

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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December 2, 2018



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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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

Monday, December 3, 2018

2:30 p.m. Chair Yoga
4:30 p.m. Women's Meal at Culvers

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
11:30 a.m. UMW. See Announcement
5:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Talk
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1, 2018

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. Core Leadership Team

Friday, December 7, 2018

10:00 a.m. Ring for Salvation Army - Cub

Sunday, December 9, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship - Advent, Children's Program
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeter: Judy Schnarr
Liturgist: Youth & Martha Snipstad
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
Choir Director - Elaine Hill
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick
Advent Family: Judy & Martha Snipstad

Announcements

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

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.

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

UMW: Wednesday, December 5, 11:30 a.m. We are combining the Executive Meeting with the General Meeting. Lunch will be provided. Sharon Ruhnke will join us and we will have a great Christmas Carol Sing-Long.

Ringing bells for Salvation Army

Friday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Cub. Contact Dick Meixner for information.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 9, during worship; followed by a spaghetti dinner to raise money to buy more goats from Heifer International.

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.

Community United Methodist Church

December 2, 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

"See Amid The Winter Snow" Humility/Douglas Wagner

Invitation to the Advent Family

We light this candle in the name of the everlasting Word – stilling chaos, forming the earth and calling forth light from darkness.

Alpha and Omega, author and ending of all that is made, now yearning for the birth of a new creation, fill us with longing for all things to be restored and speak the hope of the kingdom deep in our hearts; that as we wait for your purpose to be revealed we may live each day in the light of your coming; so your glory may be seen in all the earth.

O God, who in Christ makes all things new by the Spirit's power, our hope is in you for ever.

Amen.

Advent Song:

"Advent Song" Black Hymnal #2090, v. 1

In December Darkness

The whole world waits in December darkness for the glimpse of the Light of God.

Pastor's words of blessing on the elements. . .

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God.

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

"Our (Father, Mother, God, Creator) ..."

please use whichever name you find meaningful.

All are Welcome to our UMC Open Table, all elements are gluten and dairy free. We will take the elements at the communion rail, please come as the ushers bring you.

* Sending Hymn

"People Look East"

Red Hymnal #202

Benediction

Postlude

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Rowland Prichard/Mark Kellner

Litanies and liturgies: Together for a Season, Kneeling in Bethlehem.

COOKIE WALK AND BOUTIQUE: Saturday, December 15th. In addition to the cookies that you will make at home, we will be asking for volunteers to make one or two batches of dough for the basic recipes that we will be baking at church, on **Tuesday Dec. 12th**, starting at 9 AM. We really need hands to help bake during the day and we also need those who can come and join in the fun Tuesday evening for making the No Bake Cookies! **Wednesday** is the decorating party to make our cookies festive and irresistible! **Friday** is set-up and, of course, **Saturday** morning, the sale. Help is needed for all of these days. We will have signup sheets available before and after church, December 2nd and 9th. It is most helpful if the cookies that you make at home can be brought in Friday before 12 noon or early Saturday morning. Please help us make this another successful Cookie Walk. The proceeds go to further our mission and goals. *UMW Special Functions Committee*

