

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Community United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen 

July 2026

What's Next?

This coming Sunday, July 5th, marks the beginning of my eleventh year here at Community UMC as your pastor. This is almost the longest period of time that I've consistently held a job, of which I've had a few, and I will say that this has been the most challenging and rewarding job I've held so far.

It wasn't long after I was introduced to the Staff Parish Relations Committee that I was asked if the conference was closing our church. I told them, if it was, I wasn't told and it was my intention not to be their last pastor. I figured that God had a plan for us that did not include a closure in the foreseeable future. And here we are still being the church that was planted here over sixty years ago when two smaller Methodist churches combined into a truly community church, a church with good bones.

During our marriage Teresa and I have moved around a lot and, as a result, we've lived in a lot of houses that need work and the one thing we look at is whether or not the house had good bones, a structure that you can build upon, remodel, and update to suit your current needs. And that's the way we looked at our new home at Community. Could it be built upon? Was there a need for remodeling and updating? The answer was yes, yes, and yes. The church had good bones due to the hard work of so many who have gone on before us and many of those who are still with us supporting our continued efforts. There was something that could be built upon. There was a spirit of community and being a part of the life of the Tri-Area, where families met for worship and children learned the lessons of the Bible in Sunday School classes led by dedicated teachers. Any remodeling or updating had to be done in a manner that respected and reflected the heart and soul of the church. And yes, we did some remodeling to our actual physical plant with a remodeled sanctuary, narthex and kitchen. A fresh coat of paint on the exterior, a new boiler, fresh paint in the classrooms and nursery, a remodeled parsonage, and a freshly paved parking lot without incurring any debt. I estimate we spent over the last decade somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000.00 that we did not have in the bank.

This speaks volumes to the faith and commitment this church has in being the church that is needed in the community. And to meet the needs of our congregation, our neighbors, and the community around us we did some updating on how we do church. As the community around us changed we needed to update how we interacted as neighbors and we did that through an energized and interactive mission focus, a focus that worked to meet the needs of the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters who literally lived in the shadow of our church. It has been challenging to say the least, but we have risen to the challenge and after we show the love of Christ to those Jesus sends us, he sends us some more to love.

So that begs the question: What's next? Honestly, I do not know but I have no doubt that God does have a plan for us and that whatever that plan may be, it will be up to each and every one of us to be a part of that plan going forward. And, in case you haven't noticed, I'm not getting any younger but my determination to make this work is just as strong and committed, but whatever we do, it will require a dedicated team of believers utilizing their gifts and talents and discovering new ones to be employed in being the church. And for those who are wondering, the longest I've held a steady job was twelve years.

Scott



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Scott Rosekrans on guitar and Mark Bauserman on Banjo have become quite the "dynamic duo"!

They frequently get together and work on songs to share with us all. Not to mention fun Jams that they have with our other fine musicians. Connie Ross has taken up playing and is really getting good, Suzanne is an accomplished guitar player and singer, and Wanda is the anchor for the whole musical group.

How blessed are we with such talent?



Mark & Peggy Bauserman. God's musical "gift" to our church. Peggy is a well known soloist and has shared her voice with the church and the Spirit Singers





Mr Sweet has become our new Mr Fix it. He sanded and repainted the benches near the bell tower. Beautiful Job John, and thank you for all you do!



Ted Ross visiting with and getting to know one of our newest members of CUMC, Larry Carter. He and his wife Bugsy joined the church June 14, 2026.

A BIG WELCOME to them both. Be sure to say hi and get to know this dynamic couple.

Larry already helping with the men's breakfast and Saviors Soup. Thank you Larry!





<<< Kai's Father's Day collection. \$34.29 which helps buy a lot of food at the Dollar Tree. Thanks for helping her out in her ministry. Kai Kares!



^ A Billie Fitch original

This beautiful arrangement is courtesy of Buggy Carter, our new and obviously talented new member! >>>>>



Pat Chase offered this beauty for the last Sunday in June. Note the small sign in the bouquet!



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No Meetings for the Months of
July & August

See you in September.....HAPPY SUMMER!!!

A Message from our Tech Team

Please consider joining our tech team. At present, there are two of us alternating to put our Sunday service live on Facebook. It would be so helpful to have at least 1 or 2 more. We can lead you through the process and be there as you learn. It's just a matter of following the guidelines. Please see AJ Laverty or Laurie Engelbeck at church. The best way to see what we do is to sit and watch. If you don't think you're very tech savvy, one of us doesn't even own a smart or iPhone.

Western Jurisdiction Continuing Education Classes

This summer the Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction will offer 11 continuing education classes through Claremont Theological School. The classes are for both clergy and laity. I'm glad to see this as I believe it shows a concern for our churches and how important we are as the actual boots on the ground in our communities as we continue to be the church we are called to be not only for ourselves but for our neighbors.

