

THE WELCOME WORD

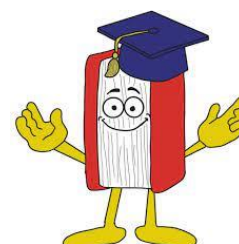
Community United Methodist Church
14700 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Intergenerational Service Opportunities

The Intergenerational Service Opportunity Visioning Team has been working to create events that bring members from CUMC and the community together in acts of service.

Book Ahead

Our first service opportunity will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 10:45 following the worship service in Fellowship Hall. We will be packing handmade bags with 3 books each to be distributed for Book Ahead. We will need several volunteers for this project which does not require any prior preparation or skills. Volunteers will be given a bag and asked to place 3 books from the tables in the bag. This is a perfect project for families and a great service project for youth.



Filled bags (many of which have been sewn by our CUMC quilters) will then be delivered to Waukesha Head Start on Monday, April 15. We will also need 2-3 drivers of vans who are capable of lifting/carrying boxes of books that weigh 30 or more pounds to deliver the books the morning of Monday, April 15th along with a Book Ahead representative.

This is a great opportunity for those who have been hearing about and donating to Book Ahead to actually see what happens "behind the scenes."

Sign up on the registration cards on Sunday mornings or contact the church office.

Games Night and Pizza with Life Navigators

Check your calendars for 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.



Watch your Sunday bulletin for event sign up opportunities.

Ways that you can participate:

- 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

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

Community United Methodist Church
Giving and Expense Summary-February, 2024

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Variance	2023 Actual
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
<u>GIVING/INCOME:</u>				
Giving	\$78,277	\$91,666	(\$13,389)	\$69,147
Pre-paid gifts	\$4,771	\$4,770	\$1	\$8,683
Total Estimated Gifts	\$83,048	\$96,436	(\$13,388)	\$77,830
Loose Offerings	\$446	\$632	\$632	\$491
Interest Income	\$1,318	\$1,250	\$68	\$993
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$250	(\$250)	\$189
MDO Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rental Income	\$4,850	\$5,000	(\$150)	\$4,800
Total General Revenues	\$89,662	\$103,568	(\$13,088)	\$84,303
Other Assigned Income				
Mission Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mission Payments - specific receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Flowers/Worship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Music - Perschbacher/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Appreciation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage/Office Supplies	\$0	\$198	(\$198)	\$23
Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christian Education	\$4,591	\$1,098	\$3,493	\$0
Stewardship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Church Facility	\$0	\$206	(\$206)	\$150
TOTAL BUDGET GIVING/INCOME	\$94,253	\$105,070	(\$9,999)	\$84,476
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
Mission Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Connectional Ministries	\$14,128	\$14,128	\$0	\$15,906
Passionate Worship Ministries	\$12,024	\$11,332	(\$692)	\$10,702
Pastoral Support	\$42,372	\$45,062	\$2,690	\$39,694
Office Admin & Personnel	\$24,018	\$26,548	\$2,530	\$23,680
Radical Hospitality	\$0	\$16	\$16	\$0
Christian Education	\$198	\$56	(\$142)	(\$222)
Youth Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stewardship/Finance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustees Property/Building				
Church	\$66,489	\$44,660	(\$21,829)	\$43,383
Parsonage	\$7,837	\$1,834	(\$6,003)	\$1,389
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$167,066	\$143,636	(\$23,430)	\$134,532
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$72,813)	(\$38,566)	(\$33,429)	(\$50,056)

APRIL WORSHIP
9:30 am Worship Service

April 7 – Communion

John 21:1-19

Music: Praise Team

April 14

Luke 24:36b-48

Music: Chancel Choir

April 21

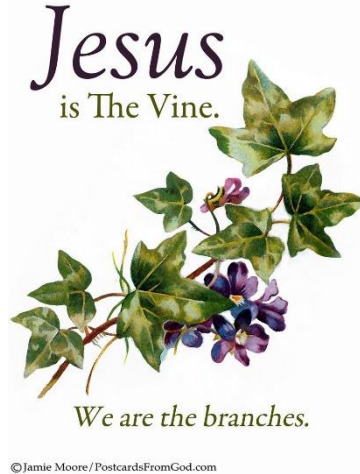
John 10:11-18

Music: Clarion Bells

April 28

John 15:1-8

Music: Praise Team



IN THE SPIRIT

By Mel Johnson

*As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
-Colossians 3:12*

Whenever I read this verse I want to circle the word "patience." For those of you who have been on retreat with me, you know I have been at odds with patience for what seems like forever. Case in point. I needed a new printer and my daughter Kristin was willing to first shop for it with me then install it. We were near the end of the install process when I, without reading what to do next and wanting to speed the process along, pressed the wrong button and, yup, we were back at almost the beginning.

