

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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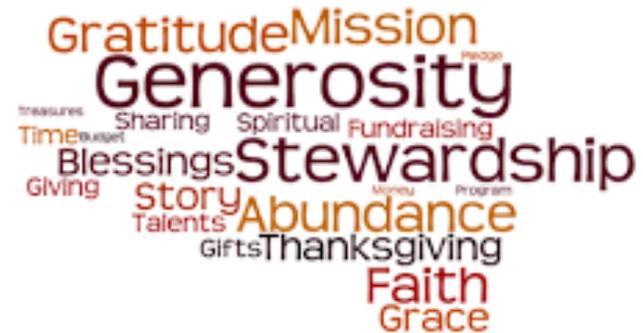
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 18, 2018

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

Monday, November 19, 2018

2:30 p.m. Chair Yoga

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

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

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Thanksgiving! Office Closed

Saturday, November 24, 2018

11:00 a.m. Philip Bentrud Memorial Service,
 lunch following.

Sunday, November 25, 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: Faythe Anderson
Liturgist: Joanie Anderson
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
 Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
 Choir Director – Elaine Hill
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

Announcements

Listening Session with the Minnesota delegation to

General Conference: Listening sessions with the Minnesota delegation to General Conference are an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and your heart with the delegates who will be voting in the *2019 Special Session of General Conference* on petitions and plans for A Way Forward. The delegation will offer 30-minute appointments throughout the day. **Please plan ahead. Call or email to set a time with the chair of the delegation, Judy Zabel at judy@haumc.org or 612-435-1326.**

- **Nov. 17 at Portland Avenue UMC in Bloomington:** The 30-minute appointments will start at 11 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.
- **Dec. 8 at Community UMC in Monticello:** The 30-minute appointments will start at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

Charge Conference: Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of approving pastoral compensation.

Sheridan Story Benefit Concert: Camarata Brass

Saturday, December 1, 4 PM. Free will donation. Come share in community, music and dessert. Donations go to the Sheridan Story in Columbia Heights – used to fight hunger in our community in collaboration with area schools.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 9, during worship.

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 15, 9:00 AM.

Music Sunday

Sunday, December 16, during worship.

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24, 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM.

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

Offertory

"Thanks for Grace" S. Frederiksen/S. Ruhnke
Don't forget to bring your pledge cards next week!

Doxology

Red Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give because you first gave to us. Help us to remember that the giving is part of our stewardship by sharing time, talents, treasures and tithes. May we see our generosity pouring out in new ways and new adventures! In all we do, God, we want to share the heart to love you and love others with a spirit of grace and gratitude. Amen.

* Sending Hymn

"We Are Marching" Black Hymnal #2235b

Benediction

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach

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November 18, 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

"We Gather Together" Sharon Ruhnke & Karen Schneider

* Gathering Words

This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day we remind ourselves that each day is new, our spirits are fresh, and the hope filled with generosity, gratitude and grace are poured out on us!

May our reminders of the sense of gratitude be shared with others in our lives, church community and impact our outreach!

As we go into this week of Thanksgiving, gratitude is a spirit of love that we are reminded about and called on to share with our families and friends. May we embody a spirit of gratitude through this time! May it be so! Amen.

* Hymn

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

Red Hymnal #122, v. 1, 2, 5, 6

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

Prayer to Begin

O God, help us as we navigate this time of stewardship remembering you first gave to us, you outgive us, and you outlove us. The spirit of sharing and receiving is powerful in our lives. May we be emboldened with our words and actions this week. Help us to connect more closely with you in our time of silent prayers now . . .

Prayer Song

"Amazing Grace"

Red Hymnal #378, v. 2

Prayers for Peace in the World

O Holy God, we carry in our hearts the prayer for your people in Syria, after years of challenges, chemical weapons, abuse, oppression and injustice we call out your help for them! God, only you know if this is civil wars or oppressive nations harming children, men and women in this country. No definition is needed, but we cry out for you to pour out a plan, God. Bring justice, peace and hope to a place that has not experienced those things. Give us a heart to see these people in ways your eyes do. Amen.

Anthem

"Hymn of Gratitude"

Joseph M. Martin

Children's Time:

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

Scripture

Luke 16:10

Matthew 6:21

Colossians 3:23-24; 4:2

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

James 1:17

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

Sermon *"The 3 G's: Grace, Gratitude, Generosity"*

* Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Red Hymnal #92

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 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.