

# Community United Methodist Church

## July 2025

**Greetings in the name of Christ! I hope that your summer is off to a wonderful start.**

As we make our way through these long days of summer, we will continue to seek lessons from the garden during worship this month with our worship series “In the Garden: Spiritual Practices of Food, Faith, and Place.” We will explore the spiritual practice of thanksgiving and how gratitude can connect us to the food we eat, the places we live, and the God we worship. We will consider the spiritual practice of composting and how compost conveys resurrection. We will conclude the worship series with an exploration of the spiritual practice of gleaning and how rescuing forgotten food cares for people and places and enacts God’s vision of the world.

I hope that you will join us “In the Garden.”

Speaking of God’s vision of the world, we will wrap up the month of July by launching our next worship series “Living with the End in Mind.” We will spend six Sundays starting July 27 working through the Book of Revelation. This cryptic, often misunderstood, sometimes avoided, and frequently feared book is actually filled with images of hope. We will use Revelation as our guide to experiencing the resurrection and making the resurrection a reality in our world.

Along the way we will catch a glimpse of Revelation's vision of “the end of the world.” Far from doom and gloom this vision imagines a new world of unity, community, renewal, and worship.

I had a coach who would always repeat the phrase “Begin with the end in mind.” He wanted us to envision our goals so that we could reverse engineer our lives to meet those goals. If we wanted to win a championship at the end of the season, then we had to start lifting weights and running laps during the off season. If I wanted to reach my goal weight by the end of the year, I better start eating my vegetables now. If we wanted to have 200 people in worship at Christmas Eve, then we better ready the sanctuary and extending invitations in the months leading up to worship.

The idea works for any goal or vision including the vision of the future that Revelation paints. If we want to live into the vision of unity, community, renewal, and worship, we can start now to prepare for that future. Join us at the end of July and through August as we “Begin with the End in Mind.”

Blessings,  
Pastor Josh

## Closed

The office will be closed  
July 17<sup>th</sup> while the parking  
lot is being resurfaced.



# CUMC FINANCES

## Mid-Year Giving Statements

Due to the high cost of postage, the mid-year giving statements will be emailed the first week of July. If you do not have an email on file, your statement will be mailed. Any questions or concerns, contact Susan Wagner, Financial Secretary, at [financial.secretary@community-umc.net](mailto:financial.secretary@community-umc.net)

### General Operating

May Income \$19,361

May Expense 22,748

May Net Loss -3,387

YTD Inc 131,626

YTD Exp 119,523

YTD Net Inc 12,103

HAPPY  
birthday

Warren Brown 07/04

Amy Gruis 07/07

Russ Westcott 07/08

Myia Radulovich 07/10

Jayden Chadick 07/10

Rhonda Wetz 07/13

Robbie Seamons 07/15

Paul Klema 07/16

Linda Binkley 07/26

Jean Belt 07/27

Trent Dalton 07/28

John Weibel 07/29

Cheryl Wyrick 07/30



**"Pencils and Crayons and Scissors! Oh my!"**

It's that time again—our Back-to-School supplies ministry is in full swing! This year, our campaign will run from June 22nd to July 20th, the final day for donations.

For those new to this ministry, every summer we collect essential school supplies for Washington Terrace Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary. These supplies are delivered to teachers before the school year begins, ensuring students have what they need from day one.

Once again, we're assembling pencil boxes filled with basic necessities for each student. The committee will be ordering the boxes, but we need your help to fill them! (We'll be ordering around 1,000 boxes this year.)

Check the list on the table in the narthex for specific items needed. Prefer to contribute without doing the shopping?

Monetary donations are always welcome!

Have questions? Reach out to Cindy Pierce or Cheryl Carter.

Thank you for making this ministry possible—your generosity makes a real impact. CUMC is amazing because of your faithfulness!

And remember, the deadline for donations is July 20th!

# Hands and Feet Committee

## FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Things will be changing for Family Promise November 6th, when they will be in their new building up at Asencion Lutheran Church. The new address will be 1105 N Washington Blvd. Harrisville, UT 84404.

