SERVING TODAY AT THE 8:30 AM SERVICE

Liturgist: Todd Miller

Greeters: Donna Loughner and Harry Loughner

Acolytes: Isaiah Francis & Allen Kane

Organist: Kim Thoma Pianist: Linda Lorenz

SERVING TODAY AT THE 11:00 AM SERVICE

Liturgist: Chuck Metzgar

Greeters: Penny King and Joyce Wright **Acolytes:** Carter Blasi & Daniel Stones

Organist: Kim Thoma Pianist: Linda Lorenz

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My Gace

is sufficient for you, for

my **SOME**

is made perfect

in Weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

WELCOME TO COMMUNITY CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

One year ends, the next begins and life marches on. Thank you, Father, for walking by my side always.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC LEADING TO WORSHIP "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of

Christmas.

RESPONSE: Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings

and new opportunities.

CALL: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the

wondrous gifts given to us.

RESPONSE: Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled

with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, joy.

ALL: Now we again sing the joyous carols of Christmas and witness

to our Savior's birth.

CAROL OF REJOICING UMH # 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

PRAYING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gracious and loving God, as Christmas passes and as we prepare to begin a new year, help us to discern how you are calling us. Open our eyes to see the needs of our community, open our ears to hear your call, and open our hearts to be filled by the Holy Spirit. Grant us the courage to use the gifts and talents you have blessed us with to do the work you have called us to. Build this community of faith, strengthening our bonds with one another and with you. Help us to support and encourage one another in our ministry. May all that we do praise you and be to your glory. AMEN!

• AFFIRMING OUR FAITH "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy [catholic] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN!

SINGING IN RESPONSE UMH # 217 v 1 "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

SHARING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

PREPARING TO PRAY UMH # 219 v 1 "What Child Is This"
What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

(You are invited to the altar rail to pray)

BRINGING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD "Broken Vessels"

By Vivian Somes

• SONG OF THANKSGIVING UMH # 219 V 3 "What Child Is This"

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE MESSAGE

"No Excuses"

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 Pew Bible, New Testament, pages 185-186 Kyle Eisenhuth

• HYMN UMH # 251 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

(You are invited to the altar rail to pray)

- BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH
- CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE UMH # 251 refrain "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Lectionary Readings December 31, 2017

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 22-40

- Please stand if able
- ~ Connect Guides are available at the Welcome Centers
- ~ Trouble Hearing the Service? Please ask an Usher for a Hearing Assist System device.

I would like information about:

- □ Becoming a Christian
- Church Membership
- Children's MinistriesFUEL Middle (grades 6-8)
- □ FUEL (grades 9-12)
- □ Adult Ministries
- ☐ Music Ministries

Prayer Request

(Please Print All Information)

Requestor's Name:
(Optional)
Please Pray For:
(Please select one option below - Request will not be printed in bulletin if nothing selected)
Please put in bulletin
Please keep confidential

NOTE: Names will appear for 4 weeks then come off the list. Please submit a new request after 4 weeks if needed.

Please remove from list

EVENTS AT OUR CHURCH Dec 31, 2017 - January 6, 2018

Sunday	8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 9:45am 10:30am 11:00am 11:45am 7:00pm	Exalt Women Small Group Traditional Worship Worship Team Rehearsal Prayer Meeting Current Worship Traditional Worship Young Adult Fellowship Christian Believer	211 Sanctuary MMR 211 MMR Sanctuary Patterson Parlor Ministry House
Monday		Happy New Year! Office Closed	
Tuesday	8am-3pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	8am-3pm 10:00am 5:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool Connectional Meeting Childcare Disciple 1 (Dolhi) Disciple 2 (Anderson) Disciple 4 (Stones) Men's Group Kids Small Group Novak Small Group	Fellowship Hall Patterson Parlor 120 209 207 205 210 Fellowship Hall Ministry House
Thursday	8am-3pm 9:00am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool Busy Hands Content Creation Women Walking Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall 207/Patterson Sanctuary MMR Sanctuary
Friday	8am-3pm 6:30pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall Patterson Parlor
Saturday	12:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Current Set Up Current Service Worship Team	MMR MMR Ministry House

