

January 7th, 2018



Community United Methodist Church

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Welcome to Community United Methodist Church!

If you're visiting Community for the first time, we have a welcome gift we'd like to share with you that is located just outside the sanctuary doors. Inside of the gift bag, you'll find a **peace candle** for use in your personal devotions or to share with your home congregation as well as more information about our ministries.

On the lower level of the church, you'll find a staffed nursery. Infants and children are always welcome in the service as well.

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the lower level of the church immediately following worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to see you again.

*We are a congregation called to
serve God's people in Columbia Heights and around
the world through our various outreach,
mission and educational ministries.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us at
Community United Methodist Church today!*

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available, as are hearing devices and back supports. Ask an usher for assistance.

Community United Methodist Church

January 7th, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

A time of quiet reflection is appreciated as we gather for worship. During this time, you may wish to use one of the prayer slips at the end of each pew to request a prayer to be lifted up during the service.

Chimes

Organ Prelude:

“By The Cradle”

-Edward Grieg

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship: adapted from Psalm 148

Our 12 days of Christmas are complete. We gather together having gone through Advent in our season of waiting and hoping together. Then, Christmas Eve, ushering the power of anew and the birth of new beginnings!

Now, we arrive at the season of Epiphany. The stories of a Magi bringing Christ’s manifestation to everyone!

We, like the Magi, hold out hope in all things new for this year of 2018.

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism today, too. A time of renewal for all of us and this special time for Ian becoming a part of our larger family!

Let us worship God with joy, peace, love and hope!

We praise God, as God’s faithful ones and we celebrate the future anew.

(* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able)

*** Hymn**

"We Three Kings", verses 1-4

Red Hymnal #254

Prayer to Begin

Gracious and loving God of all, we celebrate the sacraments together this day and the joy of Epiphany. May our hearts and minds, spirits and souls, align together as one, being mindful of the joy of the season, the progress of new beginnings and the hope of our future. Fill us with your presence in this quiet time. . .

(Please pause for a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Prayer Song

"We Three Kings", verse 5

Red Hymnal #254

Children's Time

All children are invited to use the activity tables in worship, or the activity bags if they choose to not participate in Sunday School during worship.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Song:

"Nino Lindo"

Red Hymnal #222
soloist, Naomi Jones

Baptismal Vows

To Parents

To Sponsors

(* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able)

To Congregation: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?*

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child, Ian, with a community of love and kindness, forgiveness and grace that he may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Baptism

Introduction of Ian Hugh Rodriguez to Congregation

"Lullaby"

-Sharon Ruhnke
soloist, Elaine Hill

Web of love Prayer

We welcome Ian, joyfully and reverently, as a member of our Community family - the family of God. We offer ourselves to be his brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts, grandfathers and grandmothers in Christ's family, to surround him, and his parents with God's love, hope, peace and joy. We accept this as our sacred responsibility helping Ian to grow, together with us all, to full humanity, and by loving God and loving our neighbors and friends as we see it in Jesus Christ as our example. Amen.

Presentation of baptismal certificate

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Mark 1: 4, 7-11

Reader: These words inspired by God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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Meditation

Rev. Linda McCollough

Hymn

"Carol of Epiphany"

Black Hymnal #2094
verse 1: soloist, Elaine Hill
verses 2-5: All Congregation

Our Time of Prayer

Sharing of the Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

-Swedish Folk Song/Earl Larson, arr.

The Great Thanksgiving

This communion is given through intinction, please feel free to go to the communion rail for time of quiet prayer when you are finished with the holy elements or return to your seats by the outside aisle. Gluten free is available as well as gluten options.

Arise, Shine; for your light has come and the glory of the God has risen upon you. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will and guidance in all things. God, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands: Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

(* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able)

Pastor's blessing

Search me and know my heart, O God...

...Let us pray together:

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

"Our (*Father, Mother, God*) ..." please use whichever name you find meaningful.

*** Sending Song**

"Go Tell it on the Mountain", verse 1 Red Hymnal #251

*** Benediction**

Joyful Season Ending Hymn

"Joy to the World", verse 1 Red Hymnal #246

Postlude

"Festal Postlude" -G.F. Handel

Thank you to our Worship Team

Greeters: Donna Staubus
Liturgist: Youth & Youth Leaders
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
 Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
 Music Director – Elaine Hill
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

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Food Barrel Sunday

Today is Food Barrel Sunday. Please bring in your non-perishable donations and place them in the food crib outside of the sanctuary. These food donations go to SACA for people within our community.

Community Dinner

Our next dinner is January 8th. Please invite your friends and family and join us for a free meal and get to know other people within the community. Supper starts at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Adult Bible Study

Our next bible study group to be led by Las Johnson will start January 24th. The book we will be studying is "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Pastor Linda so that books can be ordered by January 18th. Cost is \$10 per book.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 7, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship – Social Hall

Monday, January 8, 2018

4:00 p.m. Outreach/Missions

5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

5:30 p.m. Nurture Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

8:00 a.m. The Breakfast Club @ Perkins:

696 County Rd D West, New Brighton

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Confirmation @ Community UMC

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11, 2018

2:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, January 12, 2018

Newsletter Deadline

10:00 a.m. NO Chair Yoga

Saturday, January 13, 2018

11:30 a.m. FMSC Packing Event

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Our Vision

We are an urban, intergenerational, inclusive and welcoming Christian fellowship woven into the fabric of our community.

Our Staff

Pastor	Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Karyn Naber
Music Director	Elaine Hill
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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