



**COMMUNITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
*REACH, GROW, SEND WITH GOD'S LOVE*

### ***Our Vision***

*We are an urban, intergenerational, inclusive,  
and welcoming Christian fellowship woven  
into the fabric of our community.*

### ***Community UMC's Statement of Reconciliation:***

Community United Methodist Church of Columbia Heights believes that we are all children of God, individuals of sacred worth, created in God's image with our many differences, and that God loves all people. We recognize that God's love is not limited by boundaries. Therefore, we welcome and affirm people of all ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, physical capabilities, or mental abilities.

We believe that prejudice, hatred, or discrimination directed toward any individual or group is contrary to the life, spirit, and teaching of Jesus Christ. We have vowed to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. Therefore, we shall work to eliminate prejudice and discriminatory practices within ourselves and our community, and to show God's grace.

We proclaim ourselves a Reconciling Congregation and welcome all who seek a relationship with God.

*Adopted November 3, 2019*

### ***Our Staff***

Pastor	Rev. Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Music Director	Dan Ritter
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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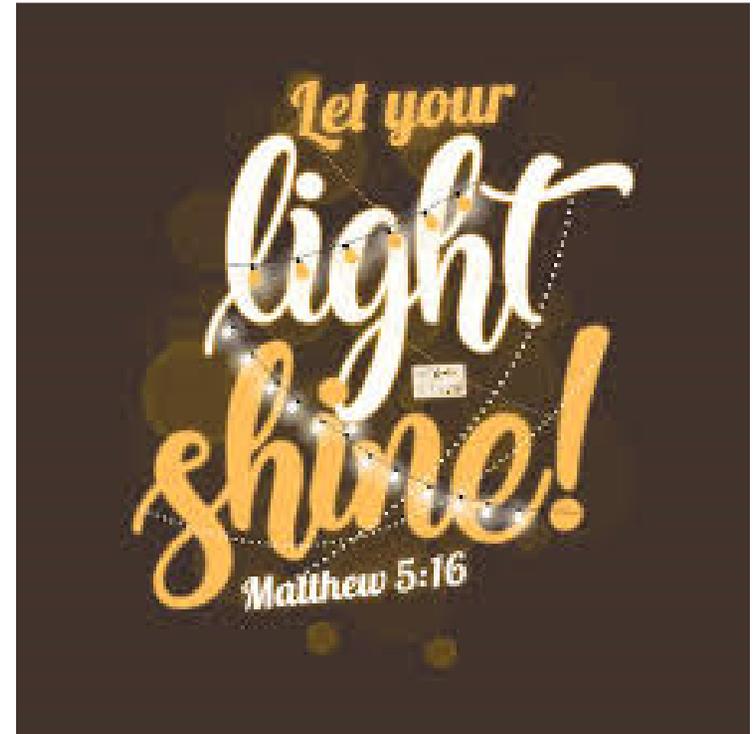
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# This Week at a Glance

## Sunday, February 23, 2019

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

## Monday, February 24, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner

## Tuesday, February 25, 2019

- 6:00 p.m. Brene' Brown Book Study
- 7:00 p.m. Recovery Group

## Wednesday, February 26, 2019 – Ash Wednesday

- 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper
- 5:45 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 6:50 p.m. Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Columbia Heights Pride Planning

## Thursday, February 27, 2019

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

## Sunday, March 1, 2019

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

**Days for Girls Sew-a-Thon:** The Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club will be hosting a Days for Girls Sew-a-Thon at Northeast UMC on **Saturday February 29, 2020, 8:30-12:00.** The volunteers will be making feminine hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. The completed kits will be distributed by various volunteer organizations to girls in developing countries so they can continue to stay in school and have choices in their lives. No sewing experience is required and training will be provided to assemble the kits. Come and join local Rotarians and their friends on this very worthwhile project.

