

2026
September 13

Children's Chapel is offered during the school year and will resume this fall. In the meantime, children and families are always welcome in the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary. Children are invited to come forward at any time during worship to enjoy quiet activities while remaining part of our worshipping community.

*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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

William J. Kirkpatrick
arr. Cindy Berry

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**

God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS #2169

Opening Prayer:

God of outstretched arms, you welcome us to this place. You invite us to experience forgiveness, community, reconciliation, and an overwhelming sense of the love that you pour out upon all your children. May we feel that love in this time of worship, may we share it with one another, and may we leave this place committed to sharing your love in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Exodus 14: 19-25

Carita Twinem

Special Music

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

Chancel Choir

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 18: 21-33

Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

***Hymn**

There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH #121

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 *What Gift Can We Bring*

UMH #87, vs. 4

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!

Special Music

A Prayer for Humility

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
How we long to know you, how we strive to serve you,
Help us now to love you even more.

Give us humble hearts to praise you and list'ning ears to hear your voice,
Willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again.
Give us humble hearts to praise you, and list'ning ears to hear your voice,
Willing hands to serve your, thankful spirits to rejoice.

Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts. Amen.

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

***Offering Response** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

UMH #64

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, receive these gifts as our participation in your work of healing, feeding, comforting, and restoring the world. Send them beyond these walls to neighbors in need, weary hearts, grieving friends, and communities longing for hope. Shape our giving into compassion in action, and send us with these gifts to carry your forgiveness and grace into the world. In the name of Christ, who forgave us first and sends us in love, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Freely, Freely

UMH #389

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Go now, beloved — you have been forgiven, so go and forgive.

We go into a world that is aching to be loved well.

Go now, beloved — you have been set free, so go and free others.

We go to find the ones who feel forgotten, and remind them they're not

Go beyond these walls — into homes, into neighborhoods, into the quiet, ordinary places where people are simply waiting to be noticed.

We go to say it gently, and say it again: you are seen, you are loved, you are not alone.

May God go with you — tender in mercy, generous in grace, close to you especially where the weight is heaviest. Amen.

Amen.

***Blessing Response:** *Shalom*

UMH #667

Farewell, dear friends, stay safe, dear friends,
have peace, have peace.

We'll see you again, we'll see you again,
have peace, have peace.

***Postlude**

O That Will Be Joyful!

Attributed to Abraham Merrell

You are invited to join us for Fellowship, friends, fun, games and lunch in Fellowship Hall.



Sew Together

THE COMMUNITY QUILTING & SEWING GROUP

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 AM

DISCIPLE ROOM

All are welcome!

The CARD Ministry

WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 14th

6:30 – 8:00 PM

DISCIPLE ROOM

Community UMC
ELM GROVE, WI

14700 Watertown Plank Road
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United Women in Faith *at* **COMMUNITY**

Fall Potluck

SALAD LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 24 Fellowship Lunch | **11:30am** Luncheon

Enjoy fellowship while having lunch followed by our dynamic program.

You do not need to be a member of United Women in Faith to attend.
This is open to all ladies of the congregation, their friends and family.
All are Welcome!

Building a Legacy of Faith, Hope & Love

PLEASE RSVP to the Church Office by Monday, September 21st

262.782.4060

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – ELM GROVE

Building Beloved Community

A 10-WEEK STUDY FOR OUR TIME

"Building Beloved Community – The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny"

YOU'RE INVITED!

BEGINS SEPT. 20

SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

IN-PERSON AT CUMC

BASED ON THE BOOK *BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY* BY THE UM COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Meaningful conversations
- Scripture and real-life stories
- Practical tools for faithful action
- Community and connection
- Hope for our world

All are welcome!

To register, call the church office 262.782.4060

Zentangle

Ministry Session

"Tangle Game"



Wednesday, Sept 23



9:30 - 11:30 am



CUMC Disciple Room



Seating is limited

Relax.
Create.
Connect.



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Our String & Patterns will be chosen at random by dice or spinner.
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Kim Turmel is a Certified Zentangle Teacher.



RSVP to
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Kim

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20

Our exciting Sunday morning adventure
for kids **ages 4-12.**

Children begin worship with their families
before heading to Trailblazers for engaging
Bible stories, games, hands-on activities,
friendships, and faith.

"Preparing the way of the Lord."

ISAIAH 40:3

TRAILBLAZERS

KIDS

COMMUNITY UMC

EXCITING. ACTIVE. FAITH-FILLED.



For kids 4-12
Nursery for
3 & under



During the
school year
Starting
September 20th

Monday – September 14th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- OWLS Board Meeting – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Hope Center Clothing Sort – 1:00pm – Hope Center
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room
- Greeting Card Ministry – 6:30pm – Disciple Room

Tuesday – September 15th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Sew Together – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Missions Team – 1:00pm - Library
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Front Wellness/Youth
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – September 16th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Clarion Bells – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – September 17th

- OWLS Trip – Delevan – Reservations Required
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Gentle Mat Yoga – 10:00am – Hearth Room
- Gospel of Mark – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- SLT Meeting – 7:00pm - Library
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – September 18th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

Saturday – September 19th

- Tai Chi Workshop – 9:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Mac & Cheese (CWS Packing Night) 5:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – September 20th – Cookie Drop

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel - 9:45am – Start in Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Building Beloved Community – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
The Gathering of Southeastern Wisconsin**

Hospitality Team for Sunday - 09.20.26

Front Door: Tom Raley

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Dianna Haugh

Ushers: Marianne Ludwick, Joni McDevitt, Tom Raley, Wendy Tefelske

Connection: Jeff & Kim Turmel

Liturgist: Sandy Retherford

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 – Church Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon – Organist/Pianist
Jim Ausprung – Maintenance
Tracey Magyar – MDO Director
Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director

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Monday–Thursday:
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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.