

Community United Methodist Church May Newsletter



Finance

General Operating
Mar Income \$42,213
Mar Expense 23,900
Mar Net Inc 18,313

YTD Inc 113,478
YTD Exp 68,138
YTD Net Inc 45,340

May Birthdays

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| Audrey Wise | 05/03 |
| Nick Radulovich | 05/08 |
| Ruth Ann Yahne | 05/09 |
| Tony Candelaria | 05/09 |
| Bill Rothwell | 05/19 |
| Cheryl Carter | 05/21 |
| Gary Mecham | 05/23 |
| Marilyn Westcott | 05/23 |
| Lori Dalton | 05/28 |

Volunteer Opportunity

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.

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

Stewardship

April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring? No, not Pilgrims! They bring joy. Giving flowers to someone, receiving flowers, growing a flower garden, enjoying flowers in people's yards, wildflowers growing along hiking trails, in meadows, everywhere in nature, is pure joy. I can remember as a child picking dandelions and violets and proudly giving them to my mother, who lovingly put them in a vase with water. This gave me joy.

Recently, a friend was going through a difficult time, having lost her husband of 36 years. I sent her a flower arrangement which, unknown to me, included flowers she had carried in her wedding bouquet. She was surprised and filled with joy when she received that arrangement.

I used to grow flowers along the sides of my driveway, which, when fully blooming (before being devoured JOYfully by the multitudes of grasshoppers and other pests, or choked by weeds no matter how hard I tried to keep them out of the beds) brought joy to all who passed by my house. Now I have colorful river rocks in the beds, but I miss my flowers. Sooo, I plant colorful flowers in pots and place them on the rocks. No weeds, no bugs (except the occasional grasshopper), just flowers.

Think about what brings you joy, and focus on that every day. Bring some flowers into your home (unless you have allergies, then plastic ones work) and give thanks for God's gift of beauty.

FUEL

May Hike

Spring is such a glorious time to be outside and enjoy the beauty of the Wasatch Front. One fun way to do this is to participate in the FUEL (Faith, Unity, Education and Love) committee's monthly hikes. These hikes average around 1-2 miles long. Families and people of all ages are welcome, and paths chosen will be moderately easy and dog friendly. This hike will be led by Kathryn MacLeod and include a short devotional time. Participants are encouraged to bring water, wear sunscreen and bring a snack if desired. The upcoming hike will take place on Saturday, May 9 at 10 am. The meeting spot for the hike will be at the blue cross at the trailhead of Washington Heights church (1770 E 6200 S). For more information on the hikes, contact Kathryn MacLeod at horsespoodles@gmail.com

or 801-719-7614.

The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Psalm 19:1





FUEL

Authenticity Challenge

We live in a world where it can be increasingly challenging to determine what is real, which can impact how we view others and even ourselves.

On Tuesday evening, May 5 and May 12, Diane Kitson-Clark will continue the 4-week study of *The Authenticity Challenge* by Sarah Heath. This small group study invites participants to examine three key areas of your life: vocation (the What), relationships (the Who), and faith (the Why). Discussions will take place in the Upper Room from 6-7:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book.

For questions or more information, contact Diane Kitson-Clark at 401-842-1535 or dekitsonclark@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School May 2026

At the recent Bible retreat, we observed that many people prefer reading the New Testament rather than the Old Testament. However, there are promises and wisdom in the OT that we can apply to our lives today. During May and June we 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.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalms 32:8



FUEL

May Free Resource

Do you ever feel as though you just don't fit in? Do you wonder if you are conforming to the world instead of being transformed by the Holy Spirit? This month's free resource from the FUEL (Faith, Unity, Education and Love) committee is the book for you!

Carolanne Miljavac is a Christian social media influencer, author, wife and mother. In her book, *Odd(ly) Enough*, is a message that your heart needs to hear: It's time to embrace the "you" God made you to be. Tune out the naysayers of the world and jump into His loving arms. He'll walk alongside you as you passionately pursue your God-given purpose. With chapters like "Who Do You Think You Are?," "Control Freak," and "Mistakes and Grace," you will find yourself becoming a little more courageous. . . and a lot more confident about God's purpose for your life.

