

March 18, 2018



Community United Methodist Church

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## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Sunday, March 18, 2018**

MN Food Share Month

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship – Social Hall

11:15 a.m. Art Hour for all ages

### **Monday, March 19, 2018**

1:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

5:30 p.m. Ad Board Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper at Faith UMC

6:15 p.m. Lenten Service at Faith UMC

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 22, 2018**

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Eve Circle

### **Friday, March 23, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

4:30 p.m. Fish Fry

### **Sunday, March 25, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Worship: Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. Fellowship – Social Hall

# Community United Methodist Church

March 18, 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

### Prelude

*“Ave Verum”*

-W. A. Mozart

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Gathering Words

*May the Spirit of God be ever present in this place.*

**We are united through the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit that speaks, leads, guides, and heals is always with us.**

*May we go into the final stretch of Lent knowing we have worked on ourselves, opened our hearts, minds, and spirits in a fresh way.*

**God’s love and presence in our Dark Wood moments brings us hope, knowledge, opportunities, and compassion. We don’t need to hide or be fearful in those times**

*Your willingness to help us grow in who we are is powered through Jesus, and his teachings.*

**Grant us a bolder witness in the stewardship of faith through our conversations, by being living examples, and making us questionable through curiosity of others! Amen.**

### \* Hymn

*“All Praise to Thee, for thou, O King Divine”, v 1,2,3,5*

Red Hymnal #166

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

## **Prayer to Begin**

**God, bless our feet that we might stand against injustice. Bless our hands that we might reach into the world with healing. Bless our ears to prepare for sacred silence. Bless our eyes to see all the beauty surrounding our world. Bless our mouths that we might use them to edify others, speaking truth in love for those around us. Remove our judgmental tendencies and impulsive ways that critique those around us. Bless our souls that we may dance, sing, love and hope as your people! May we give love and receive love with courage and enthusiasm. May we quietly listen for the Spirit now. . .**

## **Silent Prayers**

### **Call to Prayer Song**

*"The Quiet Center"*, verse 1

Black Hymnal #2128

### **Lighting the Peace Candle**

We pray with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ for the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

**God, we pray: we don't know what lies ahead. Stay with us, so that we may stay in you and confess your name to the end. Oh God, Crumble the walls that are still separating Christians, and create a unity in accordance to your heart and your will. Accept us as we are, but mold us as you want us to be, and help us become the leaven of unity and love in our country and around the world.**

### **Anthem**

*"Waitin' for the Mornin'"*

-Pepper Choplin

## **Children's Time**

Our children are invited to use the activity tables in worship, or the activity bags. Please consider joining Sunday School downstairs.

## **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Gifts of the Dark Wood:

*"The Gifts of Lost and Disappearing"*

## **\* Hymn**

*"Amazing Grace" v. 1, 2, 4, 6*

Red Hymnal #378

## **Our Time of Prayer**

Sharing of the Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

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

## **Offertory**

*"Were You There"*

Spiritual

-  
saxophonist, Les Johnson

## **Doxology**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Red Hymnal #95

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

Creating God, your heart for a world that reflects your kingdom is one of our purposes, as we learned from Jesus examples. May our hearts, minds, and souls expand in generosity with our gifts, treasures, tithes, and talents for all humanity and creation. May our stewardship grow in giving because of your generous spirit with us! Multiply our impact on the community and world because of our love and giving! Help us to remember whose we are in all we do and give! Amen!

**\* Hymn**

*"You Are Mine"*

Black Hymnal #2218

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"Chorale" (from Suite Gothic)*

-W. A. Mozart

**Thank you to our Worship Team**

**Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough  
**Greeters:** Our Friends at CUMC  
**Liturgist:** Fred Carter  
**Music Leaders:** Organist – Sharon Ruhnke  
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider  
Music Director – Elaine Hill  
**Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

# **NOTES**

## **Lenten Schedule**

### **Wednesday Worship**

March 21<sup>st</sup> –Soup Supper – 5:30pm

Worship – 6:15pm

at Faith UMC 2708 33rd Avenue NE

### **Palm Sunday**

March 25<sup>th</sup> –Worship (w/Children’s Skit) – 10:00am

### **Good Friday**

March 30<sup>th</sup> –Ecumenical Service - 12:00pm-1:00pm

at St. Matthew 4101 Washington Street

March 30<sup>th</sup> –Tenebrae Service - 7:00pm

at Community UMC

### **Easter Sunday**

April 1<sup>st</sup> –Breakfast – 8:30am

Easter Worship 10:00am

\*\*Communion will be held on Sunday, April 8th

## **Walleye Dinner Fundraiser**

Please join us for our 2nd annual Walleye Dinner on **Friday, March 23, from 4:30-7:00 PM**. Our meal will include Red Lake walleye, wild rice, salad, dessert and a beverage. An extra serving of walleye is available for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased for: \$20 per adult; Kids ages 4 to 12 are \$5 each; Children under age 3 eat free!



## **Save the Date!**

We will be having a meeting with Pat Hinker on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please mark it on your calendars and plan to join in.

## **Community Dinner**

We are offering a community dinner to the public every *second and fourth* Monday of the month. Please spread the word and let people know about this great opportunity, we serve delicious food! If you are interested in helping prepare, serve or clean up, please talk with Jim Reinholdson about what opportunities are available. **Supper starts at 5:30PM.** We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Meals on Wheels Delivery**

We will be delivering Meals On Wheels from **April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Rod Bruns for more information or to volunteer.



**We will be having a special offering on  
Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

### 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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