

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
Music Director	Elaine Hill
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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This Week at a Glance

Notes

Sunday, August 12, 2018

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

Monday, August 13, 2018

- 2:30 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

- 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, August 16, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. River Rats

Sunday, August 19, 2018

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

Thank you to our Worship Team

- Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough
- Greeters:** Our Friends of CUMC
- Liturgist:** Joanie Anderson
- Music Leaders:** Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
Music Director - Elaine Hill
- Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Announcements

Thank You Community Grounds!

For the month of August, \$.50 of every Nordic Waffle sold at Community Grounds will be donated to our Community Meal!

September 9 - Join us for our Fall Kick-Off

Wear your favorite team-wear or team-colors! Kids will join "God's team" and register for Sunday morning education (Sunday School).

Moving forward at CUMC!

There has been discussion about opening up the library walls (leaving the book shelves) up to allow the sun-light to come into the hallway and create a more open welcoming space for a number of years. It was a topic that came up this winter and again during our recommendations through our Church Consultation this spring. It will create an actual narthex area for greeting people and chatting before the service.

We know there are other ideas for improvements, some that were written in the recommendations (that were voted on and approved in May). We want to widen the net with your ideas, no matter how big or small. For the next couple of weeks, we'll have a piece of paper in the bulletin that you can write these ideas down on and put them into the offering plate. You can include your name or be anonymous on ways to make our building and grounds more welcoming and invitational and move our church forward. Thank you in advance for your input.

Community United Methodist Church

August 12, 2018 – 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

* **Gathering Words** *adapted from Psalm 130*

Oh loving God, we cry out to you, awaiting your presence.

God, we pay attention to your sharing your grace and mercy.

We thank you that we are here with you this morning, sensing your calling for us as followers.

God, we lend our hope your way, we await on your promises.

We aren't always as faithful to you, God, as you are to us.

We are redeemed and grounded by the faithful love you share with us. Hallelujah and Amen.

* Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

Red Hymnal #408

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

Prayer to Begin

Loving God, we claim our birthright through you. Your grace and mercies, God, are new to us each day. May we extend those gifts to others as you do to us, help us to not be stingy and hoard grace,

thinking we deserve it more than others. God, may we grow more in love with you, and more in love with our neighbors by our words, actions and behaviors. Gather us as hungry followers wanting to be more Christ-like in our responses to the world. In the hope and love of Jesus, Amen.

Peace Prayer for the World

God, blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. May our world leaders, as they gather, join in a spirit of unity. May the wholeness and holiness of everyone and all creation be the focal point of the work for peace in the world. May we develop leaders who carry the spirit of peace in their motives and actions. Open our hearts, remind us to pray unceasingly for your kingdom where there are no ends. Amen.

Anthem choir

Children's Time

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

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

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

Sermon *"If love is the answer, what is the question"*

*** Hymn**

"My Life Flows On" Black Hymnal #2212

Our Time of Prayer

Sharing of the Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal #895
"Our (Father, Mother, God, Creator) ..."
please use whichever name you find meaningful.

Offertory

Doxology Red Hymnal #95

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God may our stewardship be filled with a spirit of giving and generosity. May we respond to the needs of our church and the needs of our world by sharing what we have and doing so with a happy heart. God, grant us a sense of wisdom and multiply our offerings for your kingdom. Amen.

*** Sending Hymn**

"Love Divine" Red Hymnal #384, v. 1, 2, 4

Benediction

Postlude