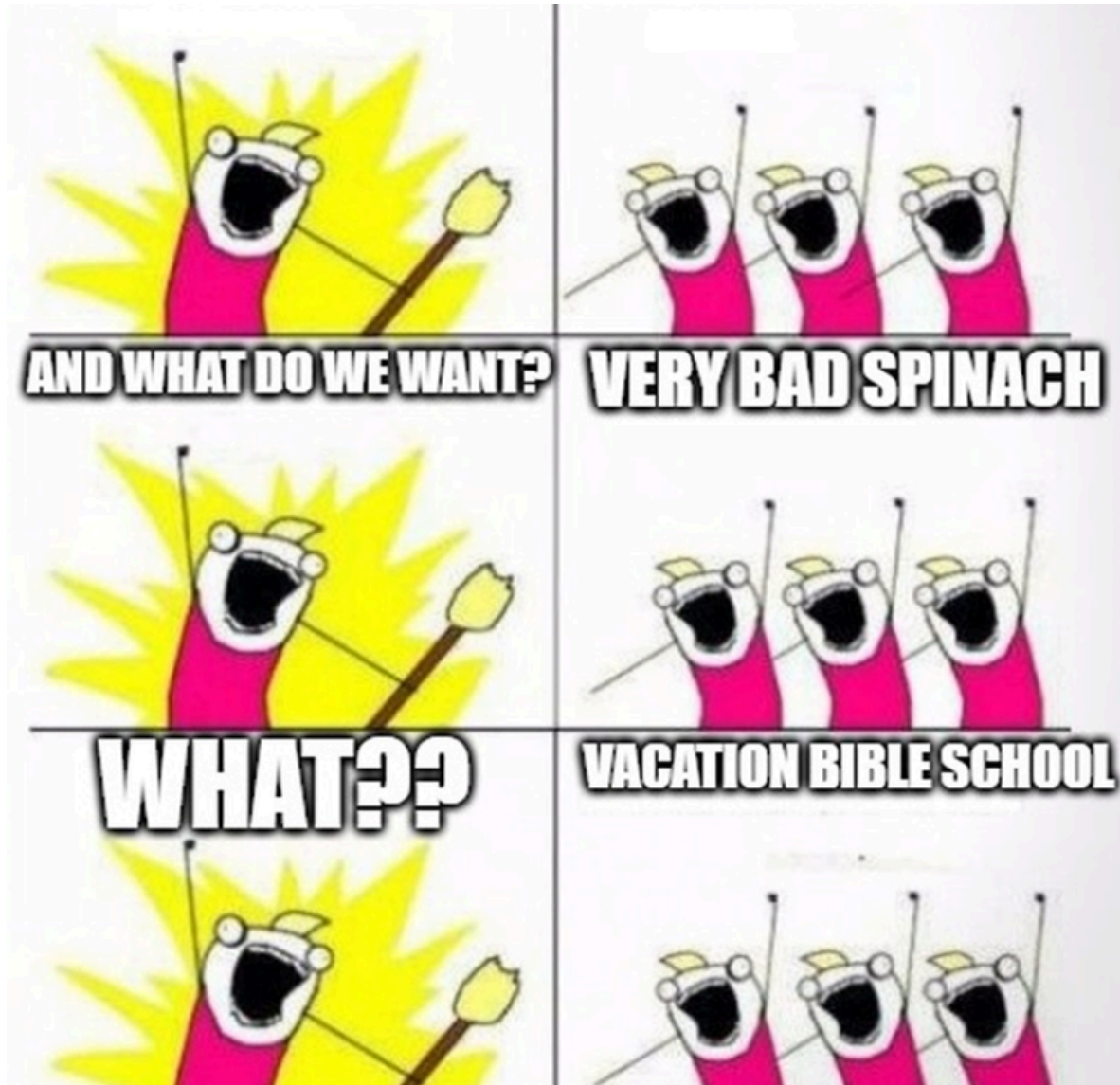
Brunch and Bunco

The primary goal of FUEL (Faith, Unity, Education, Love) is to help and encourage people to grow in Christ. And while the "F" in FUEL stands for Faith, we are also committed to hosting opportunities for people to share in Fun and Fellowship too. Please join us on Saturday, May 16, from 11 am - 1 pm for Brunch and Bunco. Brunch will be potluck, and we are asking everyone to bring some kind of salad or dessert. After lunch, we will play Bunco, a very easy, fast-paced game of luck as you roll dice. This event is ideal for all ages. Consider asking those friends whom you might hesitate to ask to worship! Please sign up in the narthex to let us know if you plan to attend, and if you have a card table we can use.