**See the connection up close by volunteering at GC2020:** Volunteering at General Conference 2020 (May 5-15) will provide a tremendous opportunity to see the United Methodist connection up-close and extend hospitality to siblings in Christ from around the world. The Dakotas-Minnesota Host Team is looking for volunteers of all ages, interests, and abilities. The team's primary goal is to extend radical hospitality to guests so that they feel welcomed and safe, and can focus their full attention on participating in the gathering and discerning God's vision and direction for our denomination. Volunteer positions include airport and convention center greeters, hotel hosts, van drivers, information kiosk hosts, prayer room hosts, registration aides, and many more. <https://gc2020welcome.org/volunteers/> for more information.

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## Thank you to our Worship Team

- Pastor:** Rev. Linda McCollough
- Greeters:** Keith & Carol Felland
- Liturgist:** James Bordewick
- Music Leaders:** Music Director – Dan Ritter  
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
- Sound System:** Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

## Announcements

### Upcoming Lenten Studies: (please sign up in the gathering area)

- 5:15 pm Soup Supper and 5:45 PM Book Study  
*John, The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton  
Began February 19. Will not meet on March 4
- Lent: Wednesday Mornings  
9:45 am Reckless Love Study  
Begins February 26. Will not meet on March 4.

### Ash Wednesday, February 26—the beginning of Lent

- 6:50 Imposition of Ashes and Song

### Movie Nights: (Fridays at 6:30 pm)

- March 27<sup>th</sup>: *The Angry Birds 2 Movie*

### Easter Week Schedule:

- ✠ April 5 – Palm Sunday, worship with palms! 10am
- ✠ April 9 – Maundy Thursday service 7pm (with choir)
- ✠ April 10 – Good Friday service 7pm (with special music)
- ✠ April 12 – Easter – 8:30am Breakfast and 10am Worship

## Community United Methodist Church

February 23, 2020 – 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.*

### Chimes

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**     *“The Light of the World is Jesus”*  
Philip Bliss / arr. Mary Hayes

### Gathering Words

*O God, grant us this morning to realign our lives as the place salt and light are distributed freely.*

**When we follow Jesus' teachings, our hearts change and love grows.**

*O God, grant us wisdom in a world that isn't always focused on salt and light to move into that direction daily.*

**May we forgive and be forgiven when we lapse in living into the Jesus way. Amen.**

\* **Hymn**     *“Let There Be Light”*                     Red Hymnal #440

### Prayer to Begin

**Most merciful God, send your heavenly blessings upon this your Church, that all its members may dwell together in unity and love. Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Spirit of promise and spirit of unity, we thank you that you are the Spirit of renewal. Renew us now in our minds, hearts and spirits to live more fully into the vision you have**

given us. May we grow into disciples and deliverers of your will and plan. Amen.

**Special Music**     *“Offer Them Christ!”*  
Rose Aspinall and Mary McDonald

### **Children’s Time**

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

**Scripture**     Matthew 5:1-16                             *(from the CEB)*

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

**Sermon**     “2020 Vision: Jesus and Salt, Light, Hope.”

\* **Hymn**     *“Unsettled World”*             Black Hymnal #2183  
\* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

### **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. We are blessed to be a blessing to others.  
Continue to grant us wisdom, courage, hope and  
love to build the future of our congregation. Create  
in us new ways to be faithful followers and leaders  
for your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen us for  
stewardship of time, talents, treasures, and giving  
to change the world. Bless us to grow more in love  
with you God, more in love with our neighborhood.  
Breakthrough for us with the power of the Holy**

**Spirit. Enlarge our territories, guide us to take risks  
in your name. Amen.**

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

**Offertory**     *“Courante in F”*                             Handel

**Doxology**   Red Hymnal #94

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**O Creating One, build into our hearts, minds and  
spirits the gifts of generosity and stewardship. May  
you witness the works in us you have placed to care  
for others, living into Jesus calling for the kin'dom  
of heaven here on earth now. Focus us to make it  
so, in the powerful name, Jesus. Amen.**

\* **Hymn**     *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*  
Black Hymnal #2223

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**     *“Toccata in F Major”*                             Dietrich Buxtehude