

DECEMBER 7, 2025 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

Emmanuel (God With Us)

*Amy Grant, Chris Eaton,
Robert Marshall*

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Family of faith, God is at work!

God is healing and creating,

redeeming and dreaming,

calling and sending,

listening and loving.

Yes, indeed, God is at work!

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

In word and song, let us come to offer our praise and prayer as we receive hope and embrace peace.

*Congregational Song *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

UMH #203, v. 1, 3-4

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent

The Candle of Peace

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

We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we relight the candle of hope as we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

Sung Response

Sung to the melody of "Away in a Manger"

Two flames, soft and yellow, like straw, light as down,
prepared in a manger in Bethlehem town,
now wait for a baby, the child of peace.
That baby is Jesus. Prepare for his birth

Special Music*Emmanuel (God with Us)*

Amy Grant, Chris Eaton,

Praise Team

Robert Marshall

We dim the light, we stoke the fire,
We breathe the evergreen.
Young ones wait while the old ones make up
Tales of how it used to be.
China dolls, candy corn
Painted wooden toys;
Treasures found to the wondrous sound
Of caroling the Savior born to us on Christmas morn.

Emmanuel, God with us,
Emmanuel
Emmanuel, God with us,
The Son of Israel

And still he calls through the night,
Beyond the days of old.
A voice of peace, to the weary ones
Who struggle with the human soul.
All of us travelers
Through a given time
Who can know what tomorrow holds?
But, over the horizon, surely you and I will find:

Emmanuel, God with us,
Emmanuel
Emmanuel, God with us,
The Son of Israel

The years, they come, and the years, they go.
Though we may forget somehow
That the child once born in Bethlehem
Is still among us now.

Emmanuel, God with us,
Emmanuel
Emmanuel, God with us,
The Son of Israel

Scripture

Matthew 11: 1-6

Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

Young Disciples



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Favorite
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Change a Life

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At **A Book Ahead** our mission is to provide underserved children between the ages of 0 and 5 a book for every month of the year with the goal of increasing early literacy and positive parent/child interactions. A Book Ahead aims to provide:

Free Books - Serving underserved children in Milwaukee and Waukesha County.

Increase Literacy - We give each child a shot at improved literacy entering school

Future Success - By increasing early literacy each child has a jump start on continued school success.



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.



Northcott Neighborhood House is a multipurpose community center created by the United

Methodist Church in 1961. It provides education, employment opportunities, and basic necessities to youth, families and senior citizens in the Milwaukee area. Its goal is to lift the

spirit of the whole community through its mission: to empower families to meet their survival needs and provide good parenting to their children, to provide a safe place for youth, as well as recreational and skill building activities, and to provide the neighborhood opportunities to engage in community building and crime prevention.



Community Smile Dental's mission: With clinics in Waukesha and Menomonee Falls, Community Smiles Dental improves the lives of the underserved through oral healthcare services, preventive education, and advocating for systemic healthcare change - Because everyone deserves a healthy smile. **Vision:** To create a healthier Community by improving oral health and ensuring that no one suffers from dental pain.



