

Community United Methodist Church

June Newsletter

“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.” - 1 Corinthians 9:24

“According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it.” -- 1 Corinthians 3:10

In his first letter to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul describes the life of faith as being like a race. Paul is probably less interested in any one individual winning the race; rather, his focus is on the practices and perspectives that one develops as they prepare for the race. Paul recognizes the importance of sustained effort and dedication, self-control, and aligning to the purpose of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

While we might think of running a race as a solitary effort, it is not. We need coaches and encouragers, people to hand us cups of water along the racecourse, and people to watch the kids or the dog while we train and compete. Paul certainly didn't think of the racer as just an individual, either. Paul begins his letter to the Corinthians with a call for unity as he hopes the church might be “knit together in same mind and same purpose” (1 Cor. 1:10). In the verses immediately preceding his race metaphor, Paul insists that the gospel is free for all people and proclaimed in a way that is accessible and relatable to all people (1 Cor. 9:18-23). So maybe the race of faith that Paul envisions is more like a relay race.

Earlier in his letter Paul describes his ministry as being like the work of a builder who begins a project but passes it on to another builder. That builder inherits a project already underway and builds upon the foundation that Paul had laid (1 Cor. 3:10). Paul passed his ministry to another to build upon in new ways. Or, to put that back in terms of a race metaphor, one runner is handing the baton to the next. At Community United Methodist Church, we are in the changer-over zone where work is passed from one to another.

As we work to smoothly pass the baton to incoming pastor Darin Buse, we can recognize a few important lessons for this moment:

1. It is by the grace of God that we have entered this moment (1 Cor. 3:10);
2. The foundation that we are all building upon is Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 3:11);
3. We are not the first people to go through pastoral transitions: God's people have been here before, CUMC has been here before, and God has always seen us through these moments;
4. No runner slows down as they enter the changeover zone; rather they continue to run full speed preparing to pass the baton to the next runner who has also started running full speed. Thus, forward momentum is maintained.

While there may be anxiety and uncertainty, fear and frustration as we enter the changeover zone, I invite you as participants in this moment of passing the baton to enter this time running at full speed. Continue to carry ministries. Maybe try out a new ministry. Share your hopes and dreams for Community United Methodist Church. Welcome Darin with the same love and warmth that you welcomed me. Above all else, as John Wesley outlined in his “Three General Rules for a Christlike Life,” stay in love with God.

Thank you for running the race of faith with me the past two years. Thank you for continuing to build the community of Christ. It has been a blessing to run, build, and grow with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Josh

Clergy Covenant for Pastoral Transitions

As part of every clergy appointment in the Mountain Sky Annual Conference, both the departing and entering pastors enter into a covenant concerning ministry and relationship as one appointment concludes and another begins. This covenant ensures that the baton is fully passed and responsibility for building upon previously laid foundations is handed over. The staff-parish relations committee has signed copies of the full covenant agreement. Here is a summary of the main points:

1. After we say farewell to one another in worship on June 14, I will no longer perform any pastoral function at Community United Methodist Church.
2. I will sever all pastoral relationships at Community United Methodist Church, meaning that I will not participate in weddings, baptisms, counseling, visitations, or funerals. Any requests to do so will be referred to Pastor Darin Buse.
3. I will not visit CUMC to worship or for other events for at least one year.
4. I will restrict social media interactions with CUMC members.

While this may sound harsh, it allows me to focus on building on foundations that others have laid at Golden First United Methodist Church, while Darin focuses on building on foundations left for him here at CUMC.

If you have any questions, you can talk with me before June 14 or with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee members any time.

Blessings,
Pastor Josh



Sunday, June 14th, will be Pastor Josh's last Sunday with us at CUMC. We will be recognizing his ministry for the past 2 years during the 9:00 AM Worship Service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Finance

General Operating
Apr Income \$21,259
Apr Expense 22,690
Apr Net Loss (1,430)

YTD Inc 134,738
YTD Exp 90,828
YTD Net Inc 43,910

June Birthdays

Nick Campbell	06/02
Regina Oechsle	06/05
Barbara Parrish	06/07
Pat McKay	06/11
Sharon Leslie	06/19
Cara Koolmees	06/19
Bill Nelson	06/26
Zamora Coontreras	06/29

Job Opening

Director of Music Ministry (Part-Time)

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministry. The director will be responsible for directing the chancel choir, handbell choir and coordinating with the Praise Team Director, to oversee the music ministry at CUMC. Ability to play an organ/piano is preferred.

For further information and job description email jobs@community-umc.net or contact Susan Wagner 801-726-3378

Volunteer Opportunities

Substitute Money Counters

The Finance Committee is looking for substitute counters for the weekly offering. Counting alternates between Sunday morning after church or Monday mornings.

