



THE WELCOME WORD

Community United Methodist Church
14700 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Community Partners' Corner A Book Ahead Update

Here are some pictures to share with our generous congregation. Without the support of CUMCEG this year, we would not have been able to give 3 books each to a total of 1535 Head Start kids in Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties! And they were also so excited about the bags! We are so blessed to have so many people sewing for us.

I wish you could hear the happy voices in these pictures. It was a joy and an honor to be able to do this.



Church Financial Report May, 2023

The financial results for Community United Methodist Church for May, 2023 are as follows:

	Year-To-Date Actual	Year-To-Date Budget	Difference
Giving and Other Revenues	\$ 315,385	\$ 246,743	\$ 68,642
Expenses	<u>\$ 329,195</u>	<u>\$ 318,345</u>	(\$ 10,850)
Operating Income/(Deficit)	(\$ 13,810)	(\$ 71,602)	\$ 57,792

The amount of revenue received in May, 2023 was extraordinarily large. We received a substantial gift from the estate of a deceased former member and some very generous gifts from our members. In April, 2023 we received a gift from the estate of a member who had been active to about the time of passing. As a result, giving is \$68,000 above the budget for year-to-date 2023 and giving in 2023 is \$26,000 above giving one year ago.

Actual expenses through May, 2023 are \$10,800 above budget. This is due to increased snow and ice control and removal costs, resulting from poor weather and inflation. Actual expenses through May, 2023, are \$39,000 higher than one year ago. This is a result of the snow and ice costs, adding an Associate Pastor in the second half of 2022 and changing the leadership structure for the music program in the second half of 2022. The costs for pastoral, music and office staff in 2023 are in-line with budgeted costs for 2023.

Our hope is you will give generously in the remainder of 2023. As you can see, your gifts are so beneficial to our church. We will carefully manage our resources throughout the year. Both could help make 2023 less challenging than expected.

Year-to-date surplus (deficit) in previous years as of May:
2022- (\$9,651); 2021- (\$18,767); 2020- (\$11,304); 2019- \$32,521

IN THE SPIRIT

By Mel Johnson

Wishing you butterfly mornings and wildflower afternoons
-author unknown

This quote, beautifully stitched, framed and hanging in our bedroom always makes me smile. What makes a butterfly morning? What makes a wildflower afternoon?

Perhaps it has to do with astonishing beauty such as an Arizona image I have enjoyed a while ago. I was sitting outside wrapped in a blanket ... I know being wrapped in a blanket is hard to visualize in the midst of summer ... waiting for the sun to come up over the mountains. While the sun rises in the east, the evidence is first seen in the west when a nearby mountain turns brilliant red. My friend Sue made sure that I saw it. I wanted to photograph it but my camera was indoors. The spectacular scene only lasts a few minutes so Sue quietly said, "Just enjoy it." It is now etched in my mind's eye not on a 4x6 photo. That experience reminds me of the Transfiguration when Peter, James and John wanted to keep that experience forever by making three dwellings: one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

Perhaps it has to do with childhood memories such as making, filling and delivering a May basket to a friend. Perhaps it has to do with adult memories. My friend Ruth showed me how to enjoy clouds and look for shapes in them. The butterfly is just one symbol of eternal life. I often pray to have butterfly mornings and wildflower afternoons.

Perhaps it has to do with the grace of wonder. Rabbi Joshua Abraham Heschel once wrote "Dear Lord, surprise me, amaze me, awe me in every crevice of your universe. Delight me to see how your Christ plays in ten thousand places." Ripe red strawberries, juicy watermelon, children at play, kites in the air, a day at the ballpark, reunions and so much more ... all of these say "summer," say butterfly mornings and wildflower afternoons. Enjoy and appreciate ... time waits for no one! Amen.

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JULY WORSHIP 9:30 am Worship Service

July 2 – Communion

Matthew 10:40-42

Music: Praise Team

July 9

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Music: Ben and Teddy Celikay

July 16

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Music: Praise Team

July 23

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Music: Greg Fischer

July 30

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Music: Lucy Irwin and Tylan Farrokhnia



Looking for Notes of Love Volunteers:

I am looking for volunteers willing to address and send greeting cards to church members who love and appreciate receiving uplifting notes over the summer! (This will be the 2nd summer we have sent Notes of Love over the summer! Our members love to hear from us - a simple "thinking of you" during the summer months is so uplifting to all of them!)