Deadline for Bulletin Information - Wednesday at Noon Deadline for Newsletter Information - 10th of the Month

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

We Welcome Our Own Kyle Eisenhuth To Share Today's Message

This weekend's sermon will be shared by Kyle Eisenhuth. Kyle is a graduate of Penn Trafford High School. He is currently studying at Liberty University where he is studying business communications and serves as the president of the Pro Life Club. When he isn't at school, you can find him working at Chick-Fil-A in Greensburg. Kyle and his family have attended Community Church since 2000. Please offer him a warm welcome as he brings today's message!

New Sermon Series Begins Next Weekend

This past fall, we dug into a sermon series that cast the vision for Community Church. Believing that Jesus' call to make disciples of all nations hasn't changed, we unleashed His vision for this local church. For six weeks, we uncovered Biblical core behaviors that enable us to live into this vision.

Beginning next week, we will begin a new sermon series. This time, instead of looking at Community Church, we are going to study what it means to be a Methodist. Our denomination has a history and a past—and as people who worship at Community Church, we are woven into its history. So what does it mean to be a Methodist? What has it meant in the past—and what does it mean today? Where is the future of our denomination headed? Over the next six weeks, we'll be digging into Foundations: Six Benchmarks to Anchor Your Soul. Join us as we study the denomination that frames who we are as a body of believers.

Young Adults / December 31st / Patterson Parlor / Noon

Home for the holidays? Bounced Back? Never left? Join other young adults 18-25ish for lunch after church on Sunday, December 31. Meet in the Patterson Parlor at church for Pizza about noon. Bring a friend!

Looking For A Way To Study In The New Year?

Why not join a Small Group Bible Study or Care Group? 2018 has a lot to offer! Check out all of the available groups planned for the new year by picking up an information page at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions about a group please contact Elizabeth Somes at esomes@communityumchurch.com.

2018 Women's Retreat - Real Women. Real Faith. / Save the Date!

Hey ladies! Community Church's 2018 Women's Retreat will be April 20-22, 2018 at Laurelville Mennonite Retreat Center. We'll be exploring what We Believe based on women in the Bible who have set such solid examples that we can apply to our lives today. More information about the retreat and information about registration will be coming soon!

Holiday Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day. Happy New Year!

2018 Intent to Give

We have asked those worshiping with us to complete their Intent to Give cards for 2018. If you still need to turn in your Intent to Give, we hope that you have prayerfully considered what you will give financially to the church in the name of Jesus. Please make your giving estimates as soon as possible as your giving estimates will set our budget for ministry next year. Intent to Give cards are available at the welcome centers. If you'd like to complete your estimate of giving online, you can do so by visiting this website: https://communityumchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/15/responses/new

Pizza With The Pastors / January 13th @ 7:30pm & January 14th @ 12:30pm

Saturday, January 13th after the 6:00pm service and Sunday, January 14th after the 10:30 and 11:00am services. If you are new to our congregation and have not had the opportunity to talk one on one with our Pastors and have questions or would just like to get to know them better, this is your chance. Sign up by emailing esomes@communityumchurch.com

F.E.A.S.T. Schedule Change

NO FEAST on January 3rd. Stay tuned for a new schedule coming soon!

Is Your Family Information Up To Date?

We will be welcoming in a new year and it is a perfect time to update your family information or create your account in Community Central. It is important that our database is up to date so that you will not miss information or events at Community Church. You can access Community Central directly from our website. Find the Info tab at the top of our website, and Community Central is the first option on the menu. If you need help with your log in or if you need an activation email re-sent to you or for more information contact Kim Rugh at krugh@communityumchurch.com.