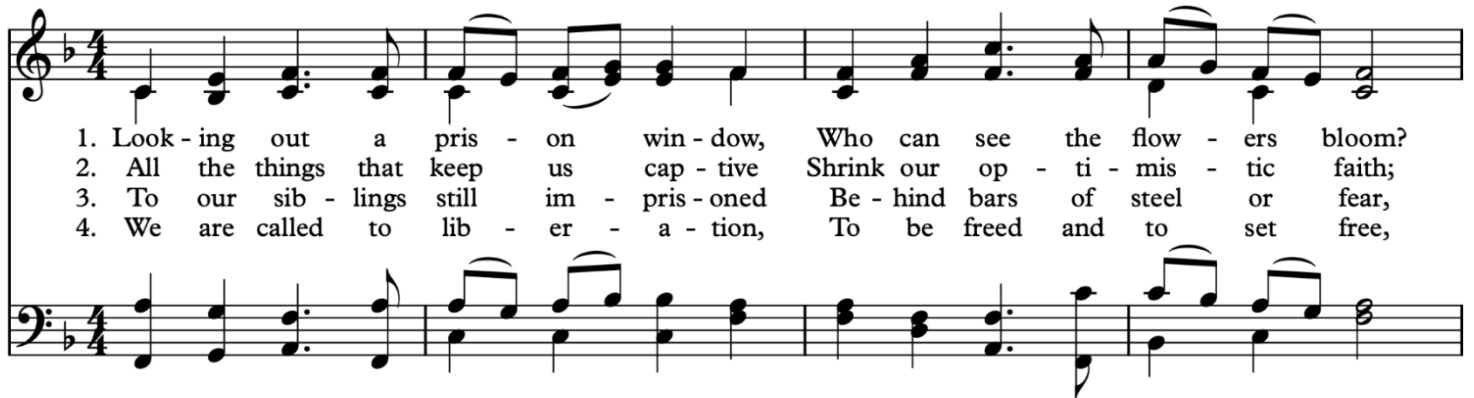
For 55 years, **Pathfinders** has brought safety, hope and healing to young people facing homelessness, sexual exploitation, crisis and trauma through innovative and transformational services. Our mission is "Empowering Youth – Changing Lives." Our vision is to provide a more meaningful voice for youth in crisis and ensure all youth are safe, healthy, independent, successful and valued.



Southeast Wisconsin

NAMI (The National Alliance on Mental Illness) Southeast Wisconsin exists to address the growing and unmet mental health needs of Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Jefferson Counties. Through a lens of lived experience, NAMI offers free education, support, training, outreach, and advocacy in an effort to ensure that no one is alone in their experience with a mental health condition.

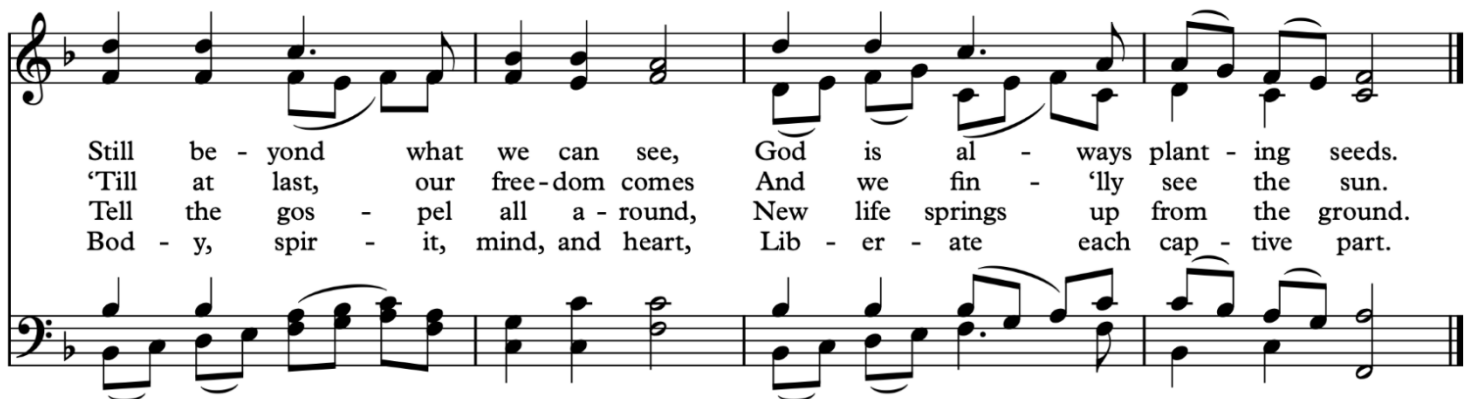
Looking Out a Prison Window



1. Look - ing out a pris - on win - dow, Who can see the flow - ers bloom?
2. All the things that keep us cap - tive Shrink our op - ti - mis - tic faith;
3. To our sib - lings still im - pris - oned Be - hind bars of steel or fear,
4. We are called to lib - er - a - tion, To be freed and to set free,



Hope dis - solves like dreams at day - break, Leav - ing us an emp - ty room.
We must prac - tice hope on pur - pose, E - ven when our spir - its break.
Bring the mes - sage from our Sav - ior: Hope is real and dawn - ing near.
Break - ing chains of world - ly pow - ers Who would claim our lib - er - ty.



