

Prayer Requests

Joys and concerns will be lifted up in prayer by individuals and/or teams this week. Where would you like for this request to go?

- Pastors Only Prayer Group
 Email Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request during the week you can email us at prayer@communityumc.net or call the congregational care number at 573-445-6131, ext. 3.

If you would like to receive prayer requests to pray for throughout the week, sign up for the email prayer chain. Be sure to include your email address on the other side of this form.

- Add me to the Prayer Chain.

Connect Youth

- Connect Youth will take a pause for winter break. We will resume on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m.
- Confirmation classes will begin on Saturday, Jan. 6, with a retreat from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sign up on the app.

Holiday Service Schedule

Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Dec. 24: 10:30 a.m. (acoustic with communion), 3:30 p.m. (contemporary), and 5 p.m. (traditional). On Dec. 31, we will have one service at 10:30 a.m. (traditional).

Worship

December 17, 2023

“Shining Love”

Luke 1:26-38, 46-56 (VOICE)

8 a.m. Worship Service

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #196 UMH

Amazing Grace #378 UMH

Angels From the Realms of Glory #220 UMH

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (Glory in the Highest)

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

11 a.m. Worship Service

I Am, You Are

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196 UMH

Away in a Manger #217 UMH

Amazing Grace #378 UMH

Christmas Grace

Angels From the Realms of Glory #220 UMH



Mary: From generation to generation, God's lovingkindness endures for those who revere Him.

Luke 1:50 (VOICE)



Called to love; Led to serve

In-Person Worship Services: Sundays at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Online Worship Services: Sundays at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

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Curtis Olsen and Angie Olsen, Pastors

Welcome, Guests!

We're glad you're here!

As Christ-followers, we have a mission to introduce people to Jesus Christ. Why? So that they might also follow Jesus. Why? So that they feel called to love and led to serve God and others. Why? So that together we can transform this world for the better.

What are opportunities for fellowship?

Before the 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. services, all are invited to the Welcome Center for coffee and other refreshments and a time of meeting new people.

What ministries do you have for children and youth?

Children are absolutely welcome to worship with their families. Other opportunities include:

- Nursery—9 a.m.-noon
- Sunday School—9:15 a.m.
- Kid's Community Time—10:15 a.m.
- Connect Youth Group—Sundays from 6-7:30 p.m.

For more information on Children's Ministries contact Abigail Wimberley at awimberley@communityumc.net. For Connect Youth Ministries, contact Nancy Cooper at ncooper@communityumc.net.

Do you offer study groups for adults?

Options on Sunday mornings and during the week are available to join. New groups form regularly, so we will find you the place to grow in faith. For more information, email Marc Lammy at grow@communityumc.net.

Sign up for the What's Happening e-newsletter at communityumc.net/newsletter-sign-up.

Offering may be placed in the basket at the back of the Worship Center, or mailed to 3301 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203. Or give online through our website at communityumc.net/give.

Download our app at communityumc.net.

What's Happening?

Carols By Candlelight: Community's annual Carols By Candlelight event will take place tonight! Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. in the Welcome Center with music starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. The evening features: bell groups, vocal and instrumental ensembles, and solos. Nursery care is provided.

Help with Carols by Candlelight: If you can stay after the 11 a.m. service on the 17th to help set up tables and chairs in the Welcome Center and provide help with decorating, it would be appreciated. Also, servers are needed to serve cookies and drinks at 6 p.m. If you would like to donate cookies or treats for the event, please bring them to the Welcome Center kitchen before 5 p.m. on the 17th.

Fun With Friends in December: FWF will meet for a potluck lunch and white elephant gift exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 20. We eat at noon so come early to visit. Ham, macaroni and cheese, and a green bean casserole will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with a gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. All are welcome!

Community Christmas Meal: After the 10:30 a.m. service on Dec. 24, you have an opportunity to stay and have a meal with your church family. Turkey and ham will be supplied. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, if you are able, bring an item for our food pantry (e.g. peanut butter, canned meat, canned vegetable or fruit).

Special Offering At Community: All Christmas Eve gifts will go to support Wilkes Blvd. UMC and its Turning Point ministry, and Room at the Inn. Turning Point (wilkesblvdumc.org/home) seeks to offer dignity and hope to those experiencing homelessness. Room at the Inn (roomattheinncomo.org) provides a safe and supportive environment for guests to sleep.

New Sermon Series Begins January 7: Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? Join us in January for "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" to discover that uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. A small group study will also be available—registration begins soon.

Connection Form

- Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today!
- Stay up to date on what's happening by filling in the information below and dropping it in the basket at the back of the Worship Center.
- Children are always welcome in worship.
- A comfort room (on the west side of the Worship Center) and nursery are also available for your convenience.

December 17, 2023

Which service are you attending?

8am 9:30am 11am

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Add me to the *What's Happening* email