

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. **Gathering Music**

Still, Still, Still (Austrian carol)

arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

On Sundays and Mondays, on good days and bad days, early in the morning and very late at night,

here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.

Meet us in this space.

Surprise us with your presence.

Fill this room with your good news.

With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH #196

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent The Candle of Hope

In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

We see hope when we look to the next generation. We feel hopeful when we gather together. We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

Sung Response

Sung to the melody of "Away in a Manger"

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night, Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light. Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.

One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

Scripture Lesson: Lamentations 3: 55-57 Joseph Krechel

This carol dates back to a 16th century pageant: the Coventry Carol is sung by three mothers of Bethlehem immediately after Joseph learns of Herod's order to kill all male infants under the age of two. The Holy Family escapes; the children of the women who sing this song do not.

Special Music The Coventry Carol

CUMC All-Congregation Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny Child, By, by, lully, lullay; Lullay, thou little tiny Child, By, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how many we do For to preserve this day This poor Youngling, For whom we do sing, By, by, lully, lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, In his own sight, All children young to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child for thee, And ever mourn and say, For Thy parting nor say nor sing, By, by, lully, lullay.

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 1: 5-13 Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

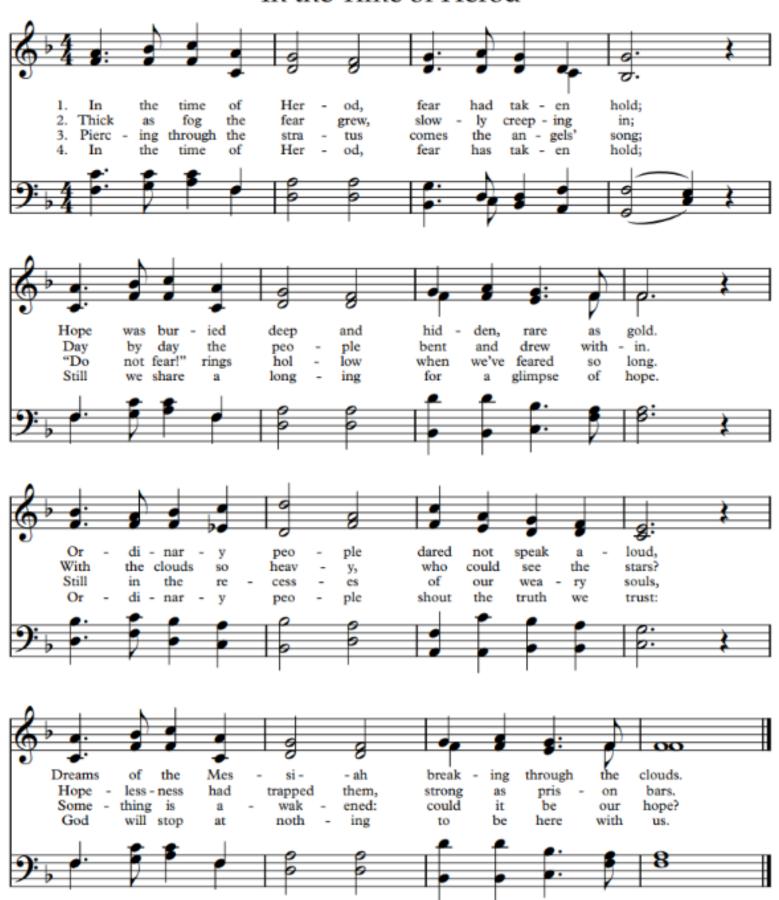
Message What do you fear?

In the time of Herod, We Long for God to Break in

*Hymn In the Time of Herod See Insert

to the tune of In the Bleak Midwinter

In the Time of Herod



WORDS: Anna Strickland, 2025 MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1906

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

Offertory

Invitation to the Offering

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Rowland H. Prichard

*Offering Response O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)

UMH #211

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of this season of giving. You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to share. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in service always. Help these gifts to expand your grace and hope throughout the world. Amen.

*Hymn

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #569, vs. 1-3

*Blessing & 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:

How Can It Be

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

to the tune of Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Though hope is hidden now, God changes nations.

God brings the powerful down to their knees.

God sets a table of great celebration.

God sent us Jesus who welcomes and frees.

*Postlude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Praetorius arr. by Cindy Berry

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP 2025



You are invited to

at The Connection.

join us for

fellowship and refreshments

Caring - Connecting - Committing

Growing faithfulness and investing in a vibrancy of heart, soul, and mission

www.cumceg.org/stewardship

The Stewardship Campaign may be finished, but Stewardship never really stops.

Every day at Community UMC, incredible things happen because of your faithfulness — from Sunday Worship and small groups to learning in the Naturescape, Creative Advent art classes, yoga, music, mission work, and so much more. We are truly blessed to have these ministries under our roof... and even more blessed to have *you* supporting them.