A list of names, addresses, and the cards will be provided. Depending on the number of volunteers interested, you will send about 12-15 cards.

If you are interested please let me know - thank you so much for considering! If you can't help out for this round, but can in the future please let me know, I will be in touch with you!

Thank you to those who have written Notes of Love this year and in the past! Your time and efforts are very much appreciated!

Karen Wunschel

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SEW QUICK AND EASY, NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT!

Our sewing group is excited to be embarking on a new community project! We received word that the Meals on Wheels recipients love to receive homemade placemats with their meal delivery. This is a super easy project, using very basic sewing skills and a great way to use up smaller pieces of fabric, either in your or the church's stash.

We'll be meeting on Monday, July 24 at 10:00 am in the Disciple Room to work on the placemats. If you are not able to join us then, but would like to make some at home, that's fine too.

Please contact Bonnie (jbklamik@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



**QUARTERLY MISSION FOCUS: Love Your Neighbor
July, August & September
NAMI Southeast Wisconsin**

Our 3rd quarter mission partner is NAMI Southeast Wisconsin. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Southeast Wisconsin is a local affiliate of NAMI with offices in Waukesha. NAMI Southeast Wisconsin offers evidence-based programs for individuals and families impacted by mental illness at no cost to ensure that people get the support and information they need. NAMI also works with educators, community leaders, and media outlets to inform, advocate, and equip citizens with better understanding of mental health and suicide prevention. Your loose change and designated offerings will support this important work in our community.



**United Methodist Children’s Services (UMCS) Food Drive
We have delivered 1,648 lbs. so far in 2023 (unchanged)**

Since the June Welcome Word, delivery of our food and hygiene items was made on June 15. HOWEVER due to construction in the Community Food Center it could not be weighed before the July Welcome Word deadline. **Expect twice as much next month!**

Special requests for July are: **macaroni & cheese, soup, Spaghettios, and canned meat.** Other items are always appreciated and utilized. In May they served 699 individuals (an increase of more than 200 since April).

This new arrangement is being very well received with individuals coming to try “**choice shopping program where the consumers can shop for the food items that work best for their family’s diets and preferences.**” Fresh foods such as produce, dairy items, bread, and meat can now be offered.

Your donations may be left in the marked bins inside the entryway at the courtyard during the week (M-Th 8:00-3:30 and Fri 8:00-2:30). On Sundays, the courtyard door is unlocked from 9:00-11:00 AM, so you may also bring your donations when coming to Church or leave them in the Narthex and someone will take them down for you.

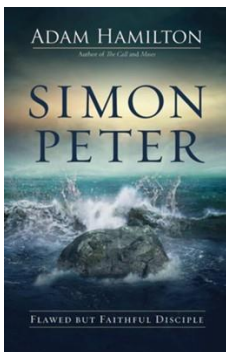
UMCS and their clients appreciate the food and hygiene items that we continue to donate monthly. **Thanks for your generosity and continued support!**



Summer Volunteers Needed to Support the Community Food Center!

UMCS is in need of additional volunteers for our Community Food Center during the summer months. We are lucky to have great university student support during the school year, along with our regular volunteers, but during the summer we have a need for volunteers to fill in our scheduling gaps for two hour shifts Monday's and Wednesday's from 12-4 pm.

If you, or a family member (16 or older) are available during the summer, and interested in helping out, please get in touch with Tara for more information - tara.monnick@umcs-wi.org



SIMON PETER: FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE SUMMER BOOK STUDY!

This summer join Sabrina Kahler in the church courtyard to go deeper into Adam Hamilton's book, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

This 6-week study will meet on Tuesdays beginning July 11, 18, 25 and August 8, 15, 22 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Rain location will be the Revelation room. Books can be picked up in The Connection after Sunday service or the church office during regular business hours starting June 25. There is a suggested donation of \$15 for each book.

CARD MINISTRY WILL NOT BE MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST

The Card Ministry will not be meeting in July or August due to vacation time for so many folks. So enjoy your summer time with family and friends.

