

February

Community United

Methodist Church

As we make our way through February, we will enter the holy season of Lent -- the 40 days of preparation for Easter and Jesus' resurrection. This is traditionally a season of introspection and sacrifice during which we are invited to "give something up" to create space in our lives for self-reflection and to draw closer to God.

It can also be a season when we "take something up," adopting a new practice such as prayer, scripture reading, service, or meditation that helps us experience God.

We will start Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. with a time of worship during which we will receive the mark of ashes as a reminder of our mortality and as a call to discipleship. This will be a time of prayer, reflection, and committing to a practice of giving up/taking up in this season.

In worship through the season of Lent, we will look at "Theories of Atonement" or how Jesus makes us at one with God. We will explore six different theories or ideas about how the atonement works and the strengths and weaknesses of each one. This is important because it helps us understand the richness and diversity of the Christian faith. It also guides us in the various ways that we can understand and interpret the meaning of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

I hope you will join us on the six Sundays of Lent for At One: how Jesus Unites Us with God.

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday -- Lent According to My Carpet Steam Cleaner

Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 and 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent-- Recapitulation: A New Life Story

Jesus asks us whether we follow the life story of Adam or Christ

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:22-45

Finance

Christmas Eve Offering
\$579.61 Wider Mission
\$579.61 General Operating Budget

General Operating
Dec Income \$34,416
Dec Expense \$20,284
Dec Net Inc \$14,132

YTD Inc \$302,412
YTD Exp \$276,029
YTD Net Inc \$26,383

2025 Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements went out the week of January 19th, either by email or were mailed. If you did not receive your statement or have questions, please contact Susan Wagner at financial.secretary@community-umc.net or call and leave a message at the church 801-479-7430.



Wednesday February 18th
7:00PM

Stewardship

Gift of Love

February is here and that means Valentine's Day, Super Bowl and Pantry Packs. This year I'm planning on putting together 24 Pantry Packs. I will have an assembly line in my kitchen.

Putting together Pantry Packs is a gift of love from CUMC to our community. I feel a sense of gratitude that CUMC can help support the Ogden Food Bank and their mission through Pantry Packs and our loose change offering on Communion Sunday.

The Youth and Children's Sunday School will be assembling Pantry Packs on Sunday, February 8th. You can support this project by buying supplies (see the list below) or donating funds to purchase supplies. You can also put together your own Pantry Packs and have your own assembly line. Thank you for sharing the gift of love in our community!

PANTRY PACK Supplies

Include the following in a gallon Zip Lock Bag:

15 oz Can SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc.

5 oz can of tuna

7.25 oz box of Mac n Cheese

2 packets of instant oatmeal

3 oz pack of Ramen noodles

Granola bar

Pouch of fruit snacks

Applesauce, fruit cups, or fruit squeeze

Peanut butter or cheese crackers

Lara Bartol
Stewardship Committee



FUEL



When we think of February, we often turn to love, and the FUEL(Faith, Unity, Education and Love) committee would like to offer everyone the opportunity to join together as a church family and experience the love we have for one another as well as sharing God's love with others.

Join us for "Cocoa, Coloring and Chocolate" on Saturday, February 7

from 10:45 - 11:45 am for children, youth and families and 1-2:15 pm for adults. During the time for children and youth, they will have the opportunity to color and decorate Valentine's Day cards for our homebound members. They will also have the chance to play a fun game with Valentine candy as well as create a special chocolate covered treat to share with others. While coloring cards, we hope to discuss examples of love, as well as how we can make a difference in lives as we share the love of Jesus. Everyone will have the chance to indulge in some hot cocoa and toppings. In addition to coloring and making a chocolate-covered goody to share. Adults will assist in making some sweet treats to pass out after worship the following day. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we make sure we have plenty of supplies!

If you have questions, contact Andrea Nelson at aen7@hotmail.com.

Adult Sunday School February 2026

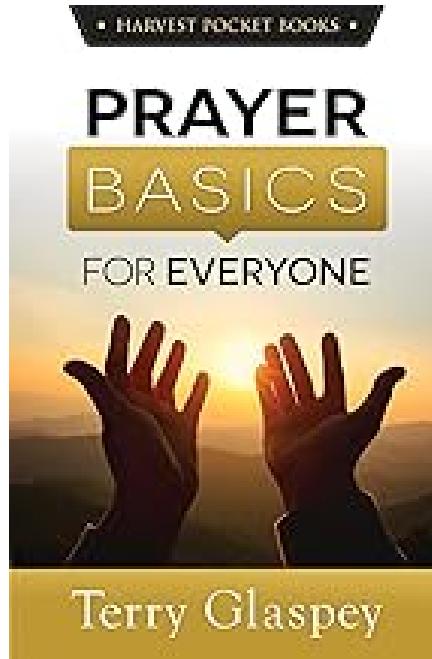
If you had the opportunity to develop conversational intimacy with the wisest, kindest, most generous, and understanding Person in the world, wouldn't you want to spend time with that person as opposed to struggling thru life on your own? Do you think that God wants to speak to YOU?

The adult SS class will continue to examine ways to grow closer to God and hear His voice as we watch brief videos, examine scripture and ponder reflective questions using John Eldridge's book Walking with God. The author emphasizes that creating a dialogue with God is the single most life-changing habit you can adopt because it brings you back to your source of life. We have 3 more weeks of this study before beginning the Lenten study, Adam Hamilton's "Why did Jesus have to Die?" on February 22.

