

COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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



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

Traumerei

Robert Schumann

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

We come to you, O God, in this time of worship;

Here, find rest for your souls.

Enter into the grace of forgiveness;

Here, taste the living water of renewal.

Come from busy weeks and anxious worry;

Find here stillness, like being led to green pastures;

Prayers that ease the wrinkles from our soul.

Songs that lift us to the heavens and surround us with grace.

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

Opening Prayer:

Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, call us, beckon us. You shine in every star, glow in every sunset, sing in every water-fall, always trying to get our attention. You surround us with friends who care, families who love us in spite of our difficulties and the church that carries us in prayer. When we turn toward your amazing grace, we discover forgiveness, healing and hope. You give us a song to sing and a story to tell. Open our ears and eyes and hearts in this time of worship that we might notice your call and follow where you lead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Tom Twinem

Special Music

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

Chancel Choir

Greg Fischer, soloist

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 18: 1-8
Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

Young Disciples**Message**

The Power of Persistence

***Hymn**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

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.

**Special Music**

The Peace to Come
Chancel Choir

Karen Marrolli

Where the fires of conflict burn mighty trees to root, a bloom of hope will surely rise.
We will tend the forests and nurture all that grows. We will be the peace to come.

Where the chill of darkness falls over weary skies, a star of justice shall appear.
We will hail its radiance and travel in its light. We will be the peace to come.

Justice shall flower like a rose in bloom, and the sun of peace will rise!
All those who hunger shall be filled with joy, for the Lord will hear their cries!

When the noise of hatred drowns out the suffering voice, a breath of righteousness shall sing.
We will be the chorus that lifts a song of love. We will be the peace to come.

Broken hearts shall be mended, the voice of the voiceless restored.
Light shall triumph over darkness, and the deserts shall bloom, bloom out of thirst and destruction.

And, with Christ as our guide, we will be the gardeners, and the healers,
And the mirrors of light in this world! We will be the peace to come!

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

Charles H. Gabriel

*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 praise you for this opportunity to give and to share as we give back in thanksgiving. We thank you for your abundance in our lives; your endless hope, unchanging grace, and constant love that touches and transforms hearts and lives and communities. Bless these gifts and may they nourish our ministries as we expand your circle of persistent love, justice, and compassion to our community and beyond. Amen.

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

*Blessing & Sending Forth

May we go forward claimed – shaped – guided by the love of God that is as persistent as the waves on the shore.

Whose blessing is as faithful as the stars in the night.

Whose joy is as exuberant as the swirling wind.

Whose care is as gentle as an evening prayer.

Who calls us to risk and dream and boldly live our faith as a sign of compassion and a beacon of joy - that we may fill the world with hope. May the peace that passes all understanding be with us today and everyday forward.
Amen Amen.

*Blessing Response: *Amazing Grace*

UMH #378, vs. 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Postlude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

William J. Kirkpatrick
arr. Cindy Berry



It's not too late to join the **Children's Choir!** Rehearsals begin November 7 at 4:30 p.m. and are open to kids of all ages.

The Chime Choir, an easy beginner ensemble requiring no prior experience, meets Thursdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. starting October 16. Contact Danielle Bridges at danielle.bridges@cumceg.org for details.

Class: Joyful Noises: Reading and Singing Our Hymns on November 9 after worship in the Revelation Room—a fun, hands-on session on how to read hymnals and sing with confidence.

Lend your voice to the **Festival Choir** this Advent! All are welcome as we prepare for the 2025 Cantata, *The Star That Shines Above*, on December 14. Rehearsal info and practice tracks available at www.cumceg.org/music

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments! The United Women in Faith will host their annual Soup Sale, and the Sew Together Group will also be there selling handmade soup cozies.



Are you a budding photographer?

Community UMC is looking for people who love capturing moments! Visual storytelling is one of the best ways to share who we are with the wider community—so if you enjoy taking photos, we'd love your help!

Monday – October 20th **WELCOME WORD DEADLINE**

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room
- AA Women's Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – October 21st

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Church House Huddle – 1:30pm – Library
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – October 22nd

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – October 23rd

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Yoga – 9:30am – Wellbeing Room
- Matthew Bible Study – 2:00pm – Disciple Room
- Trick or Treat with Life Navigators – 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – October 24th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

Sunday – October 26th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
 - Children's Chapel & Nursery – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room
- New Member Class – 10:45am - Library

Quarterly Mission Partner: Street Life Communities

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday – 10.26.25

Front Door: Tom Twinem

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Carita Twinem

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

Connection: Sheryl Cavan

Liturgist: Sheryl Cavan

Children's Church: Chriss Stump & David Irwin

Adult Enrichment Classes



ENJOY

AN HOUR OR TWO LEARNING SOMETHING NEW

Catalogs Available Registration is Open



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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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Church Information



14700 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122
262-782-4060



Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

Community Food Pantry

OCTOBER NEEDS



ROOTED & RISING
WASHINGTON PARK

- Lunch items: canned soup, mac. 'n cheese, rice-a-roni, hamburger helper
- Extras: hot sauce, jams & jellies, corn muffin mix, salad dressing, BBQ sauce
- Hygiene items: individually wrapped toothbrushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, toilet paper



Critical NEED

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Please bring canned meat with your usual donations.

Items like: tuna, chicken, sardines, etc.

Hunger Task Force has low supplies and is delivering much less. Families are currently receiving only 1 can per family.



CHAIR YOGA

Only \$10.00 per Session!
With Kim Wells, Yoga Instructor

Wellbeing Room at Community UMC
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Every Tuesday 2:30pm



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END OF YEAR
BLOOD DRIVE

sign up now



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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in becoming part of the Community UMC family or learning more about the United Methodist Church? Join Pastor Tim on **October 26** after worship for a one-hour class in the church library to explore Community UMC, ask questions, and connect with others. To find the room, exit the front doors by the Grace Space and walk through the Hearth Room to the end of the hallway. **RSVP** to the church office at 262-782-4060.

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 Mission

Homelessness is not simply living without shelter, it's disconnection from the support and relationships that provide security and meaning to our lives. It's a physical, emotional, and spiritual predicament that creates debilitating suffering and trauma. StreetLife provides unhoused people with essential resources including food, water, and hygiene products. StreetLife also offers seasonally appropriate clothing and gear to protect them from the elements.



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