Still be - yond what we can see, God is al - ways plant - ing seeds.
'Till at last, our free - dom comes And we fin - 'lly see the sun.
Tell the gos - pel all a - round, New life springs up from the ground.
Bod - y, spir - it, mind, and heart, Lib - er - ate each cap - tive part.

Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

In Remembrance of Me

Instrumental

*Offering Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211, Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, as we move through this season of preparation we are mindful of all you have given to us: You have given us time and opportunities to share your hope, love, joy, and peace. You have given us families and friends. You have given us a place to grow and live out our faith through the church. May all our gifts expand your circle of peace and hope in our community and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(after NICEA)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation



...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Congregation



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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Congregational Song

Here Am I

TFWS #2178

*Blessing and 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' (Refrain)

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**

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Matt Maher, Chris Stevens,
Rachel Popadic

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.
- You can bring your cookies to the church during regular office hours.

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



Cookie
WALK & MORE

December 13th
9:00am - Noon

COOKIE &
CRAFT EVENT

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.

Christmas
Offering



Repairers of the Breach

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP 2025



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, missions, & 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.



Cover Art – Hope Like A Dancer - by Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Matthew 11:1-11 11"x14" Gouache, paint pens, colored pencils, and ink on paper - For more information about the Art of Advent visit www.cumceg.org/advent

GET *Creative* THIS ADVENT

A reflective journey through word and art — where an Advent message stirs the soul and creativity takes shape.

Creative
Advent is
Inter-
generational
All ages
welcome!



Monday, December 8th - Nativity
Silhouette Box Frame
Monday, December 15th - Nativity
Bracelet

Please RSVP to 262.782.4060 or
prayers@cumceg.org

ADVENT CANTATA

THE Star THAT SHINES ABOVE

DECEMBER
14TH
9:30AM



ADVENT
CANTATA

COMMUNITY UMC
14700 WATERTOWN PLANK ROAD
ELM GROVE, WI 53122

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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 despite it.

BEHOLD MARY

YOU WILL
CONCEIVE AND
GIVE BIRTH TO A
SON, AND YOU
ARE TO CALL HIM
JESUS. HE WILL BE
GREAT AND WILL
BE CALLED THE
SON OF THE
MOST HIGH

Cantata Graphic used from Mary's Yes
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Luke 1:26-39

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Weekly Happenings

Monday – December 8th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- OWLS Programming Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Creative Advent – 6:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – December 9th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Cantata Set Up – 9:00am - Sanctuary
- Stephen Ministry – 9:00am – Disciple Room
- Mental & Emotional Health Meeting – 9:30am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room

Wednesday – December 10th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Community UMC Staff Luncheon – 12:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Festival Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

Thursday – December 11th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Yoga – 9:30am – Wellbeing Room
- OWLS Holiday Luncheon – 11:30am – Western Racquet Club (Reservations Required)
- Chime Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – December 12th

- MDO Holiday Party – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning Board Meeting – 2:00pm – Disciple Room
- Children's Choir – 4:30pm – Choir Room

Saturday – December 13th

- Cookie Walk – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Cantata Dress Rehearsal – 9:30am - Sanctuary

Sunday – December 14th – **ADVENT CANTATA**

No Children's Chapel – Nursery Open

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Advent Book Study with Pastor Tim – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering: StreetLife Communities

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 12.14.25

Front Door: Tom Twinem

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Carita Twinem

Ushers: Marianne Ludwick, Wendy Tefelske, Chriss Stump, Anne Harberg

Connection: Karen and Dean Johnson

Liturgist: Cantata – No Liturgist

Children's Chapel: No Children's Chapel

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;
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

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