**2026**
**November 22**

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.

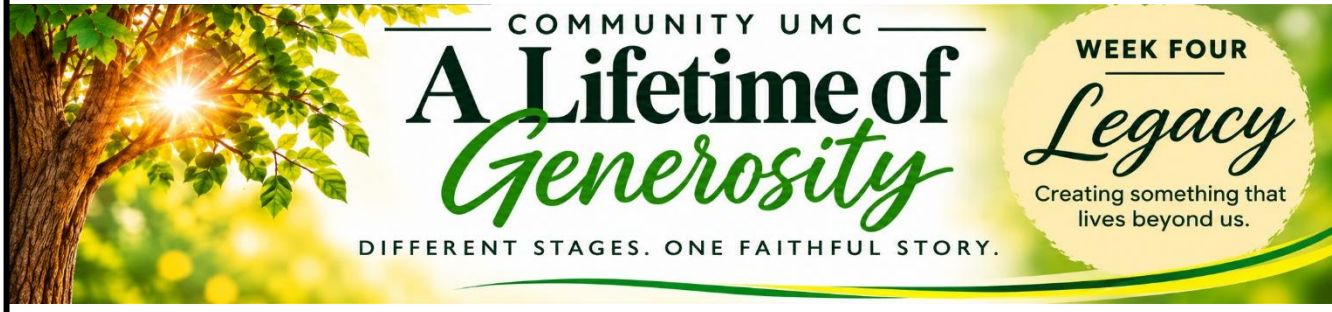
*Indicates to stand as you are able.

**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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**Gathering Music** *Meditation on "O Store Gud"* Traditional Swedish Melody

**Welcome and Greeting**

***Call to Worship**

God's blessings are all around us. We have been given this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.
**Thanks be to God.**
God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.
**Thanks be to God.**
God has blessed us with the love of family and friends.
**Thanks be to God.**
God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.
**With thankful hearts let us worship and sing our praises to God!**

***Hymn** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH #694, vs. 1, 2, 4

**Opening Prayer:**

**Good and loving God source of every grace and blessing, we bring you thanks for the many gifts you have given us. Help us this day to be good stewards of all we have received. Bless us as we gather here to share your gifts and be your people of abundant love and hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**Scripture Lesson:** Philippians 4: 4-7
Carita Twinem

**Special Music** *Now Thank We All Our God* John Behnke
Jubilate Chimes

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 25: 31, 34-35, 37, 40
Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

