

Time & Talents AUCTION

TALENT AUCTION & BRUNCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Sunday School Kickoff starts at 9:00 am

Talent Auction and Brunch are after worship at 11:00 am.

Pastor Buck will be making three wooden crosses.

Cy Hornberg has already dropped off a wooden pump, a hickory charcuterie board, and his trademark Talent Auction Lord's Prayer book w/ stand.

Jodi Sward is bringing to the Talent Auction 1 dozen homemade cinnamon rolls each month for 6 months.

Vera Lyons will be baking SIX (6) loaves of bread Blueberry Lemon, Banana, Cinnamon Swirl, Zucchini, Oatmeal, & White Bread.

Freda Perdue will be making her delicious cookies every month for a year.

Jan Froning has an afghan that she is donating to the Talent Auction.

Sally Good is providing Scrubbies to keep with the tradition.

Deanna Anderson & Donna Meeker will be bringing some outstanding décor items.

Eleanor Rubenking will be bringing some special treasures.



There is still time to share what talents you have with the congregation, handmade items, services such as window washing, lawn care, car detailing or hanging Christmas lights.

Wonderful baked goods are always a hit as well.

We love to also see some Talents of Gardeners, Services and Special Events, To Donate or Volunteer contact Community United Methodist Church cumc@netins.net or call 515-275-4015

The 2021 Talent Auction/Brunch is raising money for the CUMC Campership fund to help area children to attend a faith-based camp, usually Eagle Lake on location here at CUMC.



Impact

September 2021

Community United Methodist Church ~ Ogden, Iowa

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."
Proverbs 18:16

Fall Worship Schedule

Begins September 12th
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship.
11:00 am Fellowship

Wandering thoughts of a Wayward Follower of Jesus...

Giving has always been part of religious life. In old testament times it was the giving of offerings (i.e. the first fruits of the harvest) or animals for sacrifices. It was and is our way of giving back to God a small portion of what we get every day from our Lord, His Grace. I am not writing here to talk about how much one should give. Any giving we do, regardless of what it is or its worth is only as good as the intent behind the gift. In other words... is our giving from the heart? Giving is an integral part of our faith life. As Methodist's, we pledge our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as a member of a local congregation. I believe in a sacrificial giving attitude rather than just following a tithing practice.

Currently, if you come to church on Sunday you can put cash or a check in the offering plate or TEXT an offering. If you don't come to church, you can mail a check in to the church, do a direct deposit, go online and gift, or TEXT an offering. You can also drop-off an offering as well during regular church office hours. I am not asking anyone to change how they are currently giving to the church. I am as Jesus would say, "Very Truly I tell you..." you have no excuse on a practical level not to give to the ministry of our Lord and Savior. These giving tools also extend beyond our Sunday giving. Special giving like memorials, or special giving to specific mission projects, or as we undertake our Audio & Visual Project you can give directly to that project through our online giving tools. And of course, financial giving is not the only way to give. Our Time and Talents are critical as well. They are a direct connection to our Lord who gave them to you to use in His name.

I believe the easier we can make it to give whether it is monetary, time, or talents the more giving we will receive. That is assuming our hearts are in the right place as well. Are you giving to the Lord's work from your leftovers or from your first fruits? If you use a budget type financial plan does this giving have a line, a slot, a category in that budget. That talent you have whether it is being used to make a living or just as a hobby, is the Lord's works reaping any reward from it?

As I mentioned earlier, I believe in a sacrificial giving attitude. Tithing is a sound biblical practice and for many it not an obtainable goal at this time. But it is not the amount or the percentage of the gift that matters but the condition of one's heart behind that gift that matters, yes I am repeating myself! Along with that sacrificial attitude there also must be a sense of trust. You are sitting in church and the offering plate is coming... you only have a one-dollar bill and a twenty-dollar bill... what will you give? What will you give if you only have a twenty-dollar bill? Nothing? Are you trusting that God will provide? My hope is giving is an integral part of your faith journey and I am here to help you in this or any other part our faith journey that you may need assistance in. We are one body, when one is hurting we all hurt. To God Be the Glory. ~ Pastor Buck

Sunday Morning

8:30 am Prayer Gathering

9:00 am Sunday School Starting (9/12)

10:00 am Worship

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Sermons Online

View sermons under “Sunday Services”
tab online at the church’s homepage.

Church Calendar

The church calendar is located on the
website under the “Calendar” menu.

