



November 2017

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Church conference

What does it mean to be a church?

The Northern Illinois Conference Aurora District Superintendent, Rev. Dick Wisdom, will join us for our yearly church conference at **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18**, in the sanctuary. The agenda for the conference can be found [here](#).

In addition to the usual business of the church conference – electing lay leadership, setting clergy compensation, hearing committee reports – we will hear an update on the new Northern Illinois Conference organizational structure and engage in holy conferencing on what it means to be The United Methodist Church.

The Annual Conference in June approved a NIC restructuring centered around an Annual Conference Shepherding Team, which is to coordinate and communicate conference ministries, and six District Shepherding Teams, which are to coordinate the equipping of local churches and enhance the connection between local churches, the districts and the NIC. More background on the restructuring is available [here](#).



The holy conferencing questions are to get us thinking about whether we believe the denomination can avoid a schism in light of continued debate over LGBTQ inclusion. As a result of the 2016 General Conference, a 32-member Commission on a Way forward has been meeting all year and recently gave a preliminary report to the Council of Bishops offering three different ideas of ways to ease the impasse in the church. The Commission on a Way Forward will continue meeting into 2018 to recommend which proposal should be put before a Special General Conference planned for 2019. More background on the Commission and its work can be found [here](#).

Here are the questions on which we will conference Dec. 18:

- Share what it means to you to be a United Methodist. How did you become a United Methodist?
- What is your understanding of the mission of the denomination?
- How important is your local church to you? Does being a United Methodist congregation matter to you? If so, why?
- Given the differences around matters of human sexuality, what does it mean to remain united in mission as opposed to always being in agreement?

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Dec. 18.

One CUMC on commitment Sunday



The people of Community United Methodist Church gathered in one service on Oct. 29, Commitment Sunday, to enjoy several different choirs, musical instruments and styles of worship in one big group, together. Afterwards, we enjoyed a potluck meal in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who helped plan and set up the service and who helped clean up after the brunch so we could be ready for our PADS guests. And a special thank you to Joyce Brunsting and Rosemary Zimmerman for organizing the potluck!

CUMC can host PADS Christmas Eve

CUMC has a chance to host PADS Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year, to welcome our homeless brothers and sisters into our inn for the night.

Please consider helping out with these efforts by signing up with your friends and family to serve together. See the signup sheets in the back of the sanctuary. We really need to have these shifts filled by Thanksgiving, to be able to report back to PADS that WE ARE OPEN!

Feel free to contact Jill Donaldson to discuss further, as shift times can be flexible! Please include our guests in your prayers.

Pries named to Wall of Witness at NCC

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Pries, a long-time member of our congregation who served as campus chaplain at North Central College for 20 years, was one of six outstanding North Central alumni honored during the 2017 Homecoming Reunion celebration.



Donna and Lynn Pries at the Wall of Witness.

Lynn was named to the Wall of Witness, which was established in 2006 to honor alumni of North Central or the Evangelical Theological Seminary for their lives of witness to their faith and service to humanity. His biography is now displayed in Kiekhofer Hall, which houses the Koten Chapel and is former home of the seminary (which merged with Garrett seminary in Evanston after the merger that created The United Methodist Church).

Lynn is a graduate of both North Central and the Evangelical Theological Seminary. He also earned a doctorate from Garrett-Evangelical Theological

Seminary. He served United Methodist churches Channahon, Aurora, Cicero and Worth before being named campus chaplain in 1994.

As chaplain, Lynn nurtured the faith of thousands of students and was a leader in ministry and social justice. In 2001 he was recognized as Chaplain of the Year by the United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education.

Expressing thanks with monetary gifts

CUMC Foundation makes annual contributions from endowment each November, a month in which all of us express gratitude in many ways. The Foundation funds come from bequests, memorials, or money given to honor someone.

When I received the opportunity to go through the archives of the E-Tidings, I never expected to feel so grateful. While personal thanksgiving words are expressed at many of our Thanksgiving tables, this Thanksgiving I will honor just a few of my personal CUMC heroes with a monetary gift to the Foundation. While grateful to so many for including me in this church family, this month I honor **Suzanne Wills** for archive sharing, **Susan Keaton** for our monthly E-Tidings, **Lynda Krazinski** for continued benevolence, **Ron and Kay Van Buskirk** for gracious service, and **Pat Shanower** for helping me introduce a grandson to volunteering. Each has provided me tears of gratitude.

They are just a few of my CUMC heroes. Who are yours this month? Consider a Foundation donation to honor them.

--Sue Mack, Foundation Board Member

From the financial secretary:

Year-end donations statements will be sent out **by email** to most in the congregation this year. Watch for them the **second week of January**.

If you don't have an email address, the statement will be mailed to you.

Pie sale a FMSC fundraiser

Once again, the Mission Committee will be selling pies as a fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children.

A pumpkin pie at \$15 will fund 41 manna pack meals for the children; an apple pie at \$17 will raise enough for 27 manna pack meals, and a pecan pie costs \$20 but raises enough to pay for 27 manna pack meals.

Best of all, these huge pies will feed up to 12 people gathered around your holiday table. Buy one or two for Thanksgiving and another to freeze for Christmas.



All orders must be received and paid for by Nov 15. A signup sheet is in the Sanctuary. Checks should be made out to CUMC with Missions on the memo line. Call Barb Dabrowski (630-308-1817) or Brad Donaldson (630-795-1082) if you have questions. Tax receipts will be available, and pies can be picked up on Sunday, November 19.

A water buffalo on your gift list?



November marks the beginning of our 2017 Heifer International campaign.

For 70-plus years this wonderful organization has been providing tools and training to small farmers throughout the world. You can help by buying livestock, including chicks and goats and even a water buffalo. Your gift can change the lives of families around the globe. Please stop by the Heifer table in the back of the sanctuary and join in this wonderful holiday tradition.

