

Our Vision

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

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Ministers	All the Congregation
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

Monday, April 8, 2019

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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

Thursday, April 11, 2019

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir

Friday, April 12, 2019

11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

Saturday, April 13, 2019

2:00 p.m. NE UMC Meal

Sunday, April 14, 2019

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

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

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

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(elements are gluten and dairy free)

* **Hymn** "I'll Fly Away" Black Hymnal #2282

Benediction

Postlude "Prelude & Fugue in D" G. F. Handel

Announcements

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.

Planting Party

We will plant our seeds for the community garden that need extra growing time on April 11 starting at 7:00 PM here at church.

Save the Date

The Annual Salad Luncheon will be held from 11 am -1 pm, **Thursday, April 25th** this year. We will get into gear with this in early April, signing our people up to make salads and to help with the event. Also watch for ticket sellers, April 7th and 14th. Cost is \$9.00. We will also be needing those yummy baked goods for the Boutique. Thanks, in advance, for all your help.

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeter: Judy Schnarr
Liturgist: Martha Snipstad
Communion Servers: Martha & Judy Snipstad, Karl & Dana Wigert
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
Choir -
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

us to go where we have not yet been, and enlarge our territories. Nudge us from our comfort and complacency zones. 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 *“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”*
Men’s Chorus Spiritual/arr. Fenno Heath

The Great Thanksgiving

Come now, let us reason together, says God, though we may falter, living in a sense of broken relationships, division in our communities and countries, we fail in our efforts to live love.

Come, let us walk in the light of God,
that he may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk on the paths where God calls us to journey.

In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be our strength.

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the God of love,
the storyteller extraordinaire for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confessions, share our regrets and respect God’s ways.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need and share with the world that needs to receive it.

Pastor’s words and blessing of the elements.

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April 7, 2019 – 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

Prelude *“What Wondrous Love”* Arr. V. Labenske
Pianists: Karen Schneider, Sharon Ruhnke

*** Gathering Words**

Friends, this is the time of the year we grow in our faith, we love Spring weather, and welcome others to our spiritual home!

O loving God, guide us in our journeys to see the newness of seedlings sprouting, may we be like the seeds beginning new life in Jesus through our Lenten season.

Lend us your guidance, O God, that we see opportunities in an abundant way on these final days of our forty that we walk through Lent.

Teach us how to maximize our faith in new beginnings, releasing those things that bog us down, hold us back, and stop our growth. Amen.

*** Hymn** *“Hymn of Promise”* Red Hymnal #707
* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

Prayer to Begin

Creating God, this is a time in our lives that we remember the works and wonders that you co-create with us. As we sometimes wander off the beaten journey toward self-centeredness, remind us

that we are in this place because of Your love and nurturing. Give us a sense of when to let go and let you nudge us toward the opportunities we need to fulfill Your kin'dom work here on earth. Guide us now in our time of quiet to notice, hear, follow, resist things that are not of you . . .
(time of silent prayer)

Call to Prayer: *"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*
Black Hymnal #2128, v. 1

Peace Prayers for the World (adapted from World Prayers)

Holy One, In the dark of the night when tears become our prayers, we believe the Spirit intercedes for us, breathing through our lament. In the light of the day when fears hushes our voice, we believe that Christ listens to all that we carry deep within our hearts.

In the midst of life's cacophony, we believe that you draw us close, even when we struggle to draw close to you. Not a word is on our lips that you do not know completely. We must pray for the world as it is and name the world that we long to see, the one that lives and moves and has its fullness in You, in your love and grace, peace and justice. Thus, hear our prayers, oh loving, living Lord. Imperfect and incomplete as they might be, hear our prayers and make your presence known to us now for countries in turmoil and transition, for weather and cyclone related tragedies and rebuilding. We lift the prayers for Central and South American countries under fire, conflict, regimes and gangs, depressions and recessions. May we grow in our understanding of places we don't always comprehend and why people make choices we don't always agree with to know

more, give us a spirit of wonder and curiosity, reduce our sense of critical conversations and declarations. Amen.

Anthem *"Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread"*
Jay Althouse

Children's Time:
Children are invited to use the activity tables during the worship service

Scripture Philippians 3:4-14 CEB
The words inspired by God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"God's Story, Our Story"*

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 112 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 continue to seek You for new directions, ministries, and purposes joining in your vision for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Guide us in your purposes, help us to recognize your purposes as our purposes. God, breakthrough to us! Grant us a spirit of exploration, curiosity and newness in our: adventures, leaders, visitors and members. Help