

## Our Vision

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

## Our Staff

Pastor	Rev. Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Choir Director	
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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# This Week at a Glance

## Sunday, March 3, 2019

10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall

## Monday, March 4, 2019

4:30 p.m. Women's Meal at Culvers

## Wednesday, March 6, 2019 - *Ash Wednesday*

9:45 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
5:45 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, March 7, 2019

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
6:30 p.m. Core Leadership

## Friday, March 8, 2019

11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

## Saturday, March 9, 2019

2:00 p.m. NE UMC Community Meal (here)

## Sunday, March 10, 2019

10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall  
11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic

\* Hymn "We Are Marching" Black Hymnal #2235-b  
(marching, praying, singing, dancing)

## Benediction

Postlude "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" Jackie DeShannon  
Kathy Webb and friends

A huge thank you to Kathy Webb and friends!

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## Announcements

### March is Food Share Month

At SACA (our local food shelf) and other Minnesota food shelves plan to restock their shelves, we prepare to help them. The official campaign is from **Monday, February 25-Sunday, April 7**. Please bring non-perishable food items and/or monetary gifts to them through the drive to restock supplies and build up what they need for the coming year!

### Can you provide a ride?

We are working to increase the number of people that can drive other people to church activities and Sunday morning worship. If you would be willing to pick up someone and give a ride, please contact the office or Pastor Linda if you are able to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

### Herstory Theatre – Real Women, Real Stories-Jan-June 2019

**History Theatre** is spotlighting amazing women with 3 shows: **Stewardess!**, **Sisters of Peace** and **Dirty Business**. See Anna Lexvold for more information – and possibly putting together a group for one or more shows..

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## Thank you to our Worship Team

**Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough  
**Greeters:** Joanie Anderson & Randy Rennaker  
**Liturgist:** Sharon Ruhnke  
**Music Leaders:** Organist - Sharon Ruhnke  
Choir – Les Johnson  
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider  
**Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick



\* **Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" Red Hymnal #451

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

**Prayer to Begin**

Ruth Duck

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.**

**Anthem** "Child of God"

Mark Miller

1. No matter what people say or think about me, I am a child of God.
2. No matter what people say or think about you, you are a child of God.

*Chorus:* And there is no thing or no one who can separate you from the truth that you're someone, you are family, you are meant to be a child of God.

3. No matter what the world says or thinks about you, you are a child of God.
4. No matter what the church says, decisions, pronouncements on you, you are a child of God.

*Chorus*

**Children's Time:**

*Children are invited to use the activity tables during the worship service*

**Scripture**

Isaiah 43:19

John 13:34-35

John 15:11-17

The words inspired by God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Love Always and First"

**Call to Prayer:** "Spirit of the Living God" Red Hymnal #393

**Our Time of Prayer**

Pastoral Prayer

Breakthrough Prayer for our church

**Good and Generous God,**

**Your grace and love are an outpouring for me; I give thanks for all that you have given me and our church. O God, we know that Community UMC has held a presence in this community for 111 years. We are blessed and rejoice in the works and wonder we have provided through You to serve this community. God, we pray fervently for our church as we seek You for new directions, ministries, purposes joining in your vision for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Guide us in your purposes and help us to know your purpose is our purpose. God, breakthrough to us! Grant us the spirit of exploration, new adventures, new leaders, more visitors, and new members – help us to go where we have not yet been. Enlarge our territories and nudge us from our comfort zone. Help us to grow more in love with you, God, and more in love with our neighbors. Guide us to take risks in Your Name and for Your Kingdom! Amen.**

**Offertory** "Shower the People You Love" James Taylor

Kathy Webb and friends

*Chorus:* Shower the people you love with love, show them the way that you feel. Things are gonna work out fine if you only will.

**The Great Thanksgiving** adapted from Michael O'Donnell

*May the peace of God be with you,*

**And also with you.**

*Almighty and Merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you.*