If you are interested, please email Lara Bartol at: bartol.ut@gmail.com or call her at 801-289-6732.

Ushers Needed on Sunday Monrings

Ushers Needed on Sunday Mornings - we are in need of some new volunteers to be ushers and greeters on Sunday mornings. Contact Linda Binkley (801-791-3119) if you are interested.

Stewardship

“Growing in Christ! Loving like Christ! Serving with Christ!”

Community United Methodist is a busy place 7 days a week. We host church activities, school groups, and community groups almost daily. Below are just a few of the groups and people who make this outreach possible.

- Thank you to Trustees & volunteers who make sure the building is open and ready for use daily.
- Thank you to the Adult, Youth, and Children’s Sunday School teachers for sharing their time & talents.
- Thank you to the Choir, Praise Band, and Bell Choir for wonderful music.

· Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and volunteers for providing delicious treats after church and special occasions such as the Thanksgiving Dinner and Easter Brunch.

· Thank you to the volunteers who organize and pull off amazing events such as the Holiday/Spring Boutiques, Rummage Sales, 20,000 meals, Summer Farmer’s Market, Lenten and Advent studies, and so many more things.

· Thank you to everyone who supports CUMC with their gifts of financial support.

· Thank you to Church Leadership during this time of transition from Pastor Josh to Pastor Darin.

· Thank you to Pastor Josh for his leadership and guidance these past two years. We wish you and your family well in your move to Colorado and your new church.

Finally, thank you for your many years of service and good wishes to Claudette and Bill Rothwell in their move to Louisiana. We will miss you, but are excited for your next adventure.

FUEL



June Hike Saturday June 13th

Our popular hiking ministry will continue during the summer with the June hike being hosted by the Kitson family. We will gather at the Riverdale Bike Park on Weber River Drive (4800 Weber River Drive, Riverdale, UT) off Riverdale Road and hike the Weber River Trail. There are no "hills" so it is a good hike for all levels. The hike will begin at 9 am. Participants are encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring water.

If you have any questions, contact Bill Kitson at wjkitson3@gmail.com

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
Psalm 19:1

Adult Sunday School June 2026

During June, the adult SS will be continuing a series of lessons on different psalms and minor prophets which will run through the end of June. Each week will be a stand-alone lesson. We hope that you will join us. Classes begin at 10:30 am in the Upper Room.

We will not meet on Father's Day, June 21. June 28 will be a special offering, a showing of the movie, *Unsung Hero*, a true story of a Christian family and their faith amidst serious challenges

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

Ps. 32:8



FUEL

June Free Resource

Being a godly role model for others has become increasingly challenging in today's world and divisive environment. That is why the FUEL (Faith, Unity, Education and Love) committee is offering a pocket resource to provide inspiration and motivation for men. In *One-Minute Insights for Men*, Jim George shares a special selection of devotions shaped from his bestselling book *A Man After God's Own Heart*. Learn to lead with love in your marriage, live an example for your children, and maintain integrity on the job.