Our involvement with Family Promise will be down to providing the evening meal there and possibly evening activities for the children. No more breakfast, lunches being packed or needing to stay at the shelter until 10 pm. The shelter will have enough rooms to house 36 people. They will have staff there 24 hours a day.

I believe we will need to have the meal there at 5.30 or 6, serve the meal, clean up and go unless we have activities for the kids. I'm hoping you will want to group together to provide the meals. They could be fixed at the church or individual homes and taken up.

I will still get a Friday email every week letting me know how many, ages, and allergies, that I will still send out to whoever is signed up that week.

August and October we will still be at our church.

Their new building will have 7 bedrooms, a warming kitchen, and the day center for them to still be looking for jobs, housing, daycare, etc. daily. They will be out of their rooms by 7 am each morning. Weekends they will not be at the center, but will be required to be there at 5.30 for dinner.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to me or Kay. You can text me anytime 801-388-7013

Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise.

Love, Rhonda



**The garden is growing strong.**

Watch for the Sunday Market every week!

Saturday Farmers Market will start on July 19<sup>th</sup>

We will need volunteers from 9 am-11 am.

See Rhonda if you are interested



**2025 Pinecliff Camp Dates:**

Children: July 14-18

Youth: July 21-25

If you have any questions please contact

Susan Wagner 801-726-3378

## Rummage Sale

September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Please mark your calendars and start your piles!

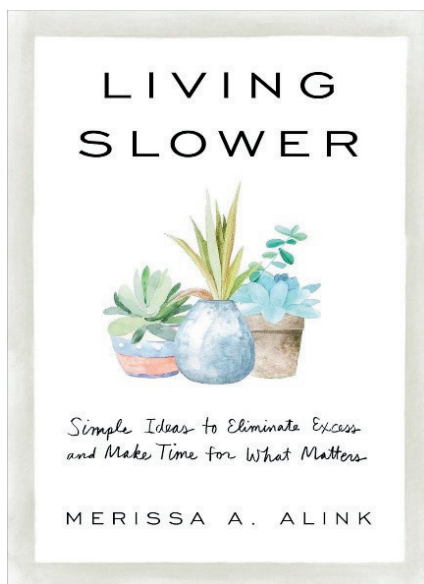
# FUEL Committee



In his sermon series about Food, Faith and the Garden, Pastor Josh has encouraged us to recognize God's goodness, wisdom and power in the natural world around us. To do this, we must be intentional, to venture out into the beauty of God's creation and be still, paying attention to the divine cycles and rhythms around us. One ideal way to do this is to participate in our upcoming hike on July 19 at the Ogden Nature Center (966 W 12th Street).

During the summer, Saturdays are RAMP days, which means that there is free admission. We will gather in the parking lot at 8:45 am. Wear sunscreen and insect repellent and bring water. We will walk down the unique birdhouse trail to the welcome center, check in and then hike one of the trails of the park. They are quite level and often shaded. If one is quiet, you can hear a variety of bird calls. Following our hike, we can look at the birds and animals on display there and the staff will probably have activities for children. Pick-up will be in the parking lot no later than 10:30 am. If families want to take advantage of the RAMP day and stay longer, they are welcome, but the official time will end at 10:30 am. Once again, if children are dropped off, they must have a signed permission slip. If anyone has questions, contact Andrea Nelson at 615-218-6720.

In an increasingly complex and chaotic world, we yearn to live a little slower, a little simpler.



For popular lifestyle blogger Merissa A. Alink, living slower has enabled her to eat healthier, develop stronger relationships with her friends and family, save money by spending less, and have more "in-real-life" time with her kids instead of more screen time. It has given her family more time to plant gardens, can produce, and sit down to wholesome, home-cooked meals. It has allowed her to do what is needed rather than what is expected.

Now she shares the secrets to living a simpler, slower life with anyone who is tired of feeling anxious, frenzied, or disconnected from the natural rhythms of life. She helps you reevaluate your priorities, seek God first, and take small steps toward a life more in line with your values, including decluttering to create space in your home and your mind, making simple and healthy meals, taking a weekly Sabbath, limiting the influence of media, and taking time to nurture your most important relationships.