Office Hours

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon - Fri.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is our latest Financial Report as of 7/31/2021:

General Fund Balance = \$9,272.67

Apportionments due for 2020 = \$20,951.00

Apportionments Paid YTD = \$4,504.00 (8/6/21)

Av. Weekly Giving of \$2897.05 is down \$99.24/week

From average weekly giving prior year.

On-Line Giving

You can give using Credit/Debit cards or from your checking/savings accounts. Simply follow these easy steps to get started: Visit our website at <https://www.cumcogden.org/>
Go to the Stewardship Page & follow the instructions.

On-line Giving using your Smart Phone

With GivePlus+ Mobile App from Vanco Payment Solutions, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere! Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone. Make one-time or recurring donations. Log in or donate as a guest. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN, or password. To give, search your phone’s app store for “GivePlus+” by Vanco Payment Solutions and install. Follow the instructions to select our church and start giving.



TEXT Giving

Simply text a dollar amount (i.e. “10” for \$10.00) to **855-908-1102**. First time users will get a reply text with a link. Click on the link and complete the transaction form. The dollar amount you texted will be the amount processed. Future giving will automatically process using the information you entered initially. You will get a confirmation TEXT which will have other instructions for refunding or making your gift a recurring gift. Go to our website to view a video on how to text to give.

Electronic Giving Option

To simplify your financial giving to CUMC, consider using electronic giving through your own bank’s website (online bill paying) or authorizing CUMC’s account at Vision Bank to draw funds from your account. You can set up an amount for as often as you like or make single donations. Information is available at church.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

We will once again be collecting school supplies for the Ogden Schools. There will be a collection bin in the courtyard at church until September 3rd. Above the collection bin is a detailed list of needed supplies by grade. Here are a few across the board—Ticonderoga #2 pencils, glue sticks, single subject spiral notebooks, box of 24 crayons, pink erasers, tissues.

INGATHERING

We are collecting items for InGathering Kits each month.

There is a bin in the Courtyard to place your donations.

For the month of September we will be collecting

2 inch or larger pencil erasers and boxes of 12 colored pencils.



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for all your support for the Food Pantry. We have had a few more people coming to it now. Its been good to once again have them come in to received their food and vouchers.

We are able to get to know them and help meet their needs. Your donations are so helpful and we thank you for them. If you would like to donate some time to help with the Food Pantry just let us know and we will put you on our list.

The Food Pantry is on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-6:30 pm.

Again, thank you for all your donations.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat’s 30th home at 1517 6th Street is coming along.

We have a couple open dates on the schedule to help if you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Lindsay at 712-541-2212. If your group, or you and a couple of people, are willing to participate. The extra help would be appreciated. Dates available are- September 11th & September 18th.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Ogden Community Blood Drive will be held at the Leonard Good Community Center in Ogden on Monday, September 20, 2021, from 1:30—5:30 pm. Appointments are required.

You can make an appointment by texting LIFESERV to 999-777, or calling 800-287-4903, or visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 1 Ezra Walker	Sept 13 Jen Aldrich **	Jodi Sward
Sept 2 Alena Wilson	Craig Christensen	Sept 28 Ben Carlson
Sept 5 Jessica Fisher	Zach Ohlson	Joshua Oren**
Freda Perdue	Emily Wilson	Sept 30 Larry Gregerson **
Sept 6 Karen Cleveland	Sept 14 Kathy Fillmore	
Sept 7 Logan Ozman	Chris Jones	** denotes significant birthdays
Sept 8 Courtney Paulsen	Jane Zahasky	that end in "0".
Sept 9 Delores Buzzell	Sept 15 Colson Carson	
Cody Good	Ward Hunter **	
Sept 10 William Britton	Sept 16 Dylan Poock	
Pat Dorr	Sept 17 Wesley Brueland	
Jan Jome	Blessing Cunigan	
Sept 11 Sharon Balm	Tish Germer **	
Colton Good **	Sept 19 Sue McConnell	
Ashley Hunter	Izzy Panakos	
Carlotte Paulsen	Zachary Teter	
Sept 12 Pat Elsberry	Sept 22 Sandra Shaw	
Evan Knutsen	Sept 23 Reagan Church	
Nicole Showers	Sept 25 Jim Pharaoh	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Chrys Velky	September 1st	Bob & Becky Waters	September 1st
Cy & Julie Hornberg	September 5th	Curtis & Jackie Jens	September 5th
Joel & Sara Bryan	September 6th	Dave & Stef Baitinger	September 28th

Fellowship

We are looking for volunteers that are willing to serve fellowship. Fellowship doesn't need to be a meal, just a quick snack and some coffee. Pastor Buck will even make the coffee for you. Plates and napkins are provided, you just need to supply the treat. Keep it simple and sign up today.

