

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 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.

What's Happening?

Church Office Closed: Regular church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, through Monday, Jan. 1. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 9 a.m.

Worship

December 24, 2023
"Shining for Christ"
Luke 2:1-20

10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Worship Services

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Joy to the World
Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Silent Night

5 p.m. Worship Service

In the Bleak Midwinter
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #240 UMH
O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 UMH
O Little Town of Bethlehem #230 UMH
Adore Him
Silent Night, Holy Night #239 UMH



Heavenly Choir: To the highest heights of the universe, glory to God! And on earth, peace among all people who bring pleasure to God!

Luke 2:14 (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.

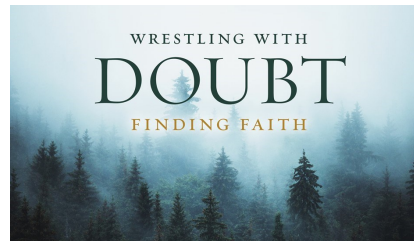
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New Year's Eve Schedule: On Dec. 31, we will have one service at 10:30 a.m. (traditional).

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.

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 and Small Group Study: 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. Small group studies will be available on Sundays and throughout each week. Register on the app or go to

communityumc.net/wrestlingwithdoubt or contact the church office at 573-445-6131.

Connect Gathering: Join Pastor Curtis Olsen to learn more about Community United Methodist Church. The class will meet for two weeks on Jan. 17 and 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. You can meet others new to the church, ask questions you may have, and learn about ministry opportunities for you. Please register on the app or at communityumc.net/signup. Contact Pastor Curtis if you have any questions.

Save the Date:

- Vacation Bible School, July 14-18. “Camp Firelight: a Summer Camp Adventure with God.”

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 24, 2023

Which service are you attending?

10:30am 3:30pm 5pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Add me to the *What's Happening* email