As we continue forward in our ministry here at Community United Methodist Church, we are going to have to work smarter with what we have if we are going to meet the challenges of being a church that makes a difference to not only those who worship within the walls and online but to those who come to access the services we provide through our mission outreach and ministries. Such being the case I ask you to take a look at some of these classes and see which one interests you. If there is a class or two you are interested in you can go to the link and sign up. They are online classes and we will cover the costs. The title for these classes is as follows:

Congregational Renewal: Leading Faithful Change
Fundamentals of Church Administration
Called to Proclaim

Reading the Gospels with United Methodist Perspectives
The Mission of God and the United Methodist People
Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the
Face of Tyranny
Re-Imagining Church Properties

An Integrated System Approach: Connecting Congregation
with Non-Church Households
Go and Do Likewise
Leading Faithful

Link: https://cst.edu/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/WJCST_ContEd_2026_Draft4.pdf

I really think our church could benefit by one or more of us taking some of these classes as we look to the future sustainability of what we are called to do in Jesus' name. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Scott



Desserts When You Want Them!

Our Baker's Are Ready to Bake!



- Are you craving something sweet?
- Do you have a special birthday or other occasion to celebrate?
- A special cake makes any occasion more festive!
- Do you want to help our missions in a sweet way?
- Do you need a special cake or pie for a dessert auction to raise money for your special group or civic organization?

We can make:

Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes, Giant Cupcakes, Jumbo Cupcakes and bars.

We can also make: Brownies, sweet breads and other items. Now I can also offer baked donuts.

If you want something to celebrate your special occasion, just call Lori and she will coordinate with the volunteer bakers to fulfill your requests. The minimum fee is \$50.00, but most people are so happy with their cake that they pay more—and it all goes to a worthy cause—Missions!

I have received feedback from some of the people who have ordered cakes:

- It was delicious, yummy and beautiful.
- You went above and beyond
- Can you make one of those Giant Cupcakes—They are so cool!
- Sold the cake at the auction for over \$250.00.

It's a win, win, win!



You get a sweet treat when you want it, our bakers get to do what we love to do, and the church raises money to help support our missions! Call, text or email Lori at 360 620-0809 or lori@tlobe.com.





Volunteers Needed

There are some volunteer opportunities at the church that don't get much attention; however, they are necessary to keep the church humming along without a hitch.

One such volunteer opportunity is small yet makes all the difference to our worship experience: Fellowship Snacks.



You may not notice it; however, the same people bring our delightful little fellowship treats each week. The same people are setup up and cleaning up too. They need help!

We need you to help with setting up, cleaning up and providing treats. They don't need to be fancy, just a little treat for people to enjoy during fellowship time. It could be a batch of banana bread or any kind of sweet bread, cookies, bars, or even a small handheld savory treat!

Treats should arrive around 9:30/9:45 a.m. to have time to prepare your snacks and put them on plates. Clean up consists of clearing crumbs off the counter, doing a few dishes and clearing out any leftovers—which can be left for the Soup Kitchen to use if desired.

Did you know that there is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex for fellowship snacks, that is largely ignored and remains empty?

Please consider signing up to set up, clean up and provide some small homemade or store purchased treats for fellowship time!

Say yes to enhancing our worship experience in one small way!

Thank You for Your Support!

Our Sloppy Joe Lunch held on the second Sunday in June raised \$398.00 to help fund our churches mission budget supporting rotating gift to: Tri-Area Food bank, ECHHO, Bayside, and UMCOR.



Not only did we have Sloppy Joes, but we had healthy Sloppy Joes—and they weren't that Sloopy either.

Who knew healthy could taste so good!

The Sloppy Joes had extra vegetables (cauliflower rice) hidden in the mix, 90% lean ground beef and plenty of spices and flavor.

And we raised close to \$400.00 to support missions—what is better than that.

Thank you to everyone who stayed to enjoy a nice lunch and a big thank you to my helpers: Connie, Laurie, Ted and Billie for making side dishes and desserts and purchasing buns and other essentials needed and for helping to set up, serve and clean up afterwards—it was a blast!



Word on the Street was the Sloppy Joes were absolutely delicious! Well done Lori Oberlander...your the little engine that could and does!





Treasurer's Report Year to Date

5/31/2026

Income:

Pledges-loose Plate \$56,457.92*

Earned Income \$26,081.15

Fund Raising \$1,550.00

Total Income

\$84,089.07

Expenses:

Apportionments \$8,261.65

Mission \$2,500.00**

Operating \$21,683.60

Program Ministry \$3,467.41

Personnel \$30,895.77

Total Expenses

\$66,808.43

Total Profit/Loss

\$17,280.64



* Thankyou for your pledges, they are appreciated!

**This amount does not reflect funds received or spent for the Soup Kitchen or General Store; those funds are accounted for in an Accounts Payable (pass through) Account. All funds given for the Soup Kitchen or General Store goes directly to support those ministries.