Free Devotionals

Did you know our church receives subscriptions to devotional magazines for all ages? "The Upper Room" is for adults, "Devozine" is for teens and "Pockets" is for kids. These daily devotional and magazines are FREE to anyone in the church. PLEASE take them and use them! Share them with your family and friends and be blessed by their words!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are available for anyone hurting from a painful life changing circumstance such as divorce, death of a loved one or financial stress. Or a transition such as moving, having a new baby or newly wed. Stephen Ministers are trained to meet confidentially one-to-one with those who need someone to confide in. Please contact Pastor John for more information at 724-744-3413 ext. 115 or jciampa@communityumchurch.com.

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Hospitals:



Home: Bill Held, Donna Williams, Tom McDowell Home Hospice: Charlotte Lipanovich

Nursing Homes / Rehab Centers:

Brookdale Murrysville: Tom Thomas

Golden Heights (Penn Twp.): John Dekret, Marcia Shaw

Golden Heights (Irwin): Jeri Jacobs Greensburg Care Center: Michelle Miller Latrobe Care Center: Anna Mae Watt Nature Park Commons: Don Pitzer

Redstone (Greensburg): Janet Cox, Charlotte Hilty

St. Annes: Jessie Komara

Presbyterian Sr. Care: Willows- Rev. Richard Wright

Weatherwood: Ruth Lowry

Wm Penn Care: Margaret Hockenberry, Donna Anger,

John Beech

<u>Week #1</u>- God's will to be done in our world, our church, our government, the armed forces, on our jobs, within our homes, for our families, our new church construction and for:

Kenny Blawas, Carol, Jeff, Rachel, Renee Reich

Week #2 - Family & Church Family of Pastor Bob, Brittany, Tina C. & Family, Frank Filkosky, Bob Ondrey, Emily P., Donna Rende, Linda Riley, Pat & Denny Russel, Family of Rev. Dr. William Schmeling, Caleb Spillers, Todd, Ruth Wick, Dave Williams, Ron Zubasic

Week #3- Amy, Dennis Bollinger, Susan Byerly, Dani, Dennis, Kathy Elko, Esther, Patty G., Frank Gaffney, Connie Gazze, Roni Hay, Johnny, Judy, Bill Kidd, Carol Lagnese, Landon, Reg Legge, Jessica Lukes, Mandy, Mariana Family, Jim Martini, Mike, Dave Nolfi & Family, Kathy Paskus, Paul Smith, Valarie, Joe Wareham, Mike Wattay, Darlene Zoretich

Week #4 - Ann & Family, Russ Babeo, Joan Cocca, Mark Cosco, Ursula Cumberland, David, Dino, Donna, Teri Eastwood, Elizabeth, Jason, Jeff, Jennifer, Betsy H., Linda, Lorella, Louise, Nina, David Paterline, Rachel, Scott, David Spillers, Don & Jean Spillers, Terese, Vickie, Wenzel

Fellow Churches - Pray for our brothers and sisters at First Baptist Church - Jeannette Pray for God's blessings on their ministry.

CONNECT CARD December 30 & 31, 2017 We would like to know you were here! Please place in the offering plate. Saturday 6:00pm Service Sunday 8:30am Service Sunday 10:30am Service ____ Sunday 11:00am Service Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Mr. & Mrs. Name Address City State Phone:

I am a member of CUMC

Child(ren's) Name(s) & Age(s):

Welcome Visitors!

___ 1st Visit ____ 2nd Visit ____ 3rd Visit

considering a new church home

a guest of _____

What brought you to today's service?

here for a special event

I am visiting today, this is my:

new to the area

Other

I regularly attend

I wish to join



NURSERY / TODDLER CHILDCARE

The Comfort/Cry Room - adjacent to the sanctuary is available for parents use during Sunday Morning services in the Sanctuary.

Staffed Toddler Care (infant – 3 ½ years) In Room 120 on the 1st floor during all weekend services.

