

Building Project

Tips for life in a construction zone

Construction started on our building expansion project in July. So far, offices have been relocated, parts of the Sunday school wing have been cordoned off, and the exterior staircase at the middle second-floor entrance on Center Street has been demolished to make way for our new staircase.

While we are excited to see the work begin, we also have to learn new habits as we make our way in and around the building for the next few months. For now, here's what you need to know (**items subject to change as construction progresses**):

- During the week, the 20 N. Center St. door is closed during construction hours (6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) Please use the back parking lot door to access the building as you are able. (The 20 N Center St door will be available after 5:30 p.m. during the week for access to the elevator and a more direct access to Fellowship Hall or the kitchen).
- On Saturdays and Sundays, the 20 N. Center St. door is available and designated as a handicapped accessible entry. All able-bodied people are encouraged to use the doors outside the sanctuary at the church's northwest corner (Center Street and Franklin Avenue); the other Franklin Avenue access; or the back parking lot door.
- Signs have been posted within the church to provide guidance to different areas within the building, while avoiding construction areas.
- The 5 p.m. Saturday service will be held in Room 307 during construction.
- Our office administrator, Suzanne Wills, is having to reschedule many regular meetings to accommodate groups who ordinarily met in rooms now under construction. Please give her plenty of notice if you need to schedule a meeting so she can find a space for you. Also, room assignments might need to change with short notice; please check the sign when you come in the door for your room assignment.
- Please remember that outside groups use our building for meetings, too, so be ready to offer assistance if you see someone looking confused.
- The church library will be closed during construction because it is needed for classroom space and many of the materials are inaccessible. If you have books or videos checked out and need to return them, you can still drop them off in the library except during Sunday school time. If you are in need of library materials for a Sunday school class or other function, please contact Susan Keaton or Kim Jackson-Petrella for information.



News updates

CUMC partners with Islamic Center to offer free community health fair

Community UMC is partnering with the Islamic Center of Naperville to host a free health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 16 at the mosque, 2844 W. Ogden Ave.

At the fair, people 16 and older can be screened for blood pressure and blood sugar levels and oral cancer and have a brief consultation with a physician about any concerning results, all at no charge. Physical therapists, nutritionists, dentists, nurses, social workers and dieticians will share information, answer questions or provide short counseling sessions at booths throughout the fair.

In addition, more in-depth presentations on topics such as back care, balance and fall prevention, a healthy diet, living with high blood pressure and heart disease prevention will be offered in classrooms during the event.

In addition to helping people in the community improve their health, the event is designed to help publicize the Islamic Center of Naperville Free Clinic, a twice-monthly clinic that offers no-cost general health and wellness care, annual physicals, nutrition counseling and specialty referrals, plus discounted lab work and X-Rays, to anyone who is without insurance, regardless of race, religion or political affiliation.



Dr. Atif Fakhruddin describes the center as an “all-inclusive clinic where patients will be treated with respect and dignity.”

Most of the early visitors to the clinic have been Muslim, but the center is hoping now to spread word of the free health care to people all over Naperville. Anyone who is identified at the health fair as needing followup care will be able to get it at no cost at the center.

Dr. Fakhruddin and another of the clinic’s co-founders, Dr. Usman Khan, are working with a committee led by CUMC member Pat Shanower to put on the health fair. Members of both organizations are being asked to serve as greeters, guides and helpers that day to make sure that people who might be reluctant to go into a mosque feel comfortable doing so.

An article about this unique partnership appeared on the front page of the Naperville Sun on July 25; you can [read it here](#). An article also appears in [Positively Naperville’s August issue](#).

Our best wishes go with Adam Cook

We bid farewell to Adam Cook on Aug. 6 in a reception thanking his for his ministry among us as Director of Youth Ministry. We wish Adam and his family God’s blessings as he moves on to his new position as Director of Family, Youth and College Ministry with Trinity Lutheran in Oak Lawn.



Many opportunities in PADS ministry

Our PADS ministry at CUMC is gearing up for the upcoming season, and you have many opportunities to help:

- Join the Summer Blanket Brigade! Blankets for PADS need to be washed in preparation for the September launch. If you can help, stop in to the storage closet and bag up the number of blankets you are comfortable laundering, take a slip of paper from the folder on the shelf so you can mark them clean when you return them, and sign your name on the list posted.
- Grab an ornament off the tree in the sanctuary to help with the August supply drive. Each ornament has a supply item listed; you can buy the item and return it for use in the PADS program.
- Choose an "innkeeper host" present from under the tree, get a group of friends together and start planning a dinner you can host ONCE between October and May. We have been blessed with so many gifts, let's be a gift to others in need. All instructions and details are inside the present.
- Families with children going into first grade or older are being asked to consider introducing their children to this way of serving others by signing up for one of the setup shifts. New volunteer families will be paired up with a "veteran" family to set up beds for the PADS guests on the second Sunday of the month. The setup process takes about an hour, before the guests arrive, and it is a chance to get to know another family better as well. If your family enjoys working on the program, you can help out with other aspects of the program such as serving dinner, doing art projects with PADS kids or other tasks. You also can invite your child's school or church group to take part as a "family."



