

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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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship – Advent, Music Sunday
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall

Monday, December 17, 2018

2:30 p.m. Chair Yoga

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

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

Saturday, December 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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

Monday, December 24, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship – Christmas Eve
4: 30 p.m. Worship – Christmas Eve

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeter: Rondine Mehling
Liturgist: Kari Trench
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
 Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
 Choir Director – Elaine Hill
Sound System: Cate Vermeland
Advent Team: Fred Carter, Barb Miller,
 James Bordewick

Bell Choir

Wilma Berg	Barb Miller	Naomi Jones
Mary Tholkes	Kari Trench	Joanie Anderson
Dana Wigert	Janis Sandgren	Jim Reinholdson
Elaine Hill		

Choir

Sopranos

Mary Sanders-Reichmeyer
Naomi Jones
Pat Good

Altos

Lennis Bentrud
Kari Trench
Jonie Anderson
Mary Tholkes
Kimm Reichmeyer

Tenors

Barb Miller
Rod Bruns
Andy Bixler
Les Johnson
James Bordewick

Basses

Gary Good
Dennis Ruhnke
Seth Sanders-Reichmeyer
Guy Reichmeyer

Instrumentalists

Oboe	Tori Tholkes
Bells	Jim Reinholdson, Dana Wigert
Pianists	Karen Schneider, Sharon Ruhnke

Announcements

A big Thank you to all who made today possible – especially Sharon Ruhnke, Elaine Hill, Karen Schneider and Les Johnson for their leadership and accompaniments!

Christmas Eve Services

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

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25 – Tuesday, January 1.

Next Newsletter

will come out next week

Sunday, December 30 will be a Hymn Sing. Think about your favorite hymns!

Jim Wallis Faith and Race Event

Rev. Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners (sojo.net) and author of *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, will deliver a keynote address and moderate a panel of local anti-racism experts to help our community respond to the devastating impact racism has on our neighborhood and our nation on **January 12** at Hennepin Ave UMC from 7:00 – 9:30 PM. Come for an inspiring evening and hear the call to do the hard work of dismantling racism. The event registration webaddress is here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-religion-and-response-an-evening-with-jim-wallis-tickets-52097470938>

Community United Methodist Church

December 16, 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

“To the World, Joy!”

Bell Choir
arr. Joel Raney

Invitation to the Advent Team

We light this light in the name of the word of grace, burning with fire in the mouth of the prophets to renew our lives in the love of God. Take away judgement, O God our Redeemer. Give us joy instead of mourning and restore your image in us; that we may shine with your glory and know you as the one who brings life. May we speak the good news of Jesus coming with great rejoicing. O God, who in Christ came to love, bring strength in the Spirit, and be our hope for ever!

Amen.

We give thanks today for the love of our God, for the love which knows us, forgives us and heals, for love which delights in us and brings us back home; which knows the world's sorrows and stands with us there. Give us courage and grace to live lives of love; bearing witness to God who makes all things whole.

Amen.

People of God, be glad! Your God delights in you, and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for God comes to save. You are God's children. O God, make us one in love with Christ today and for ever.

Amen.

Advent Song:

"Advent Song"

Black Hymnal #2090, v. 3

Choir:

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

arr. Howard Helvey

"Carol of the Bells"

arr. Peter Wilhousky

Bell ringers: Dana Wigert & Jim Reinholdsen

Reading 3: *To Listen, To Look*

Ann Weems

Women:

"Saw You Never in the Twilight"

Tori Tholkes, oboe

Tom Porter

Offertory

"Pastorale"

G. F. Handel

Children's Time

Reading 4: *Toward the Light*

Ann Weems

Choir:

"Who Comes this Night"

Dave Grush/arr. Sheldon Curry

"Run to Bethlehem"

Douglas Wagner

Men:

"Rise Up Shepherd"

arr. Fenno Heath

Choir:

"Mary, Go Tell"

arr. Mark Hayes

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

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

please use whichever name you find meaningful.

***Sending Hymn**

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Red Hymnal #251

Benediction

Postlude

"Dialogue"

Louis N. Clerambault