From 1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient, love is kind" and so on ... until "love never ends." So why is patience so hard for me? As I write I am impatient for the season ahead, for spring to really burst forth, for the first flowers to bloom. To be patient is to be mindful, to be present, to be in the moment, to set aside distractions, to slow down, to not be in a hurry. Perhaps patience is hard to come by because it is not valued in our rapidly moving, rapidly changing world. Instant gratification from McDonalds to Starbucks and many more has become the modus operandi.

So what does God think? What does Jesus think? From what I read in scripture neither was in a hurry. Nestled right in the middle of the fruit of the spirit is patience bookended by peace and goodness among others (Galatians 5:22). I am glad God has a good sense of humor and can be patient with all of our impatience. Mine especially. Amen.

Reprinted from April 2016



Our Condolences to:

Diane Bodalski and her family following the death of her son, Paul.



**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>.



**“Rooted & Rising – Washington Park” Food Drive
We have delivered 645 lbs. so far in 2024
(We delivered a total of 4.493 lbs. in 2023)**

310 lbs. of food and hygiene items were delivered on February 20 bringing this year’s total to 645 lbs. They served 448 individuals from 192 households in the Community Food Center in February. Suggested items for April are: **breakfast grains (oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat); dinner grains (brown rice, noodles, quinoa, barley); spices and herbs; and condiments.** Other items are always welcome and will be utilized. Toilet paper is always needed.

Your donations may be left inside the marked bins in the entryway off the courtyard during the week (M-Th 8:00-3:30 and Fri 8:00-2:30). On Sundays, the courtyard door is unlocked from 8:00-11:00 AM, so you may also bring your donations when you come to Church or leave them in the Narthex and someone will take them down for you.

“Rooted & Rising” and their clients appreciate all the food and hygiene items that CUMC continues to donate monthly. **Thanks for your generosity and ongoing support! (Keep filling those bags.)**



CARD MINISTRY WILL NOT MEET IN APRIL

The Card Ministry will meet again on **Monday, May 6.**

We will not meet in April due to the Easter holiday.

We would like to take this time to wish everyone a Blessed Easter.

When we come back in May, we will meet in the Disciple Room from 6:30-8:00 pm. **No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided.** We welcome our youth who would like to get service credit for school. We also welcome new "card makers" who enjoy being creative.

You may park in the west parking lot and come right in to the Disciple Room.

Please consider joining us on May 6. We look forward to seeing you.

Karen Onasch and Dianna Haugh

LET'S SEW TOGETHER ON APRIL 3!

The sewing group will meet again on **Wednesday, April 3,** at 10:00 am in the Disciple Room.

We plan to continue to create fun and easy book bags for Book Ahead. We'll also be making plans for some new, creative projects.

We hope you can join us on April 3!



It Takes Two to Tango.

Yes, it only takes two to tango, but it takes ten to provide hospitality every Sunday at Community UMC.

Every Sunday we need **three greeters** - one at the front door, one in the narthex, and one at the west door.

We need **five ushers** - Lead Usher Wendy Tefelske (temporarily only processing the offering), plus four more; one or two handing out bulletins inside the sanctuary and all four taking up the offering. (On special Sundays a fifth usher is needed for the balcony.)

The Connection usually requires **two hosts** - one for the coffee and one for the juice and crullers.

We now have volunteers scheduled for all the second quarter hospitality positions (Yea!); however, many persons are scheduled over and over.

We would appreciate others who are not scheduled in the second quarter to make themselves known to Don and Judy Down. Hospitality volunteers will be needed to fill in for those who have a change in plans and to reduce the number of times some persons are already scheduled.

A big THANKS goes to all our hospitality volunteers!





Reading Program Book Review by Jeanette Friedl

Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

This novel begins in Sault St. Marie, Upper Michigan/Ontario, Canada and continues throughout most of the story. It is a story of Connection, Hope, beauty and strength in the Ojibwe community as well as about identity, loss and injustices in the tribal community; its cultural events, languages, and traditional teachings and numerous other ways.

