

## Our Vision

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

## Our Staff

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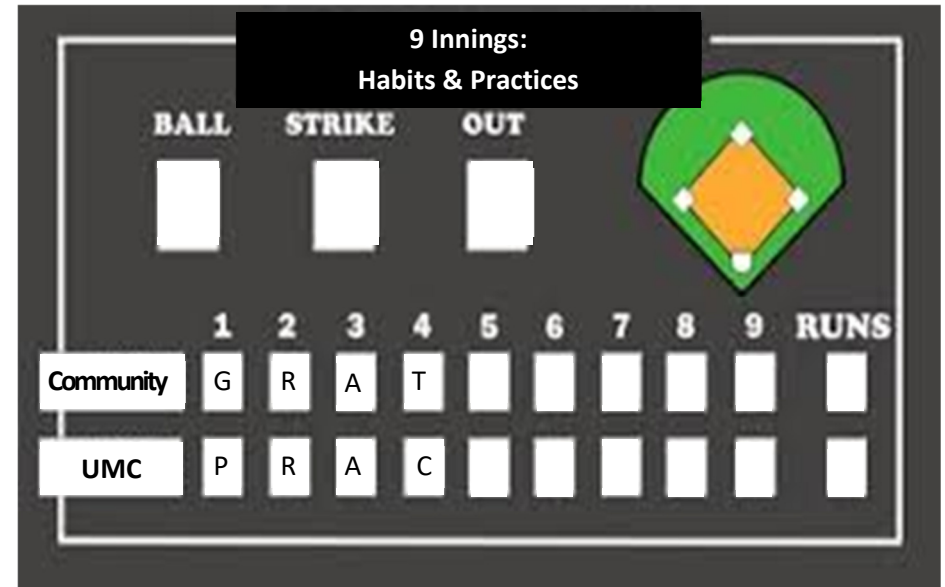
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# This Week at a Glance

## Sunday, May 19, 2019

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

## Monday, May 20, 2019

Items due for June Newsletter

## Wednesday, May 22, 2019

9:45 a.m.      Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
7:30 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 23, 2019

5:30 p.m.      Finance Meeting  
7:00 p.m.      Eve Circle

## Friday, May 24, 2019

11:00 a.m.      Chair Yoga

## Saturday, May 25, 2019

11:00 a.m.      Columbia Heights Pride Meeting

## Sunday, May 26, 2019

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

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## Thank you to our Worship Team

**Pastor:**              Rev. Linda McCollough  
**Greeter:**             Anita Thompson  
**Liturgist:**            Kari Trench  
**Music Leaders:**    Organ – Peggy Dahl Bartunek  
                              Bell Choir - Karen Schneider  
**Sound System:**    Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

# Announcements

## Pistachio Singers Spring Concert

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

## Music Updates:

- We welcome Dan Ritter, new music director, on June 2.
- Come and celebrate the ministry of Sharon Ruhnke on June 9.

Thank you to Peggy Dahl Bartunek for accompaniment today.

## Mixed Up Sunday!

Join us on May 26 for mixed up Sunday. Wear something that is mixed up (mismatched socks, mismatched clothing, mixed materials). Sit in a different seat than normal! We will have worship in a mixed-up manner. Curious, come and join us! Announcements at 9:55 and Worship at 10 a.m.

**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** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Heather Sorenson  
Choir

**Doxology** Red Hymnal #94

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, we thank you for your giving to us, so that we can share with the world. Help us to recognize your generosity in our lives and inspire us to move toward a spirit of radical generosity within our hospitality! Impress on our hearts a new sense of stewardship that builds our church toward the future and her work. Unleash the power of giving with a grateful heart! Amen.**

\* **Hymn** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Black Hymnal #2173  
\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Music by Peggy Dahl Bartunek*

## **Community United Methodist Church**

**May 19, 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** "Fanfare on Old Hundreth" Angeman  
Bell Choir

### **\* Gathering Words**

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God! (Romans 15:7)*

**We want to welcome all friends, old and new, to become a part of our community. We want to be a place where we are a vibrant and growing congregation.**

*Let us learn to practice radical hospitality, innovating, initiating, inviting others into our context of spiritual community!*

**May our congregation join in a new stage of fruitful faith and hospitality, advancing our welcome beyond just words and greetings! Let us discover new ways to become unending in our life of Christ and care for others!**

\* **Hymn** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"  
Red Hymnal #315, v. 1, 2, 3, 5  
\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

## Prayer to Begin

**O God, as we are reaching out to each other and the community, incline us to teach your ways in love, hope, forgiveness and peace. As our culture leans into separation from one another, grant us a spirit of unity for all creation. May we encourage one another to build a spirit of inclusion in our church and remember that our privilege gives us a purpose to bring others into God's kin'dom. The challenges of exclusion shuts down the work of the Holy Spirit, empower us to overcome those tendencies and build love into our community. Guide us in your ways during this time of silent prayer...**

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

Black Hymnal #2128, v. 2

**Peace Prayer** adapted from Relief Services

**O Holy One, Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, let us offer pardon. Where there is discord, let us build peace. Oh Divine God, you taught us that those who work for peace are called the children of God. Help us to persist in establishing justice and truth as firm and lasting foundations of peace. God, you offer us peace as a gift and peace as a responsibility that we must realize with your help. Give us the grace to reach for peace, to have attitudes of peace, that our words may be of peace, and that our works be works of peace. Then, may we build the peace that we and our nations need. Amen.**

**Anthem** *"Walk in the Light"*  
Bell Choir

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## Children's Time:

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

**Scripture** Psalm 118:29  
Romans 12:21

The words inspired by God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

\* **Hymn** *"We All Are One in Mission"* Black Hymnal #2243  
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## 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**