and everything in between—to the work of holy remembrance and action. What will we shout? What will we silence?

All Community members are invited to join!
Practice tracks will be provided. Rehearsals include:

- Wednesday, March 19 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Choir Room)
- Wednesday, March 26 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Choir Room)
- Wednesday, April 2 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Choir Room)
- Wednesday, April 9 (7:30 pm-8:45 pm, Sanctuary)
- Saturday, April 12 (9:00 am-11:30 am, Sanctuary)

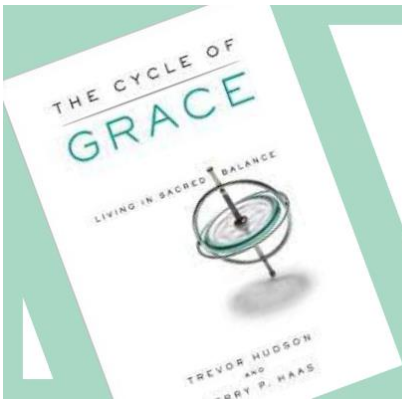
EXPLORING
THE SPACE BETWEEN

Shouting & Silence

Spring Cantata
04.12.25 - 9:30am

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Reach out to Danielle Bridges at (danielle.bridges@cumceg.org) if you're interested in singing!



“The CYCLE OF GRACE” by Trevor Hudson & Jerry Haas

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
Sunday Mornings Starting March 9th

For more information visit www.cumceg.org/biblestudies

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – February 16th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- The Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Journey - 10:45am – Disciple Room

Monday – February 17th (Pastor Kris’ Sabbath) **WELCOME WORD DEADLINE**

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:30pm – 7:15pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 8:00pm – Revelation Room
- AA Women’s Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – February 18th

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Stephen Minister Training – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – February 19th

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- Missions Team Meeting – 10:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – February 20th

- Mother’s Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Education Wing & Revelation Room
- OWLS Luncheon Program – Doors Open at 11:30 – Fellowship Hall
- AA Men’s Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – February 21st (Pastor Bridget’s Sabbath)

**Quarterly Mission Partner:
Family Promise of Waukesha County**



SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

CHURCH STAFF


Rev. Kris Androsky &
Rev. Bridget Case
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Susan Krechel – Organist
Randy Bryant – Organist


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