If you would like to sign up please contact the office at 515-275-4015 or at cumc@netins.net, or sign up on the clipboard in the courtyard.



Family and Friends in Our Prayers

Please pray for our friends including
 Jan Jome; Dean Hartwig (Don & Sharon Crouse's son-in-law); Gary Paulsen,
 and especially our friends and family that are shut-ins or in care centers.

Members and Friends in Care / Assisted Living Centers

Ogden Manor: Norma Jean Herridge; **Eastern Star:** Shirley Brock; **Suites of Ankeny:** Vivian Christensen
Westhaven: Irene Delp, Millie Henriksen, Morgan & Eunice Sterner, JoAnn Zunkel
Green Hills: Dixie Jensen



We have some great long time, traditional events here at CUMC that are in peril of not happening. This church always has a great track record of people volunteering to help. But, we are losing some of our leadership in the volunteer area to moving or other life changes. Please consider taking the lead on a volunteer opportunity listed below. You will be forever blessed by taking the first step!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The missions committee is looking for someone to organize the Christmas Dinner. There is a dedicated group of church members that have been regular helpers on Christmas day in the past and you can expect that many of them will return. This is a wonderful mission of our church that serves about 50-60 people each year. Many that attend come each year and look forward to the fellowship that is shared. It is a very special day. If you would like to know more please contact the office.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are looking to have someone take over the responsibilities of organizing Operation Christmas Child as the Velkys will be moving to be closer to family and no longer living in this area. We have been blessed by their years of volunteer service to get this program to the level we have it at today. The OCC will soon begin in October, so please prayerfully consider leading this mission in the Velky's honor. The office and the Velkys are available to help you lead this mission to a great success. Contact the office at 515-275-4015 if you are interested



Sunday Morning Adult Study

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Bible Study will be starting with "Breaking the Code, Understanding the Book of Revelation" by Bruce M. Metzger.

This is not a study of the end times, but a comprehensive look at the book of Revelations as a whole. The Adult Sunday School meets in the Library at 9:00 am on Sunday Morning and is led by Pastor Buck.

SEEKERS

THURSDAYS AT 10:00 AM "HEBREWS: Race to Glory"

"What's the use?" At times of frustration or disappointment, it is tempting to ask this question. You work and work to grow to Christian maturity, but you seem to get nowhere--repeating your mistakes, neglecting your commitments, losing your motivation. The original readers of Hebrews felt the same way! Yet the writer of this New Testament letter cheers for them to stay on track and never quit, so they can reach the finish line by the power of Jesus Christ. Are you looking for some encouragement to stay on track? On Thursday, September 9 the Seekers Bible Study will begin a study on the Book of Hebrews. Come join us for praying and caring, discussing and learning, and quality time spent in the scriptures.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A growing group of local men are meeting on Wednesday mornings to examining Paul's writings in the Bible and to pray. You are welcome to rise up early and join them every Wednesday morning here at church starting at 5:15 am with prayer time and at 5:30 am for Bible study. You are also welcome to attend via Zoom. The Zoom link is on the calendar on the website or you can contact the office and we can send you a link via email.



PRAYER WALKING

Prayer Walking will continue through the end of September, if you would like to join, we meet at the church on Wednesday mornings at 9AM. To focus our prayer time, we are focusing on two things; The first is praying for the people along the path we are walking each time and secondly praying the names and attributes of God. For the latter we will have a scripture read each time before we start that will highlight a name or attribute of God. We will be done and back at church by 10AM. Come and be Blessed. Pastor Buck

Sr. Youth

Ministry

Tom & Judy
Cleveland

Last year we invited Senior High Youth and their parents to attend Sunday morning Sunday School. We typically had 6-8 folks attending the class. While the numbers weren't big, the class was always enjoyable. Sometimes, we discussed our lesson, sometimes we covered whatever topic was on our minds.

We are continuing to invite senior high students and any family members who choose to attend. However, we are also encouraging extended family, friends, or whoever may have an interest to join the class. The more the merrier.

For a discussion guide this year, we are using Charles Stanley's Handbook for Christian Living. Stanley's Handbook covers nearly 80 different topics affecting our Christian lives. Church sacraments, Doctrine, Personal Growth Challenges and Spiritual Discipline are among the topics he covers. Whichever topics peak our interest, we'll explore.

