

The Newsletter of

October 2011

Community United Methodist Church

Glorify God

Encourage
One another

Share
Jesus

Let's Celebrate!

By Pastor Markus

There is a thing we shouldn't do yet WE do it all the time: we take things for granted! Have you caught yourself in a situation when God caused you to pause and appreciate what seems to be "normal:"

You pick up your kids from school and think: how wonderful they are...

You go to the store and it occurs to you: how blessed I am to live in a land where there is plenty...

You go for a walk and realize: how great that I am in good health ...

It is those little moments when we pause to celebrate that are a wonderful blessing.

This October and November we want to "pause" in the life of our church and celebrate what God has given us through our church.

From October 23–November 20

we consciously want to

Celebrate the Gift



The gift that God has given us through this church family of CUMC:

The gift of ministry, the gift of faith, the gift of each other,
and most importantly: the gift of Christ himself.

Each Sunday we will hear a testimony of celebration.

We are setting up a specially designed celebration prayer team that is committed to praying for all families and individuals in our church family.

Be ready for a call from them inquiring about how they can best pray for you and your family.

On November 20 we will conclude our "pausing" with a big celebration Sunday.

In the meantime I invite you to practice pausing. Pause and give thanks to God for all the things He is doing in your life and we so often take for granted.

***Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.***



FOUNDATIONAL VALUES OF
COMMUNITY UMC
5 OF 12

ON CHRIST
THE SOLID
ROCK
WE STAND

*TWELVE VALUES FOR BEING
THE CHURCH TOGETHER*

"...Christ Jesus himself is the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Ephesians 2:20-22 NIV

Are you familiar with the Foundational Values of Community UMC? It is important that you are! Each month a different Foundational Value will be featured, please take some time to read and understand the things God says are important for life together!

Intimacy With God

God desires every believer to be continually growing in Him and to be changed by Him. We can know God more deeply through prayer, personal devotion, worship and Bible Study. These are necessary disciplines for spiritual growth.

Hebrews 12:1 -3, Philippians 1:6
Ephesians 3:16-19, 1 Timothy 4:13-16

ARE PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, & DEVOTIONS A PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE?

ARE YOU SPENDING TIME WITH GOD?

Youth News

WiReD

7th-12th grade

Is meeting every Wednesday

In the youth room.

Have you checked it out???



This month we are focusing on team building exercises to help bring us closer together as a community of believers. There will be lots of fun, games, and laughter, as challenges are presented.

The hope is that kicking off the year with intense bonding time will lead to a close knit group through out the rest of the year that can confide, and laugh, with the rest of the year.

2012 Calendars!!!

If you haven't bought a 2012 Calendar yet, then wait and purchase one from our youth group!

We will begin sales next month,
Proceeds will go toward
Funding this summer's
mission trip!



Sr. High Convo 2011

We had soooooo much fun last year that we have to go back and do it again!

We'll be back at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells the weekend of November 11th.

If you are interested in attending please contact

Rob and Andrea at
cumcyoung@hotmail.com

Release Forms and \$65

Deposit due

October 19th

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Their programs help build and rebuild lives, families and the community.

The comprehensive programs are designed to help adults rebuild their lives and find hope in Jesus Christ. Plus, we're helping children and teens realize their potential and achieve educational success in a Christ-centered environment.



Noisy Can October 23rd

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Please see the article above to learn more.

Faith



Food

Fellowship

Saturday, October 8th at 8:00 AM

Invite a friend or family member!

"Expect a Phone Call"



October 23rd through November 20th will be a special time here as we will be intentional as a congregation to

Celebrate the Gift

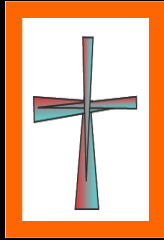
that God has given us in this church.

During this time there will be a celebration prayer team that has accepted the task of praying for each person in our congregation.

Before October 23rd, please expect a phone call from a member of the celebration prayer team. They are all people of our church. The purpose of this phone call is to find out how to pray best for you and the people in your family. The prayer concerns you pass on are treated confidentially and stay with the person who gave you the call. He or she will be praying for you throughout our ***Celebrate the Gift*** period. If for some reason the prayer team member can't get a hold of you - rest assured that he or she will still be praying for you and your family.

Thank you to all persons on the celebration prayer team. We appreciate so much that you will hold our church family in prayer during this special time.

His Kids



Fall 2011

Wednesdays

6:30– 8:00 pm

Age 4 through Grade 6

Making
God
Smile!



The Bible calls Abraham a friend of God. It describes David as a man after God's own heart. It says Enoch walked with God, and God was pleased. So what does it take to be God's BFF—to put a smile on His face?

Everyday we make choices that can show we're a friend of God. And sometimes, instead, we choose the things that make God sad. This Fall we're walking through the Old Testament looking for examples of the choices that put a smile on God's face. So we can choose well and make Him smile too.

At His Kids, kids tell God's story. They're right in the middle, dressing up, playing the parts, making God's truth unfold themselves. Every night is a mix of large group drama and small group friendships, kid-friendly music and games.

So take a break from the crazy pace of homework, sports and activities, and bring your kids to wonder, explore and discover their way through God's story. They have a lot of choices before them every day, and you do too. Prepare them with a mid-week reminder of what it means to follow Jesus and make God smile.

Invite a friend.

Register at the door.

See you there!



Week One: God created and it was GOOD!



A B-I-B-L-E THANK YOU!

