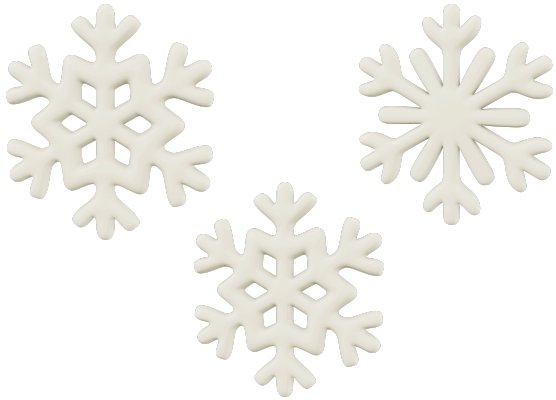


# January



## Community United Methodist Church

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# BeADisciple Study App

Pastor Josh will lead a Disciple Fast Track 1 Bible study starting in January 2026. Disciple Fast Track 1, or DFT1 as it is commonly known, is a 25-week bible study that covers the entire scope of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. DFT1 is a completely revised version of Disciple Bible Study, so even if you have taken Disciple 1 in the past, this will be a whole new learning experience. DFT1 is offered virtually via the new BeADisciple Study App. This is a new app for Christian small-group studies that recently launched and contains everything you need to participate via computer, smartphone, or tablet. This means that you can access study materials anytime and anywhere, and you can join the weekly meetings from the comfort of your own home (or wherever you happen to be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). Each week, participants spend about 30 minutes a day, five days a week, reading scripture, watching learning videos, writing responses, and praying. At our weekly gathering, we will share insights, pray, ask questions, and continue to deepen our understanding of scripture.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Josh.

- The Orientation meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. January 14.
  - Day 1 of daily study will be 6:30 p.m. January 21.
- Our [60-/75-/90-minute] weekly meeting will take place on [Wednesdays] at [6:30 p.m.] starting January 21. We will take breaks for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. We will complete the 12-week Old Testament unit in May and then take the summer off.  
We will resume meeting in August for the New Testament unit.

## To join my Study Group:

- Register on the web at <https://app.beadiscipleapp.com/register/> (for the best pricing) or using the mobile app (available from The App Store and Google Play) from your smartphone or tablet
- Log in to the app. • Tap “Browse Studies” and select “Disciple Fast Track 1”. • Select the Participant Package. • Tap “I Have a Study Group ID.” Enter this ID: A1275. • Complete the purchase process. You’ll arrive at your home page in the app. • Tap on the white card on your home page to enter our study group portal, read and dismiss each item on the message board, and get started on the Orientation Assignment. There is some preparation for our Orientation meeting in the app-- please try to complete it before we meet, particularly the Welcome video, as this shows you how to join our first meeting from the app. Looking forward to kicking things off. I’m so glad you’ll be part of this group study.

Let me know if you have any questions before we meet for Orientation.

If you need help getting set up, registered, and logged in, please ask me (Pastor Josh) for assistance. Also, just so you know, there is a \$45 fee to take DFT1. You pay online when you register. If you need assistance paying the registration fee, please talk to Pastor Josh about scholarships for the class.

# Staff Parish Relations

## News

In January we will be begin our search for a Bell Choir Director to fill the big shoes of Claudette. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Mary Ann Hufteling or Susan Wagner

The decision has been made to not fill the Office Manager position in 2026. There will be opportunity for vounteers to fill some of the essential duties.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

## January Birthdays



Kathy Tall	01/01
Steven Benson	01/05
Claudia Hoover	01/05
Crayton Moma	01/07
Hap Link	01/14
Bob Seamons	01/19
Cindy LaPee'	01/22
Nate Currier	01/23
Tatum Wise	01/23

# Stewardship

Happy New Year!! 2026 is about to begin....the 250th birthday of the United States of America! I have fond memories of our 200th birthday celebration in 1976. My class sang "200 Years and Just a Baby" in our school's Bicentennial program:

200 years and just a baby. 200 years and just a child  
Growin' like a weed, kinda rough, kinda wild  
Some day she's gonna be quite a lady  
Yes, she's 200 years and just a baby.

Compared to countries that existed thousands of years before the U.S.A. was "discovered", we are still in the baby stage. We still have a lot of growing up to do.

Think back two thousand years when Jesus was on the earth, preaching the good news which we still follow today. It sometimes seems like a long time ago, but other times, just a blink of an eye.

I think that we at CUMC are doing a great job of continuing to follow the teachings of Jesus. We are a humble but awesome group. Keep up the good work!

Sally Standage  
Stewardship

## 2026 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Numbers

General Budget 53 Pledges.