We will resume meeting again on September 11 due to the holiday on the first Monday.

Please join us. If you are not familiar with our ministry, we make cards for our members and families who are experiencing a challenging time in their life.

We meet in the Disciple Room from 6:30-8:00 pm. No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided. We welcome our youth who would like to get service credit for school or confirmation.

Please consider joining us on September 11. We look forward to seeing you.
Karen Onasch and Dianna Haugh





United
Women
in Faith

Save
The
Date

Please plan to join us **Thursday, September 28**
Fall Potluck Salad Luncheon
(watch for more details)



United Women of Faith – Reminder

Just a
reminder...

Have you misplaced or forgotten to send your pledge? When you send it in be sure to indicate that is a payment for UMW.

Thank you to everyone who already sent in their pledge!

Pledges may be sent to the church office, placed in the UMW mailbox (work room), or given to Jeanette Friedl.

JOYS &
CONCERNS

Our Congratulations to:

Steve and Sandy Dykstra who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 11!

Margaret Bodalski and Callen Duffy who were married on June 17!

Our Condolences to:

Stacey and Jim Gannon and family following the passing of Stacey's mother, Mabel Moore.

Calling All Lifelong Learners!

Plan to join the **Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning* Fall 2023 Session**

October 2 and 3 through November 6 and 7

(6 Mondays and 6 Tuesdays)

Classes held at 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm

Wisdom . . . comes not from age, but education and learning. - Anton Chekhov

*EGS4LL is a community of intellectually curious adults, typically 50 and over, that explore subjects of interest through lectures, travelogues, and cultural activities.



Dawn Baker	July 3	Annette Johnson	July 14
Stacy Knutson	July 3	Carol Patterson	July 14
Amelia Ochotnicki	July 4	Mary Piernot	July 14
Judy Foster	July 6	Jeff Turmel	July 14
Reegan Tiltmann	July 6	Ronn Patterson	July 16
Carita Twinem	July 6	Dan Salek	July 16
Tom Twinem	July 7	Bill burke	July 19
Vivian Zemke	July 7	Jodi Butler	July 19
Jan Andrews	July 8	Kirsten Krechel	July 19
Kathy Eusebio	July 8	Greg Fischer	July 22
Kathy Hartke	July 8	John Alexander	July 24
Dan Baker	July 10	Trish Salzwedel	July 25
Richard Tanin	July 10	Debbie Clark	July 26
Len Leverson	July 11	Al Brown	July 30
Barb Rehn	July 11	Reilly Tiltmann	July 30
David Drury	July 12		

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS/DEADLINES

Respond to Chriss chrissstunp@cumceg.org
or Deb deb.cornell@cumceg.org
on these matters:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ...

When the church office is closed, if you have a pastoral emergency that cannot wait until the next business day, you can reach Pastor Kris Androsky at 262-372-1626.

WEEKLY CUMC EMAILS

To receive CUMC's weekly emails to prepare you for Sunday's worship and inform you about things that need immediate action, send an email to Chriss or Deb.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday noon, prior to the Sunday you want the notice to appear. Announcements can run for up to three weeks per your request. Bulletins are assembled Thursdays at lunch time.

WELCOME WORD DEADLINE

Articles for the August Welcome Word are due by Friday, July 14. Email submissions are preferred when possible, otherwise drop it off at the church office. Articles may be edited for content.

CUMC'S QR CODE TO SCAN FOR GIVING!





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METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Welcome Word deadline for August
is Friday, July 14.**

The Mission of Community United Methodist Church ...

Is to be a community of Christians called by the loving God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to:

Seek and Invite all people to join our Family of Faith

Nurture each other toward Christ-like maturity, and

Serve the needs of our neighbors at home and abroad, to

Make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

“Serving Christ Together”

All of Us
Kris Androsky
Bridget Case
Chriss Stump
Deb Cornell
Tracey Magyar
Danielle Bridges
Tyler Walters
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant

Ministers
Pastor
Associate Pastor
Office Administrator
Secretary
Mother’s Day Out Director
Director of Music
Praise Team Director
Organists

Regular Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 am—4:00 pm; Friday 7:30 am—3:00 pm
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am In-Person Sanctuary and Facebook Live
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