

2026
March 15

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.



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COMMUNITY
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Gathering Music

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip P. Bliss, arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

God loves the field mouse.

God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

UMH #191

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say to us, "Love your enemy." "Turn the other cheek." "Care for the widow and the orphan." And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to your love for all your children. With hope and with faith, we listen, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Deuteronomy 24: 17-22

Tom Raley

Special Music

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Children's Choir

The congregation is invited to join the children's choir the second time through.

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world.

Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,

He loves them as He loves you.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

See the Precious Children

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D (“As We Gather at Your Table”)

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: B. F. White (1844)



See the pre-cious chil - dren seat - ed on the lap of Christ our Lord
See the pre-cious wi-dowed wo - men glean-ing har-vests from the field
See the pre-cious for - eign stran - gers as they car - ry all they own
See the pre-cious dis - poss - essed ones ask - ing for some food to eat
See the pre-cious world im - pov - erished by our ma - lice and our greed



Called the great - est in the king-dom, held so gent - ly and a - dored They
Then re - turn - ing to their kit - chen to pre - pare their dai - ly meal They
To a land that's full of dan - gers for the pow - er - less and prone They
Sleep-ing un - der star - ry heav-ens, dai - ly liv - ing on the streets They
Hu - mans, a - ni - mals, and pla - net cry - ing out for some re - lief We're



are pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ti - ny toe In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who holds their bro - ken hearts In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who made their home-land, too In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their
all pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ho - ly thing In our



weak-ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow
sor - row they're held by love that re - deems each fra - gile part
jour - ney they're held by love as they start each day a - new
hun - ger they're held by love as they guard their hu - man pride
liv - ing we're held by love as we care for ev - ery being

Special Music

What Does the Lord Require of You?
Chancel Choir

Mark Miller
Dan Baker, tenor

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?
God has told you, O mortal, what is good.

What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know!
Justice! Kindness! Walk humbly with your God!

Stephen Leader Commissioning Service**A Note to Worshippers**

Presentation Thomas Raley

Address

Vows

Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have called these people to a new path in caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their service and the spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Unison: Amen.

Blessing

Leader: May the Lord of the Church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you, so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained, and sent.

In Unison: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace.

Stephen Ministers

Anne Harberg
Sue McConnel

Debbie Clark
Dianne White

Betsy Krakauer
Candace Kral

Stephen Leaders

Sandy Dykstra

Tom Raley

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Traditional Cuban

arr. by Carmen Peñan

*Offering Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we come as a thankful people. Thankful for our many blessing. We dedicate this offering to the protection and care of the most vulnerable among us—the hungry, the lonely, and those without a safe place to rest. May these resources be transformed into: Safe refuge for the homeless and abandoned. Nourishment for those who are physically or spiritually hungry. Dignity and hope for those marginalized or forgotten by society. Through these gifts, may your love be made visible to those who need it most. Amen.

*Hymn

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

TFWS #2184

*Blessing & Sending Forth

As we leave this place,

When we meet anger, let us speak with love. When we meet fear, let us speak with hope. When we meet pain, let us speak with gentleness.

But no matter what, let us speak about this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.

The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

Amen

*Blessing Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH #292, vs. 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme I will sing.

*Postlude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William B. Bradbury

arr. Marianne Kim

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

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2nd at
7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday
Friday, April 3rd at
Noon in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5th at
9:30am in the Sanctuary

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

August 10-14, 2026

Ages K-5

**Registration for Explorers
and Volunteers Now Open**

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Community UMC

The Good News Collective is a reflective journey through word and art — where a Lenten message stirs the soul and creativity takes shape. This gathering includes a simple, guided art project designed for all skill levels, and you'll leave with a finished piece to take home as a reminder of the season. No artistic experience needed — just come, create, and carry the story with you. All Materials Provided. Free to the public. Everyone Invited!