The goal of our class is to cover faith topics that educate, inform and shape our Christian growth. If you have an interest, check out our class! While the topics we cover may be life shaping, we discuss them in a relaxed non confrontational manner . . . always encouraging, always Bible based, always with a fresh up of coffee.

This year, add to your Sunday morning worship. Take the time to explore, and to grow in your faith understanding - we'll save a spot on the couch for you!

Tom and Judy



CHANCEL CHOIR

Warm up your voices everyone!! The choir is coming back! The CUMC Chancel choir, led by the astounding Dave Larsen, will begin rehearsals this fall on Sept 8th and following Wednesdays at 6:30 pm with our first service singing on September 19th.

Fall of 2021 starts Dave's 40th year directing at CUMC! Thanks Dave!!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



PRAISE BAND

The Praise Team is getting organized and hope to be contributing to the music ministry of CUMC in the near future. Look for more information in the bulletins.



As you read this school is well underway. For Ogden, it is looking much the same as last year. People are not required to wear masks but it is an option and we are still making sure everyone stays sanitized and distant as much as possible. Sunday School and Youth Group will be much the same. We can't require anyone to wear a mask but will respect your personal choice one way or the other. We will try to clean and sanitize as much as possible as well.

Sunday School starts on September 12th. We will have a family Bingo game in Fellowship Hall from 9-9:50. Then classes for kids will start on September 19th. As of right now we are having everyone in one room, the room next to the library, but I am still hoping enough of the really younger kids will come and we can have a "littles" class again. If that happens I will need a total of three people every week to teach. Everything will be ready and planned for you but I would need someone to teach the littles class and two people for the older ones. **Please consider volunteering to be someone I could call if I need that extra support.** Youth group for 5th through 8th will start the following Wednesday, September 15th. It will be from 6:00 until 7:15pm. This is a little different than last year. We had it for only an hour and it felt really rushed so I am extending it by 15 minutes. We will serve a meal for the kids shortly after 6. If anyone would like to provide that first meal please let me know at kellilarsen6@gmail.com. Also, I would love someone to come help me on Wednesday evenings since it is a lot for one person to do alone.

As I ask for volunteers to help on Sundays and Wednesdays, please know that I try to make it as painless and easy as possible. I get the lessons ready and have all materials ready to go. It is really just a matter of being there to teach and work with the kids. Please consider helping with this ministry.

Blessings, Kelli



Sunday, September 12th

Fellowship Hall, CUMC

9:00 am

Fun for all ages

and the whole family

Prizes!

“ Knitted Together”

for God’s Good Work
United Methodist Women



"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
Luke 12:34

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I trust all of you are recovering from the hail storm. Our town was hit hard, but things are getting repaired. Let’s keep those doing the repair work in our prayers for their safety.

We are now into a new school year. Please remember to keep the students, teachers and all other school personal and bus drivers in your prayers.

There is a new UMW Reading program out. Information and the book list is in the library on the book shelf. Check it out. Our public library may have some of the books also. You may also be able to get books through the interlibrary loan program. The librarians will help you with the interlibrary loans.

September 12 is the start of our Sunday School at 9:00 am. Church will follow at 10:00 am. Also, on September 12th is the Talent Auction, the proceeds will help replenish the Campership fund. The Eagle Lake Camp has touched the lives of many of our youth. If you want to donate to the Talen Auction , let the office know. Also, plan to stay for the brunch.

Our next UMW unit meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 1:30:pm.Glory Circle will have the program on the World Thank Offering and also do the refreshments.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.





Your friend in Christ,

Sandy Friesen

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UMW Schedule for August	
September 15—1:30 pm	Faith Circle
September 16—7:00 pm	Monica Circle
September 20—7:00 pm	Glory Circle

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All services will be Livestreamed online at www.cumcogden.org under the "Sunday Services/Live Stream" menu tab and can also be viewed anytime.			1) 5:15 am Men's Prayer 5:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Prayer Walking	2) 10:00 am Seekers	3)	4) <u>COOKBOOKS NOW</u> <u>ONLY \$5.00.</u> Be ready for any gift giving occasion this summer!
5) 8:30 am Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:00 am Fellowship	6) Office Closed 	7)	8) 5:15 am Men's Prayer 5:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Prayer Walking 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Mission Team Mtg	9) 10:00 am Seekers	10)	11) 
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