COMMUNITY'S KIDS EXPERIENCE - No Kids Experience December 31st

Contact Keeley DiMartino at kdimartino@communityumchurch.com

Kids in preschool through 5th grade will experience Jesus in a whole new way on Sunday mornings at the early service as well as both later services. We will worship together, break into small groups, then join together at the end to send out. Are you interested in being a part of this Experience as a part of our leadership team? Contact Erin Kerstetter for details.

CK's Experience sign in: Sunday mornings at all services.

Sign your child in before service: traditional worship in Fellowship Hall, current worship in the MMR. Kids stay with their grown ups & will be dismissed at the beginning of adult worship, a CKs leader will be waiting to guide them over/down. Pick up your child after service in FH.

Kids Small Groups

Kids in kindergarten-5th grade can join us Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15pm . At small groups, kids will strengthen those relationships while they grow in faith, through fun games & activities, and fun ways of merging scripture with their every day. Preschool Small Groups is where we will read and act out Bible stories, create crafts, and make music. Children will also be invited to sing in a worship service once a month as a part of our new preschool choir, the Treble Makers. Open to all potty-trained preschoolers.

JOYFUL NOISE - No Joyful Noise December 31st

Praise God through music in our children's choir! Kids in kindergarten – 5th grade will lift their voices to the heavens in joyful noise. Group will meet Sundays from 9:30-10:30am, beginning September 10th. Special appearances in adult worship & in other events will take place throughout the year. Contact Keeley DiMartino at kdimartino@communityumchurch.com

Camp A Winter Retreat Registration Open!: Save the date of January 19-21 for Camp A weekend! For kids in 2nd-5th grades. Registration is now online in Community Central for both campers and adult leaders. Registration deadline is January 14th. Adults who would like to chaperone can also register online in Community Central.

Go to: https://communityumchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/18/responses/new

For questions or more information contact: Erin Kerstetter, Director of Children's Ministries, at ekerstetter@communityumchurch.com

LIKE The Community's Kids Facebook Page! Get Updates on Kids Ministries!



Fuel Mission Puerto Rico

The deadline to sign up and pay your \$100 nonrefundable deposit is January 14th. Please use the link on the church website under the FUEL tab to sign up online (no paper checks or cash are being accepted).

Fuel Middle Summer Mission Trip – Details are coming soon for our June 2018 mission trip to Warren, Ohio!

Fuel Middle – FM kicks off with our UNLIKELY SUPERHEROES Event! Come out January 7th to take on some of the silliest and scariest superheroes ever! The Minister of Pain and Lady Treble await!

Fuel – Tired of sitting at home? Ready to see all your friends again? Good News!!!!! Fuel is back January 7th!

Contact Scott Uhlinger, Director of Student Ministry: Cell – 724-610-3037 or suhlinger@communityumchurch.com

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the following families:

Taryn & Ken Kline and Family on the death of Taryn's father, Courtney Kuhn.

Toni & Don Buddemeyer and Family on the death of Toni's sister-in-law, Donna Ergler.

To Family & Friends on the death of Leslie Gibson.

Cheryl Bell and Family on the death of Cheryl's son, Vaughn Vid.

Available Dates For Altar Flower Dedications

Altar & Narthex Flowers are available on the following dates:

January Altar & Hall: 14, 21, 28 February Altar & Hall: 11, 18, 25

Please contact the Church Office for other dates throughout the year and to reserve your date. Flower arrangements are \$20.00 each.

CUMC'S PERSON OF THE WEEK

Would you like to send a smile? Each week we will highlight our "Person Of The Week" whose name will be taken from our Nursing Home and Rehab Center listing. Wouldn't it be great to lift someone's spirits with a little note to say hello and they are being thought of?

Janet Cox, Redstone Highlands, 6 Garden Center Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601

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Walking and Fellowship

Women do you have a new year's resolution to get into an exercise routine? Join other like-minded women for walking in the MMR from 6-7pm on Thursday, January 4-February 9. Contact Diane Yeargers for more information at dyeargers@pbmvalve.com or Patsy Simon at simonpa@upmc.edu.

