

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 25, 2018

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

Monday, November 26, 2018

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

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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

Saturday, December 1, 2018

4:00 p.m. Camarata Brass/Sheridan Fundraiser

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeter: Wilma Berg
Liturgist: Rod Bruns
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.**

- **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.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimers

Wednesday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to church office phone:763-788-9009 or email: office@communitymethodistchurch.org

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.

Prayer to Begin

O God of Hope and Strength, Grant us a spirit that is more powerful and a heart that is filled with grace, gratitude and generosity! Fill us with the certainty that you are always with us, let us forgive and share grace without condition toward others. Empower our hearts to speak gratefully about what are the blessings in our lives and even the little things we take for granted. Condition our minds to be more generous in loving you, and loving others through our personal ministries and the mission of our church. Ground and center us in your heart now in our time of silent prayer. . .

Prayer Song

"Amazing Grace"

Red Hymnal #378, v. 4

Prayers for the World

Gracious God, we live with hope. Guide us to be peacemakers, in our families, in our communities and in our world. As we watch the violence increase around the world, help us to find ways to bring peaceful resolutions at home and in the world. Spirit us with imaginations where the greater shalom begins now. Help us to model our lives in ways others can see the peace that passes all understanding in our decisions and transactions with others. Amen.

Anthem

"Comfort and Joy"

Pepper Choplin

Children's Time:

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

Scripture

Luke 16:10

Matthew 6:21

1 Timothy 6:5-12

Colossians 3:23-24

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

James 1:5, 7

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

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

Offertory - *with blessing and consecration of the stewardship pledges and offerings*

"You Are More Precious Than Silver"

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Our Time of 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