

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

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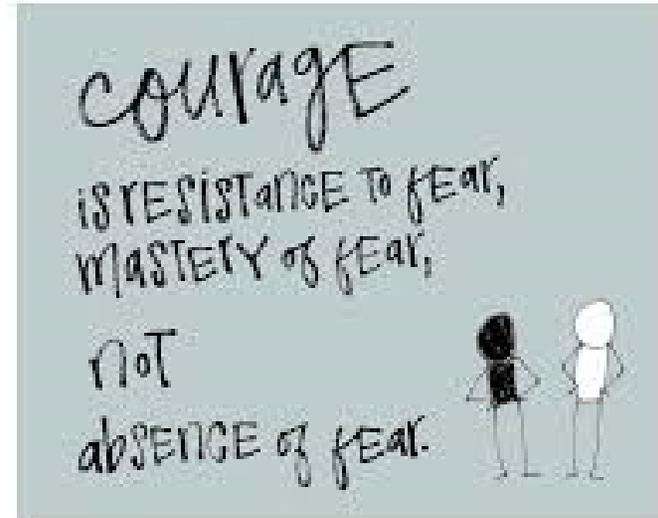
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 21, 2018

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

Monday, October 22, 2018

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

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Adult Study
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25, 2018

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Eve Circle

Sunday, October 28, 2018

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

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeter: Janis Sandgren
Liturgist: Barb Miller
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
 Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
 Choir Director – Elaine Hill
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Announcements

2018 Directories

The 2018 Directory is now available in 2 column (purple) and Large Print (lavender) versions.

Bowling for Fun: November 11, 2018 from 2-4pm!

Dust off your shoes and come bowl with us at Blainebrook Bowl in Blaine (12000 Central Ave. Blaine, MN 55434)! All are welcome! Please let Tamra or Pastor Linda know you are planning to come and bowl (\$2.00/game) or just come and watch!

Community Happenings:

- **Polka Service and Dinner**, Saturday, October 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (4101 Washington St. NE). The community is cordially invited to attend the 15th Annual Polka Service and Bavarian Dinner. The service begins at 5:30 PM, with the dinner following immediately afterwards in the church's fellowship hall. Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers from Lester Prairie are featured musicians for the event. Proceeds from the dinner will help support Danna Nelson (being treated for aggressive cancer), as well as the St. Matthew spring musical. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 and available through October 22nd by calling the St. Matthew church office at 763-788-9427. St. Matthew is handicap accessible.
- **NorthEast UMC Hunting Widows Art and Crafts Fair** Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Stop by – the Community Craft room will have a table.
- **Cabaret of Hope**, Nov 2 & 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. St. Matthew Community Theater (4101 Washington St. NE) will present *"A Million Dreams – A Voice of Hope Concert"* for the three performances listed above. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted as we partner with Life for a Child in Christ to build an orphanage and school in Liberia, and in support of the St. Matthew spring musical. Social hours will be held for one hour prior to each performance, featuring great food and drink. Tickets for the social hours are \$10 each, and available through the St. Matthew church office: 763-788-9427.

Offertory

"Gabriel's Oboe"

Ennio Morricone

Doxology

Red Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, create in us new ways to serve this community and world through our gifts, time, talents and tithes. Help us to know your ways in what we do and how we seek to respond to a world with big needs. Build in us a more generous heart for stewardship, going beyond what we sometimes want to limit with our finite mindsets in ministries. Grant us purpose that grows daily. In gratitude, Amen.

* Sending Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Black Hymnal #2153

Benediction

Postlude

"Now Thank We All"

Johann Crueger

Community United Methodist Church

Bible Sunday / October 21, 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.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

Prelude

"Processional"

David Johnson

* Gathering Words

Oh Holy One, we come into your presence, we invite the Holy Spirit now to reach and move us in new ways and capture our hearts, minds and spirits!

God of grace and God of mercy, we rely on you to bring us to places of courage when time maybe filled with anguish, anxiety and challenges.

We seek you now in our time of worship.

God, be our light and salvation; you are the stronghold that carries us to into our days and nights! Refresh us this morning with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Hymn

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Black Hymnal #2197

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

Prayer to Begin

Loving God, we challenge ourselves to be more grounded in your community of love, grace and hope. Forgive us when we falter and fall away from

your path. Help us to sustain our lives through the love you share with us and our ability to share and pronounce it to others. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Guide our thoughts in this time of silent prayer now. . .

Prayer Song

"Holy, Holy"

Black Hymnal #2039, v. 2

Prayer for the World

Oh God of Hope and Wonder, may our world that desperately needs to experience more love see you through our actions and responses to the needs of the oppressed, disenfranchised, left-out, and tossed-aside. Give us your wisdom to search for new ways to love our world. Let peace capture the hearts of our leaders, our candidates and our culture. Help us to fervently pray for peace in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Grant us your eyes to see the world through a new lens. In the name of Jesus, our redeemer, Amen.

Anthem

"God Is Our Strength"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Time:

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

Scripture

Isaiah: 40: 26-31

Psalms 118: 1-4, 14-16, 27-29

Proverbs 12:25

1 Peter 5:7

Philippians 4:6-7

2 Timothy 1:7

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

Sermon *"Courageous Living in Challenging Times"*

*** Hymn**

"Would I Have Answered When You Called"

Black Hymnal #2137

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 Community UMC has held a presence in this community for 111 years. We are blessed and rejoice in the works and wonder we have provided to serve this community. God, we pray fervently for our church as we seek You for new directions, new ministries and new purposes to join in your vision for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Guide us in your purposes and help us to know your is purpose is our purpose, your vision, our vision. God, breakthrough to us! Grant us the spirit of exploration, new adventures, new leaders, new visitors and members – help us to go where we have not yet been. Remind us to be open to this time and spirit. Help us to grow more in love with you, God, and more in love with others. Help 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.