

COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949



MAY 11, 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

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.

What does it mean to not only hear, but also follow, Jesus' voice?

Gathering Music

All Hail, King Jesus (with Coronation) arr. by Debbie Mouser

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, beloved of God, gather to listen for the voice that calls us by name.

We are here, seeking the Shepherd who knows us and leads us with love.

In a noisy world, we pause to tune our hearts to the sound of grace.

We come to hear and we come to follow.

Let us worship the One who holds us close, speaks truth in love, and sends us to care for others.

With open hearts and willing spirits, we gather to worship and respond.

*Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH #157, verses 1, 3, 5

Opening Prayer:

Holy and gracious God, you call to us with a voice of love, yet too often we turn away or listen only halfway. Forgive us for the times we have heard but not acted, known your grace but not shared it. Open us to your leading, and through this worship, make us bold to follow and faithful in love. Amen.

Special Music

Behold the Heavens

Kathleen Wissinger

Clarion Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you speak to us in ways both familiar and surprising, through scripture, through silence, and through the needs of our neighbors. Open our ears to hear your voice and our lives to your calling. Help us to follow not just in word, but in action, that we might become living signs of your love. In the name of the risen Christ, our Shepherd and guide. Amen.

Scripture

John 10: 22-30

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message

More Than Ears to Hear

***Hymn**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381, verses 1, 2, 4

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

Amen

UMH #898

A musical score for the Prayer Response 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words to indicate the rhythm. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting.

Special Music

Blessed Assurance
Clarion Bells

Cynthia Dobrinski

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

*See Insert

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

As the Sun Rises

Flor Peeters

***Offering Response**

Christ Is Alive

UMH #318, vs. 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we bring these offerings as signs of our willingness to follow where you lead. Use them, and use us, to share your compassion and hope in a world in need. May our giving be more than words; may it become the way we live. Amen.

*** Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH #154, verses 1, 4, 6

As we listen for Christ's voice, let us respond with lives and gifts that follow in love.

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Go now, listening for the voice of the Shepherd who calls you by name.

We go with ears open and hearts ready to follow.

In every act of compassion, in every step of courage, may you reflect the love of Christ.

We go to live into the call of Christ as we go to love as we have been loved.

And may the grace of our Shepherd, the wisdom of the Spirit, and the strength of our Creator go with you, now and always. **Amen.**

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

UMH #378, vs. 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saves a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

***Postlude** *Pipings!*

James Southbridge

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



Sew Together!

Do you love sewing, fellowship, and doing something great for others?!

Then join Community UMC's Sewing/Quilting Group: Sew Together!

Monthly projects have been: Activity mats for those facing Alzheimer's, Pillow Ports, Tote Bags for children receiving books from 'A Book Ahead' and so much more.

Next Sewing Dates: May 15th & June 12th at 10:00am!

Call the Church Office for More Information!

**HELP US WELCOME PASTOR TIM, AUDRA, AND THEIR FAMILY!
TO PREPARE FOR PASTOR TIM'S ARRIVAL IN JULY,
LET'S INTRODUCE COMMUNITY'S COMMUNITY!**



We invite every household to send us a photo and brief note of introduction.

These will be compiled and sent to Pastor Tim in the upcoming weeks.

Don't know what to write? Try including: who you are and who is a part of your family, how long you've been a part of the CUMC community, what you're involved in at church and in the broader community, what you enjoy doing in your spare time, an interesting tidbit of information about you.

Send all photos and notes of introduction to Office Chriss at chriss.stump@cumceg.org - or drop them off in the office.

Hello LET'S CONNECT

Pastor Kris

APPLETON OR BUST

BLOCK PARTY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY - JUNE 22ND!

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SEND-OFF FOR OUR BELOVED PASTOR KRIS ANDROSKY

You're Invited to the Pastor Kris Block Party!

Sunday, June 22nd 10:45am – 12:30pm

A Community Celebration Send-Off for Our Beloved Pastor Kris Androsky

Come ready to celebrate Pastor Kris in true Pastor Kris style—with joy, laughter, and a whole lot of heart! Join us in the lower courtyard for an unforgettable afternoon filled with:

- Live Entertainment
- Lunch, Snacks & Dessert
- Games & Fun Activities
- Pastor Kris Vibes

Let's come together as a community to honor Pastor Kris—not with a goodbye, but with a “See you again!”

Everyone is welcome! RSVPs are helpful but not needed. Want to help make the celebration even more special?

Call Office Chriss at 262.782.4060 or Chriss.Stump@cumceg.org for volunteer opportunities.

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – May 11th

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

Monday – May 12th (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- OWLS Board Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Ikebana Rental – 11:30am – Disciple Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 8:00pm – Revelation Room
- AA Women's Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – May 13th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Ikebana Rental – 11:00am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- NAMI Family to Family Series – 6:00pm – Disciple Room

Wednesday – May 14th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Ikebana – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Music Department Party – 6:00pm – Fellowship Hall & Choir Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – May 15th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Sew Together – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- OWLS Luncheon – 11:00am – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- Servant Leadership Team Meeting – 7:00pm – ZOOM ONLY
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Quarterly Mission Partner:
Walker's Point Youth & Family Center



SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

CHURCH STAFF

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

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Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm



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COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

May 11, 2025

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Pastor: Today we recognize and commission new Stephen Ministers in our community of faith. These individuals have answered the call to offer care, compassion, and a listening presence to those experiencing life's challenges. They have completed their training and now step into this sacred ministry of accompaniment.

Pastor to New Stephen Ministers: Will you offer yourselves as faithful companions, listening with the ears of Christ and loving with the heart of Christ?

New Stephen Ministers: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you be diligent in prayer, grounded in the Word, and guided by humility and confidentiality as you care for others?

New Stephen Ministers: We will, by God's grace.

Pastor to Current Stephen Ministers: Will you continue in your calling, supporting these new ministers with encouragement, prayer, and the wisdom of your experience?

Current Stephen Ministers: We will, with gratitude and faith.

Pastor to Congregation: People of God, will you surround these ministers with your support—praying for them, encouraging them, and entrusting them with the sacred work of care?

Congregation: We will, and we give thanks for their ministry among us.

Pastor: Gracious and loving God, you call us to be bearers of your healing and hope. Pour out your Spirit upon these Stephen Ministers—those newly commissioned and those continuing in service. Give them patience, compassion, and strength. May their listening be deep, their presence gentle, and their care a reflection of your love. Bless them and bless those they will walk beside. In the name of Christ, our Shepherd and guide—**Amen.**

Newly Commissioned Stephen Ministers

For everything there is a season...

Our season to be Christian caregivers.

...and a time for every matter under heaven:

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

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

Breaking down barriers between caregiver and care receiver. Breaking down problems into simple terms to help find solutions. Building up the care receiver's spirits and the caring relationship.

A time to weep, and time to laugh;

Caregiver and care receiver will do a lot of both over the course of the relationship.

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Keeping silent to allow the care receiver to think through what then want to share while we listen, listen, listen. Speaking when we ask questions, answer questions, and reflect what we have heard.

Be with us on this journey.



Celebrating Stephen Ministry

From Left to Right

Newly Commissioned Stephen Minister: Tom Raley

Stephen Minister Leader: Sandy Dykstra

Newly Commissioned Stephen Minister: Dianne White

Newly Commissioned Stephen Minister: Candace Kral

Not Pictured

Stephen Minister Leader: Don Down

Stephen Ministers: Debbie Clark, Anne Harberg,

Betsy Krakauer, and Sue McConnell.



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Contact a Stephen Minister today

Sandy Dykstra: 414-803-4124

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