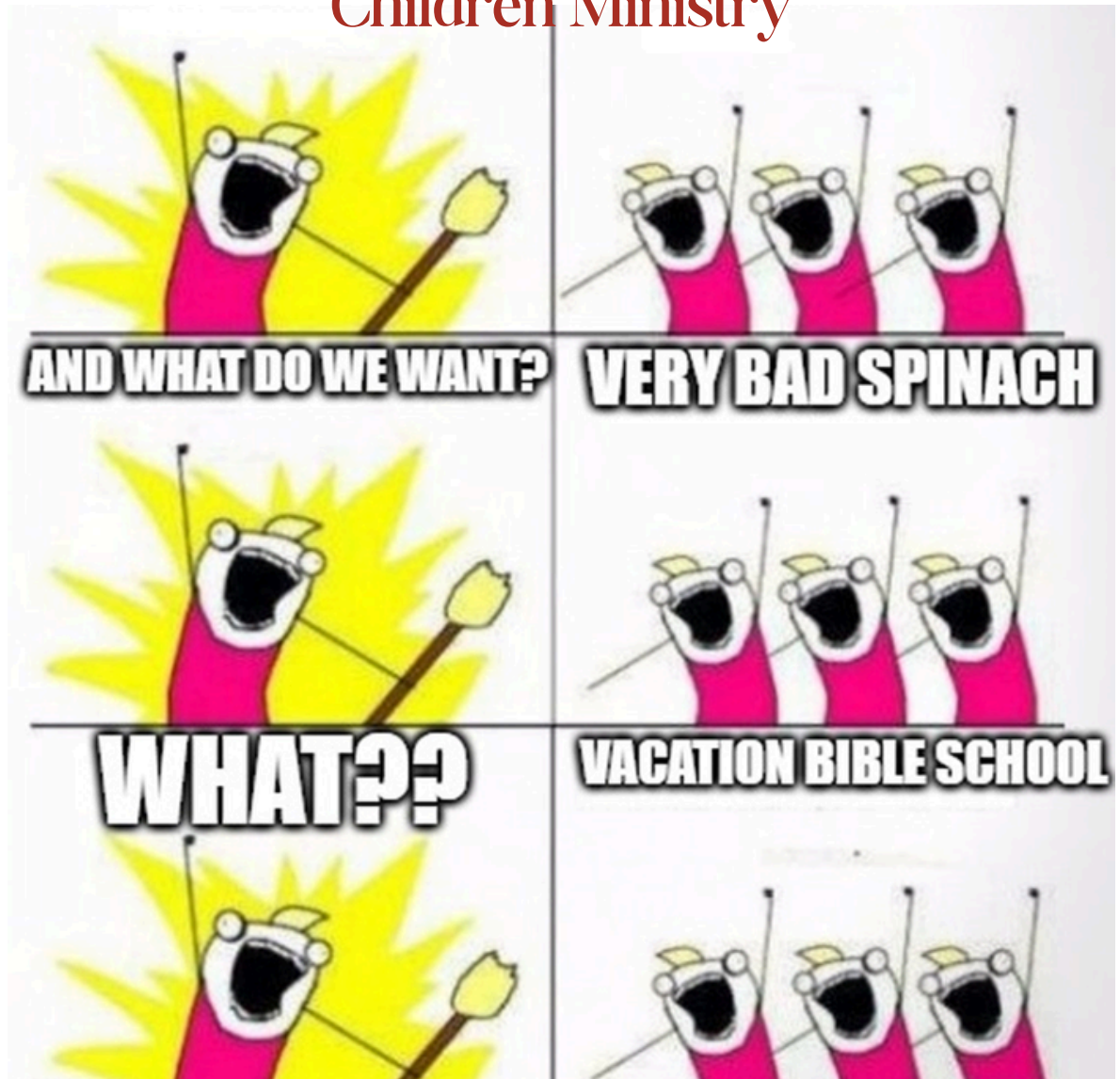
"But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness." 1 Tim. 6:11

Youth Ministry

Youth Group Fundraiser

The church youth are selling church logo T-shirts and polo shirts. Orders are being taken until June 7. Prices range from \$18-\$30 depending on size and style. Multiple colors are available. The order form is on the table outside of the sanctuary. Payment will be due at time of delivery.

Children Ministry



That's right! It is time for Vacation Bible School!

June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

Invite your kids, grandkids, and neighborhood kids for a fun time on Tuesday evenings in June from 5:00 PM -7:30 PM

Beginning on June 2nd, we will meet for dinner at 5:00 PM

Families are welcome. Not able to attend all Tuesdays, no problem, join us when you can.

Signups will still be taken on the first night if you have not registered.

Contact Audrey if you have questions.

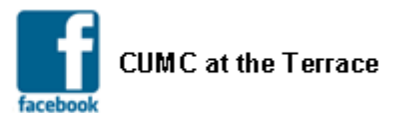
XYZ LUNCHEON

The monthly XYZ luncheon will be held at
Rooster's, 253 25th St, Ogden.
Wednesday, June 17th at 11:30 AM.
Signup sheet is on table in the narthex.



Men's 2 or More

The "2 or More" men's group will be taking
a break during June. We will be meeting
again on July 18th for fellowship with our
new Pastor Darin



Hands & Feet

FAMILY PROMISE

We will be providing dinner during our weeks at their new building in Harrisville.

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.

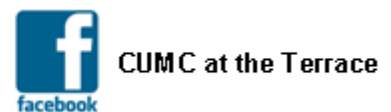
If anyone is interested in providing twin-size quilts or full size tied blankets, those are appreciated also. The guests will get to take those to their new homes.

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



Empty Plant Pot Return -- if you purchased plants at the plant sale, please return the pots they came in so that the Hands and Feet and Garden ministries can reuse them.

Empty pots can be left by the Hands & Feet Room



Pinecliff Camp & Retreat Center
2026 Methodist Camp Dates:

Children: July 13-17 Grades K* - 6

Youth: July 20-24 Grades 6-12

Cost is \$200.00 by July 1st

Camperships are available.

Questions?

Contact Susan Wagner, 801-726-3378



- Campers who have completed Kindergarten must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Donations Needed

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