Classes meet in the Upper room and begin promptly at 10:30 am.

If you have questions, contact Andrea Nelson at aen7@hotmail.com.

FUEL



FUEL - Free Resource - Feb. 2026

Prayer Basics for Everyone

If someone asked you about your prayer life, how would you respond? For many prayer is not always a simple practice. At times we wonder, am I doing it right? Will God answer my prayers?

If you have ever struggled with prayers, February's free resource, Prayer Basics for Everyone by Terry Glaspey, is for you.

In this small book, the author covers:

- making sense of prayer
- prayer and your relationship with God
- praying even when you don't feel anything
- exploring different methods of prayer
- how to deal with unanswered prayers

With teaching that is clear, empathetic, and biblical, this engaging introduction to prayer will energize your prayer life and enrich your spiritual walk with the Lord.

Children and Youth Ministry

Children and Youth have had an awesome year, and can't wait for a bigger and better 2026! Our Children and Youth were very excited and grateful to help with our Advent readings this year, and they did an amazing job!! We had an awesome Make It and Take it activity on December 5th.

A BIG thank you to all who have helped the Children and Youth Ministry!

We are "egg"cited for our next activity! We will be having an Easter Party on Saturday March 28th 2pm-4pm! If you would like to help please let me know.

We still have openings for Teachers and Guardian Angels.

The lessons are all ready for you!

We have a Very Blessed Super summer activity planned for June Watch for emails to follow with information!!

Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should put His hands on them, and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:13-14



Youth

We will be hiding 75 Little Jesus' around the Church until Easter. Feel free to move Him to a new place, bringing a smile to another person in a different spot in the Church, keep Him for yourself (please only keep 1), or give Him to someone who could use some extra love. We hope this brings joy to you all, as everybody needs a little Jesus in their lives! 😊

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XYZ CUMC

The January XYZ luncheon will be held at Taggarts' Grill, 1105 Taggart Ln, Morgan, Utah. on Wednesday February 18th at 11:00AM. Signup sheet is on table in narthex.



Men's 2 or More

Saturday February 21st
9:00 AM Upper Room
Watch Thursday Email for
Program Information



@communityumc or
@cumcyouth_ogden



CUMC at the Terrace

Hand's & Feet

BOUTIQUE NEWS

Our next boutique is months away....May 1st and 2nd. The Handcraft room is asking that during these cold boring months you start working on crafts to donate. Think Spring, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation.

No ideas? Check out Pinterest and try something new!

Our Spring Boutique raised over \$6000 which will go to the church.

Holiday Boutique raised over \$10,000 which will be used to build 20,000 meals in March.

The Garden plant sale in May raised \$1500 which was sent to Catholic Community Services.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

We will no longer be hosting in our church, but be providing dinner during our weeks, up at their new building in Harrisville .

FEBRUARY 1-7

MARCH 29-APRIL 4

JUNE 7-14

AUGUST 9-15

OCTOBER 18-24

If you haven't been involved before but would like to start helping with meals or bringing supplies to make the meals, please talk to Rhonda and get on the list or text her at 801-388-7013.

If anyone is interested in providing twin-size quilts or full size tied blankets, those are appreciated also. The guests will get to take those to their new homes.

If you would like to do activities or crafts with the children after dinner, that is also encouraged.

20,000 Meals : SAVE THE DATE MARCH 21ST.

We went with a different company this year, THE OUTREACH PROGRAM. Same setup, but we will be building 3 different meals.....Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal, Minestrone Soup, and Mac n Cheese. These will then be given to our local food bank. This is saving us money by not having to do return shipping.

Each meal will be fortified with vitamins and still feed six people.

This outreach is made possible through our 2 boutiques we put on each year.

Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped, or volunteered and made this possible.

Don't forget to save the date! Any questions about these activities, call Rhonda 801-388-7013

"Growing in Christ! Loving like Christ! Serving with Christ!"

Hand's & Feet



Methodist Children and Youth Camps:

Elementary K-6 July 13th to July 16th.

Junior & High School Camp July 20th - July 23rd

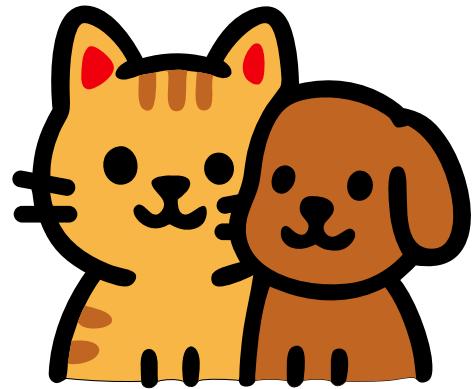
Spring Clean-Up

A spring cleanup day will be held in May,

Pinecliff Questions Contact: Susan Wagner 801-726-3378

Donations Needed

The animal shelter thanks us for our continued support! Please bring your sheets, towels, blankets as you clean out closets. 



February

Birthdays



Sylvia Lell	02/01
Floyd Jarvis	02/11
Tine Weibel	02/18
Maci Hurley	02/19
Ginger Engberg	02/24
Ruth Hott	02/27