

Our Vision

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

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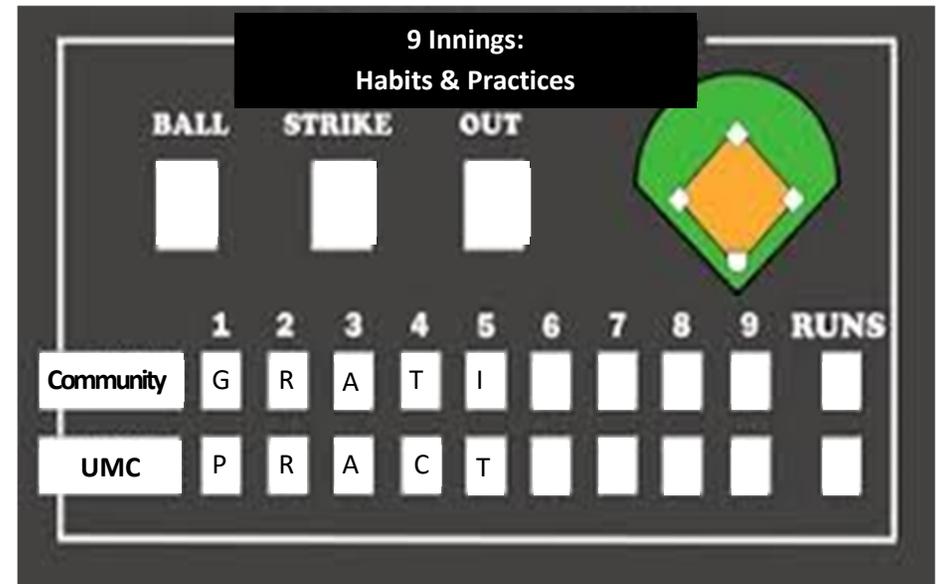
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 26, 2019

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

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

9:45 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 31, 2019

11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

Sunday, June 2, 2019

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

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeter: Fred Carter
Liturgist: Rod Bruns
Music Leaders: Music – Kathy Webb
 Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Announcements

Thank you Kathy Webb, for your music!

Music Updates:

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

Sunday, June 16 will have a special offering for **Peace with Justice**. Gifts will fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally.

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May 26, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Offertory *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”* Black Hymnal #2173

Doxology Red Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and gracious God, You give to us, so we give back to you. Build into our hearts and minds a spirit of generosity beyond what we currently know that extends our giving to new levels of gratefulness. Multiply what we give; grant us new ministry ideas to serve this community. Create space for us to grow in spirit and love and hope. In God's mighty ways, Amen.

* **Hymn** *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*
Black Hymnal #2191
* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

Benediction

Postlude *Music by Kathy Webb*

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 *Music by Kathy Webb*

* Gathering Words

We join together on this holiday weekend, working for a greater sense of gratitude in our lives, spirits and church.

May the spirit of gratitude enrich us to a point of it being a more natural response to our lives and hearts in communicating with others.

May we reclaim our understanding of why grateful hearts sustain our faith journeys and help guide our hospitality in a world so often filled with criticisms.

Grant us a better understanding of the ways to serve others, to grow in spirit and help our families see transformation in each other's lives. Amen.

* **Hymn** *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* Red Hymnal #185
* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

Prayer to Begin

O Loving God, give us your ways in responding to a world so desperately needing love and momentum toward peaceful conversations. Help us, as we remember those that served and died sacrificing

life and limb for our country. May your peace that passes all understanding be a part of their legacy with families and countries. Guide us toward a place where forgiveness is part of the giving and receiving in our interactions with one another. Fill us with the work of the Holy Spirit now and in the days to come, Amen.

Call to Prayer: *“Come and Find the Quiet Center”*
Black Hymnal #2128, v. 2

Peace Prayers for the World

God of us all, may we sense your movement in our responses to a world that is filled with challenges, oppression, racism, white supremacy, xenophobia, capitalistic and materialism greed, disparity and division among people. Guide us to become grounded in your work and worth that all people are created by you. When the conflicts and wars break out, birth new leaders grounded in your peace and ways of communication to overcome and build bridges. Grant us a better way toward the peaceable kin'dom here on earth. Amen.

Anthem *“Soon and Very Soon”* Red Hymnal #550

Children’s Time:

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

Scripture Colossians 3:15
Luke 8:9-15

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

Sermon “9 Innings: Habits and Practices”
(gratitude and fruitfulness)

*** Hymn** *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”*
Black Hymnal #2223

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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 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.