

2026
October 18

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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Welcome to COMMUNITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Gathering Music

The Summons

John Bell

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Which things are God's?

Which things are gods?

Which things are the world's?

Which things are the emperor's?

These questions challenge us, calling us to center on the truth of God.

Love is of God. Hope is of God. Faith is of God.

These things abide,

centering and strengthening us from age to age onward into eternity.

***Congregational Song**

He Is Exalted

TFWS #2070

Opening Prayer:

Holy One, send your word, like rain in the desert, to satisfy our thirsty souls. Nurture us and strengthen our spirits, that we may be centered on your ways and empowered by your Holy Spirit. Inspire us to live your lessons, that our actions may be just and our words may be true reflections of your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Marianne Ludwick

Special Music

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

Praise Team

Great is your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So, remember your people
Remember your children
Remember your promise, O God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation

And all your people sing along

So, remember your people
Remember your children
Remember your promise, O God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God, I sing your grace is enough
I'm covered in your love
Your grace is enough for me

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 22: 15-22

Pastor Ron Kral

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message

A Tale of Two Kingdoms

***Congregational Song**

The Summons

TFWS #2130

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Praise Team

Father in heaven,
All praise be to your name
Father in heaven,
All praise be to your name

Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On the earth
As it is in heaven

Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory
Forever and ever
Amen

Lead us not into temptation
But from evil, Lord set us free

Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory
Forever and ever
Amen

Amen
Amen
Amen

Ministry Moment**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory***Whatever You Do*

William J. Kirkpatrick

Offering ResponseWhat Gift Can We Bring*

UMH #87, v4

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**

**Bless and increase the bounty of your love through the gifts we now give,
O God. Through these gifts and our faithful labors of love, may others
come to know the steadfast hope and centering truth of your abundant
grace. In Christ's name, we pray.**

***Congregational Song**

Step by Step

W&S #3004

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

With Christ as our center,
we are renewed in hope.
With Christ as our center,
we are called to serve.
With Christ as our center,
we are sent forth in love.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for Connection, with treats, coffee, and the soup sale. The Beloved Community Book Study will meet in the Revelation Room.

***Blessing Response:** *Shalom*

UMH #667



***Postlude** *Prelude No. 3, Allegro Moderato*

John Field

Sew Together

Stitching comfort. Sharing care.

Thursday, October 22 • 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Room

Let's make fidget mats!

Help create sensory mats for people with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.



FALL HIKE

Forest Exploration Center

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Saturday, October 24 • 2:00 p.m.

Join Community UMC's Physical Health Team for a one-mile walk through beautiful fall scenery.

Accessible trail • Seven acres of mature hardwoods • Artistic exhibits

Meet in the parking lot: 1800 Forest Exploration Dr., Wauwatosa
Just off Swan Blvd.

Weather questions? Contact Nickie Bryant: 414-477-0675

Church Conference

Sunday, November 8
11 a.m. • Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome • No RSVP needed



Trick-or-Treat with Life Navigators

Be part of one of the most fun nights at Community!

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

Host or sponsor a table—or lend a hand!
Bring packaged treats or hygiene items
for 50–60 guests.

 **Friendly costumes welcome • Hot dog meal provided**

Ready to help?
Contact Susan Krechel
414-861-3244 • skrechel1@gmail.com
Setup: Sunday, Oct. 25, or Monday, Oct. 26, after 4 p.m.

Friends in the Grove *Partners in Care*

An Adult Day Respite Ministry of Community UMC, Elm Grove



Have you heard the news?

Friends in the Grove is preparing to launch an Adult Day Respite program for friends living with memory loss. Participants will enjoy meaningful activities and time with others, while caregivers have a chance to rest and recharge.

There's a place for you!

Whether you have a loved one who might enjoy spending time with us, are a caregiver who could use a break, or would like to volunteer your time and talents, we'd love to hear from you.



Complete a community interest form today!

Forms are available in the narthex and the church office.

For more information, contact Nicole at Nicole.Gosia@cumceg.org.

COMMUNITY UMC

4TH QUARTER

*Mission
Partner*



Rooted & Rising

Washington Park

Our Mission

Rooted & Rising – Washington Park believes in the dignity, potential and worth of all people and is dedicated to helping individuals and families meet their basic needs, establish stable foundations, and pursue their dreams. We are united in our mission to build a nurturing, thriving community where all people feel welcome, supported and a sense of belonging.

Through quality housing, childcare, food security, basic resources, and neighborhood engagement, we are committed to listening to and elevating the voices of our neighbors, serving with humility and compassion, and working with our partners to build a more stable, equitable and prosperous community for all Washington Park residents. We walk alongside our neighbors to help put down roots and rise to reach our community's fullest potential.

Our Vision

At Rooted & Rising, we envision a neighborhood where every resident is deeply connected to the community, where our shared roots run deep, and where together we meet the community at the level of their needs. Only then can we rise to meet the challenges and opportunities of our ever-changing neighborhood and world.

COMMUNITY UMC INVITES YOU TO HELP



Pray

Pray for our neighbors, staff, and volunteers.



Give

Support our fourth-quarter Mission Partner offering and our church collections.



Serve

Contact the church office to learn about ways to get involved.

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! ♥

NEXT SUNDAY IS A SPECIAL SUNDAY

Stephen Ministry Sunday

A ministry of listening, caring,
and walking alongside one another.



Join us for this special Sunday.
You won't want to miss it!



You're a gem!



A little rocky outside?

God sees the treasure within.

Monday – October 19th WELCOME WORD DUE

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School/Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- OWLS Program Meeting – 1:00pm – Disciple Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – October 20th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School/Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- ~~Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Front Wellness/Youth~~
- Family Ministry – 6:00pm - Library

Wednesday – October 21st

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells – 6:15pm – Sanctuary
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – October 22nd

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Sew Together – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- ~~Yoga – 10:00am – Front Wellness Room~~
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – October 23rd (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

Sunday – November 25th

- 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 - 10.18.26

Front Door: Tom Curl

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Lynda Curl

Ushers: John Kaehler, Anne Harberg, Dianne White, Debbie Clark

Connection: Sheryl Cavan

Liturgist: Tom Raley

Trailblazers: Linda Irwin, Chriss Stump

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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**Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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.