Total \$177,690.00

Capital Account (Building) 34 Pledge

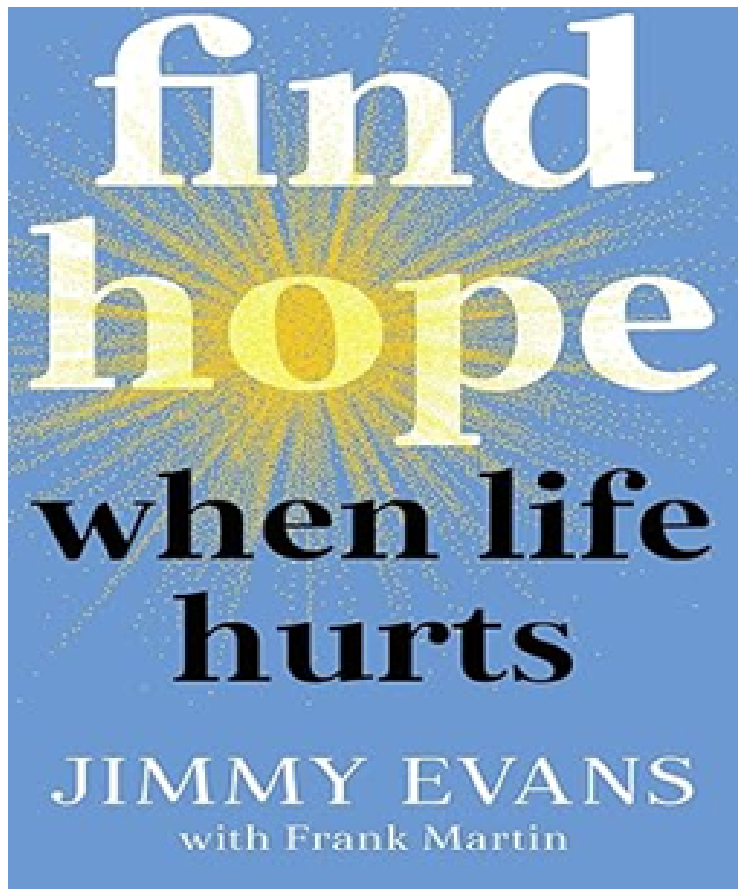
Total \$36,150.00

Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2026. If you did not get a chance to fill out a 2026 pledge card, there are some on the table in the narthex or you can email the church Financial Secretary to request a card.

[financial.secretary@community-umc.net](mailto:financial.secretary@community-umc.net).

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# FUEL



## Heal Emotional Wounds and Free Yourself from the Past

We all experience emotional pain, but few of us know how to deal with it properly. Our unresolved pain accumulates deep within the recesses of our hearts, in a place Jimmy Evans calls the "hurt pocket." The more we accumulate, the more we are mentally, emotionally, and relationally crippled. But what if we could reach into that hurt pocket, confront our pain, and experience release and freedom?

In this life-changing book, Jimmy Evans shows you how to completely remove and resolve every negative event from your past that is compromising your present and keeping you from your God-given destiny. With inspired vulnerability and searing honesty, he helps you forgive others (and yourself) and discover true inner peace and hope for the future.



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## **2026 Fellowship Birthday Celebration**

We will be celebrating birthdays on Jan 11 during fellowship hour. You will join others at a specially decorated table honoring the month you were born. Sign up in the narthex to bring treats and/or decorate your special month or just come and celebrate.

Your friendly fellowship committee.

# XYZ CUMC

The January XYZ luncheon will be held at Andy's Club Greek Restaurant at 11:30 on Wednesday, January 21st.

The address is 501 N Washington Blvd, Ogden. Sign up sheet is on table in narthex.



## Monday Night Book Club



Habits. Most of us start the new year off with grand resolutions (sometimes the same resolutions we have been making for the past several years), but unless those resolutions are practiced every day, long enough to become habits, we will continue to fall into old patterns by the time we reach February.

We are beginning the year with the book, *Practicing the Way, Become like him, Do as he did*. Written by bestselling author John Mark Comer, this book received ECPA's Christian Book of the Year award. The chapters are focused on learning, and practicing, habits that can allow God to lead us into a more Christ-like life. The book opens with the question, "Who are you following?" That's such an interesting question. In an age where the success of social media influencers is based on how many "followers" they have, shouldn't we be working to be better followers of Jesus?

Monday Night Book Club meets on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Aldersgate Room (next to the nursery). Enter through the east double doors. For more information or to reserve a book, please contact Kay Seamons. All are welcome!



## Men's 2 or More

Saturday January 21st

9:00 AM Upper Room



@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 set up 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.

# Hand's & Feet



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We will once again be making Pantry Packs to be donated to the Catholic Community Services of Ogden, to distribute to the local schools. These Pantry Packs help students thru food insecurities on the weekends. Two ways to help.....make your pantry packs at home and bring them finished to church by February 1st OR bring the supplies to the church by February 1st, that way we will know what we need to buy to fill in and complete as many packs as possible by February 8th. Last year we built 843. Our goal this year is !ooo!!

A pantry pack consists of:

- 15 oz can of Spaghettios, Ravioli, or chicken and rice
- 5 oz can of tuna
- 7.25 box of Mac n Cheese
- 2 instant oatmeal packs
- 3 oz Ramen Noodle
- Granola Bar
- fruit snacks
- applesauce, fruit cup or fruit squeeze
- peanut butter or cheese crackers
- all put into a gallon ziplock bag.

These need to be exact with no variations so every child gets exactly the same.  
Be watching for sales!!!

## Catholic Community Services

CUMC donated 99 pounds of gift in kind donations to the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank, Bridging the Gap and St Martha's Baby Layette Program