If you have questions, contact Andrea Nelson at aen7@hotmail.com or 615-218-6720.

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" - Psalm 126:2

Children Ministry



That's right! It is time to sign up for Vacation Bible School!! Forms are on the Children and Youth Table! It is going to be a lot of fun!! We are still looking for volunteers and Committee sponsors for dinners. If you are interested in either or both, please talk to Audrey W or email: childrenandyouth@community-umc.net

Youth Ministry

The youth are gearing up to help the church in a couple of different ways this next month.

We are taking on recycling pop cans and selling T-shirts. The proceeds will be going into our account. We are planning for an outing this summer.

We are sad with goodbyes. Saying goodbye to Ms. Claudette is filled with emotions for many of the youth. She has been a source of love, support & guidance for many years.

We are also saying goodbye to the Wilson family as they are moving to Washington State. It has been a joy to know Justice and Thalia in our youth program. They will be missed!

If your child has a desire to attend summer church camp, let me know, and we can get you in touch with Susan Wagner. There are scholarships available, so everyone who wants to attend can.

May is a very busy month, winding down the school year.

We will be having a meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss our plans for the summer.

Blessing-

Lori & Angie

Monday Night Book Club

Our final book before breaking for summer is a novel. Fiction. Made up. Yet it teaches us something about God, about grace, and about recognizing the beauty of others. If you haven't heard of it before, chances are it will show up on your newsfeed soon. Theo of Golden, by Allen Levi, is popping up on everybody's book club lists right now. While there is a bit of a mystery as to who Theo really is and why he is in Golden, the heart of the book is Theo's encounters with the individuals of Golden, each of whom he meets through locating the people in portraits hanging along the walls of a local coffee shop. We'll be reading the book in May, with discussions as we go. We meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Aldersgate room. Contact Kay Seamons for more information.



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CUMC at the Terrace

XYZ LUNCHEON

The monthly XYZ luncheon will be held at Goodwood's Barbecue in Riverdale on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30 AM. The signup sheet is on table in the narthex.



Men's 2 or More

Saturday May 16th
9:00 AM Upper Room

Hands & Feet

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

We no longer host Family Promise at our church; instead 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.



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CUMC at the Terrace



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Spring Rummage Sale a huge success. The total amount collected was \$3,375.29. The proceeds will go to Family Promise.

Mission Trip to North Macedonia

Last Fall, our Missionary in North Macedonia, Jennifer Moore, sent out a request for anyone interested in helping with the Children's Church Camp she has been leading, to be held in June 2026. Chuck and Claudia Hoover, Buddy Boor, and Linda Binkley have volunteered to travel to North Macedonia to help with the Camp. They will be representing Community United Church as United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. They are asking for your prayers and support for this trip. A fundraiser to help defray some of the camp's costs is being planned.

Please consider supporting this Mission Trip

. Thank you, Linda, Buddy, Claudia, and Chuck.

Pinecliff Camp & Retreat Center Spring Clean-Up

Free Overnight Camping

Saturday May 2 to Sunday May 3

Come fellowship and meet new friends while helping us to prepare the camp for the summer season. We will be working both indoors and outdoors weather permitting. Volunteers helping with outdoor projects are encouraged to bring gloves. For those staying overnight there are cabins and limited RV spots. To receive further information and to reserve a camping spot please email pinecliffcampputah@gmail.com or contact Susan Wagner. 801-726-3378



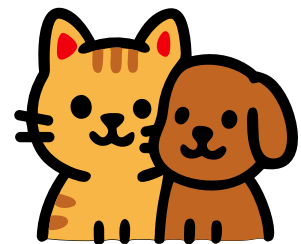
2026 Methodist Camp Dates:

Children: July 13-17

Youth: July 20-24

Donations Needed

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



Spring Boutique

Friday May 1st

1:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Saturday May 2nd

10:00 M- 4:00 pm

Over 60 Vendors