Celebrating UMC Student Sunday

CUMC will join The United Methodist Church in celebrating Student Sunday on Nov 18 & 19. Contributions to this special collection support scholarships for United Methodist students who might not otherwise attend college.

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate:

- † The birth of William Edward on October 25 to Alex and Emily Larson. Proud grandparents are Beth and Tom Buffington.
- † NCC student Alexander Dungan's acceptance at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Our prayers are with:

- † George Groves and family on the death of George's mother, Irene B. Groves, on October 24 in Mesa, AZ. Irene was mother-in-law to Chris Groves, grandmother to Matthew, Peter and Anna Groves, and great-grandmother to Lily and Margie Groves.
- † Our candidates for ministry: **Anitta Milloro, Tyler Ward, and Nikki Young.**

Ministry updates

Hunger Commission

CUMC volunteers packed holiday boxes at Food Bank



Eleven CUMC folks worked at Northern Illinois Food Bank on Nov. 9, packaging 768 holiday boxes. Each box consists of two cans of corn, two cans of green beans, one can cream of mushroom soup, two cans peaches, two packages of Jell-o, two boxes of stuffing mix, gravy and an instruction sheet. In addition, a turkey breast will be distributed with the box.

The 768 boxes were 7,372 pounds of food, which will provide 6,144 meals for our hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois.

If YOU want to fight hunger, call Joanne Roessler to volunteer. The CUMC folks work at the food bank once a month, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second Thursday.

Missions

Welcoming the Mata family home to Aurora

The Habitat for Humanity Faith Build House that many of us at CUMC have worked on will be dedicated on Dec. 2 at the First Baptist Church in Aurora. Rubi Mata and her two little girls will finally be moving in.

Missions is collecting cleaning products as a housewarming gift for the family. Please help the Matas by signing up for a product and bringing it to Room 201 by November 26.

Senior Ministry

Piano player needed for November and December

Senior Ministry is looking for someone to play piano for our STARS (second Thursday at 1:30 p.m.) and Brookdale (first Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.) services in November and December when the regular pianist is unavailable.

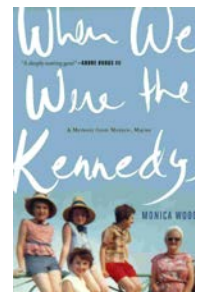
Contact the church office (cumc.suz@gmail.com) or Sylvia Kupferer (coppersmithy@hotmail.com) if you are available.

United Methodist Women

Book Circle to discuss *When We Were the Kennedys*

The UMW Book Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the home of Marty Schwab. Susan Keaton will lead the discussion on this month's book, *When We Were the Kennedys* by Monica Wood. Please call Marty if you are planning to attend.

If you would like a ride to a meeting or a list of our books for this year, please contact Sally Hines at sallyhines@comcast.net



Care Team

Volunteers needed for team

The CUMC Care Team organizes, prepares and serves lunches for families and friends celebrating the life of loved ones. Please contact [Lynn Engel](#) if you are able to help.

November calendar

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

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 a.m., Traditions Worship, Sanctuary	9:30 a.m., Community Artisans, Room 103	9 a.m., Lectionary Conversations, Grounds for Hope Café	11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305	1:30 p.m. Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall		8:30 a.m., United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages	6:30 p.m., Building Committee, Room 101	1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m., Rainbow Dancers, Sanctuary	5:15 p.m., New Horizon Band Rehearsal, Room 307		5:00 p.m. Worship, Room 307
11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary	6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307	6:30 p.m., SPRC, Room 103	6:30 p.m., Financial Peace University, Room 101	5:30 p.m., Carillon Hand Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary		6:00 p.m., AA, Room 101
12:30 p.m., Youth lunch, Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103	6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307	6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307	6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307		8:00 p.m., AA, Room 101
1 p.m., Youth Fellowship, third floor		6:45 Disciple Fast Track, Room 306	6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7:30 p.m., Community Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201		8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201	7 p.m., Stephen Ministry, Room 305			
			7:30 p.m., UMW Book Circle, home of Marty Schwab			


Send us your news!

Deadlines Bulletin announcements: email cumc.suz@gmail.com by Wednesday mornings.

Tidings articles: email tidings@communityunitedmethodist.org by the 25th of the month.

<p>19 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>12:30 p.m., Youth lunch, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1 p.m., Youth Fellowship, third floor</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m., Community Artisans, Room 103</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p>21 9 a.m., Lectionary Conversations, Grounds for Hope Café</p> <p>1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 201</p> <p>6:45 Disciple Fast Track, Room 306</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Missions Committee, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>22 11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p>	<p>23 THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 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>26 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>12:30 p.m., Youth lunch, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1 p.m., Youth Fellowship, third floor</p> <p>7:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>27 9:30 a.m., Community Artisans, Room 103</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:00 p.m., UMW Knitting Circle, Room 103</p>	<p>28 9 a.m., Lectionary Conversations, Grounds for Hope Café</p> <p>1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:45 Disciple Fast Track, Room 306</p> <p>7:00 p.m., Finance Committee, Room 101</p> <p>8:00 p.m., AA, Room 201</p>	<p>29 11:00 a.m., Staff Meeting, Room 305</p> <p>5:15 p.m., Rainbow Dancers, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. AA, Room 307</p> <p>6:30 p.m., OnCenter Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 p.m., Financial Peace University, Room 101</p>	<p>30 1:30 p.m., Exercise for Life, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:15 p.m., New Horizon Band Rehearsal, Room 307</p> <p>5:30 p.m., Carillon Hand Bells Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m., AA, Room 307</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Community Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>DEC. 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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