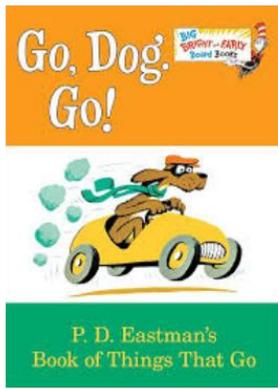


THREE CROSSES FRAME
MONDAY - MARCH 16TH - 6:00PM
WELLNESS CENTER

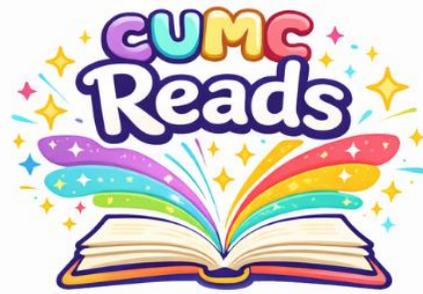


www.cumceg.org/lent





Pastor Tim - Go, Dog, Go



A Community UMC Literacy Project

www.cumceg.org/cumcreads

VOTE NOW!! VOTE OFTEN!!

It's that time again at Community UMC — the friendliest (and fiercest 😊) competition of the year!

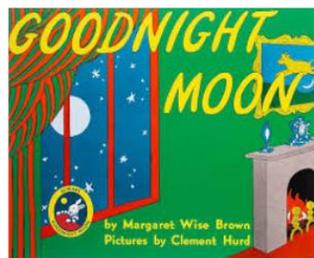
Our staff has entered the ring for CUMC Reads, each sharing a favorite children's book to kick off our annual board book drive for A Book Ahead. Bragging rights are on the line, so be sure to join the fun.

Voting and book collection are now underway!

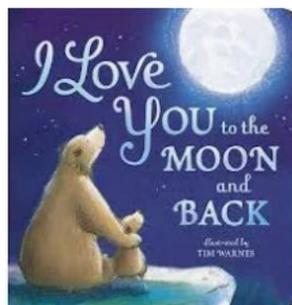
Head to the CUMC Reads webpage to watch the staff videos and vote for your favorites — you can also vote with a paper ballot in the Revelation Room. While you're at it, don't forget to bring in new board books for A Book Ahead. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex, Revelation Room, or church office.



**Tyler - Little Green Frog:
A Pond Story**



Danielle - Goodnight Moon



**Chriss - I Love You to the
Moon and Back**

Monday – March 16th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Intergenerational Team Meeting – 5:00pm
- Good News Collective – Art Class – 6:00pm – Wellness Center
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – March 17th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Stephen Ministry Team Meeting – 9:30am – Disciple Room
- MEW Team Meeting – 11:00am – Disciple Room
- MDO Irish Dancers – 11:00am – Rev Room & Hearth Room
- Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellness Center
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – March 18th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Zentangle – 9:30am – Disciple Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Sanctuary
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – March 19th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Floor Yoga – 9:30am – Wellness Center
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Wellness Center
- OWLS Luncheon – 11:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Genesis Bible Study – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- Jubilate Chimes Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Sanctuary
- Servant Leadership Team Meeting – 7:00pm – Zoom Only
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – March 20th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

- Children's Choir – 4:30pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony Retreat – Rev Room & Disciple Room

Saturday – March 21st

- Crosstown Harmony Retreat – Rev Room & Disciple Room
- Tai Chai Retreat – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – March 22nd

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary (Children's Choir & Chimes)
- Children's Chapel – During Service – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Lenten Bible Study – 10:45am – Disciple Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
Hope Center of Waukesha**

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 03.22.26

Front Door: Jim Sargent

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Diane Sargent

Ushers: Darrel White, Tom Raley, Marianne Ludwick, Joni McDevitt

Connection: Jeff & Kim Turmel

Liturgist: Sandy Retherford

Children's Chapel: Sandy Retherford, Linda Irwin

SOPHIA

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faith moves us to act.

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SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson;
Christian Fuller; Sheryl Cavan;
Candace Kral; Tom Raley
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