It is a fast, easy read with much information of Indian culture as practiced in the past as well as today. It is a mix of love story, murder mystery and every-day living.

SOCIAL ACTION DAY Watch Party at Community SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 9:00 am to NOON "ENDING MASS INCARCERATION IN WISCONSIN"

Guest Speakers: Hon/Rev. Everett Mitchell & Peggy West-Schroder

Hon/Rev Everett Mitchell (he/him) is a Dane Co Circuit Court Judge and Senior Pastor at Christ The Solid Rock Baptist Church. He is a fierce advocate for education, social justice and equity. Judge Mitchell also oversees Dane County's Drug Court Program and is committed to dismantling the Child Welfare to Juvenile Delinquency to Adult Prison Pipeline operating not only in Wisconsin, but also around the country. He earned a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a J.D. from UW--Madison Law School in 2010.

Peggy West-Schroder (she/her) is the FREE Executive Director and has been justice-impacted since birth. Born while her mother was incarcerated, she has made it her life's work to end mass incarcerations, fight for alternatives to incarceration for caretakers, and assure that everyone has a beautiful birth story despite incarceration. FREE seeks visionary alternatives to the current systems of injustice and incarceration; https://freemvmt.org/



EACH PERSON SHOULD REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY. REGISTER in the church office or ONLINE AT: https://wisconsin-reg.brtapp.com/UWinfaihsocialactionday2024

For questions, please contact: Kathy Hartke: kdhartke@gmail.com

Please register by April 9, 2024. The Zoom link and additional info will be sent on April 11, 2024.



Table with 2 columns: Name and Birth Date. Includes names like Gianna Hamann, Rory Shannon, Nancy Lukonic, etc., and dates from April 2 to April 29.

Announcing

Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning* 2024

October 7 and 8 through November 11 and 12

(6 Mondays and 6 Tuesdays)

9:30 AM; 11:30 AM; 1:30 PM

ALL classes are held in Fellowship Hall

The volunteer staff is grateful to the **MANY** participants in 2023! **It was our best year!** All of you (our participants) have truly helped make EGS4LL a space **where the love of learning never gets old!**

Our goal is to present an educational program that aims for growth in knowledge and for personal enrichment. We are pleased to announce several of our 2024 presentations.

A timely topic: **What is Artificial Intelligence Anyway?**

A historical happening: **Sultana: America's Worst Maritime Disaster**

A local discovery: **The Indian Mounds of the Horicon Marsh**



Visit our website: egs4ll.org

**EGS4LL is a community of intellectually curious adults, typically 50 and over, that explores subjects of interest through lectures, demonstrations, and cultural activities.*

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS/DEADLINES

Respond to Chriss chrisstunp@cumceg.org
or Deb deb.cornell@cumceg.org
on these matters:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ...

When the church office is closed, if you have a pastoral emergency that cannot wait until the next business day, you can reach Pastor Kris Androsky at 262-372-1626.

WEEKLY CUMC EMAILS

To receive CUMC's weekly emails to prepare you for Sunday's worship and inform you about things that need immediate action, send an email to Chriss or Deb.

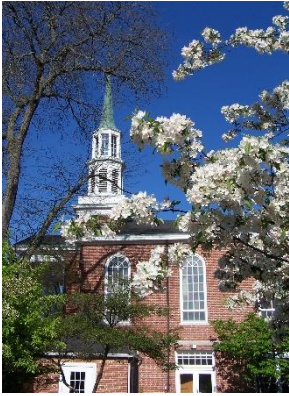
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday noon, prior to the Sunday you want the notice to appear. Announcements can run for up to three weeks per your request. Bulletins are assembled Thursdays at lunch time.

WELCOME WORD DEADLINE

Articles for the May Welcome Word are due by Friday, April 12. Email submissions are preferred when possible, otherwise drop it off at the church office. Articles may be edited for content.

CUMC'S QR CODE TO SCAN FOR GIVING!





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**Welcome Word deadline for May is
Friday, April 12.**

**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.**

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

“Serving Christ Together”

All of Us	Ministers
Kris Androsky	Pastor
Bridget Case	Associate Pastor
Chriss Stump	Office Administrator
Deb Cornell	Secretary
Tracey Magyar	Mother’s Day Out Director
Danielle Bridges	Director of Music
Tyler Walters	Praise Team Director
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant	Organists

Regular Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 am—4:00 pm; Friday 7:30 am—3:00 pm
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am In-Person Sanctuary and Facebook Live
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