Brown/Grace Small Group

Meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30am, January 7, 2018 this group will be starting the study "When God Doesn't Fix It" by recording artist Laura Story. God may not fix everything. In fact, although your situation might not ever change or get better, with Jesus you can. For more information, contact LeeAnn Grace craftsr4us@yahoo.com or Kelly Brown sbelle45@verizon.net.

A Firm Foundation

This study that examines the faithful disciples in the theological traditions of historic Methodism. This study will be led by Pastor Jim Decker and follow along with the sermon series. "A Firm Foundation" will begin on Tuesday, January 9 and last about six weeks. Meeting in the church in Room 210 at 7pm. For details contact ajdecker@comcast.net or 724-515-7252.

Classic Christian Literature

British novelist, poet, academic, essayist, lay theologian, broadcaster, lecturer, and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis wrote books including "Mere Christianity" and "The Great Divorce." These classics in literature have changed lives and stretched the mind. Join this group and read BOTH books. CHOOSE one of three times to be a part of a group: Tuesday evenings (starts Jan 9) or Wednesday mornings (starts Jan 17) are for men and women. Thursday mornings (starts Jan 11) is for women only.

Book Study and Missions Opportunity

Beginning Wednesday, January 10 and meeting every other week until May 9 from 6:45-8:15pm in the Ministry House, Krystal Novak will be leading a study of the book "Undaunted" by Christine Caine. This book dares you to do what God has called you to do. Beginning Wednesday, January 17 and meeting every other week until May 16 from 6:45-8:15pm in the Ministry House, meet with others forming a group to discern and develop ministry opportunities to address the concerns of human trafficking. Contact Krystal Novak for details or to join either/or both of these groups at Krystal20N@aol.com.

DivorceCare

A friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Meets in the Patterson Parlor on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm from February 13 – May 1. Manuals provided are \$15. Please contact Carol Soule at 724-519-7084. Ecumenical program. Open to the community.

Building News Update!

As we come to the end of the year, it's amazing to reflect back on the amount of progress we've made this year! Our groundbreaking happened in May and now the materials have been delivered to begin construction on the new sanctuary. Much of this year's work has been focused on creating a firm foundation for our new building. You may notice our next sermon series beginning in January is titled "Foundations". What a perfect message as we transition to our next phase of construction.

As you make your way into Community Church's parking lot from Route 130, please remember that there is still only ONE entrance into the campus from Route 130. We've always had one entrance, and that has not changed with construction. We've noticed that some people have been entering our campus from Route 130 closer to the Ministry House. That is an EXIT ONLY location, and entering our campus near the Ministry House could cause confusion, traffic congestion or even an accident. As always, we ask that you take your time, pay attention to signs and use extreme caution in the parking lot.

Capital Campaign Update!

235 Cards Returned \$2,189,404.00 Pledge Total

\$1,553,730.80

Total Given To Date

We are so thankful for your faithful giving. Every dollar you've given is a show of support and confirmation that you stand with Community Church and share in the vision that we are carrying out to Follow Jesus and Lead Others to Him. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this campaign, please don't hesitate to ask. Modifying your pledge for this campaign is as easy as confidentially contacting Financial Secretary Melanie Barrett at mbarrett@communityumchurch.com or 724-392-4212.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Due to ever rising cost of producing and mailing our monthly newsletters, we would like you to consider the following options:

- Option #1 If you attend regularly please consider the "Pick-up at Church" Option.

 Please let the office know you will pick a copy up at the Welcome Center.
- Option #2 "Church Website" ~ Please let the church office know you will be reading the newsletter online and we will remove your name from the list.
- Option #3 "Email Distribution" ~ Please provide email information to the church office and we will send your newsletter via email each month.
- Option #4 If you no longer wish to receive our monthly Newsletter, please contact the church office so that we can remove your name from our list.

Please let the office know if you signed up for email but did not receive your Newsletter. Receiving the newsletter by regular mail will still be available to those that do not have internet access. Please call or email the church office at info@communityumchurch.com.