Your gracious donations have solved our Children's Ministry Bible shortage. A new case has arrived for classrooms and distribution to children through the year. Thank you for your faithfulness!

BECAUSE JESUS LOVES CHILDREN!

Adult Small Groups

Adult Sunday School:

The Fall quarter is under way with:

- a study in Philippians
- Sunday topics, a discussion of current events through the lens of Scripture
- A class on Reading Scripture
- The Reason for God, an apologetics study
- After I Believe, a next steps discipleship group
- A study of sermons by John Wesley
- New Members class

Not in a class? Join in now.

Already attending? Invite a friend to experience the benefit of growing with other believers.

Check the kiosk in the lobby for full brochure listings and sign-up.

Adult Small Groups

New Opportunities (more details available from the church office, 534-2313)

- JUST STARTED: Thursdays 7 pm, in-home group at the Schweitzer's in Waterford, using Design for Discipleship.
- STARTING OCTOBER 5: Wednesdays 6:30 pm at the church, a study in Hebrews
- EAST TROY GROUP: Sundays, 7 pm at the Fitzgerald's
- MEN'S GROUPS: Thursdays 7 pm in Waterford at the Swan's and at Java Jo'z
- WOMEN'S GROUPS: Mondays 7 pm at the Hollingsworth's in Waterford
Mondays 1 pm at Java Jo'z
Tuesdays 7:30 am at the church
Tuesdays 9 am Prayer and Share at the Dirk's in Waterford
Wednesdays 9 am at the Dirks in Waterford
Thursdays 9 am at the Hollingsworth's in Waterford
EMAIL BIBLE MEMORY GROUP: starting late October, memorizing 1 john. This group encourages one another via email and meets in person once every two months.
- MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES: Men's Saturday Breakfast, varied dates
Women's Afternoon Circle, 1st Thursday 1:30 pm at church: devotions, mission work, planning, fellowship
Book Club: 1st Monday 7 pm at various homes: a variety of reading discussed with a spiritual outlook.

SIMPLE TRUTHS :

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed In God's hands, that I still possess."

Martin Luther

SIMPLE TRUTHS :

"Blessed be to God for the day of rest and religious occupation wherein earthly things assume their true size. Ambition is stunted."

William Wilberforce



Glimpses of Christian History

"God is my witness that ... the principal intention of my preaching and of all my other acts or writings was solely that I might turn men from sin. And in that truth of the gospel that I wrote,

taught, and preached in accordance with the sayings and expositions of the holy doctors, I am willing gladly to die today."

These are the final words of Jan Hus who's goal was to purify a tainted church. Check it out in this month's Glimpses of Christian History located on the kiosk in the lobby.



Elegant Farmer Pie Fundraiser for The Way to Grow Preschool

Get your Thanksgiving pies!

The Preschool will be selling pies October 16th—30th

They will be delivered here frozen for you to pick up right before Thanksgiving. You just take them home and bake them!

Order forms will be available in your bulletins or at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

They are \$15 each. There is a variety to choose from on the order form.

This will help with field trip costs, holiday parties & general budget expenses.

Operation

Christmas



Child

Shoeboxes will be available in the lobby beginning **Thursday, October 6th.**

Instructions will be inside each shoebox. Please follow them carefully, so nothing will be removed from your box.

Please return your shoeboxes no later than November 13th.

Reminder: if you are unable to fill a box, you can donate individual items, and Afternoon Circle will include them in the boxes they put together.

If you are unable to have your box here by November 13th, you can deliver it to Commitments Christian Book Store in Racine.

www.extremefaitth.org

You can read the CUMC Newsletter on our website! Check it out under Get to Know CUMC– Newsletter. Click on the link for the month you want to see.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact the office 534-2313.

"Who do you say that I am?"

This question was asked of Peter by Jesus one time.

Since then Jesus keeps asking each of his new disciples - that includes you and me! -

who do you say that I am?

On **Sunday, October 16th** we will confirm a group of wonderful 8th grade students who will share their very own answer to Jesus' question.

Come and celebrate their confirmation with us and find your own response of telling Jesus who he is to you in your life right now.

See you on the 16th, Pastor Markus.

Advent Devotionals

Yes, we are creating them again!

If you are interested in writing a devotion to include in this years CUMC Devotional please

contact Abigail Wallace at 763-3129

jabwall@gmail.com. She will be coordinating

the topics and making sure we have

all the days filled etc.

Please limit your devotion to about 300 words,

less if you want to include pictures. Submit

them to the office (by email if possible) no later

than November 13th.

office@extremefait.org

Watch for additional information!

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30-4:30-Lay Speaker Class
2	3	4 6:30 PM-Worship Meeting 7:00 PM-Adult Ed. @ Shari's	5 4:00 PM-Food Pantry 6:30 PM -His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	6 1:30 PM Afternoon Circle	7	8 8:00 AM-Men's Breakfast
9	10 7:00 PM Lay Leadership Meeting	11 6:15 Preschool Mtg. 7:00 PM-Trustees Meeting	12 11:00 Staff Mtg 6:30 PM -His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	13	14	15
16 Confirmation 2nd Service	17	18 6:30 PM-SPRC Meeting 6:30 PM- Worship Meeting	19 4:00 PM-Food Pantry 6:30 PM -His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	20 6:30 PM-Finance Meeting	21	22
23 Noisy Can Milwaukee Rescue Mission	24 7:00 PM Missions Meeting	25 7:00 PM-AD Board	26 6:30 PM -His Kids -Wired -Adult Bible Study	27	28	29
30	31					

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Psalm 105:1