

2026
October 25

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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COMMUNITY UMC

Stephen Ministry Sunday

Christ Caring for People Through People

Prelude

Prelude in G

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

From the earliest days of the church we have been called to bear one another's burdens.

We come carrying burdens of our own, and we come to help carry each other's.

Caring for those who are hurting has always been the work of God's people. **Today we give thanks for those who have heard the call to be Stephen Ministers and stepped forward to listen, to sit beside, to pray, and to keep confidence.**

Jesus continues to care for people through people.

We come to worship in praise and prayer thankful for hands and hearts who reach out with compassion and concern.

***Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH #127

Opening Prayer:

God of the ages, you have been present with us since the beginning of time and your steadfast love endures forever. We ask this day, that you would fill our weakness with your strength, bind up our brokenness with your healing, calm our fears with your peace, and mend our divisions with your unity. Help us to focus ourselves on the tasks of your love. Use us to build a holy place, a community where healing, caring, and joy blend together in worship and wellbeing, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Acts 6: 1-6

Tom Raley

Special Music

Sound of the Wind

Clarion Bells

J. Wayne Kerr

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 22: 34-46

Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

Young Disciples

Message

The Hinge of Love

* Hymn

Eternal God Transcending Time

W&S #3030, vs. 1-2, 4

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.

Prayer Response *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

UMH #64, v1

mm. 9-16

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Special Music

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Clarion Bells

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Ministry Moment

Introduction of Stephen Ministers and Leaders

Covenant Affirmation

Pastor: Each of you has followed a call from God to the work of Stephen Ministry. You are called to walk alongside others and to extend God's grace to those you meet. Will you step into and continue this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Stephen Leaders and Ministers: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Will you continue to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others – to support, encourage, build up, and offer God's healing to people in all their needs?

Stephen Leaders and Ministers: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Members and friends of Community UMC, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Leaders and Ministers and pray for them as servants of Christ?

Congregation: Yes, with God's help.

Prayer of Blessing:

Reader 1: For everything there is a season...

Reader 2: Our season to be Christian caregivers. ...and a time for every matter under heaven:

Reader 3: Our time to share ourselves with others as we offer care.

Reader 4: A time to break down, and a time to build up; Breaking down barriers between caregiver and care receiver.

Reader 5: Breaking down problems into simple terms to help find solutions. Building up the care receiver's spirits and the caring relationship.

Reader 6: A time to weep, and time to laugh; Caregiver and care receiver will do a lot of both over the course of the relationship.

Reader 7: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; Keeping silent to allow the care receiver to think through what they want to share while we listen, listen, listen.

Reader 8: Speaking when we ask questions, answer questions, and reflect what we have heard. Be with us on this journey.

All: Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	<i>Voluntary No. 1: Diapason Movement</i>	George Green
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*Offering Response	<i>What Gift Can We Bring</i>	UMH #87, v4
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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**

God of green pastures and still waters, we thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good and for providing for us in times of struggle. Make us ever more mindful of the blessings you grant us each day; deepen our trust in your love and mercy and use these gifts to create a community of thanksgiving that seeks the healing of the nations. Amen.

***Hymn**

We All Are One in Mission

TFWS #2243

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

We have been cared for by God.

Now we go to care for others.

We have been heard by God.

Now we go to listen.

Go in peace, and may the God of all comfort be with you. Amen.

Amen.

***Blessing Response:** *Shalom*

UMH #667



Fare - well, dear friends, stay safe, dear friends, have peace, have peace.



We'll see you a - gain, we'll see you a - gain, have peace, have peace.

***Postlude**

Battle Hymn of the Republic

William Steffe

You are invited to join us for Fellowship, friends, fun, games and lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Trick-or-Treat TOMORROW!
with Life Navigators

Monday, October 26 • 5-7 p.m.
Community UMC

Join us for a hot dog dinner, friendly costumes, and plenty of fun!

A Few Helping Hands

Just 2-3 people each day!
Help rearrange tables for evening events.

MONDAY, OCT. 26
A little after 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27
Around 2:45 p.m.

Call the church office if you can help.

Friends in the Grove

Adult Day Respite Ministry



Make a Friend. Make a Difference.

Volunteer with Friends in the Grove

Contact Nicole to learn more or volunteer:
nicole.gosia@cumceg.org

BLESS HIS SOLE!



♥ OCTOBER • PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH ♥

We're halfway through the month!

Bring in

NEW SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

for Hope Center in honor of Pastor Tim.



New items
only, please!

♥ Let's show our appreciation by helping others! ♥

Church Conference

Sunday, November 8

11 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome • No RSVP needed

*The altar flowers are given in memory of
Donald Down and in honor of
Stephen Ministry.*

Monday – October 26th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School/Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Missions Meeting – 1:00pm – Library
- Trick or Treat with Life Navigators – 5:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – October 27th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School/Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- NAMI Teacher Banquet – 3:30pm – Fellowship Hall
- NAMI Board Meeting – 3:30pm – Disciple Room

Wednesday – October 28th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Clarion Bells – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – October 29th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Gospel of Mark Study – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – October 30th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

Sunday – November 1st – All Saints Sunday

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel - 9:45am – Start in Sanctuary
- 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 - 11.01.26

Front Door: Darrel White

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Diana Haugh

Ushers: John Kaehler, Anne Harberg, Dianne White, Tom Raley

Connection: Sheryl Cavan

Liturgist: Sandy Retherford

Communion Stewards: Tom Raley, Diana Haugh, Sandy Retherford

Trailblazers: Sue Connor, Lisa Meder

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

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Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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please call Pastor Tim at

262-388-4635

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.