If you're interested in helping in any of these ways – or others – or have questions about some aspect of the PADS program, please contact our coordinator, Jill Donaldson.

Consider joining The 1837 Society

You are invited to be a member of *The 1837 Society* by including CUMC as a beneficiary in your estate planning. Why 1837? Because that is when our church was born, with Jacob Boas preaching to fifteen families in the Naper Settlement. Within three years, these German-speakers were building a meeting house, the first church building constructed in DuPage County.

Here's how you can think ahead, and plan for the future. Name CUMC Foundation as a beneficiary to your life insurance policy, will, trust, retirement plan, IRA or mutual fund or establish a charitable trust for the benefit of CUMC Foundation.

The CUMC Foundation operates an endowment fund, investing your money so that it will continue to grow long after you're gone. Foundation gives a portion of the earnings to the church annually, wisely, without touching principal. In 2017, The Foundation gave:

\$5000 from General Endowment to the Church

\$3000 from Building Endowment to the Trustees

There are currently 33 members of The 1837 Society. Would you like to join? To hear more about it, contact George Groves or Lynda Krazinski.

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate:

- † The birth of **Robin Joseph** on July 15. Proud parents are **Donny and Shelly**, and proud grandparents are **Carol and Mike Steffens**.

Our prayers are with:

- † The family of **Jeannine Schmidt** who died on Thursday, July 13. A celebration of Jeanine's life and ministry among us was held at Community UMC. Words of comfort can be sent to Richard Schmidt, 2760 Rolling Meadows Drive, Naperville, IL 60564.
- † The family of **Bonnie Fisher**, who died on Sunday, July 30. A celebration of Bonnie's life and ministry was held at Community on Aug. 5. Words of comfort can be sent to Greg Fisher, 1529 Brookdale Road, Naperville, 60563.
- † The family of former longtime member, **William (Bill) C. Eisele**, who died on July 20. Dick and Mim Eisele were Bill's parents, and Bill was cousin to Jan Erickson.
- † The **Rev. Bill Kirk**, who served this congregation from 1989 to 1994. Pastor Bill is battling pancreatic cancer. Notes and cards of encouragement also would be appreciated. His address is 22621 N 52nd Pl, Phoenix, AZ 85054.
- † Our candidates for ministry: **Anitta Milloro, Tyler Ward, and Nikki Young**.

Ministry updates

Altar Committee Team

Volunteer sought to help coordinate altar preparation

Community is in need of a volunteer to lead the Altar Committee Team. Duties include scheduling, coordinating and communicating altar preparation/information (altar cloths, seasonal decor and floral ordering and placement) to the Altar Committee. The volunteer also serves as a liaison for Pastoral directives. Please let Pastor Grace (cumc.grace@gmail.com) or Pastor Tom (cumc.tom@gmail.com) know if you are interested.

Outreach

Church launches new onecumc.net URL

We have a new URL - onecumc.net. Check it out - same look, same emails, better fit, faster upload! Our (inter)net as one community has been cast; making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

T-shirts, water bottles still available

"One Community" T-Shirts and water bottles are still available. You can pay by cash or check at the church office, drop a payment in the mail or visit onecumc.net/donate to make your payment via Paypal. Please consider paying-it-forward and buying another to help those who cannot afford one, or to welcome future visitors, new members and students.



Our Community

Clothing resale at Wesley UMC

A clothing resale is held from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Friday in August and September at Wesley UMC, 21 E. Franklin Ave., Naperville. Clothing for babies, children and adults is available; most items are priced at \$1-\$5.

Blood drives at Grace UMC in October and December

Grace UMC will be holding two more blood drives this year, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the following Mondays:

- October 2
- December 4

All are in their Fellowship Hall. You can walk in during a drive or schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-7TO-GIVE (1-800-786-4483).

August calendar

(for a full listing of events, check out the online calendar [here](#))

<p>SPECIAL NOTE: Because of ongoing construction, assigned rooms might change with short notice. Please check the sign when you enter the building for a meeting or special event.</p>		<p>9 11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>6:00 p.m., Hunger Commission, Room 101</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Church Council, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10 1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:00 p.m. Worship, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>	
		<p>13 8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>4:00 p.m., Youth Stockholders' Dinner, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>14 9:30 a.m., Community Artisans, Room 103</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:45 p.m., Joining Hands, Room 305</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p>15 1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>16 11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>17 1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p>

<p>20 8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>21 9:00 a.m., Construction Meeting, Room 101</p> <p>9:30 a.m., Community Artisans, Room 103</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:45 p.m., Joining Hands, Room 305</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p>22 1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 201</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Finance Committee, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>23 11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>24 1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 p.m., Naperville North football dinner, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p>	<p>25 9 a.m. , Ecumenical Adult Day Care Center Chapel Service, 305 Jackson Ave., Naperville</p>	<p>26 5:00 p.m. Worship, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>
<p>27 8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages</p> <p>11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>28 9:30 a.m., Community Artisans, Room 103</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:45 p.m., Joining Hands, Room 305</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p>29 1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 201</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>30 11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal</p>	<p>31 1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 p.m., Naperville North football dinner, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p>	<p>Sept. 1</p>	<p>2 5:00 p.m. Worship, Room 307</p> <p>6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101</p>

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