Silent Dessert Auction

There is still a need to raise much needed funds to continue supporting our four quarterly missions that support organizations that our meaningful to Community United Methodist Church and align with what is important to us:

- Tri-Area Food Bank
- ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization)
- Bayside Housing
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Our first Dessert Auction of the year will be held on March 8th following the service, and we are planning some tasty desserts.

Bring your cash or checks and your appetite for sweet treats to bid on some delicious desserts that you can bring to a party, a family gathering or just take home to enjoy!

If you are interested in baking cookies, brownies, or bars for our June auction set for the second Sunday in June, contact Lori Oberlander, know at 360 620-0809 or lori@tlobe.com.

Proceeds will be used to help support our Missions Budget.



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Local

MISSION
of the
MONTH

CUMC supports three local organizations: Bayside, Tri-Area Food Bank and ECHHO. We donate a minimum of \$500 each month to one of these three organizations in addition to donations collected from membership. CUMC also donates \$100 each month to UMCOR as well to aid in natural disaster relief efforts. Any donations from church members that are designated to UMCOR are included each month.

Summary of all donations by category YTD – May 31,2026

	Amount	#Donations	#Donor
In Kind donation	\$ 153.89	1	1
Pledges	\$51,464.48	158	31
Clothes/Store	\$1,385.00	12	4
Food Pantry	\$2,450.00	10	6
Non-pledge gifts	\$1,325.00	12	6
Missions	\$540.00	6	2
UMCOR	\$120.00	3	3
Worship/Music	\$200.00	1	1
Sheila Fund	\$300.00	4	4
Totals	\$57,938.37	207	

Total distinct donors across all categories 45

FOR 2026,THERE WERE 25 PLEDGES FOR A TOTAL OF \$83,321.00



July 2026

BIRTHDAYS

- 6. Dale Kelly
- 11. Gerri Shaw
- 15. Stephen Chase

HOSPITALITY



ALTAR FLOWERS

Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex, on the table, to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday. They add so much to the service!

LITURGISTS

- 7. John Sweet
- 14. Billie Fitch
- 21. Liz Hazen
- 28. Laurie Englebeck

COUNTERS

- 7: Lori & Kathi
- 14: Debbie & Connie
- 21: Marsha & Diane
- 28: Betty & June

GREETERS

Ted Ross
Patrick VanCamp



OUR PRAYERS



- *
 - ♦ For the homeless,
 - ♦ the hungry and the unemployed.
- * For Peace on Earth!
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 - * For wisdom for our leaders.
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 - * For employment for people struggling to find meaningful work.

July 2026 LECTIONARY READINGS

July 5

Gen 24:34-38,42-48,58-67
Ps.45:10-17
Rom 7:15-25a
Matt 11:16-19,25-30

July 12

Gen 25:19-34
Ps. 119:105-112
Rom 8:1-11
Matt 13:1-9,18-23

July 19

Gen 28:10-19a
Ps.139:1-12,23-24
Rom 8:12-25
Matt 13:24-30,36-43

July 26

Gen 29:15-28
Ps. 105:1-11,45b
Rom 8:26-39
Matt 13:31-33,44-52

*****HOPE HAPPENS HERE*****



SUN	MON	TUE	WED 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
				Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting		General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup
5 10:0am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	6 Spinners 1:30-3:30 NUR	7 Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30p L	8	9 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	10	11 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p ~~~~~
12 10:00am Worship 11:15 Fellowship	13 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR	14 Spirit Singers: 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30p L ALPS 1-2:30-L	15	16 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library) AD Council 6:30p Zoom Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR	17	18 General Store- Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
19 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	20 Spinners Group 1:30-3:30 NUR	21 Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30pm L	22 Deadline for Newsletter articles –or updates	23 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	24	25 General Store Hours: 10am to 1pm Saviors Soup 10:30-1:30p
26 10:00am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	27 Spinners 1- 2:30-NUR	28 Spirit Singers 12:30 S Designated Drivers 4:30pm L	29	30 Rogue Yoga 10am-11 NUR 7-8pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)	31	
		SSF: Salish Sea Fellowship	L= Library CR= Conf Rm NUR= Nursery N= Narthex S= Sanctuary K= Kitchen			

Finding peace in change

July 2026

Just after my first year of high school, I desperately needed a change. I had been going to a private school my entire life and living in the bubble that comes with that. I wanted to escape the familiar and experience something new. I was terrified to go to a public school because it was such an unfamiliar place, and I did not know anyone. But I felt God was urging me to make a substantial change, and so I decided to change schools. I poured all my stress and anxiety into my prayers and trusted God to help me.

Having now finished high school, I could not be more thankful that God gave me the courage to make that change. Even though I was nervous at first, eventually I found peace in my choice. I learned so much in those three years about respecting others with different beliefs and life experiences. My eyes were opened to so many different walks of life, which made me grow stronger in my faith and realize how God works in mysterious ways.

No matter how big or small the change may be, God has our best interests at heart. Following God's call—even when it requires a big change—can be a wonderful blessing.

Reagan James 7/1/2026 Upper Room



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