This year's theme, Caring • Connecting • Committing, reminds us why we give and how our giving transforms lives. On our website you'll find Pastor Tim's Stewardship Letter, our Narrative Budget, messages from Community UMC members, and the online pledge form.

Commitment Sunday may have passed, but your ongoing support is essential to the life of this church. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge card, you can still:

- Drop it in the offering plate
- Mail it to the church office
- Fill out the online pledge form
- Or—if you need a new card—simply see an usher before you leave today!

Thank you for being a vital part of Community UMC. Your generosity makes ministry happen.



MISSION GIFT FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 7, 2025



Visit online at www.cumceg.org/mgf



Give generously to Community UMC and to the ministries and outreaches that are changing lives through your faithful gifts. Your generosity strengthens our family



Monday – December 1st

- Mother's Day Out Preschool Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music 4:00pm Choir Room
- Creative Advent 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
- Crosstown Harmony 6:00pm Revelation Room

Tuesday – December 2nd

- Mother's Day Out Preschool Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Chair Yoga 2:30pm Wellbeing Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary

Wednesday – December 3rd

- Mother's Day Out Preschool Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Zentangle 9:30am Disciple Room
- Caroling at Silverado 2:00pm Silverado Memory Care
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal 6:15pm Harmony Room
- Festival Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Room

Thursday – December 4th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Yoga 9:30am Wellbeing Room
- Music Planning Committee 1:00pm
- Chime Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group 8:00pm Disciple Room

Friday – December 5th

- UWF Afternoon Tea & Conversation 2:00pm Hearth Room
- Children's Choir 4:30pm Choir Room

Sunday – December 7th – MISSION GIFT FESTIVAL

- Sunday Service 9:30am Sanctuary
 - o Children's Chapel & Nursery Edu Wing
- Mission Gift Festival 10:30am Revelation Room & Hearth Room
- Advent Book Study with Pastor Tim 10:45am Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Mission Partner: StreetLife Communities

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday – 12.07.25

Front Door: Tom Twinem West Door: Ann Walker Narthex: Carita Twinem

Ushers: Tom Raley, Dianne White, Darrel White, Sheryl Cavan

Connection: Mary Goens, Marlene Salek

Liturgist: Carita Twinem

Children's Church: Sue Connor & Sara Ziesemer

Mission Partner



StreetLife Communities Mission:

As created equals, we work to reduce harm and restore hope by providing essential resources to our Milwaukee neighbors living on the streets.

StreetLife Communities

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



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message stirs the soul and creativity takes shape.

Creative Advent is Intergenerational All ages welcome!







6:00pm -Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 1st - Stained Glass Candle Holder Monday, December 8th - Nativity Silhouette Box Frame Monday, December 15th - Nativity Bracelet

Discover the beauty of the season through Creative Advent, a three-part series combining meditative reflection with hands-on art experiences. Each session stands on its own — attend one, two, or all three — as we explore the themes of Advent through creativity and quiet contemplation. This intergenerational offering welcomes participants of all ages. To help us prepare materials, please RSVP by contacting the church office to reserve your spot.

Cookie Walk

It's that wonderful time of year again! Join us for the United Women in Faith Annual Cookie Walk and More, where you can fill a box with your favorite treats from dozens of delicious cookie varieties.

While you're here, browse beautiful handmade crafts from our Sew Together group and unique greeting cards from the Greeting Card Ministry. This beloved holiday tradition always sells out—so come early, bring your sweet tooth, and enjoy the festive spirit!

And remember, we need both bakers and buyers to make this event such a success.

If you love to bake, we'd love your help!

- Drop-off for freezable cookies begins one week before the event.
- Drop-off for non-freezable cookies begins the day before.

Thank you for helping spread warmth, joy, and sweetness this Christmas season!





Longest Night Service...

Thursday, December 18 - 6:00pm

The Longest Night Service is a gentle space for anyone facing struggles—whether you're grieving, navigating illness, or simply needing encouragement during the holidays. Through reflection, prayer, and meaningful music, this service offers comfort and hope. If you have specific concerns you'd like included, please reach out to Pastor Tim.



Cover Art – Zechariah and the Angel by Hannah Garrity Inspired by Luke 1:5-13 -32"x20" Paper lace & graphite drawing, backed with cyanotype print. For more information about the Art of Advent visit www.cumceg.org/advent



DECEMBER 14TH 9:30AM



Sometimes saying "yes" to God's call fills us with fear. We fear, just like Mary, when she was told she would give birth to the Messiah, that we aren't enough. That we'll be alone. That no one will listen. And yet, God calls us forward, inviting us to live fully into who we are created to be and promising to be with us as we move forward through our fear, every step of the way. On December 14th, Community United Methodist Church's Festival Choir and Festival Orchestra present a musical reflection on what it means to say yes to God, featuring beloved Christmas carols and songs that remind us that courage isn't an absence of fear, but a choice that we make

