

Our Vision

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

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May 12, 2019

9 Innings: Habits & Practices													
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 12, 2019 – Mother’s Day

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

Monday, May 13, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

- 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Adult Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. River Rats
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 17, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

Saturday, May 18, 2019

- 2:00 p.m. John Nilsen Piano Concert

Sunday, May 19, 2019

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

Announcements

Piano Concert

Music? Why yes! Oregon Methodist John Nilsen will be on a music tour in Minnesota in May. He will hold a concert open to all people in our community and cities at 2pm on May 18. It is a free-will offering with his compact disks for sale.

His music will cover folk, jazz and classically woven compositions, and many of his traditional hymn arrangements. He plays a little boogie-woogie and interweaves his stories about his life growing up a Methodist. Please plan to attend and bring your friends. His music is available online through YouTube, too.

Pistachio Singers Spring Concert

Come hear Dan Ritter with the Pistachio Singers on Sunday, May 19, 4 PM at Parkway United Church of Christ (3120 Washburn Ave N).

Church Plant and Rummage Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Rummage & Plant Sale this week!

Thank you to our Worship Team

- Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough
- Greeters:** Naomi Jones & Fred Carter
- Liturgist:** Sharon Ruhnke
- Music Leaders:** Kathy Webb, keyboard
Alan Husby, guitar and vocals
Gary Teravskis, bass
Dawn Uribe, vocals
- Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Doxology

Red Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and generous God, may we know and achieve more because of our learning stewardship and generosity from you. Help us to practice with a spirit of: prayers, presence, gifts, services, and witness to the work of this kin'dom of heaven here on earth now. Multiply our works, giving, and love in new ways. Amen.

* **Hymn** *"This Little Light of Mine"*

trad. African American

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

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3 xs) ,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine...
3. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...
4. All through the week, I'm gonna let it shine...
5. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3 xs) ,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Benediction

Postlude

"Can't Stop Talking"

Russell Fragar

Thank you to our music team today:

Kathy Webb, keyboard

Alan Husby, guitar and vocals

Gary Teravskis, bass

Dawn Uribe, vocals

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May 12, 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.

Pre-Service Music

"Hallelujahs"

Chris Rice

Welcome and Announcements

* **Music** *"God is in the House"*

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

God is in the house, everybody shout
Amen! Amen! God is in the House.

* **Gathering Words**

We come each week with the heart of wanting more of God's love and spirit in our lives. We are in this time of 9 innings and today we begin a new practice, our 3rd inning.

The practice will contain both reminders and new ideas for us to consider God's ways for our church and passionate worship!

We enter into the stages of gratitude and begin to practices to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give back. These are essential practices for our personal spirituality and grow as a church community.

We want to move toward capacity to live fruitfully and fully, and be completely in God as stewards of love, hope, peace and justice. Amen.

* **Music** *"The Care the Eagle Give Her Young"*

Words: Red Hymnal 118, Tune "Amazing Grace"

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

Prayer to Begin

**O God, our practices are essential in our lives and we pray for them to deepen over time. Create for us openings for your spirit to shape us. Help us to know it isn't just a point to talk about, but rather something we live into and do. Grant us a spirit where we make our faith tangible and visible in our daily life, passionate in our worshipping together. Guide us in our quiet time now. . .
(time of silent prayer)**

Call to Prayer: *"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

Black Hymnal #2128, v. 2

Peace Prayers

Living God, encourage us to be speakers and doers of peacemaking habits in our families, communities, and world. May the hope that comes through the generosity you share with us guide in extraordinary ways as peacemakers to the world. Build into our communities opportunities to make a difference by calling out behaviors that are not engaging in peaceful communications and interactions. Help us to call out leaders that are wanting wars and conflicts, teach them to grow in grace, knowledge and love of God in all ways. Amen.

Anthem

Children's Time:

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

Scripture

Psalm 95:1-3

John 4:21-24

The words inspired by God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "9 Innings: Habits and Practices"
(gratitude and fruitfulness)

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

"Our (Father, Mother, God, Creator) ..."

please use whichever name you find meaningful.

Offertory

"Morning Star"

Mary Susan Guest

"We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You;
You are the morning star"