**Young Disciples**

**Message** A Life of Giving: Creating Something That Lives Beyond Us

***Hymn** *We Gather Together* UMH #131, vs. 1, 3

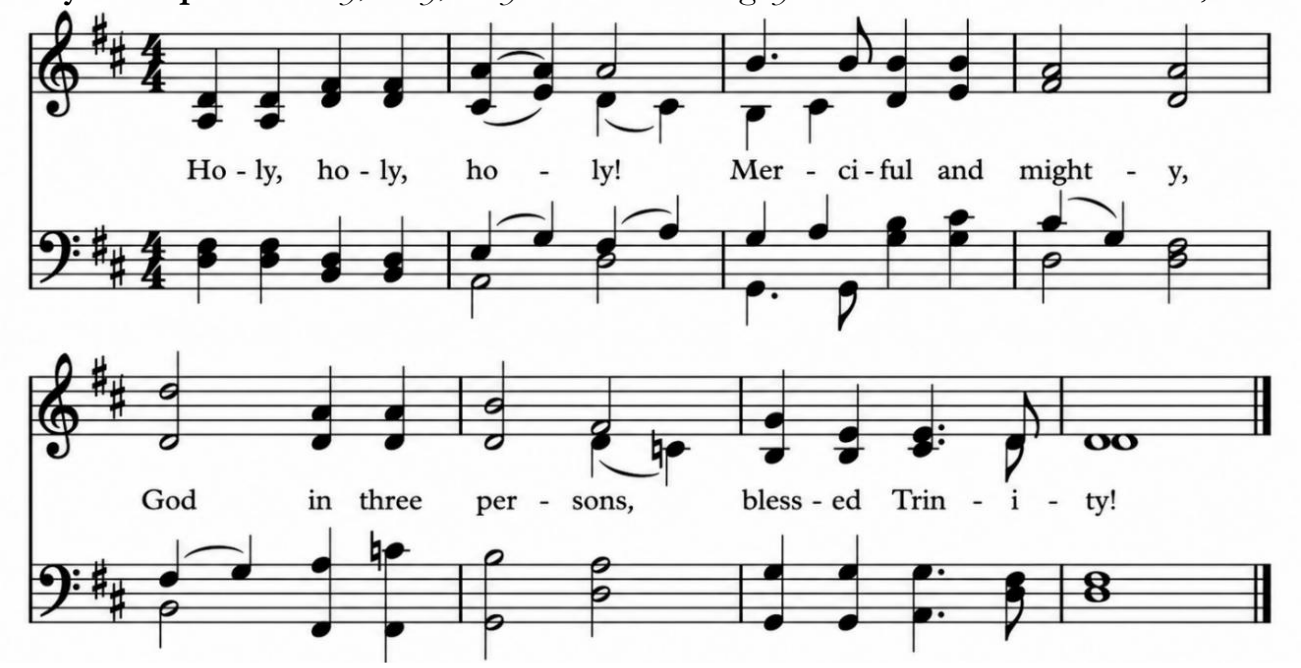
**Prayers of the People**

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




**Special Music** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Cynthia Dobrinski
Clarion Bells

**Ministry Moment**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Praeludium, Op. 87, No. 1* Simon Sechter

***Offering Response** *What 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**
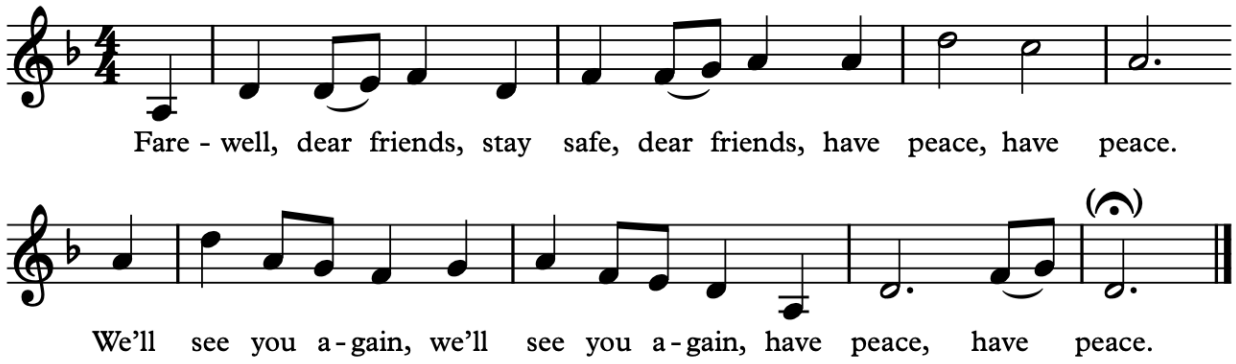
**O God, accept our offerings, our praise, and our grateful thanksgiving for your presence in our lives and the many blessings you bestow upon us. We give thanks for this opportunity to make a difference as we share and support our ministries that touch this world and bring about your kingdom. Help these gifts to expand your grace and hope throughout the world. Amen**

***Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH #102

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

As a thankful people,
**We go to be a people of grace and peace.**
As you have been received –
**We go to share our blessings.**
As you have heard
**We go to live out the love of God.**
And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. Amen.
**Amen.**

***Blessing Response:** *Shalom* UMH #667




***Postlude** *Prelude in G, Op. 37, No. 2* Arthur Bird


# Thanksgiving at Community UMC

*There's a place for you at our table.*

**Thursday, November 26**

**Appetizers at noon • Dinner at 1 p.m.**

*Come on your own or bring your family—everyone is welcome!*

No dish required! If you'd like to bring something, please let the office know.



**RSVP DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

**Monday, November 16**

RSVPs are required. Contact the church office: 262-782-4060

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# TOY DRIVE

## December 7–13




**Donate a new, unwrapped toy valued at $20–$25 for children ages 1–12.**

## *Collection Tables*

**Lower Middle Wellness/Youth Room**
**Decorated bin in the Narthex**

***Sponsored by the Girls on Friday small group***

# Until the Dawn

## Create & Reflect

ADVENT ART CLASSES

## Create • Reflect • Share • Journey Together

*All ages. All generations. Everyone is welcome!*

Begin with a brief meditation/devotional, then create together as we share the Advent journey.

**Mondays at 6 p.m. • December 7, 14 & 21, 2026**




### December 7 • Prayer Bowl

*Cry Out* • Psalm 80:1–7

Decorate a bowl to hold your prayers, worries, hopes, and words of faith.



### December 14 • Angel Lantern

*Angels Sing* • Luke 2:1–20

Layer colorful tissue-paper squares on a jar, add an angel overlay, and let an LED candle shine.



### December 21 • Mosaic Star

*Choose Joy* • Matthew 2:1–12

Create a mosaic star as we look toward Epiphany and the joy of following Christ's light.

## FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*From the youngest to the oldest, there's a place for you.*
*No art experience needed. All materials will be provided.*
*Reservations requested, but not required.*

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# Kids & Family

## MDO Holiday Party

**Friday, December 4 • 10 a.m.**

Mother's Day Out students and families are invited to enjoy fellowship, cookie decorating, games, treats, activities, live music, and more!

*Church members are welcome to join the fun, too!*

## ALL ABOARD!

# Polar Express Night

**Saturday, December 12 • 6 p.m.**

*Your big golden ticket awaits when you arrive!*

**FREE EVENT • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Everyone is invited!*

Popcorn • Hot Chocolate
Games • Activities

And, of course, *The Polar Express* on the **BIG SCREEN!**

***Bring your family, invite your friends, and climb aboard!***

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Live Music
Waukesha Choral Union
Incredibly Personal

Waukesha Choral Union *presents*

# The Joys of Christmas

**Friday, December 11 • 7:30 p.m.**

*at Community UMC*

Classical choral music • Piano • Harp

***Shop for last-minute Christmas gifts at the concert!***

Pop-up marketplace featuring Plowshare
Fair Trade Marketplace & Retzer Nature Center

**POP-UP BOX OFFICE**

Sunday, November 22 • After worship
Revelation Room

# Hanging of the Greens Today

**After service in the Hearth Room**



Friends in the Grove
PARTNERS IN CARE
*A Place to Belong. A Moment to Breathe.*
A Respite Ministry of Community UMC Elm Grove • For Families Living with Dementia & Alzheimer's

**OPENING MARCH 2027**

## Help Friends in the Grove

*Grow One Connection at a Time!*

Companionship, meaningful activities, and respite for families living with dementia and Alzheimer's.

**Volunteer • Spread the word • Make an introduction**

**Nicole Gosia, Director**
**Nicole.Gosia@cumceg.org**

# Longest Night

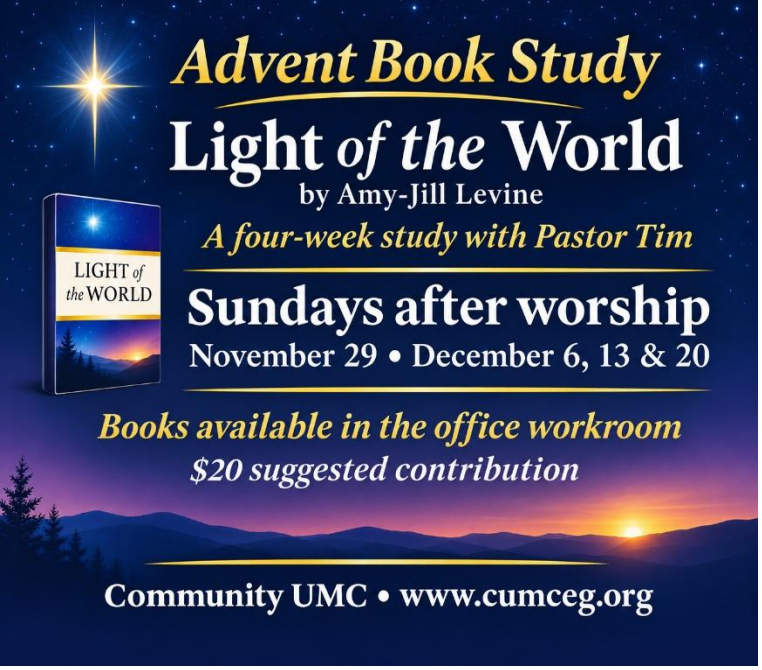
## A SPACE FOR EVERY HEART

**Thursday, December 3 • 6:00 p.m.**

Not every holiday is merry and bright, and that's okay.

Our Longest Night service offers a quiet, welcoming space for reflection, meditation, and prayer.

Whether you're grieving a loved one, navigating a difficult season, feeling lonely, or simply needing a moment of peace amid the holiday bustle, you are welcome here.




Monday – November 23rd
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – November 24th
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room

Wednesday – November 25th – OFFICE CLOSED
- No MDO
- No Rehearsals

Thursday – November 26th - OFFICE CLOSED
- Community UMC Family Thanksgiving – 12:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – November 27th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath) - OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday – November 29th – **1st Sunday of Advent**
- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel - 9:45am – Start in Sanctuary
- Children's Choirs – 10:45am – Choir Room
- Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Advent Study – 10:45am – Disciple Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering: Rooted & Rising – Washington Park**

Hospitality Team for Sunday - 11.29.26
Front Door: Tom Curl
West Door: Ann Walker
Narthex: Lynda Curl
Ushers: Dianne White, Marianne Ludwick, Tom Raley, John Kaehler
Connection: Check Closet
Liturgist: Joseph Krechel
Trailblazers: Chriss Stump, Sheryl Cavan, Sara Ziesmer

## 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
Ana Ferlindes - Custodian

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

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Tim at
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